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### EDUCATION

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA 2016 - PRES.

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science (Exam Fields: Comparative Politics & Security Studies)

- Dissertation Project: *Seeking Safety: The Cognitive and Social Foundations of Behavior During Violence*
- Committee: Fotini Christia, Vipin Narang, Rich Nielsen, Roger Petersen (chair)

**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL JUNE 2015

M.A., International Relations (with honors)

**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL JUNE 2015

B.A., Political Science

### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Fotini Christia, Michael Curry, Constantinos Daskalakis, Erik Demaine, John P. Dickerson, Mohammad Taghi Hajiaghayi, Adam Hesterberg, Marina Knittel, and Aidan Milliff. "[Scalable Equilibrium Computation in Multi-agent Influence Games on Networks](#)," in *Proceedings of the 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-21)*, Forthcoming (2021).

Peter Krause and Ora Szekely (eds.), Mia Bloom, Fotini Christia, Sarah Zukerman Daly, Chappell Lawson, Zoe Marks, Aidan Milliff, Kacie Miura, Richard Nielsen, Emil Aslan Souleimanov, William Reno and Aliyu Zakayo. "[COVID-19 and Fieldwork: Challenges and Solutions](#)," *PS: Political Science & Politics*, Forthcoming (2021).

Milan Vaishnav, Saksham Khosla, Aidan Milliff, and Rachel Osnos. "[Digital India? An Email Experiment with Indian Legislators](#)," *India Review* 18, no. 3 (2019): 243–263. Covered in [LiveMint \(India\)](#)

### WORKING PAPERS

"Facts Shape Feelings: Information, Emotions, and the Political Consequences of Violence." [Current version \(Under Review\)](#)

"Descriptive Representation and the Dark Side of Conflict Reduction: Evidence from India's Maoist Rebellion" (with Drew Stommes) [Current version \(Under Review\)](#)

"Who Flees? A Big-Data Approach to the Determinants of Refugee Migration" (with Fotini Christia) [\(Under Review\)](#)

"Data Security for Practitioner-Academic Partnerships: An Agenda for Improvement" [Current version \(Under Review\)](#)

"Uneven Accountability? Public Attitudes on Indian Foreign Policy since the 1960s." (with Paul Staniland) [Current version](#)

"Fighting the Elements: Assessing a Sino-Indian Conflict at Doklam." [Current version](#)

OTHER WRITING	<p>"India's Farm Protests Turned Violent Last Week. But Why are Farmers Protesting in the First Place?" <i>The Washington Post (Monkey Cage Blog)</i>, February, 2021. (with Saksham Khosla)  <a href="#">Permanent Link</a></p> <p>"Tension High, Altitude Higher: Logistical and Physiological Constraints on the Indo-Chinese Border." <i>War on the Rocks</i>, June, 2020.  <a href="#">Permanent Link</a></p>	
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p><b>Graduate Student Associate</b>, <i>Harvard Univ. Lakshmi Mittal South Asia Institute</i> 2019-2021</p> <p><b>Presidential Fellow</b>, <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i> 2016-2017</p> <p><b>Undergraduate Fellow</b>, <i>University of Chicago Program on Int'l Security Policy</i> 2014-2015</p> <p><b>Phi Beta Kappa</b>, <i>The University of Chicago</i> 2014</p> <p><b>University Scholar</b>, <i>The University of Chicago</i> 2011-2015</p>	
GRANTS	<p>2020 - MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant (\$3,500)</p> <p>2020 - MIT Chris Cassimus Fund (\$1,750)</p> <p>2020 - Gov/Lab + Busara Center "Behavioral Science in the Field" Course Fellowship (in kind)</p> <p>2019 - MIT Political Methodology Lab Research Grant (\$1,000)</p> <p>2019 - MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant (\$3,500)</p> <p>2018 - MIT Political Methodology Lab Research Grant (\$300)</p> <p>2017 - MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives, India (\$3,500)</p>	
TEACHING	<p>17.269: <i>Race, Ethnicity and American Politics (for undergraduates)</i> (Grader) Fall 2019</p> <p>17.473: <i>The Politics of WMD Proliferation (for undergraduates)</i> (Grader) Spring 2019</p> <p>17.800: <i>Quantitative Research Methods I (for PhD students)</i> (TA) Fall 2018</p> <p>J-PAL Executive Education Course (TA) Summer 2017</p>	
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	<p>Harvard-Yale-Tufts-MIT Political Violence Conference (2020 - Virtual)</p> <p>Busara Center for Behavioral Economics (2020 - Delhi)</p> <p>Busara Center for Behavioral Economics (2020 - Nairobi)</p> <p>DARPA Si3-CMD Program Meeting (2019 - Durham, NC)</p> <p>Scientific Systems Corporation Inc. (2019 - Waltham, MA)</p> <p>Harvard Working Group on Political Psychology (2017 - Cambridge, MA)</p>	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</b>, Washington, D. C. USA</p> <p><i>James C. Gaither Junior Fellow, South Asia Program</i> 2015 - 2016</p> <p><b>NORC at the University of Chicago</b>, Chicago, Illinois USA</p> <p><i>NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates, General Social Survey</i> 2014 - 2015</p>	
COMPUTING	<p>Proficient in: R, Python, oTree, rcpp, rStan, unix/shell/bash</p>	
LANGUAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hindi/Urdu (Beginner; Devanagari and Nastaliq scripts)</li> <li>- Spanish (Conversational)</li> </ul>	
FIELDWORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chicago, Illinois: 2017, 2018</li> <li>- California (Bay Area + Central Valley): 2019</li> <li>- Delhi, India: 2017, 2020</li> <li>- Nairobi and Machakos, Kenya: 2020</li> </ul>	

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