

Curriculum Vitae
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Fall 2014 Assistant Professor,
Department of Political Science, Public Administration and Nonprofit
Management, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- 2013-2014 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor,
Department of International Studies, Indiana University
- 2012-2013 Postdoctoral Research Fellow,
Department of Sociology, University of Pretoria

EDUCATION

- 2005-2012 Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, Indiana University
Co-Advisors: Jack Bielasiak and Armando Razo
- 2002-2004 Master of Arts, Political Science, Miami University, Ohio
- 1998-2002 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and English, Wabash College, Indiana

DISSERTATION TOPIC

“Victorious Rebels and Lost Revolutions: Mobilization and Regime Formation in Developing Countries”

My thesis explains why popular mobilizations create elite dominated state institutions. I argue that given collective action barriers, popular mobilizations succeed when they are localized and acquire resources from allied local elites. Subsequently, allied local elites leverage their resources to control these mobilizations and, still later, bargain among themselves to determine national level institutions. The findings improve on prior research that explains the formation of state institutions as determined by nation-wide mobilizations and/or negotiations between national level groups.

MASTERS TUTORIAL

“Revising Nehru’s Shadow in a Socio-cultural Context”

I contend that Indian foreign policy has been shaped by cultural norms embedded in the Prime Ministerial Institution that conflate status with power.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Theoretical Interests: Political Institutions, Social Movements, Democratization, Inter-State Conflict, and Insurgencies
- Regional Interests : South Asia, Latin America, and southern Africa

LANGUAGES

- English
- Spanish
- Hindi/Urdu
- Bengali

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Vasabjit Banerjee. "The Religious Origins of Class Coalitions: Elite Participation in Religiously-motivated Peasant Rebellions in Mexico, Zimbabwe, and India." Forthcoming in the *International Political Science Review*.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "Party Organizations in Multiethnic and Homogenous Societies: Comparing India and Japan." Forthcoming in the *Journal of Contemporary Eastern Asia*.

Vasabjit Banerjee, Timothy S. Rich, and Sterling Recker. "Identifying the Institutional Effects of Mixed Systems in New Democracies: The Case of Lesotho." Forthcoming in the *Journal of Asian and African Studies*.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Dipanjan Roy Chaudhury. "India and the US: Convergence and Divergence." *Journal for Peace Studies* 13.3(2006).

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

Timothy Rich and Vasabjit Banerjee. "Running Out of Time? The Evolution of Taiwan's Relations in Africa." Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs*.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Anand Jha. "An Empirical Analysis of India's Maoist Insurgency: Institutions, Inequality, or Instigation". Submitted to *Democracy and Security*.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Timothy Rich. "Mexico's Legislative Elections and Duverger: An Institutional Analysis." Submitted to *Revista de Ciencia Política*.

WORKING PROJECTS

Vasabjit Banerjee. "The Social Origins of Warlord Support for State Formation: Caudillos and the Post-Revolutionary Mexican State." *Article*.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Prashant Hosur. "Regime Type or Political Instability: Why Pakistan de-escalates from crises or enters wars with India." *Article*.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "The Local Origins of Rebellion and Redistribution in Agrarian Societies: A Historical Comparison of Northern India and Southern Mexico." *Article*.

Vasabjit Banerjee. *The Iron-Law of Peasant Revolutions: How Rural Mobilizations Create Elitist Institutions*. Book Proposal for University Presses.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Regional (social) Origins of Semi-Authoritarianism: Post-Revolutionary Mexico,” at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April 6, 2014.

“Regime Transitions and War: Pakistan,” at Annual Conference of the International Studies Association – Midwest, November 9, 2013.

“For Land and God: Elite Participation in Religious Mobilizations in Agrarian Societies,” at the Biennial Conference of the South African Association of Political Science, August 30, 2012.

“Local Mobilizations and Institution Formation in Developing Societies,” at Annual Congress of the South African Sociological Association, Cape Town, July 3, 2012.

“Between Rational and Moral Peasants: The Micro-Structural Origins of Peasant Mobilizations,” at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, 2012.

Coauthor with Rafael Khachaturian. “Back to the Structure: Power in Mobilization,” at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, 2012.

“Victorious Rebels and the Lost Revolution: The Establishment of the Semi-Authoritarian PRI Regime in Mexico,” at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1, 2011.

“Peasant Uprisings and Bourgeois Rule: Decolonization and Democratization in India,” at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31, 2011.

“The PRI in Mexico: Peasant Rebellions, Lordly Remnants, and a Bourgeois Revolution,” at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2, 2009.

Co-Author with Rachel E. Brown, Indiana University, “A Comparative Study of Democracies in Multiethnic and Homogenous Societies: India and Japan,” at Annual Conference of the International Studies Association - Midwest, St. Louis, Missouri, November 3-4, 2006.

“The India Pakistan Rivalry as a Security Dilemma,” at Roundtable organized by SAPRA, India, titled “Is a Strong Pakistan in India’s Interest?,” India International Center, New Delhi, 26 June, 2006.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- May 2013: Exploratory Trip to Zimbabwe, in order to meet scholars and acquire institutional support for future field-research.
- July 2012-July 2013: Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the University of Pretoria to study South Africa and Zimbabwe, in order to transform the dissertation into a book.
- Summer 2010: Collected data from archives in New Delhi, to support the Indian case study part of my dissertation.
- Fall 2009: Collected data from archives in Mexico City, to support the Mexican case study part of my dissertation.
- August 2007: Interviewed academics and collected comprehensive statistical data on Mexican federal elections from 1991-2007.

- Summer 2006: Interviewed policy makers and academics in India, which resulted in several policy articles about the domestic level determinants of South Asian states' foreign policies.
- Summer 2004: Constructed a database on conventional weapons and weapons systems, and an interactive database on major military formations, of the Indian and Pakistani Armed Forces.
- Summer 2004: Interviewed Members of Parliament and Bureaucrats on Indian foreign policy and national security, focusing on construction and perception of Indian identity in international relations.

HONORS and AWARDS

- Selected as Visiting Scholar to *Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS)*, México City: Fall, 2009
- Selected for The Seventh Arizona State University Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research: 2007. Indiana University, Dept. of Political Science.
- Katharine Greenough Fellowship: 2007, Indiana University.
- Pre-Dissertation grant for exploratory research in Mexico: 2007. Tinker Foundation.
- Best Paper in Comparative Politics, Political Science Graduate Student Conference at Indiana University: 2006
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship: 2006-2008. Indiana University, Dept. of Political Science.
- India Studies Fellowship: 2005-2006, Indiana University, India Studies Program.
- Research Grant: 2004. Miami University, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Graduate Research Grant: 2003, 2004. Miami University, Dept. of Political Science.
- Research Grant: 2003, 2004. Miami University, Dept. of Political Science.
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship: 2002-2005. Miami University, Dept. of Political Science.
- International Merit Scholar, Full Tuition Scholarship: 1998-2002, Wabash College.

RELEVANT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Indiana	Department of International Studies <i>Visiting Assistant Professor</i>
2013, Fall	Class: Diplomacy, Security, and Governance
University of Pretoria,	Department of Sociology <i>Lecturer</i>
2012, 2 nd Semester	Class: Globalization
2013, 1 st Semester	Class: Social Movements
Indiana University,	Department of Political Science <i>Instructor</i>
2011, Summer	Class: Latin American Politics in a New Age
2010, Spring	Class: International Political Controversies
2007, Fall	Class: American Political Controversies
	<i>Associate Instructor</i>
2007, Spring	Dr. Marjorie Hershey; Class: American Political Parties and Interest Groups

Miami University, Department of Political Science
Graduate Assistant
2004, Fall Dr. Daniel Jacobs; Class: Introduction to American Government;
Research for Dr. V. Shannon: Public Opinion and US Foreign Policy
2004, Spring Dr. Vaughn Shannon; Classes: American Foreign Policy, World
Governments; Research Asst.: Public Opinion and US Foreign Policy
2003, Fall Dr. Vaughn Shannon; Classes: American Foreign Policy, World
Governments; Research Asst.: Public Opinion and US Foreign Policy
2002, Fall Dr. Richard Forgette; Class: American foreign policy after 9/11

POLICY EXPERIENCE

Visiting Fellowships 2012, January-Present, Vivekananda International Foundation,
New Delhi, India
2006, May-July, Security and Political Risk Analysis, India
(SAPRA, India), New Delhi
2004, May-July, Security and Political Risk Analysis, India
(SAPRA, India), New Delhi

Foreign Policy 2003-2004, United States India Political Action Committee
Consultant (USINPAC), Washington DC

RELEVANT POLICY PUBLICATIONS

“Crisis in Mali: Policy Report.” Vivek: Issues and Options 2.5 (2013): 58-62.

“Growing Pakistani Involvement in Africa: A Brief Analysis.” For Closed Circulation:
Vivekananda International Foundation July 2012.

“Scenarios of India-China-US Interactions in Multilateral Organizations: A Rational Choice
Explication.” For Internal Circulation Only: Vivekananda International Foundation February
2012.

“New Institutions and Old Rulers: US Decline and Multilateralism” For Closed Circulation:
Vivekananda International Foundation January 2012.

“The Future of Indian Alliances: Relations with Australia, Japan, and Singapore.” SAPRA India
Bulletin December 2007.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Dipanjan Roy Chaudhury. “India and the US: Divided on Pakistan.”
SAPRA India Bulletin September 2006.

Vasabjit Banerjee and M. K. Dhar (Former Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau of India). “India’s
Bangladesh Dilemma.” SAPRA India Bulletin July 2006.

“The Iran Nuclear Standoff: The Great Powers and the Indian Response.” SAPRA India Bulletin
June 2006.

“Indo-US Relations: Reconsidering Roles and Intentions.” SAPRA India Bulletin February 2006:
16-18.

“An Indian Sphere of Development.” SAPRA India Bulletin October 2005: 16-18.

“Pakistan: The Tragedy of Delusions.” SAPRA India Bulletin August 2005: 4-6.

“Indo-US Foreign Policy: Time for New-Think.” SAPRA India Bulletin January 2005: 2-5.

“Untitled”: Report on the Indian nuclear doctrine and command structure, to inform Democratic presidential candidates, 2003, on behalf of USINPAC.

“Untitled”: Report on Human Rights violations by authorities in Pakistani Administered Kashmir for USINPAC, used for presentation during Congressional Hearing on Kashmir, 2004.

REFEREES

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