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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Harvard Kennedy School Assistant Professor of Public Policy Faculty Co-Chair, Weatherhead Cluster on Business and Government Faculty Affiliate, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation Faculty Affiliate, Center for International Development Faculty Affiliate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science	Cambridge, MA 2020 - Present
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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative and International Political Economy; Political Development; Distributive Politics; Business-Government Relations; South Asia

EDUCATION

Yale University Ph.D. in Political Science	New Haven, CT, US 2020
University of Chicago M.A., Social Sciences Division	Chicago, IL, US 2011
Colby College B.A., Economics	Waterville, ME, US 2008

RESEARCH

Publications

Gautam Nair and Kyle Peyton. "Building Mass Support for Global Pandemic Recovery Efforts in the United States." *PNAS Nexus* 1 (4) 2022.

Gautam Nair and Nicholas Sambanis. "Violence Exposure and Ethnic Identification: Evidence from Kashmir." *International Organization* 73 (2) 2019, 329-363.

Gautam Nair. "Misperceptions of Relative Affluence and Support for International Redistribution." *The Journal of Politics* 80 (3) 2018, 815-830.

Dan Slater, Benjamin Smith, and Gautam Nair. "Economic Origins of Democratic Breakdown? The Redistributive Model and the Postcolonial State." *Perspectives on Politics* 12 (2), 2014, 353-374.

Edwin Adkins, Sandy Eapen, Flora Kaluwile, Gautam Nair, and Vijay Modi. "Off-grid Energy Services for the Poor: Introducing LED Lighting in the Millennium Villages Project in Malawi." *Energy Policy* 38 (2), 2010, 1087-1097.

Selected Work-in-Progress

Gautam Nair. "Business, Voters, and the Sectoral Politics of Publicly Provided Consumer Goods" (under review).

Gautam Nair and Federico Sturzenegger. "The Global Distributive Impact of the US Inflation Shock" (under review).

Gautam Nair and German Feierherd. "Minority Enterprise and Majority Rule: Muslim Business under BJP Government."

Gautam Nair, Owen Bernstein, and Richard Zeckhauser. "The Political Representation of Weak Interests: Big Retail, Consumers, and Trade Liberalization"

OTHER WRITING

"The US Inflation Bonanza for Sovereign Debtors." With Federico Sturzenegger. *Project Syndicate*, September 29, 2022.

Book review of *A Business History of India* by Tirthankar Roy. *Pacific Affairs*, 2021.

"Most Americans Vastly Underestimate how Rich they are Compared to the Rest of the World. Does it Matter?" *Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog*, August 23, 2018.

"Why the Poor Don't Soak the Rich: They Don't Know How Poor (or Rich) They Really Are." *Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies Blog*, January 27, 2016.

TEACHING

"The Politics of Development" (Harvard Kennedy School, MPA/ID core curriculum, 2021, 2022)

"State and Business in India under Socialism and Reform," (Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 2019 and Yale School of Management, with Ian Shapiro, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021)

Faculty lead, Wharton School Global Immersion Program to India (2019)

PRESENTATIONS

2022: American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Yale Political Economy of Institutions Conference (scheduled), International Political Economy Society (scheduled)

2021: Yale University, American Political Science Association Annual (APSA) Meeting

2021: WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Boston University, APSA Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association

2020: Brown-Harvard-MIT South Asia Workshop, APSA Annual Meeting

2019: Princeton University, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, University of Southern California, Yale-NUS College, UCLA-COMPASS Conference, Midwest Political Science Association Conference

2018: Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference, Harvard-MIT-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference, Columbia University, Conference on Patronage Democracies, APSA Annual Meetings, Yale Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale South Asia Studies Council Workshop

2017: Harvard Business School, Brookings Institution India Center, South Asia University-WISCOMP Dialogue on Kashmir, APSA Annual Meetings, Yale South Asia Studies Council Workshop

2016: APSA Annual Meetings, Yale Comparative Politics Workshop, Extractive Resources and Global Governance Conference

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

Harvard Weatherhead Research Cluster Award (with Jeff Frieden, Alisha Holland, and Dani Rodrik)	2022
NSF Time Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS) Young Investigator Award with Kyle Peyton)	2021
Harvard Mittal South Asia Institute Grant	2020
Yale University PhD received with Distinction	2020
National Science Foundation (NSF) Dissertation Grant SES 1747451	2018
NSF Time Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS)	2015
NSF TESS Real Stakes Competition Winning Proposal	2015
Yale John Hay Whitney Fellow	2017 - 18
Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies Field Experiments Grant	2017
Yale MacMillan Center International Dissertation Research Fellowship	2016 - 17
Yale Leitner Program in Political Economy Grant	2015 - 18
Yale South Asia Studies Council Grant	2015 - 17
Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies Policy Fellow	2015 - 16
Yale Overbrook Fellow	2014 - 15
University of Chicago M.A. Honors	2011
University of Chicago Committee on International Relations Thesis Honors	2011
University of Chicago Second Year Specialization Fellowship	2010 - 11
University of Chicago University Scholarship (full scholarship)	2009 - 11
Colby College Davis Scholarship (full scholarship)	2004 - 08

CONFERENCES CO-ORGANIZED

Political Economy of Institutions Conference, New Haven, CT, US	2022
Yale Political and Economic Development Conference, New Haven, CT, US	2019
Research and Innovation in Governance in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya	2015

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA, US
Visiting Dissertation Fellow, Center for the Advanced Study of India	2019 - 20
Brookings Institution India Center	New Delhi, India
Visiting Scholar	2016 - 17
Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)	New Haven, CT, US
Initiative Associate, US Finance Initiative	2011 - 13

SOFTWARE AND LANGUAGE

Software: R, Stata, Python, and ArcGIS

Language: English, Hindi, and French (beginner)

SERVICE

Admissions Committee, MPA/ID Program, Harvard Kennedy School

Advisor: Kevin Carney (PhD, committee member), Akshay Dixit (PhD, committee member), Pranav Bhargava (MPA/ID, in-progress), Eleno Castro and Randy Kotti* (MPA/ID), Keshav Choudhury and Rajat Saini* (MPA/ID), Shaheen Madraswala and Rashmi Menon (MPA/ID), Duncan Donnay (MPP), Owen Berstein (BA, in-progress). *Nominated for or won best thesis prize.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Sociology, American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Science, Democratization, Experimental Economics, Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship, International Organization, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Politics, Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, Social Forces, Review of International Political Economy*

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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