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- APPOINTMENTS University of Wisconsin–Madison
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science 2017–
Faculty Affiliate, La Follette School of Public Affairs 2011–
Faculty Affiliate, Elections Research Center 2015–
Faculty Affiliate, Center for South Asia 2011–
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2011–2017
Trice Faculty Fellow, Department of Political Science 2013–2016
- Princeton University
Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics 2010/11
- EDUCATION Stanford University
PhD, Political Science 2010
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Institutions, Political Methodology (minor)
Dissertation: “Political Inequality: Effects and Remedies”
Committee: David Laitin (chair), Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Jonathan Rodden, and
Jeremy Weinstein
MA, Economics 2008
- London School of Economics and Political Science
MSc, Development Studies 2003
- Yale University
BA, Economics and Political Science (with distinction) 2000
- PEER-REVIEWED BOOK 1. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Bethany Lacina. Forthcoming. *Nativism and Economic Integration: Trends on a Collision Course in the Developing World*. Cambridge University Press, *Cambridge Elements: Political Economy* series, ed. David Stasavage.
- PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES 10. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Alexander Lee. 2018. “Local Embeddedness and Bureaucratic Performance: Evidence from India.” *Journal of Politics* 80(1): 71–87.
9. Bhavnani, Rikhil R. 2018. “The Effects of Malapportionment on Cabinet Inclusion: Subnational Evidence from India.” *British Journal of Political Science* 48(1): 69–89.
8. Bhavnani, Rikhil R. 2017. “Do the Effects of Temporary Ethnic Group Quotas Persist? Evidence from India.” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 9(3): 105–123.
7. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Bethany Lacina. 2017. “Fiscal Federalism at Work? Central Responses to Internal Migration in India.” *World Development* 93: 236–248.
6. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Bethany Lacina. 2015. “The Effects of Rainfall-Induced Migration on Sons of the Soil Violence in India.” *World Politics* 67(4): 760–794.

5. Baldwin, Kate and Rikhil R. Bhavnani. 2015. "Ancillary Studies of Experiments: Opportunities and Challenges." *Journal of Globalization and Development* 6(1): 113–146.
4. Bazzi, Samuel and Rikhil R. Bhavnani. 2015. "Response to Roodman "A Replication of 'Counting Chickens When They Hatch.'" " *Public Finance Review* 43(2): 282–286.
3. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Saumitra Jha. 2014. "Gandhi's Gift: Lessons for peaceful reform from India's struggle for democracy." *The Economics of Peace and Security Journal* 9(1): 76–88.
2. Clemens, Michael C., Steven Radelet, Rikhil R. Bhavnani, and Samuel Bazzi. 2012. "Counting Chickens When They Hatch: Disaggregated Aid and Growth." *The Economic Journal* 122(561): 590–617.
 - Winner of the Royal Economic Society prize for the best paper published in *The Economic Journal* in 2012
1. Bhavnani, Rikhil R. 2009. "Do Electoral Quotas Work After They Are Withdrawn? Evidence from a Natural Experiment in India." *American Political Science Review* 103(1): 23–35.
 - Winner of the 2010 Marjorie Lozoff Essay Prize, awarded by the Clayman Institute for Gender Research

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

4. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Francesca Jensenius. 2015. "Socio-economic Profiles of India's Old Electoral Constituencies, 1971–2001." In *Fixing Electoral Boundaries in India: Laws, Processes, Outcomes and Implications for Political Representation*, ed. M. S. Alam and K. C. Sivaramakrishnan. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
3. Baldwin, Kate and Rikhil R. Bhavnani. 2011. "Secondary Analyses of Experiments: Opportunities and Challenges." *APSA-Comparative Democratization Newsletter* (October).
2. Radelet, Steven, Michael Clemens, and Rikhil Bhavnani. 2006. "Aid and Growth: The Current Debate and Some New Evidence." In *The Macroeconomic Management of Foreign Aid: Opportunities and Pitfalls*, ed. P. Isard. Washington, DC: International Monetary Fund.
1. Radelet, Steven, Michael Clemens, and Rikhil R. Bhavnani. 2005. "Aid and Growth." *Finance and Development* 42(3).
 - Reprinted in *Annual Editions: Developing World 07/08*, edited by Robert J. Griffiths, November 2006. Columbus, OH: McGraw-Hill.

IN-PROGRESS

12. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Bethany Lacina. 2017. "Political Obstacles to Domestic Trade: Evidence from India."
11. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Alexander Lee. 2017. "The Downstream Effects of Affirmative Action in a Bureaucracy: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in India."
10. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Gareth Nellis. 2017. "Can Elite Messages Help Empower Women? Evidence from a Field Experiment in North India."
9. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Mark Copelovitch. 2017. "The Electoral Impact of Monetary Shocks: Evidence from India's 2016 Demonetization."
8. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Francesca Jensenius. 2016. "Voting for Development? Ruling Coalitions and Literacy in India."

7. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Gareth Nellis. 2016. “Can Government-Controlled Media Cause Social Change? Television and Fertility in India.”
6. Bhavnani, Rikhil R. 2016. “The Effects of Malapportionment on Economic Development: Evidence from India’s 2008 Redistricting.”
5. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Maggie Peters. 2016. “Emigration, Remittances and the Political Economy of Development: Insights Using New Methods and Data from Kerala.”
4. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Noam Lupu. 2016. “Oil Windfalls and the Political Resource Curse: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Brazil.”
3. Bhavnani, Rikhil R. 2014. “A Primer on Voter Discrimination Against India’s Lower Caste Politicians: Evidence from an Observational Study and Survey Experiments.”
2. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Saumitra Jha. 2014. “Forging a Non-Violent Mass Movement: Economic Shocks and Organizational Innovations in India’s Struggle for Democracy.”
1. Bhavnani, Rikhil R. 2013. “Using Asset Disclosures to Study Politicians’ Rents: An Application to India.”

SOFTWARE Bhavnani, Rikhil R. 2009. “RB-AMIN.exe: A Tool to “Fuzzy” Match Indian Names.” Stanford, CA: Stanford University.

INVITED TALKS	Brown Development and Governance Seminar	2017
	University of Michigan Comparative Politics	2016
	University of Notre Dame Keough School	2016
	UW–Madison La Follette School of Public Affairs Seminar Series	2016
	Yale Leitner Political Economy Seminar	2016
	Columbia Comparative Politics Seminar	2015
	University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign Political Science Speaker Series	2015
	UW–Madison AAE Development Economics Workshop	2015
	University of Rochester Comparative Politics Workshop	2013
	New York University External Speaker Series	2012
	George Mason Public Choice Seminar	2011
	Princeton Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Seminar	2010, 2011
	Harvard-Brown-MIT South Asia Seminar	2011
	Columbia Seminar for the Study of Development Strategies	2011
	Yale Comparative Politics Seminar	2009
	University of British Columbia	2009
	Dartmouth College	2009
	Delhi University	2009
	Stanford Comparative Politics Workshop	2007, 2008
	United States Treasury	2004
American University Department of Economics Research Seminar	2004	
International Monetary Fund Chief Economist’s Office	2004	
World Bank, Office of the Chief Economist	2004	
United States Agency for International Development	2004	

CONFERENCES	<i>Invited</i>	
	MIT Governance Lab Political Behavior of Development Conference	2017
	East-West Center Governance, Internal Migration, and Urbanization conference	2017
	University of Michigan Accountability and Development conference	2015
	Center for the Advanced Study of India Political Economy workshop	2014–15
	Stanford-in-Beijing Challenges in the Process of Urbanization conference	2014
	IIM-Pittsburgh-Yale Political Economy Conference	2011
	Stanford South Asia Conference	2009
	<i>Other</i>	
	American Political Science Association annual meetings	2009–11, 2013–17
	European Political Science Association annual meeting	2016–17
	Public Management Research Conference	2017
	Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings	2008–10, 2012–15, 2017
	International Political Economy Society annual meetings	2010–11, 2014, 2016–17
	Annual Conference on South Asia	2013–16
	Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics	2012, 2016
	Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics annual meetings	2011, 2013
	Autonomous University of Barcelona workshop on attitudinal change	2012
	Society for Political Methodology	2009
	Cornell/ISSER Ghana at the Half Century Conference	2004
FIELDWORK	Mumbai	4, 9/2006, 1/2011, 1/2016
	New Delhi	7–8/2007, 9/2008–3/2009, 8/2010, 1/2011, 12/2012, 1/2014
	Lucknow	8/2010
	Bangalore	8/2007
	London	1/2014
TEACHING	<i>Undergraduate</i>	
	Indian Politics in Comparative Perspective	
	Political Inequality	
	Political Economy of Development	
	<i>Graduate</i>	
	Empirical Methods of Political Inquiry	
	Political Inequality	
	Political Economy of Development	
	<i>Current graduate students</i>	
	Camila Angulo	
	Hannah Chapman	
	Desiree Desierto	
	Dmitry Kofanov	
	Ning Leng	
	Maayan Mor	
	Evan Morier	
	Camilla Reuterswaerd	
	Anton Shirikov	
	Delgerjargal Uvsh	
	Zachary Warner	
	Chagai Weiss	

Former graduate students (placement)
 Adam Auerbach (American University)
 Nicholas Barnes (Brown Watson postdoc)
 Sarah Bouchat (Northwestern University)
 Meina Cai (University of Connecticut)
 Kyle Marquardt (V-Dem Institute postdoc)
 Jeffrey Paller (University of San Francisco)
 Kerry Ratigan (Amherst College)
 Emily Sellars (Texas A&M Bush School)
 Samantha Vortherms (University of California, Irvine)

Undergraduate thesis
 Roseanne Lais (William Jennings Bryan award for best undergraduate thesis)

SERVICE

Department
 Member, Graduate Admissions and Fellowships Committee 2017/18
 Secretary, Department Executive Committee 2017/18
 Coordinator, UW–Madison Comparative Politics Colloquium 2012/13, 2016/17
 Coordinator, UW–Madison Political Economy Colloquium 2013/14, 2015/16–16/17
 Member, Lectures and Colloquia Committee 2012/13–16/17
 Secretary, Department 2011/12

University
 Member, Annual Conference on South Asia program committee 2013–
 Member, Faculty Senate Fall 2014
 Member, Center for South Asia Advisory Board, UW–Madison 2012/13

Discipline
 Chair, Representation and Electoral Systems, MPSA meetings 2017/18
 Chair, Economic Development Section, MPSA meetings 2014/15
 Secretary, Section on Experimental Research, APSA 2012

Referee
 Oxford University Press
 National Science Foundation
 European Research Council
 Center for Global Development
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics
American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
British Journal of Political Science
Comparative Political Studies
Comparative Politics
Economic Development and Cultural Change
The Economic Journal
Economics & Politics
International Organization
International Studies Quarterly
Journal of African Economies
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Development Studies
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
Journal of Human Resources
Journal of Peace Research
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management

Journal of Politics
Legislative Studies Quarterly
Political Behavior
Studies in Comparative International Development
Studies in Indian Politics
Social Science Research
The Review of International Organizations
World Development
World Politics

Other

	Expert Member, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)	2012–
AWARDS	Royal Economic Society prize for best paper published in <i>The Economic Journal</i>	2012
	Marjorie Lozoff Essay Prize, Clayman Institute for Gender Research	2010
	Elected to Pi Sigma Alpha, national political science honor society	2000
FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS	UW–Madison Political Science Spring Research Competition	2016–17
	UW–Madison Graduate School Fall Research Competition	2011–2014, 2016
	UW–Madison Vilas Faculty Early Career Investigator Award	2016
	Robert Wood Johnson Course Development Grant	2013
	International Growth Centre Award, with Luke Condra	2011
	National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant	2009
	Stanford University Richard W. Weiland Graduate Fellowship	2008–10
	Stanford University Vice Provost Graduate Dissertation Grant	2008
	Stanford University Graduate Research Opportunity Grant	2008
	Stanford University Graduate Student Fellowship	2005–10
	Overseas Development Institute Fellowship (declined)	2003–05
SKILLS	Hindi	
	R, STATA, Visual Basic, ArcGIS	
AFFILIATIONS	Visiting Scholar, Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi	8/2010
	Research Scholar, Political Science, Delhi University	2008/09
	Member, American and Midwest Political Science Associations	2005–
PRE-DOCTORAL EMPLOYMENT	Center for Global Development, Washington, DC	2003–05
	International Monetary Fund, Washington, DC	2000–02

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