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Education

- Ph.D. Political Science, University of Rochester
- M.Phil. Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- M.A. Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- B.Sc. (Honors) Economics, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

Academic Employment

- Associate Professor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University, Fall 2020-
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore, 2012-2020
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester, 2010-2012

Research Interests

Primary Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Psychology

Specialization: Ethnic Conflict, Colonial Legacies, Post-conflict Politics, South Asia

Research Grants

- Co-Principal Investigator, India Election Studies Project, 2019-present. Supported by Social Science One and CrowdTangle, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada), Emory University Research Council, and CVoter Foundation
- Office of the Deputy President (Research & Technology) Grant for Research Excellence, 2019. National University of Singapore
- Office of the Deputy President (Research & Technology) Grant for Research Excellence, 2018. National University of Singapore
- Principal Investigator, "Campaigning, Influence and Development in Post-Conflict West Bengal," 2018-2019. Tier 1 grant. Ministry of Education, Singapore, S\$ 75,000
- Co-Principal Investigator, "Campaigning, Influence and Development in Post-Conflict West Bengal," 2016-2018. With Mohan J. Dutta. Tier 1 grant. Ministry of Education, Singapore, S\$ 75,000
- Principal Investigator, "The Contentious Politics of Democratization and Economic Reforms," Start-Up Grant, 2012-2015. National University of Singapore, S\$ 20,000

Awards and Honors

- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Teaching Excellence Award, 2018-2019. National University of Singapore
- Breadth Fellowship, College Writing Program, University of Rochester, 2008-2010
- Richard F. Fenno Graduate Research Grant for Field Research, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester, 2008
- Richard F. Fenno Graduate Research Grant for Field Research, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester, 2007
- Teaching Fellowship, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2006
- W. Allen Wallis Fellowship, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy, University of Rochester, 2005
- University Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2003-2008

- Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission of India, 1999
- Awarded for Excellence in All-India Examinations for Junior Researchers in Economics
- M.K. Thavaraj Scholarship, Center for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1997
- Awarded to Toppers in All-India Entrance Examinations

Publications

- Ray, Subhasish and Anil Varughese. 2021. "Economic Voting in Multi-level Contexts: Evidence from Kerala and West Bengal in India," *Electoral Studies*. Forthcoming.
- Ray, Subhasish. 2021. "Dominant Party Rule, Development, and the Rise of Hindu Nationalism in West Bengal." In *Theory, Policy, Practice: Development and Discontents in India*. Eds. Suman Nath and Debraj Bhattacharya. Routledge India. Forthcoming.
- Ray, Subhasish. 2020. "State-Society Relations in South Asia." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. Ed. Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Ray, Subhasish. 2020. "Bureaucracy Unbound? The End of Dominant Party Rule and the Politics-Administration Interface in West Bengal," *India Review*, 19(1), 1-32.
- Ray, Subhasish. 2019. "History and Ethnic Conflict: Does Pre-Colonial Centralization Matter?" *International Studies Quarterly*, 63(2), 417-431.
- Ray, Subhasish. 2019. "Does History Play Dice? Navigating Quantitative Historical Legacies Research," *SAGE Research Methods Cases*, DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781526495969>.
- Ray, Subhasish. 2018. "Beyond Divide and Rule: Explaining the link between British Colonialism and Ethnic Violence," *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 24(4): 367-388.
- Ray, Subhasish. 2018. "Ethnic Inequality and National Pride," *Political Psychology*, 39(2): 263-280.
- Ray, Subhasish. 2018. "The Second Dominant Party System and India's COIN Strategy," *Indian Politics & Policy*, 1(1): 131-161.
- Ray, Subhasish and Mohan J. Dutta. 2018. "Insecure Peace: Understanding Citizen and Local Government Relations in a Maoist-Affected Region in India," *Critical Asian Studies*, 50(1): 37-57.
- Ray, Subhasish. 2017. "How Hegemonic Parties Decline: Theory and Evidence from West Bengal," *Economic and Political Weekly*, 52(17): 27-32.

- Ray, Subhasish. 2017. "Intra-Group Interactions and Inter-Group Violence: Sikh Mobilization during the Partition of India in a Comparative Perspective," *Journal of Genocide Research*, 19(3): 382-403.
- Ray, Subhasish. 2016. "Sooner or Later: The Timing of Ethnic Conflict Onsets after Independence," *Journal of Peace Research*, 2016, 53(6): 800-814.
- Ray, Subhasish. 2013. "The Non-Martial Origins of the "Martial Races": Ethnicity and Military Service in Ex-British Colonies," *Armed Forces & Society*, 39(3): 560-575.

Work in Progress

- "Does Election Violence Hurt Incumbents? Evidence from a Maoist-affected Region in India." Article under review.
- "Political Campaigning in West Bengal: Violence, Professionalization, and Communalization," with Suman Nath. Article under review.
- "The Electoral Legacies of Civil War Violence: Evidence from a Maoist-affected State in India," with Suman Nath. Article under review.
- "Political Campaigning on Social Media in West Bengal," Article in progress.
- "Legacies of Colonial Extra-State Violence in Modern Inter-Communal Violence." Article in progress.
- "COVID-19, Mental Health and Political Participation: Evidence from Indian States." Article in progress

Teaching Experience

O. P. Jindal Global University, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy

Courses taught:

- Programming Language (Graduate)
- Statistics I
- Effects of Power (Exploitation, Discrimination, Exclusion, Social Conflict and Consensus)

- Comparative Political Economy of Development

Graduate Advisees

Current

Shekhar Choudhary (PhD, Supervisor)

National University of Singapore, Department of Political Science

Courses taught:

- South Asian Politics
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Undergraduate Research Methods
- Advanced Asian Politics (Graduate)
- Research Seminar (Graduate)

Graduate Advisees

Current

Park Jung Hoon (PhD, Committee Member)

Gunjeet Singh (PhD, Committee Member)

Former

Irna Nurlina Binte Masron (MA, Supervisor)

Muhamad Yusri Bin Muhamed Supiyan (MA, Supervisor)

Yang Juexin (MA, Supervisor)

Athena D/O Michael (MA, Supervisor)

Murni Marisa Binte Mahat (MA, Supervisor)

University of Rochester, Department of Political Science

Courses taught:

- Political Violence in Comparative Perspective
- Politics of South Asia
- Political Economy of Africa
- Political and Economic Development in Post-Colonial Societies
- Democratization in Non-Western Societies

Selected Conference Presentations

- “Economic Voting in Federal Contexts: Evidence from Kerala and West Bengal in India.” 2021. Presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Co-authored with Anil Varughese.
- “Political Campaigning on Social Media in West Bengal.” 2021. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
- “Discussion of Cosima Meyer’s “Surviving the Aftermath – Understanding How Military Experience Affects Post-War Political Leadership Survival”.” 2021. Presented at the Pacific International Politics Conference Online Speaker Series.
- “The Evolution of Fear: A Trend Analysis of Elections and Public Opinion in a Maoist-affected Region in India,” 2019. Presented at the World Association for Public Opinion Research Asia Conference in New Delhi.
- “From Communism to Hindu Nationalism: The 2019 Election in West Bengal & Kerala,” 2019. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Washington DC. Co-authored with Anil Varughese.
- “Legacies of Colonial Extra-State Violence in Modern Ethnic Violence,” 2019. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Washington DC.
- “Voting for Autocracy in Post-Civil War Elections: Evidence from an Indian State,” 2018. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Political Psychology Pre-Conference at Harvard University. Co-authored with Mohan J. Dutta, Anup Kumar, and Taberez A. Neyazi.
- “Campaigning and Party Support in India: Evidence from National and Subnational Elections,” 2018. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Boston. Co-authored with Mohan J. Dutta and India Election Studies (IES) team: Holli A. Semetko, Anup Kumar, Jon Mellon, and Taberez A. Neyazi.
- “Political Participation in Post-Civil War Contexts: Evidence from a Maoism-affected Region in India,” 2017. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Political Psychology Pre-Conference at the University of California Berkeley. Co-authored with Mohan J. Dutta, Anup Kumar, and Taberez A. Neyazi.
- “Post-Civil War Elections: Theory and Evidence from a Maoism-affected Region in India,” 2017. Presented at the Pacific International Politics Conference in Seoul, South Korea. Co-authored with Mohan J. Dutta, Anup Kumar, and Taberez A. Neyazi.

- “Colonialism and Inter-Communal Violence,” 2016. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.
- “Dealing with Separation for Clustered Binary Data in Political Science Applications,” 2016. Presented at the Asian Political Methodology Conference in Beijing.
- “Market-Dominant Minorities and Support for Autocratic Leaders in New Democracies: Evidence from the Sixth Wave of the World Values Survey,” 2015. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco.
- “Democratization with Market-Dominant Minorities,” 2013. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago.
- “Foreign-Imposed Democratization and Ethnic War: The Partition Violence in Punjab, August 1947,” 2011. Presented at Annual Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin Madison.
- “Ethnic Violence in Ex-British Colonies since 1945: The Effect of Pre-Colonial Centralization,” 2011. Presented at the the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Seattle.
- “The Warrior’s Curse: Militarized Minorities, Democratic Transitions, and Ethnic Conflict,” 2009. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago.
- “Reforms with Repression? The Politics of Structural Adjustment in Sub-Saharan Africa 1990-2000,” 2007. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago.
- “The Role of Institutions in Post-Conflict Reconstruction, ” 2007. Panelist at Harvard-MIT-Yale Conference on Civil Conflict and Political Violence at Harvard University.

Invited Talks

- “A New Beginning? Understanding Post-Conflict Politics,” FASS Research Networking Event, National University of Singapore, 2019.
- “Voting for Autocracy? The Legacy of Maoist Violence in the 2016 West Bengal State Assembly Elections,” South Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore, 2018.
- “Local Government in Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Theory and Evidence from the Maoist Insurgency in India,” Department of Communications & New Media, National University of Singapore, 2015.
- “Foreign-Imposed Democratization and Ethnic War: The Partition Violence in Punjab, August 1947,” South Asia Speaker Series, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2011.

- “The Warrior’s Curse: Militarized Minorities, Democratic Transitions, and Ethnic Conflict,” Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin, 2010.
- “The Warrior’s Curse: Militarized Minorities, Democratic Transitions, and Ethnic Conflict,” Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2008.
- “The Warrior’s Curse: Militarized Minorities, Democratic Transitions, and Ethnic Conflict,” Wilf Family Department of Politics, New York University, 2008.

Professional Service

Service External to the University

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Security Studies*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Review of International Studies*, *Armed Forces & Society*, *Journal of Genocide Research*, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, *Patterns of Prejudice*, *Contemporary South Asia*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *Asian Journal of Political Science*, *Indian Politics & Policy*, *History and Sociology of South Asia*. 2012-present

Editor, *Journal of Genocide Research*. 2018-present

Department Service

O. P. Jindal Global University, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy

Associate Dean

- Faculty Research & Publications

National University of Singapore

Member

- Comparative Politics Tenure Track Search Committee
- Overseas Post-doctoral Fellow (OPF) Search Committee
- Overseas Graduate Scholar (OGS) Search Committee
- Research and Recruitment Committee
- Graduate Student Committee
- Undergraduate Student Committee

- Board of Examiners Committee

Chair

- Ethics Review Committee
- Seminar Coordination Committee

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
International Society of Political Psychology
Midwest Political Science Association
World Association for Public Opinion Research
Canadian Political Science Association

Languages & Other

Native speaker of English and Bengali; Fluent in Hindi.

SOFTWARE: LaTeX, R, Stata, WinBUGS

References

G. Bingham Powell, Jr
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