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EDUCATION

American University

August 2019 - Present

PhD Candidate in International Relations (Year 4)

Concentration: Development Studies

Doctoral Advisor: Dr. Adam Auerbach

University of Oxford

July 2015

MSc in Global Governance and Diplomacy

Dissertation: The Role of Civil Society in Shaping India's Development Partnerships

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Indrajit Roy

Hindu College, University of Delhi

May 2014

BA (Honors) in Political Science

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

American University, School of International Service

August 2022 - Present

Research Assistant (Part-time; Supervisor: Dr. Adam Auerbach)

- **Project:** Assisting Prof Auerbach, Prof Tariq Thachil (UPenn) and Dr. Shikhar Singh (UPenn) with interviews for a manuscript on procedural knowledge and small town governance in Rajasthan, India
- **Remote fieldwork support:** Conducting remote interviews with municipal councillors, will support transcription and translation.

Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (RIPIL)

June 2022 - Present

Research Fellow (Part-time; Supervisor: Dr. Susanna Campbell)

- **Project Title:** Networks of Influence and Support in Peace Operations
- **Data Mapping:** Built a dataset that maps sources for UN cluster membership across 20 countries and drafted mapping codebook.
- **Coding:** Coded UN cluster membership in four case study countries and drafted codebook.

American University, School of International Service

August 2019 - April 2021

Research Assistant (Part-time; Supervisor: Dr. Adam Auerbach)

- **Project:** Worked on public goods provision in India, specifically building datasets on small town budgets using local administrative from Rajasthan and national census data.
- **Translation Support:** Translated interview questionnaires from English to Hindi.
- **Remote fieldwork support:** Conducted remote interviews with community leaders in India, translated and transcribed interviews.

American University, School of International Service

May 2020 - August 2020

Research Assistant (Part-time; Supervisor: Dr. Erin Collins)

- **Project:** Drafted literature reviews for a book project focused on urban land claims in post-genocide Cambodia.

Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (RIPIL)

June 2020 - August 2020

Research Assistant (Part-time; Supervisor: Dr. Susanna Campbell)

- **Project Title:** Networks of Influence and Support in Peace Operations
- **Data Mapping:** Built a dataset of organizations and UN cluster coordination relationships in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

American University, School of International Service

July 2021 - Present

Various positions, part-time

- **Adjunct Instructor (June 2022 - Present):** SISU-102/109: Global Public Health (under the AU High School Summer Scholars (HSSS) and National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) Program.)
- **Teaching Assistant (August 2021 - April 2022):** SISU-105: Introduction to International Studies (Instructor: Dr. Michael Schroeder)
- **Adjunct Instructor (July 2021 - August 2021):** SISU-102: Global Public Health (under the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) Program.)

Spring University Myanmar (SUM)

April - June 2022

Guest Lecturer, part-time

- **Courses:** Women in the Peace Process (Mediation) and Academic Writing for students enrolled in the Diploma Program on Federalism and Peace Studies at the Institute of Human Rights and Democratic Governance.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Consultant

December 2020 - Present

Expertise in Conflict Sensitivity, Gender, Food Security, Livelihoods, Social Protection

- **Past projects:** Concept note/proposal development and research for various organizations in Myanmar including HelpAge International, CARE International, and ACF. Experience writing grants for large donors including LIFT, European Union, ECHO, USAID and START Fund among others.

HelpAge International in Myanmar

September 2017 - July 2019

Senior Programme Coordinator (based in Yangon, Myanmar)

- **Responsibilities:** Managed the development and maintenance of an effective ME and accountability framework that supports evidence gathering for food security and public health projects funded by the LIFT Fund, European Union and other donors.

HelpAge International in Myanmar

November 2016 - August 2017

Programme Officer (based in Yangon, Myanmar)

- **Responsibilities:** Supported monitoring, evaluation and communications teams with case studies and high quality internal and external reports on five different development projects focusing on community development, social protection, public health, and self-help groups for older people in Myanmar.

Karen Human Rights Group

July 2016 - October 2016

Field Fellow (based in Tak, Thailand)

- **Responsibilities:** Responsible for leading the re-design of a training curriculum for village agency workshops conducted among Karen villages in Myanmar. The training focused on building the capacity of local communities to document and monitor human rights abuses committed against them by armed actors.

United Nations Office for Project Services

December 2015 - June 2016

Programme Analyst (based in Yangon, Myanmar)

- **Responsibilities:** Programme support for the Rakhine programme under the Livelihoods and Food Security Trust (LIFT) Fund, managed by UNOPS. In addition, communications support, especially social media engagement, for LIFT outreach to partners and donors. Published a working paper on the socio-economic situation in Rakhine State and a chapter in edited volume on migration in Myanmar.

RESEARCH AWARDS

- APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant (2022-2023; funded by the Warren E. Miller Fund in Electoral Politics)
- Adel-Ait Ghezala Graduate Research Fellowship, American University (2022-2023)
- SIS Summer Research Award, American University (2022)
- SIS Summer Research Award, American University (2021)
- SIS Doctoral Assistantship Award, offered as a stipend over 4 years (2019 – 2023)

OTHER GRANTS

- Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (2022)
- Conference Grant, American University (2022)
- ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan (2022); participation funded by American University
- Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (2021)
- Conference Grant, American University (2021)
- The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University (2021); participation funded by American University

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Public Goods and Public Trust in Government: Subnational Evidence from India.
- Analysis of News Media Coverage Before and After the March 2020 Nationwide Lockdown in India.
 - Selected for presentation at the Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS) Conference 2022, to be held at the Institute for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard University from June 16-18, 2022.
 - Selected for presentation at the APSA Pre-Conference in Political Communication, to be held in Montréal, Canada on September 14, 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

- Gupta, Shagun. “The Coup in Myanmar: Strategic and Political Implications for South Asia.” South Asian Voices, February 17, 2021. Web.
- Gupta, Shagun. “The Coup in Myanmar: A Grim Future for Aid Groups?” The Diplomat, February 8, 2021. Web.
- Gupta, Shagun, and Thomas Opdyke. “Myanmar: An Overview of Financial Security of Older Women.” Financial Security for Older Women: Perspectives from Southeast Asia. Singapore: Tsao Foundation, 2018. Print.
- Gupta, Shagun. “Leveraging Labour Migration for Development.” Migration in Myanmar: Perspectives from current research, edited by Mike Griffiths and Michiko Ito. Yangon: Social Policy and Poverty Research Group, 2016. Print.
- Gupta, Shagun. “How to approach development as a non-native speaker.” tools4dev, August 25, 2016. Web.
- Gupta, Shagun. “Development in Times of Transition: The Socio-Economic Status of Rakhine State, Myanmar.” Working Paper. Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund, UNOPS Myanmar, April 2016. Web.
- Kyu, U Htet, Libera Antelmi-Dazio and Shagun Gupta. “Learning Together in the Ayeyarwady Delta.” Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund, UNOPS Myanmar, February 2016. Web.
- Gupta, Shagun. “The Role of Civil Society in Shaping India’s Development Partnerships.” E-International Relations, January 2016. Web.
- Gupta, Shagun. “The Chagos Archipelago: A Theatre of Opportunity and Challenge in the Indian Ocean.” Observer Research Foundation, Delhi, December 2015. Web.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Telling It Like It Is 2.0: Descriptive Research Workshop, October 28-29, 2022, Boston, Massachusetts.
 - Presented research memo titled Conceptualizing Public Trust Through Descriptive Research.
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 15-18, 2022, Montreal, Canada.
 - Presented paper titled Trust and Legitimacy in the National Capital Region of India (Lightening Rounds: Research Design)
- Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS) Conference 2022, June 16-18, 2022, Boston, Massachusetts.
 - Presented paper titled Analysis of News Media Coverage Before and After the March 2020 Nationwide Lockdown in India (*Virtual*)
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 30 – October 3, 2021, Seattle, Washington.
 - Presented paper titled Public Goods and Public Trust in Government: Subnational Evidence from India.
- International Public Policy Association (IPPA), 5th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP5), July 5-9, 2021, Barcelona, Spain.
 - Presented paper titled Public Goods and Public Trust in Government: Subnational Evidence from India (*Virtual*)
- American University Tri-School Conference, March 5, 2021, Washington D.C.
 - Presented paper titled Public Goods and Public Trust in Government: Subnational Evidence from India (*Virtual*)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Burma Studies Group (BSG) (as part of the Association for Asian Studies)
- International Political Science Association (IPSA)
- International Public Policy Association (IPPA)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- Women's Caucus for International Studies (WCIS)

INVITED TALKS AND SPEAKING EVENTS

- Nikore Associates High School Fellowship 2022: Careers Day Talk for Fellows (July 16, 2022; Online)
- Indian Women in International Relations (IWIR): Informative and Mentorship Session (July 27, 2021; Online)
- DC Student Consortium on Women, Peace and Security: NGO CSW/NY Panel (March 19, 2021; Online)
- DC Student Consortium on Women, Peace and Security: Launch Event (March 9, 2021; Online)

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

- Doctoral Coursework (American University)
 - Core courses in Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods
- Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program 2022 (University of Michigan)
 - Courses on Network Analysis, Data Visualization, Advanced Empirical Modeling, Introduction to Python
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) 2021 (Syracuse University)
 - Courses on Field Research, Multi-Method Research, Within-Case and Small-N Analysis, Social Network Analysis

SKILLS SUMMARY

- **Languages:** English, Hindi, French, Burmese
- **Programming:** R, Python, LaTeX
- **Software:** Stata, NVivo, MS Office Suite, Adobe Photoshop
- **Fieldwork:** Myanmar (2015-2016; 2016-2019), Thailand (2016), India (2021, 2022)
- **Training:** SIS PhD Colloquium Workshop on Data Visualization Using R (November 2022)