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Highly motivated Political Scientist with a PhD and extensive experience in qualitative and quantitative research projects.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Visiting Assistant Professor   **Aug 2024 — Present**
University of Texas at Dallas   Richardson, TX

- Taught American government courses using a mix of class discussions, case studies, and online activities. Focused on making complex political concepts relatable to students' everyday experiences.
- Utilized digital learning platforms like TopHat and eLearning to enhance student engagement and streamline course administration in both in-person and online modalities.
- Currently working on research on political movements and public policy, including studies on protest fragmentation, social movements in India, public health in autocracies, and a maternal health initiative in Madhya Pradesh. Work spans from dissertation research to collaborative projects with other scholars.

Lecturer   **May 2024 — July 2024**
University of Texas at Dallas   Richardson, TX

- Taught a graduate course on effective policy solutions, collaborating with UTD Center for Brain Health on project proposals and guiding student teams in research and client engagement.
- Collaborated with the UTD Center for Brain Health to aid in the creation of project proposals, which are currently under review by the center. If accepted, these proposals will be included in the Texas Forward proposal, aimed at supporting the Brainomics™ Venture.

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant   **Aug 2019 — May 2024**
University of Texas at Dallas   Richardson, TX

- Completed a comprehensive quantitative study on host countries' participation in transnational repression, developing a new dataset. This research earned the International Study Association 2024 Best Human Rights Paper Award, highlighting its impact on global human rights policy.
- Developed a novel quantitative approach using statistical methods to dissect fragmentation and unification trends within protest campaigns, shedding light on pivotal factors influencing their outcomes.
- Working on a research project to evaluate WUNC conditions and testing its predictive validity for participatory action through a survey in the Global South.
- Conducted qualitative research for a book chapter on gender and SDGs, focusing on female infanticide and gender-based violence in Tamil Nadu, India. This involved fieldwork with interviews of local communities, activists, and experts, exploring the cultural, socio-economic, and political factors influencing these issues.
- Working on a project involving text analysis on Kremlin.Ru, examining over 36,000 events to decode the propaganda methods employed by authoritative regimes, revealing underlying patterns and strategic narratives.

Research Assistant   **July 2023 — Aug 2023**
Universidad EAFIT   Medellín, Colombia

- Assisted in a comprehensive research project on violence in Colombia from 1990 to 2019, focusing on literature review, data cleaning, and performing descriptive statistical analysis. This work aimed to explore and elucidate the underlying reasons and causes of the violence during this period.
- Mentored students to conduct their own research and data analysis by teaching them data analytic skills.

Research Assistant   **Sep 2016 — Dec 2018**
Institute for Research on India and International Studies   Delhi, India

- Applied mixed-methods research towards the "Global Governance of Knowledge Production" project to highlight contributions of scholars from the global south in high-index Western journals. Secured a grant for the organization to create a global south based expertise to reflect on their research contributions on Indian International Relations.
- Managed a Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) sponsored research project titled 'Reworking the Knowledge Structures in International Relations: Some Indian Contributions,' where I was responsible for coordinating event agendas, logistics, and communication among researchers, and played a key role in organizing conferences and author's workshops.
- Conducted secondary research to establish the 'Delhi School of Transnational Affairs', the first virtual platform at the University of Delhi which is the first virtual platform at the University of Delhi and the first of its kind.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas	**Aug 2019 — May 2024**
Master of Science, Social Data Analytics and Research, University of Texas at Dallas	**Aug 2022 — May 2024**
Bachelor & Master of Arts, Political Science, University of Delhi	**July 2009 — May 2014**

Skills

Research Skills	Surveys, In-depth interviewing, Data Analytics, Focus Group Discussions, Teaching, Statistical Methods, Case Study
Technical	R/RStudio, Qualtrics, Python, LaTeX, Miro, Trello, Figma, Stata

Publications

- Rebecca Cordell and **Kashmiri Medhi**. 2024. "Transnational Repression: International Cooperation in Silencing Dissent." International Studies Quarterly. 68(3): 1-14. *Winner of the 2024 Best Paper Award, International Studies Association, Human Rights Section.*

- Subirthana Maharaja, **Kashmiri Medhi,** and Meghna Sabharwal. 2024. "Towards Gender Parity: A Detailed Examination of Female Infanticide in India and Its Implications for Women and Girls' Empowerment." In Governance and Sustainable Development in South Asia - Bridging the Gap.

Working Papers

- "Under the Same Flag: An Inquiry into Protest Campaign Fragmentation Using Search Query Data".

- "Watch Your Back: Overturning Attempts in Nonviolent Revolutions" with Jonathan Pinckney, Naella Elmore, and Giuseppe Peressotti. (R&R)

- "Worthiness, Unity, Numbers, and Commitment (WUNC) Conditions and Movement Success in the Global South." with Jonathan Pinckney

- "From Protest to Policy: Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements and Maternal Health Outcomes in Low- and Middle-Income Countries" with Prashant Salwan.

- "Whose Voices Speak: A Comprehensive Dataset on Protest Dynamics, Media Representation, and Socio-Economic Variables in India."

Teaching Experience

GOVT2306; GOVT 2305; GOVT 2107 - State and Local; American National Government; Federal and Texas Constitutions	**Fall 2024**
GOVT2306 - State and Local Government	**Summer 2024**
GOVT2305 - American National Government	**Fall 2021**

Awards and Grants

Human Rights Best Paper Award, International Studies Association	**April 2024**
Conference Travel Grant, Graduate Student Assembly, University of Texas at Dallas	**Sep 2023**
Conference Travel Grant, American Political Science Association	**Aug 2023**
US-Andean Innovation Fund Grant Competition/ **International Exchange and Training for Human Rights Policy,** United States Department of State	**July - Aug 2023**
Political Methodology XL (conference attendance), National Science Foundation	**July 2023**
Government and Political Science Fellowship award, University of Texas at Dallas	**April 2023**

Conferences

Midwest Political Science Association Conference	**2024, 2023, 2022**
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	**2023**
Political Methodology XL	**2023**
International Studies Association Conference	**2023**

Volunteer Experience

PAW Level 2, Operation Kindness	**Sep 2023 - Present**
UX Researcher, TechFleet	**Nov 2021 - Feb 2022**
Qualitative Data Analysis, Learning Independence for Tomorrow, Inc.	**July - Aug 2021**