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## EDUCATION

PhD, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, USA (2019)

Dissertation: Inequality and Ethnic Politics in India

Fields: Political Economy, Research Methods

Committee: Steven A. Block (Chair), Daniel W. Drezner, Elizabeth Remick, H. Zeynep Bulutgil

## EMPLOYMENT

### Primary Employment

University of Amsterdam, Department of Political Science

Associate Professor (06/2026–present)

Assistant Professor (09/2022–06/2026)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Political Economy and Transnational Governance (06/2021–08/2022)

Assistant Professor, School of International Affairs, O P Jindal Global University (2019–2021)

Research Economist, Development Research Group, World Bank (2016–2018)

### Concurrent Affiliations (paid)

Fellow, [Good Authority](#) (formerly, The Monkey Cage), (07/2026–present)

Principal Investigator (PI), *DEM-PRENEURS* (Political Entrepreneurs), 0.3 FTE (09/2025–present)

Research Fellow, Political Economy and Transnational Governance, 0.5 FTE (09/2022–08/2024)

### Concurrent Affiliations (unpaid)

Member, Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research (06/2021–ongoing)

Member, Political Economy and Transnational Governance (06/2021–ongoing)

Member, Amsterdam Centre for Conflict Studies (06/2021–02/2025)

## PUBLICATIONS

### As Editor

1. Ruggeri, Andrea, Ursula Daxecker, and Neeraj Prasad, eds. 2025. Special Issue on “Political Violence in Democracies.” *Journal of Peace Research* 62(5): 1363–1608.
  - Featured: [TraCe Policy Briefs](#)
  - Featured: [Thug culture in Nigerian Politics](#) by Maureen Fubara

### Articles

2. Daxecker, Ursula and Neeraj Prasad. 2026. “Demanding Violence, Punishing Peace: Support for Party Violence in India.” *The Journal of Politics* (Forthcoming). <https://doi.org/10.1086/736113>
  - Replication data: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/G82AU0>
  - Winner of [2025 Stephen P. Cohen Best Paper Award: South Asia in World Politics, ISA](#)

3. Daxecker, Ursula and Neeraj Prasad. 2025. "Preaching to the Converted: Misinformation and Voter Preferences in Election Campaigns." *Electoral Studies* 98:103003. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2025.103003>
4. Ruggeri, Andrea, Ursula Daxecker, and Neeraj Prasad. 2025. "Political Violence in Democracies: An Introduction." *Journal of Peace Research* 62(5): 1363–1375. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433251351251>
5. Daxecker, Ursula, Hanne Fjelde, and Neeraj Prasad. 2025. "Misinformation, Narratives, and Intergroup Attitudes: Evidence from India." *The Journal of Politics* 87(2): 757–773. <https://doi.org/10.1086/732979>
  - Replication data: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/GEOYDX>
6. Bulutgil, H. Zeynep, and Neeraj Prasad. 2023. "Inequality, Elections, and Communal Riots in India." *Journal of Peace Research* 60(4): 619–633. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221091307>
  - Replication data: <https://www.prio.org/journals/jpr/replicationdata>
  - Shortlisted for 2023 Network of European Peace Scientist (NEPS) Medal
  - Interview: [Political elites \(sometimes\) incite violence to strengthen group identity](#) UvA
  - Featured: [The New Sovereign](#) by Asim Ali in *The Telegraph* (India) on 18 March, 2023
  - Featured: Martinez, Lucas. 2025. "[Inequality and Politics Influence Religious Violence. Here's How.](#)" 3Streams, October 8.
7. Bulutgil, H. Zeynep, and Neeraj Prasad. 2020. "Inequality and Voting among Deprived Ethnic Groups: Evidence from India." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 30(2): 221–43. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2019.1624555>

#### Policy Papers / Non-Academic

1. Daxecker, Ursula, Neeraj Prasad, and Andrea Ruggeri. 2025. "[Why Political Violence Is on the Rise in the United States and Where It Might Lead.](#)" London School of Economics: LSE, USAPP blog post. Published on 19 September 2025. <https://tinyurl.com/37pkn9p3>
2. Prasad, Neeraj, Asli Demirguc-Kunt, and Leora Klapper. 2017. "Measuring the Effectiveness of Service Delivery: Delivery of Government Provided Goods and Services in India." *Policy Research Working Paper No. 8207*. World Bank, Washington, DC. <http://hdl.handle.net/10986/28452>

#### **TEACHING**

1. Political Economy, Specialization Module Political Science. (MA) 2026
2. Comparative Politics, Core Module Political Science. (BA) 2025, 2026
3. Political Economy of Identity. (MA) 2025, 2026
4. International Political Economy. (BA) 2023, 2024, 2025
5. Politics in South Asia. (BA) 2022, 2023, 2024
6. Social Science Research Methods. (MA) 2019, 2020
7. Advanced Research Methods. (PhD) 2020
8. Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis. (BA) 2019, 2020
9. Teaching Fellow, Graduate Institute for Teaching, Tufts University AY 2016–2017

#### Doctoral Supervision

1. Vy Tran (2022-2026)
2. Gulshan Banas (2022-2026)

3. Victor Alembik (2024-2028)

## FUNDING & GRANTS

1. 2025: PETGOV Ad-hoc Research Fund; € 5,000
2. 2024: PETGOV Ad-hoc Research Fund; € 13,000
3. 2023: Global Digital Cultures, University of Amsterdam; € 28,000 (with Anunaya Rajhans)
4. 2023: Polarization Research Priority Area, University of Amsterdam; € 5,000
5. 2023: PETGOV Ad-hoc Research Fund; € 5,000
6. 2022: Amsterdam University Alumni Fund; € 12,750
7. AY 2012–2014: Fletcher Competitiveness Initiative, Tufts University; US\$ 22,000

## SERVICE (ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATIVE)

- Reviewer (By Year):

**2026:** *Journal of Peace Research, Comparative Political Studies, International Interactions, Politics, Groups, and Identities, Asian Survey, India Review.*

**2025:** *Comparative Political Studies, Political Behavior, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Nationalities Papers, International Interactions, Terrorism and Political Violence.*

**2024:** *Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Studies Quarterly, Nationalities Papers, Terrorism and Political Violence, Representation, India Review.*

**2023 or before:** *Journal of Peace Research, International Studies Quarterly, Asian Journal of Comparative Politics, Journal of African Economics, International Area Studies Review, Journal of International Development.*

- Chair, Selection Committee for [Stephen P. Cohen Best Paper Award](#) 2026 and 2027, ISA
- Member, Award Committee for [ENMISA Outstanding Paper Award 2026](#), ISA
- Faculty mentor, PhD Research Seminar, PETGOV, University of Amsterdam (2024–2026)
- Member, committee for management of MA Political Economy program, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam (2023–2025)

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP

**2026:** Democracy's Reach: Political Representation and Elections in India, European Meeting on the Political Economy of South Asia (Oslo, Norway); Political Economy & Transnational Governance Research Seminar (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); International Studies Association Annual Meeting (Columbus, USA).

**2025:** Asian Development Research Institute (Patna, India); Pre-EPISA South Asia Political Economy of Development Workshop (Madrid, Spain); International Studies Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, USA); Roundtable Discussion on Right-Wing Populism, Observer Research Foundation (Delhi, India); Political Science Research Colloquium, Ashoka University (Delhi, India).

- 2024:** Political Economy & Transnational Governance Research Seminar (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); Annual Madrid Empirical Social Science Workshop (Madrid, Spain); Political Economy Lunch Seminar, Hertie School (Berlin, Germany); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, USA); European Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Cologne, Germany); Meeting on the Political Economy of Development MoPED, WZB Social Science Centre (Berlin, Germany); Conflict & Change Department of Political Science Research Seminar, University College London (London, UK); International Studies Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, USA).
- 2023:** Deliberation, Participation, and Democracy in Contemporary South Asia, Ireland India Institute (Dublin, Ireland); Workshop on Affective Polarization and Democracy, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); Online Dangerous Speech and Violence Workshop, Peace Research Institute Oslo (Oslo, Norway); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, USA); New Research on Electoral Politics in India, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); European Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Glasgow, UK); International Studies Association Annual Meeting (Montreal, Canada).
- 2022:** 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) (Coventry, UK); AFK Empirical Peace and Conflict Research Workshop (Sandbjerg Gods, Denmark); Political Violence and Democratic Backsliding WZB Research Workshop (Berlin, Germany); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Montreal, Canada–Visa Denied); Conference on Subnational Election Data (Montreal, Canada–Visa Denied); The Conflict Research Society Annual Conference (Belfast, UK); Panel Discussion on Misinformation and Polarization in Indian Elections, Centre for Policy Research (New Delhi, India-Online); European Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Prague, Czech Republic); The 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (London, UK); Conflict & Change UCL Department of Political Science Research Seminar (London, UK); Political Economy & Transnational Governance Research Seminar (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); Digital Misinformation in the Global South Research Workshop (Madrid, Spain-Online); Amsterdam Conflict Research Network Seminar Series (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); Global Digital Cultures Seed Funding Workshop at Institute for Advanced Study, University of Amsterdam (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); Rethinking New Media Studies from the East and the South at Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam (Amsterdam, The Netherlands).
- 2021:** Political Economy & Transnational Governance Research Seminar (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); Election, Violence, and Parties Online Research Workshop (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Seattle, USA-Online).
- 2020:** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, USA-Online), XV International Conference on Public Policy and Management, IIM Bangalore (Bangalore, India).
- 2019:** WAPOR-Asia 2nd Annual Conference on Digital Democracy (New Delhi, India); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, USA).
- 2018:** Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics, World Bank (Washington DC, USA); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, USA); International Studies Association Annual Convention (San Francisco, USA).

- 2017:** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, USA); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, USA); Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, USA).
- 2016:** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, USA)
- 2015:** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, USA)
- 2012:** Contracts, Procurement, & Public Private Arrangement, Pantheon-Sorbonne I (Paris, France)
- 2011:** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (New Delhi, India)

## **ORGANIZED WORKSHOPS, TALKS, PANELS**

- Organized paper panel at annual meeting of American Political Science Association, 2024
- Member, organizing team for Special Issue Workshop on Democracy and Violence, 2024
- Founding Member, [Violence, Instability, and Peace \(VIP\)](#) online workshop series
- Member, organizing team for Elections, Violence, & Parties Online Workshop, 2023
- Organized paper panel at annual meeting of International Studies Association, 2023
- Workshop on [Elections and Violence: Political Violence and Electoral Politics](#), 2022
- Workshop on [Elections and Violence: New Research on Actors, Targets, and Strategies](#), 2021

## **MEDIA**

### Writings, interviews, and talks

1. Panel discussion on [Bihar Elections 2025: Who is Winning Bihar](#) on [The Red Mike](#) on November 14, 2025.
2. Panel discussion on [Exit Polls: Bihar Elections 2025](#) on [Satya Hindi](#) on November 11, 2025.
3. Panel discussion on [Bihar Chunav ke 122 Seats](#) (Translated: The 122 seats of Bihar Elections) on [Satya Hindi](#) with Ashutosh and Kartikeya Batra on November 10, 2025.
4. Talk on [Europe's Political Earthquake: What It Means for the World](#) at [Observer Research Foundation](#) on February 15, 2025.
5. Talk on [Misinformation and Polarization in Indian Election Campaigns](#) at [Centre for Policy Research](#) on July 7, 2022.

### Articles or blogs that quote me

1. Newspaper article, [In de Indiase staat Bihar kunnen vrouwen deze verkiezingen de doorslag geven. 'De macht van de boys' club moet worden doorbroken](#) (Translated: In the Indian state of Bihar, women can make the difference in these elections. 'The power of the boys' club must be broken') by Devi Boerema in [Trouw](#), published on November 10, 2025.
2. Blogpost explaining my co-authored [article, Inequality and politics influence religious violence: Here's how](#), written by Lucas Martinez, published by [3Streams](#) on October 8, 2025.
3. Newspaper article, [The new sovereign: Yogi Adityanath leads the race for Narendra Modi's successor](#), written by Asim Ali in [The Telegraph](#) on March 18, 2023.
4. Op-ed summarizing my co-authored [article, Political elites \(sometimes\) incite violence to strengthen group identity](#), published by University of Amsterdam on February 7, 2023.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Languages Known: English, Hindi, and Dutch (A2)

- Software: Stata, LaTeX, ATLAS.ti, ArcGIS
- Fieldwork:
  - Chennai (India) 2026
  - Bihar (India) 2025
  - New Delhi (India) 2025
  - West Bengal (India) 2024
  - Uttar Pradesh (India) 2022
  - West Bengal (India) 2021
  - New Delhi (India) 2020
  - Dhaka (Bangladesh) 2015