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## Employment

Assistant Professor, Politics, Division of Social Sciences, Yale-NUS College (July 2015 - current, tenure track)

Select Course titles: The Guru in Hinduism, Religion and Politics in South Asia, Colonialism and Decolonization, Comparative Politics.

## Research Fields

Religion and Politics.

I study how religious change in colonial and contemporary India influences and is influenced by economic and political life.

## Education

PhD, Politics, New York University, United States (2015)

Dissertation: "Three Essays on Culture, Institutions, and Violence"

## Publications

2022. "Theory of Hindu Neurosis' Lecture by Professor Guy Cowley at the Asiatic Society, Bombay, September 1921" *Portside Review* (forthcoming, March 2022)

2019. "Cow and Company." New Delhi: *Penguin Random House (Viking)*.

2019. "A Shock of Bhakti: The Devotional Songs of Ram Rahim." Ed. Gitanjali Kolanad. *Seminar* 716 : 53 – 57.

2017. "Can Religious Norms Undermine Effective Property Rights: Evidence from Inheritance Rights of Widows in Colonial India." *British Journal of Political Science* 47(3) : 479 – 499.

2016. "Cow and Company." *Granta*. Fiction. 11 May. London

## Working Papers/Book Manuscripts

"Fascist Bhakti: Political Ideology in the Films of Gurmeet Ram Rahim"

## Presentations

Seminar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, Tamil Nadu, India, February 2019

NUS Program of South Asian Studies, Singapore, October 2017

Yale-NUS Brown Bag, Singapore, September 2017

NUS Economics Department Seminar, Singapore, September 2017

Cultural Evolution Society's Annual Conference, Max Planck Institute, Jena, Germany, September 2017

Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture, Boston, USA, February 2017  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, USA, September 2016  
International Network of Analytical Sociologists, Universiteit Utrecht, The Netherlands, June 2016  
Resistance and Empire: New Approaches and Comparisons, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal, June 2016  
LSE Department of Government, London, UK, September 2015  
ISNIE - Harvard Law School, USA, June 2015

## Awards & Fellowships

NYU GSAS Visiting Fellow, Spring 2020  
Yale-NUS Teaching Innovation Grant 2019  
Commonwealth Writers Short Story Prize 2016  
British Academy Brian Barry Prize in Political Science 2015 (jointly awarded by the Cambridge University Press, British Journal of Political Science and the British Academy)  
NYU Africa House Impact Fellowship Award 2015  
National Science Foundation Grant, Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting, 2014  
Summer Fellowship, Department of Politics, NYU, 2014  
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, 2014  
NYU Global Research Initiative Summer Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2014  
NYU Global Research Initiative Visiting Graduate Student Fellowship, NYU London, 2012  
Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Politics, NYU, 2010, 2011  
Henry MacCracken Award, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, NYU, 2009 – 14  
Dean's Fellowship Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, NYU, 2009  
Commissioned by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, Geneva, to write a background paper for the UNRISD Report on Poverty, 2009

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