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EDUCATION

- PhD in Political Science and Sociology, King's India Institute, King's College London, 2018.
- Joint MA in Global Studies, Erasmus Mundus Global Studies (EMGS) Programme, University of Roskilde, Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Wrocław, 2012.
- BA and MA in Political Science and International Affairs, Sciences Po Aix-en-Provence, 2012.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Research Fellow, International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden. Research foci in political representation: populist claims, entering politics, the fashioning of dissent, party-led political consultancy, and generational student politics in saffron India, 2022-2023.
- Visiting Fellow, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University, 2022-2023.
- Head Researcher, Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH), Politics and Society Division, New Delhi (French National Scientific Research Council unit, UMFRE 20 MEAE-CNRS), 2018-2022.
- Postdoctoral Fellow at CERI-Sciences Po Paris (UMR7050) as part of the research project "Indian Subcontinent's Shared Sacred Sites: Religious Interactions and Relations with the Other" (I-SHARE) funded by the French National Research Agency (ANR), 2017-2018.
- Sessional Lecturer in Politics, Sciences Po Paris, 2016-2018.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- "Populist Careers as Autonomy-making: A Longitudinal Ethnography of Political Entry in North India," *Polity*, The University of Chicago Press 00, Issue 00: 1-31, forthcoming, DOI: TBA.
- "Do Populist Leaders Mimic the Language of Ordinary Citizens? Evidence from India," *Political Psychology* 00, Issue 00: 1-20, 2023, DOI: 10.1111/pops.12881 (with Christophe Jaffrelot).
- "Populism à la Carte: The paradoxical political communication of Narendra Modi on Twitter," *Global Policy*, 00, Issue 00: 1-13, 2023, DOI: 10.1111/1758-5899.13173 (with Vihang Jumble).
- "Chat-Hi: Exploring Indian National Identity Through Machine-Generated Text," *Leonardo*, MIT Press 55, Issue 1: 1-20 (with Salil Parekh), 2022, DOI: 10.1162/leon_a_02141.
- "The Politics of our Selves: Left Self-fashioning and the Production of Representative Claims in Everyday Indian Campus Politics," *Modern Asian Studies*, Cambridge University Press (CUP) 55, Issue 6: 1972-2045, 2021, DOI: 10.1017/S0026749X2000013X.
- "Les campus comme bastion d'opposition contre la communalisation de l'Inde : deux cas d'étude à New Delhi," *Sociétés contemporaines* 121, Issue 1: 171-183 (with Kristina Garalytė and the collective individual Camille Noûs), 2021, DOI: 10.3917/soco.121.0171.
- "Can the Popular Disembody Populism? Students and the Reappropriation of the Nationalist Floating Signifier in Contemporary Indian politics," *Studies in Indian Politics* 9, Issue 1: 7-20, 2021, DOI: 10.1177/2321023021999140.
- "Populaire contre Populisme. Les dharnas étudiantes comme force d'opposition en Inde," *Mouvements*, Issue 3, Essay section: 1-21, 2020, DOI: 10.3917/mouv.103.0091.
- "Generational Communities: Student Activism and the Politics of Becoming in South Asia," Introduction to the guest edited special issue of *SAMAJ: Student Politics in South Asia* 22, Issue 4: 1-45 (with Kristina Garalytė), 2019, DOI: 10.4000/samaj.6486.
- "The Spillovers of Competition: Value-based Activism and the Democratization of Dissent in an Indian Campus," *SAMAJ* 22, Issue 4: 1-40, 2019, DOI: 10.4000/samaj.6501.

- “How Campuses Mediate a Nationwide Upsurge against India’s Communalization. An Account from Jamia Millia Islamia and Shaheen Bagh in New Delhi,” Postscript of the special issue *SAMAJ, Student Politics in South Asia* 22, Issue 4: 1-10 (with Kristina Garalytė), 2019, DOI: 10.4000/samaj.6516.
- “From one Participant Cohort to the Other: Surveying Political Incubation in an Indian University,” *India Review* 17, Issue 3: 263-300 (with Barış Arı), 2018, DOI: 10.1080/14736489.2018.1473319.
- “Diversity, Democracy, and Dissent: A Study on Student Politics in JNU,” *Economic and Political Weekly* 53, Issue 11: 3597-3606 (with Khaliq Parkar), 2018.
- “Historicising Student Activism and their Discourses: A Textometric Analysis,” *Proceedings of the 13th International Conference on the Statistical Analysis of Textual Data-JADT*: 311-323, 7-10 June 2016, Nice, 2016, ISBN:978-2-7466-9067-7.

COLLECTIONS EDITED

- *Digital Politics in India: A Global Perspective*, special section of *Global Policy*, forthcoming, second quarter 2023 (with Aasim Khan and Ralph Schroeder).
- *Student Politics: Movements and Mobilisation in Contemporary India*, Orient Blackswan, accepted manuscript, final editing of the introduction underway, forthcoming, third quarter 2023 (with Khaliq Parkar).
- *Student Politics in South Asia*, special issue of *SAMAJ* 22, No.4, DOI: 10.4000/samaj.5852, 2019 (with Kristina Garalytė).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Student Politics in India: An Overview,” in *Student Politics: Movements and Mobilisation in Contemporary India*, edited by Khaliq Parkar and Jean-Thomas Martelli, New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, accepted manuscript, third quarter 2023 (with Khaliq Parkar).
- “Altbach in India: Revisiting Altbach’s Theory of Student Activism in Light of New Research on Contemporary Student Politics,” in *Student Politics: Movements and Mobilisation in Contemporary India*, edited by Khaliq Parkar and Jean-Thomas Martelli, New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, accepted manuscript, third quarter 2023 (with Avarna Ojha).
- “The Political Festival: Electoral Party Identification in an Indian Campus,” in *Student Politics: Movements and Mobilisation in Contemporary India*, edited by Khaliq Parkar and Jean-Thomas Martelli, New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, accepted manuscript, third quarter 2023.

BOOK REVIEWS

- “Dreamers: How Young Indians are Changing the World,” Book review, *Contemporary South Asia*, Volume 27, Issue 1:137-138, 30 January, DOI: 10.1080/09584935.2019.1573885, 2019.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- *In the Shadow of Saffron India: Student Politics, the Azadi Generation and the Politics of Becoming*, book manuscript accepted for review by Hurst Publishers, with co-publication with Oxford University Press (New York) in the Americas and HarpersCollins in South Asia.
- “Above Politics: Populist Authority as ‘Guruhood’ in Indian Politics,” *Politics and Religion*, APSA, PRJ-D-22-00007, under review (with Christophe Jaffrelot).
- “Entrer en populisme : Etude biographique d’une carrière populiste comme stratégie d’autonomisation en Inde,” article in preparation (with Victor Alembik).
- “The Politics of Depression in Hopeless Times: The Case of Anti-establishment Student Activism in Contemporary India,” article in preparation (with Shreyasi Biswas and Mehak Ahmed).

- “From Patronage to Clientelism: Consulting Agencies and the Transformation the Indian Political Party,” initial fieldwork completed.
- “Anti-Muslim Ideology as Entertainment Nationalism on Indian TV News,” data collection completed (with Vihang Jumle and Vedant Jumle).
- “Two Languages of the Nation: The Official Discourse of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh in Hindi and English (1999-2022),” data collection stage.

CURATORSHIP

- Curation of the exhibition *Memories of Change* on the historical legacies of student politics at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Supported by the Fonds d’Alembert, the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS80) and the International Centre of Advanced Studies (ICAS:MP), 2019-2020.

DATASET CREATION

- *Database of Indian Political Speeches* (DIPS), an archive of speeches, addresses and texts of Indian Prime Ministers, historical figures, administrative documents, religious gurus and parliamentary Q&As (1888 – 2020, ~130 million words. Harvard dataverse, 2021, DOI: 10.7910/DVN/R59EUT.
- *Pamphlet Repository for Changing Activism* (PaRChA), an online platform of digitised prints (+70 000 pamphlets and documents) produced by Indian student organisations. Harvard dataverse, 2015, DOI: 10.7910/DVN/R59EUT.

DEVELOPMENT OF RESEARCH TOOLS

- Pre-alpha development stage of the R package *seaglass*, a wrapper of five functions for interpretive text analysis optimised for big data. The programming roadmap is accessible on [this](#) Github repo, 2022.

RECENT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- “India’s stance on invasion of Ukraine is troubling,” *Indian Express*, Op-ed Section: 15-16, 22 March 2022 (with Christophe Jaffrelot).
- “The Populist Moment,” *Indian Express*, Op-ed Section: 16-17, 29 April 2020 (with Christophe Jaffrelot).
- “Popular contra populista: los estudiantes, la improbable oposición en India,” *Revista Común*, perspectivas: 1-15, 17 April 2020 (translated from English by Annia García).
- “The Public University as a Political Space,” *The Ganatantra podcast*, Season 2, Episode 19, 22 January 2020 (Interview with Sarayu Natarajan and Alok Prasanna Kumar).
- “Modi II: succès électoral et premières mesures phares,” *La revue du Comité Inde des Conseillers du Commerce Extérieur de la France* (CCEF), No.2: 12-14, 3 October 2019 (with Julien Levesque).

RESEARCH FUNDING, GRANTS, HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Principal Investigator. Collaborative Research Project: *The Languages of Democratic Decline in India*. Funders: France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (FSCIS), Stanford University (with Co-PI Thomas Blom Hansen), 2022-2023.
- Faculty Participant. Research Project: *Challenging inequalities: An Indo-European perspective* (ANR-18-EQUI-0003). Funders: Agence Française de la Recherche, the Indian Council for Social Sciences Research, the British Economic and Social Research Council and the Research Council of Norway (framework of the Indo-European Research platform EQUIP), 2020-2021.
- Principal Investigator. Research Project: *Intermediary Actors of Indian Politics* (IAIP). Research partners: CNRS80, D’Alembert Fund (France), ICAS:MP (Germany), King’s College London

(UK), Ashoka University and Jawaharlal Nehru University (India) (with Co-PI Julien Levesque), 2019-2020.

- Visiting Professor (Lehrstuhlvertretung), Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (declined), 2018-2019.
- Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) (declined), 2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Summer school workshop: *Text mining and archival curation: Computational approaches to the social sciences*, B.Tech third year, Computer Science programme, IIT Hyderabad, Summer 2021.
- Course CSPO15341: *Contemporary Indian Politics*, term 2, BA second year, Euro-Asia programme in Le Havre, Sciences Po Paris (English medium, taught jointly with Xavier Houdoy), Fall 2017 & 2018.
- Seminar ASPO1130A: *Political Science*, term 2, BA first year, Euro-US programme in Reims, Sciences Po Paris (English medium), Spring 2016–2017.
- Course CSPO1090A: *Indian Democracy: Founding Elements, Evolutions and Challenges*, term 1, BA second year, Euro-Asia programme in Le Havre, Sciences Po Paris (English medium, taught jointly with Xavier Houdoy), Fall 2016.
- Seminar ASPO1460A: *Understanding International Politics*, term 1, BA second year, tutorial seminar, Euro-American programme in Reims, Sciences Po Paris (English medium), Fall 2016 & 2017.
- Ethnography section of the module: *Applied Research Methods 7YYI0018*, term 1, MRes and MA in “Contemporary India,” King’s India Institute, King’s College London, Fall 2015.

SUPERVISION

- *Lok Sabha Elections 2019: Analysing the Online Political Battlefield in India*, Master thesis: 1-86, International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad, 14 October 2020 (with Radhika Krishnan), October 2020.
- *Political Professionalisation and Populist Trajectories in Contemporary India*, Master thesis: 1-140, EHESS, Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, 4 September 2020 (with Loraine Kennedy), September 2020.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (SELECTION)

- “Populist careers as autonomy-making: a longitudinal ethnography of political entry in North India,” *IAS Lunch Lecture*, 01 December 2023, International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden.
- “Computational analysis of Modi’s Twitter and social media uses,” *Lecture Series*, 13 October 2021, Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford.
- “Deenbandhu? Populism, commonness and mimesis: a computational study of Indian political speeches,” *Authoritarianism and Populism Research Group*, 12 October 2021, Global Institutes, King’s College London, London.
- “The making of a populist: Entering politics and autonomy-seeking in contemporary India,” *South Asian Intellectual History Seminar*, 11 October 2021, Centre for Intellectual History, University of Oxford, Oxford.
- “Vers une approche du populisme comme représentation mimétique ? Une étude computationnelle des discours de Narendra Modi,” *Democratic Decline Seminar Series*, 21 September 2021, Centre de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Sciences Po, Paris (with Christophe Jaffrelot).

- “Guru ki baat: Representation as connect in Modi’s Maan ki baats,” *CSH Lecture and Seminar Series*, 1 February 2021, Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi.
- “Politicians, Gurus or Technocrats? Insights from Prime Ministers’ Speeches in Contemporary India,” virtual workshop, 17 July 2020, Trivedi Centre for Political Data, Ashoka University, Sonapat.
- “Mapping Urban Protest Cultures in India: Campus Spaces as Generational Communities,” guest lecture, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi, 28 October 2020, IIIT-D A106, R&D Block, New Delhi.
- “Talking Harmony, Spreading Hate: Intertextuality and Populist Mimesis in Narendra Modi Speeches,” *Workshop on The Politics of Social Media in South Asia*, Oxford Internet Institute, 18 May 2020, University of Oxford, Oxford (Cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak).
- “Student Politics in South Asia: Generational Communities?,” conference: *Childhood, Youth, and Identity in South Asia*, Shiv Nadar University, 6-7 January 2020, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SoHSS), Noida.
- “The Politics of our Selves: Left self-fashioning and the production of representative claims in everyday Indian campus politics,” joint workshop of the *Centre for Modern Indian Studies* (CeMIS) and the *Centres de Sciences Humaines* (CSH), 29-30 November 2019, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi.
- “Discussing MoC: A Conversation with Snigdha Poonam and Anand Kumar,” round table of the exhibition *Memories of Change* (MoC), 11 November 2019, India Habitat Centre (IHC), New Delhi.
- “The Spillovers of Competition: Value-based Activism and the Democratization of Dissent in an Indian Campus,” conference: *Great Transition in India*, 10 October 2019, Institute of Indian Studies, HUFSS, Seoul.
- “Populism as Imitation: Theoretical Insights from India,” *ECPR General Conference*, University of Wrocław, 4 September 2019, Wrocław.

CO-ORGANISED WORKSHOPS AND PANELS (SELECTION)

- “The broken mirror: Making sense of Indian politics on social media,” joint workshop of the Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH) and the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT-D), 30-31 August 2021, CSH, Delhi (with Aasim Khan).
- “From Caste Patriotism to Caste Activism: Caste Associations as Political Intermediaries in India,” joint workshop of the Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH) and the School of Social Sciences of Jawaharal Nehru University (JNU), 3-4 October 2019, CSH, Delhi (with Julien Levesque and Surinder Jodhka).
- “Mediated Campaigns and Unmediated Politics in Millennial India,” joint workshop of the Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH) and the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT-D), 26 April 2019, CSH, Delhi (with Aasim Khan).
- “South Asia from the lens of Student Politics,” SAMAJ two-day workshop, 8 November 2018, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) and Sciences Po Paris, Paris (with Kristina Garalytė).
- “Rejuvenating politics? Student politics and the history of youth’s political selves in South Asia,” *47th Annual Conference on South Asia*, University Wisconsin-Madison, 11 October 2018, Madison (with Laurence Gautier).
- “Studying Up: Power, Politics, and Practice in Elite Education,” *25th European Conference on South Asian Studies* (ECSAS), 24-27 July 2018, Centre d’études de l’Inde et de l’Asie du Sud (CEIAS), Paris (with Anna Ruddock).