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APPOINTMENTS University of Wisconsin–Madison  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2011–  
Trice Faculty Fellow, Department of Political Science 2013–  
Faculty Affiliate, La Follette School of Public Affairs 2011–  
Faculty Affiliate, Elections Research Center 2015–  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for South Asia 2011–  
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 PUBLICATIONS 10. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Alexander Lee. Forthcoming. “Local Embeddedness and Bureaucratic Performance: Evidence from India.” *Journal of Politics*.  
9. Bhavnani, Rikhil R. Forthcoming. “The Effects of Malapportionment in Parliamentary Systems: Subnational Evidence from India.” *British Journal of Political Science*.  
8. Bhavnani, Rikhil R. 2017. “Do the Effects of Temporary Ethnic Group Quotas Persist? Evidence from India.” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 9(3).  
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. 2016. “The Effects of Malapportionment on Economic Development: Evidence from India’s 2008 Redistricting.”

6. Bhavnani, Rikhil R., and Gareth Nellis. 2016. “Can Government-Controlled Media Cause Social Change? Television and Fertility in India.”
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
	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>	
	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>	
	Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings	2008–10, 2012–15, 2017
	International Political Economy Society annual meetings	2010–11, 2014, 2016
	Annual Conference on South Asia	2013–16
	American Political Science Association annual meetings	2009–11, 2013–16
	Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics	2012, 2016
	European Political Science Association annual meeting	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>	
	Political Inequality	
	Political Economy of Development	
	<i>Current graduate students</i>	
	Nicholas Barnes (Brown Watson postdoc)	
	Sarah Bouchat (Northwestern University)	
	Samantha Vortherms (University of California, Irvine)	
	Maria Camila Angulo Amaya	
	Hannah Chapman	
	Desiree Desierto	
	Dmitry Kofanov	
	Ning Leng	
	Maayan Mor	
	Evan Morier	
	Anton Shirikov	
	Delgerjargal Uvsh	
	Zachary Warner	
	<i>Former graduate students (placement)</i>	
	Adam Auerbach (American 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)	
	<i>Undergraduate thesis</i>	
	Roseanne Lais (William Jennings Bryan award for best undergraduate thesis)	

SERVICE	<i>Department</i>	
	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
	Department Secretary	2011/12
	<i>University</i>	
	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
	<i>Referee</i>	
	Oxford University Press	
	National Science Foundation	
	European Research Council	
	Center for Global Development	
	<i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i>	
	<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	
	<i>American Political Science Review</i>	
	<i>British Journal of Political Science</i>	
	<i>Comparative Political Studies</i>	
	<i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i>	
	<i>The Economic Journal</i>	
	<i>Economics &amp; Politics</i>	
	<i>International Organization</i>	
<i>International Studies Quarterly</i>		
<i>Journal of African Economies</i>		
<i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>		
<i>Journal of Development Economics</i>		
<i>Journal of Development Studies</i>		
<i>Journal of Human Resources</i>		
<i>Journal of Peace Research</i>		
<i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i>		
<i>Journal of Politics</i>		
<i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>		
<i>Political Behavior</i>		
<i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i>		
<i>Social Science Research</i>		
<i>The Review of International Organizations</i>		
<i>World Development</i>		
<i>World Politics</i>		
<i>Other professional</i>		
Expert Member, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)	2012–	
Head, Economic Development Section, MPSA	2014/15	
Secretary, Section on Experimental Research, APSA	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 Graduate School Fall Research Competitions	2011–2014, 2016

	UW–Madison Political Science Spring Research Competition	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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