

Curriculum Vitae
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Spring 2017 Coordinator of International Studies Minor
College of Arts and Sciences
- Fall 2015 Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science and Public Administration,
Mississippi State University
- 2014-2015 Assistant Professor,
Department of Political Science and Public Service,
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- 2013-2014 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor,
Department of International Studies, Indiana University
- 2012-2013 Postdoctoral Research Fellow,
Department of Sociology, University of Pretoria
Supervisor: Jonathan Hyslop

EDUCATION

- 2005-2012 Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, Indiana University
Co-Advisors: Jack Bielasiak and Armando Razo
- 2002-2004 Master of Arts, Political Science, Miami University, Ohio
- 1998-2002 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and English, Wabash College, Indiana

BOOK (Temple University Press, Spring 2019)

Undoing the Revolution: Comparing Elite Subversion of Peasant Rebellions

The book explains why popular mobilizations create elite dominated state institutions. I argue that given collective action barriers, popular mobilizations succeed when they are localized and acquire resources from allied local elites. Subsequently, allied local elites leverage their resources to control these mobilizations and, still later, bargain among themselves to determine national level institutions. The findings improve on prior research that explains the formation of state institutions as determined by nation-wide mobilizations and/or negotiations between national level groups.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Theoretical Interests: Conflict, Contentious Politics, Electoral Politics, Political Development, Political Economy, and Electoral Politics.
- Regional Interests: South Asia, Latin America, and Southern Africa

LANGUAGES

- English
- Spanish
- Hindi/Urdu
- Bengali

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Timothy Rich and Vasabjit Banerjee. "When the Choice is Made Matters: Voting in Japan's 2012 House of Representatives Election". *Political Science* 70.1 (2018): 26-40.

Jha, Anand, Christopher J. Boudreaux and Vasabjit Banerjee. "Political Leanings and Social Capital." *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics* 72 (2018): 95-105.

Vasabjit Banerjee, Srobana Bhattacharya and Anand Jha. "Inequality and Elections: The Nationwide Origins and State-Level Dynamics of India's Maoist Insurgency." *Asian Affairs: An American Review* 44.3 (2017): 72-97.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Timothy Rich. "Lesotho's 2015 Legislative Election: Providing or Undermining Stability?" *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 52.5 (2017): 586-597.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Timothy Rich. "District level competition in Mexico's chamber of deputies: an embedded analysis." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 26.4 (2016): 412-422.

Timothy Rich and Vasabjit Banerjee. "District Competition in Japan's 2014 Election: The Roles of Nominations, Incumbency, and Dual-Listing." *Representation* 52.2/3 (2016): 227-238.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "The Religious Origins of Class Coalitions: Elite Participation in Religiously-motivated Peasant Rebellions in Mexico, Zimbabwe, and India." *International Political Science Review* 36.5 (2015): 545-561.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Prashant H. Suhas. "Regime Type or Political Instability? Why Pakistan De-escalates or Enters Wars." *International Journal on World Peace* 32.2 (2015): 51-79.

Timothy Rich and Vasabjit Banerjee. "Running Out of Time? The Evolution of Taiwan's Relations in Africa." *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs (China Aktuell)* 44.1 (2015): 141-161.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "Party Organizations in Multiethnic and Homogenous Societies: Comparing India and Japan." *Journal of Contemporary Eastern Asia* 13.2 (2014): 57-68.

Timothy S. Rich, Vasabjit Banerjee and Sterling Recker. "Identifying the Institutional Effects of Mixed Systems in New Democracies: The Case of Lesotho." *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 49.6 (2014): 637-653.

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

Vasabjit Banerjee and Carolyn Holmes. "Checking Trust: Measuring Social Capital at the Individual Level." *Article*. Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of Modern African Studies*.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "With Friend's Like These: Israel and Taiwan's defense ties with Central America." *Article*.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "Maintaining Dominance: Explaining the Rise of Late-Entering Insurgent Groups in El Salvador and Guatemala." *Article*.

Prashant H. Suhas and Vasabjit Banerjee. "Volatile Voters and Riotous Parties: Explaining India's Communal Riots through Electoral Volatility." *Article*.

WORKING PROJECTS

Vasabjit Banerjee and Benjamin Tkach. "The Logic of Strategic Avoidance: How States Avoid Being Diversionary Targets." (Working Title). *Article*.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Prashant Hosur. "From Deterrence to Diversion: Comparing Belize and the Falklands." (Working Title). *Article*.

Carolyn Holmes and Vasabjit Banerjee. "Religious Riots and Electoral Effects: Vernacular-Language Media Framing of the 2002 Violence in Gujarat and Consequences for Indian Secularism". *Article*.

INVITED TALKS

"Peasant Rebels and International Capital: Britain and the Formation of the Post-1979 Zimbabwean Regime." Department of Political Science and International Relations' Research Colloquium, University of Delaware, May 13, 2015.

"From Revolution to Reform: Understanding the 1980 Regime in Zimbabwe." Center for African Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Feb. 12, 2014.

"New Institutions and Old Rulers: Multilateral Foreign Policy and US Decline." Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi, Jan. 3, 2013.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Vasabjit Banerjee. "The Second Insurgency: Explaining the Rise of Late-Entering Insurgent Groups in El Salvador and Guatemala," at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 19, 2019.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "With Friends Like These: Israel and Taiwan's Defense Ties with Central America," at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 17, 2019.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "From Rationales to Institutions: Explaining Taiwan's Defense Ties with Central America," at the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Sede Ecuador and International Studies Association Joint International Conference, July 26, 2018.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Carolyn E. Holmes, "Trust Points and Check Points: Measuring Social Capital at the Individual Level," at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 13, 2017.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "The Other Insurgency: Comparing Colombia's ELN and Sri Lanka's JVP," at the Annual Conference of the International Studies Association – Midwest, November 18, 2016.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Carolyn E. Holmes, "Measuring Social Capital at the Intersection of Individuals and Society," at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 3, 2015.

Vasabjit Banerjee, "The Regional (social) Origins of Semi-Authoritarianism: Post-Revolutionary Mexico," at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April 6, 2014.

Vasabjit Banerjee, "Regime Transitions and War: Pakistan," at the Annual Conference of the International Studies Association – Midwest, November 9, 2013.

Vasabjit Banerjee, "For Land and God: Elite Participation in Religious Mobilizations in Agrarian Societies," at the Biennial Conference of the South African Association of Political Science, August 30, 2012.

Vasabjit Banerjee, "Local Mobilizations and Institution Formation in Developing Societies," at Annual Congress of the South African Sociological Association, Cape Town, July 3, 2012.

Vasabjit Banerjee, "Between Rational and Moral Peasants: The Micro-Structural Origins of Peasant Mobilizations," at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, 2012.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Rafael Khachaturian, "Back to the Structure: Power in Mobilization," at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, 2012.

Vasabjit Banerjee, "Victorious Rebels and the Lost Revolution: The Establishment of the Semi-Authoritarian PRI Regime in Mexico," at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April 1, 2011.

Vasabjit Banerjee, "Peasant Uprisings and Bourgeois Rule: Decolonization and Democratization in India," at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), March 31, 2011.

Vasabjit Banerjee, "The PRI in Mexico: Peasant Rebellions, Lordly Remnants, and a Bourgeois Revolution," at Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April 2, 2009.

Vasabjit Banerjee, "The India Pakistan Rivalry as a Security Dilemma," at Roundtable organized by SAPRA, India, titled *Is a Strong Pakistan in India's Interest?*, India International Center, Delhi, 26 June, 2006.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- June 2016: Led a team that conducted surveys and interviews in Johannesburg and Pretoria in South Africa

- July 2014: Exploratory Trip to Mexico, in order to conduct preliminary research at the *Instituto Nacional de Estudios Históricos de las Revoluciones de México* (INEHRM).
- May 2013: Exploratory Trip to Zimbabwe, in order to meet scholars and acquire institutional support for future field-research.
- July 2012-July 2013: Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the University of Pretoria to study South Africa and Zimbabwe, in order to transform the dissertation into a book.
- Summer 2010: Collected data from archives in New Delhi, to support the Indian case study part of my dissertation.
- Fall 2009: Collected data from archives in Mexico City, to support the Mexican case study part of my dissertation.
- August 2007: Interviewed academics and collected comprehensive statistical data on Mexican federal elections from 1991-2007.
- Summer 2006: Interviewed policy makers and academics in India, which resulted in several policy articles about the domestic level determinants of South Asian states' foreign policies.
- Summer 2004: Constructed a database on conventional weapons and weapons systems, and an interactive database on major military formations, of the Indian and Pakistani Armed Forces.
- Summer 2004: Interviewed Members of Parliament and Bureaucrats on Indian foreign policy and national security, focusing on construction and perception of Indian identity in international relations.

RESEARCH HONORS and AWARDS

- John C. Stennis Summer Research Grant, 2016: \$5,000.
- Selected as Visiting Scholar to *Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social* (CIESAS), México City: Fall, 2009
- Selected for The Seventh Arizona State University Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research: 2007. Indiana University, Dept. of Political Science.
- Katharine Greenough Fellowship: 2007, Indiana University.
- Pre-Dissertation grant for exploratory research in Mexico: 2007. Tinker Foundation.
- Best Paper in Comparative Politics, Political Science Graduate Student Conference at Indiana University: 2006
- Teaching Assistantship: 2006-2008. Indiana University, Dept. of Political Science.
- India Studies Fellowship: 2005-2006, Indiana University, India Studies Program.
- Research Grant: 2004. Miami University, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Graduate Research Grant: 2003, 2004. Miami University, Dept. of Political Science.
- Research Grant: 2003, 2004. Miami University, Dept. of Political Science.
- Graduate Assistantship: 2002-2005. Miami University, Dept. of Political Science.
- International Merit Scholar, Full Tuition Scholarship: 1998-2002, Wabash College.

RELEVANT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mississippi State University Department of Political Science and Public Administration	
	<i>Assistant Professor</i>
2018, Fall	International Conflict
2017 Spring-2018 Fall	Introduction to International Relations
2016, '17 and '18 Spring	Latin American Politics
2015 Fall and 2016 Spring	Introduction to Comparative Politics
2016, Fall	Introduction to Comparative Politics, Honors

University of Tennessee At Chattanooga 2015, Spring	Department of Political Science and Public Service <i>Assistant Professor</i> Introduction to Comparative Politics Politics of Latin America Globalization
2014, Fall	Introduction to International Relations Politics of South Asia Social Movements
Indiana University 2013, Fall and 2014 Spring	Department of International Studies <i>Visiting Assistant Professor</i> Diplomacy, Security, and Governance
University of Pretoria, 2012, 2 nd Semester 2013, 1 st Semester	Department of Sociology <i>Guest Lecturer</i> Globalization Social Movements
Indiana University, 2011, Summer 2010, Spring 2007, Fall	Department of Political Science <i>Instructor</i> Latin American Politics in a New Age International Political Controversies American Political Controversies

TEACHING HONORS and AWARDS

- Shackouls Honors College Faculty, 2018. Selected by the Dean of the Honors College, Mississippi State University.
- Outstanding Undergraduate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, 2017. Selected by graduating majors at Mississippi State University.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION/UNIVERSITY

Reviewer	Perspectives on Politics Journal of Modern African Studies Journal of International Relations and Development Comparative Political Studies International Political Science Review Armed Forces and Society African Security Review Foreign Policy Analysis Democracy and Security Research and Politics
Committees	<i>University of Tennessee at Chattanooga</i> Departmental Committee on Curriculum Mapping, 2014 Search Committee for Assistant Professor in American Politics, 2015 <i>Mississippi State University</i> Departmental Committee on Fifth Year MPPA Program, 2016-2017 Departmental Undergraduate Committee, 2016-2017 Mississippi State Model Security Council, 2015-2017 College of Arts and Sciences, General Liberal Arts Committee, 2016-2017

International Institute Advisory Committee, 2016-2017
Southern Political Science Association, Annual Conference, 2017
Section Chair: Comparative Politics, Developing Societies

POLICY EXPERIENCE

Visiting Fellowships 2012, January-2015, January, Vivekananda International Foundation,
New Delhi, India

2006, May-July, Security and Political Risk Analysis, India
(SAPRA, India), New Delhi

2004, May-July, Security and Political Risk Analysis, India
(SAPRA, India), New Delhi

Foreign Policy 2003-2004, United States India Political Action Committee
Consultant (USINPAC), Washington DC

RELEVANT POLICY ARTICLES PUBLISHED WITH STUDENTS

Feifei Zeng and Vasabjit Banerjee. “China Has Embedded Global Lending Institutions in Its Belt and Road Initiative.” The News Lens International 16 April 2019.

Zachery Abunemeh and Vasabjit Banerjee. “How External Actors Have Worsened Venezuela’s Long Crisis.” Georgetown Journal of International Relations. July 2019.

RELEVANT POLICY AND MEDIA ARTICLES

Vasabjit Banerjee. “Robert Mugabe has Died. But Zimbabwe’s institutional legacies that shaped his repressive regime live on.” Washington Post: Monkey Cage 8 September, 2019.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Prashant Hosur. “Indian Air Strategy After Balakot: The China Factor.” The Diplomat 1 March 2019.

Vasabjit Banerjee. “Even after Mugabe, Zimbabwe’s elections do not appear free or fair.” Washington Post: Monkey Cage 22 August 2018.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Prashant Hosur. “Amid Domestic Strife, Maldives Military Takes to International Stage.” The News Lens International 31 May 2018.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Prashant Hosur. “The Rafale Acquisition Scandal: A Potential Threat to France-India Defense Relations.” The Diplomat 12 December 2017.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Timothy Rich. “Diamonds and the Crocodile: China’s Role in the Zimbabwe Coup.” The Diplomat 22 November 2017.

Ashraf Haidari (Director-General of Policy and Strategy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan) and Vasabjit Banerjee. “Privatization of Security Can Derail US-Led Stabilization of Afghanistan.” The Diplomat 21 August 2017.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Timothy Rich. “Lesotho needs a new electoral system.” Mail and Guardian 21 July 2017.

Timothy Rich and Vasabjit Banerjee. "Panama Switch Marks China's Return to Checkbook Diplomacy." The Diplomat 14 June 2017.

Timothy Rich and Vasabjit Banerjee. "Time to End Checkbook Diplomacy, Taiwan." The News Lens International 15 June 2017.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "The New India-US Foreign Policy: Dual Audiences and Track II Diplomacy." The News Lens International 14 March 2017.

Timothy Rich and Vasabjit Banerjee. "Future Opportunities for Indo-Taiwanese Collaboration lie in the Spheres of Trade and Security". Taiwan Sentinel 2 February 2017.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "India's Great Expectation of Trump's Foreign Policy: Keeping Russia in, China Down and Pakistan Out." The News Lens International 26 January 2017.

Timothy Rich and Vasabjit Banerjee. "Lesotho and the limits of electoral reform." Africa Research Institute 26 April 2016.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "Crisis in Mali: Policy Report." Vivek: Issues and Options 2.5 (2013): 58-62.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "The Future of Indian Alliances: Relations with Australia, Japan, and Singapore." SAPRA India Bulletin December 2007.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Dipanjan Roy Chaudhury. "India and the US: Divided on Pakistan." SAPRA India Bulletin September 2006.

Vasabjit Banerjee and M. K. Dhar (Former Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau of India). "India's Bangladesh Dilemma." SAPRA India Bulletin July 2006.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "The Iran Nuclear Standoff: The Great Powers and the Indian Response." SAPRA India Bulletin June 2006.

Vasabjit Banerjee and Dipanjan Roy Chaudhury. "India and the US: Convergence and Divergence." Journal of Peace Studies 13.3 (2006): 83-88.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "Untitled": Report on the Indian nuclear doctrine and command structure, to inform Democratic presidential candidates, 2003, on behalf of USINPAC.

Vasabjit Banerjee. "Untitled": Report on Human Rights violations by authorities in Pakistani Administered Kashmir for USINPAC, used for presentation during Congressional Hearing on Kashmir, 2004.