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APPOINTMENTS American University
Associate Professor, School of International Service 2021-present
Assistant Professor, School of International Service 2014-2021
University of Pennsylvania
Non-Resident Visiting Scholar, Center for the Advanced Study of India 2020-2022
University of Notre Dame
Visiting Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies 2013/14

EDUCATION University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ph.D., Political Science 2013
Major Field: Comparative Politics
Doctoral Minor: Anthropology
Dissertation Committee: Yoshiko Herrera (chair), Rikhil Bhavnani, Ivan Ermakoff,
Melanie Manion, Nadav Shelef, and Aseema Sinha
Dissertation: Demanding Development: Democracy, Community Governance, and
Public Goods Provision in India's Urban Slums
– Gabriel A. Almond Award for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, APSA
– Best Dissertation Award, Urban Politics Section, APSA
– Best Fieldwork Award, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA
M.A., Agricultural and Applied Economics 2010
M.A., Political Science 2007
Allegheny College
B.A., Political Science and Asian Studies, *magna cum laude* 2005

BOOKS Auerbach, Adam Michael. 2020. *Demanding Development: The Politics of Public Goods Provision in India's Urban Slums*. New York: Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics Series).
– Dennis Judd Best Book Award, Urban and Local Politics Section, APSA
– Reviewed in *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, *Democratization*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Environment and Urbanization*, *Environment and Urbanization Asia*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *LSE Review of Books*, *Urbanisation*, *Pacific Affairs*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *UC-Berkeley South Asia Reading Group*, *The Book Review Literary Trust*, *The Hindu*, and *Urban Affairs Review*
– Featured in the *Grand Tamasha Podcast*, *Ideas of India Podcast*, *IDS Between the Lines Podcast*, *New Books Network Podcast*, *The Print*, and *SSRC's Layered Metropolis Series*
Auerbach, Adam Michael and Tariq Thachil. *Migrants and Machines: How Party Networks Form in an Urbanizing India*. Forthcoming with Princeton University Press (Princeton Studies in Political Behavior Series).

- Auerbach, Adam Michael, Jennifer Bussell, Simon Chauchard, Francesca Jensenius, Gareth Nellis, Mark Schneider, Neelanjan Sircar, Pavithra Suryanarayan, Tariq Thachil, Rahul Verma, and Adam Ziegfeld. 2021. "Rethinking the Study of Electoral Politics in the Developing World: Reflections on the Indian Case." *Perspectives on Politics* (FirstView).
- Auerbach, Adam Michael and Tariq Thachil. 2021. "How Does COVID-19 Affect Urban Slums? Evidence from Settlement Leaders in India." *World Development* 140: 1-11.
– Featured in the *Hindustan Times* and *Governance Uncovered Podcast*
- Auerbach, Adam Michael and Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner. 2020. "The Geography of Citizenship Practice: How the Poor Engage the State in Rural and Urban India." *Perspectives on Politics* 18(4): 1118-34.
– Featured in *The Print* and *Ideas for India*
- Auerbach, Adam Michael and Tariq Thachil. 2020. "Cultivating Clients: Reputation, Responsiveness, and Ethnic Indifference in India's Slums." *American Journal of Political Science* 64(3): 471-87.
– 2021 *American Journal of Political Science* Best Article Award
– 2021 Political Ties Award for Best Article on Political Networks, Political Networks Section, APSA
– 2020 Honorable Mention, Best Paper Award, Democracy and Autocracy Section, APSA
- Auerbach, Adam Michael and Adam Ziegfeld. 2020. "How Electoral Quotas Influence Political Competition: Evidence from Municipal, State, and National Elections in India." *Journal of Politics* 82(1): 397-401.
- Auerbach, Adam Michael and Tariq Thachil. 2018. "How Clients Select Brokers: Competition and Choice in India's Slums." *American Political Science Review* 112(4): 775-791.
– 2019 Heinz I. Eulau Award for best article published in the *American Political Science Review*
– Featured in *LiveMint*, *Ideas for India*, *Hindu Business Line*, *Place* (Thomson Reuter's Foundation), and *India in Transition*
- Auerbach, Adam Michael, Adrienne LeBas, Alison Post, and Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro. 2018. "State, Society, and Informality in Cities of the Global South." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 53(3): 261-280.
– Part of the special issue, "The Politics of Urban Informality" (co-edited with Adrienne LeBas, Alison Post, and Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro)
- Auerbach, Adam Michael. 2018. "Informal Archives: Historical Narratives and the Preservation of Paper in India's Urban Slums." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 53(3): 343-364.
– Part of the special issue, "The Politics of Urban Informality" (co-edited with Adrienne LeBas, Alison Post, and Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro)
- Auerbach, Adam Michael. 2017. "Neighborhood Associations and the Urban Poor: India's Slum Development Committees." *World Development* 96(C): 119-135.
- Auerbach, Adam Michael. 2016. "Clients and Communities: The Political Economy of Party Network Organization and Development in India's Urban Slums." *World Politics* 68(1): 111-48.
- Auerbach, Adam Michael. 2015. "India's Urban Constituencies Revisited." *Contemporary South Asia* 23(2): 136-50.
– Part of the special issue, "Indian Elections 2014: Explaining the Landslide"

CURRENT
PROJECTS

- “‘Dream of a Complete Town’: Small Town Governance in India” (joint project with Tariq Thachil) *Project supported by a fellowship from the American Institute of Indian Studies*
- “Citizenship Practice in Unauthorized Neighborhoods in Urban India” (with Tanu Kumar) *Project supported by a grant from the Program on Governance and Local Development, University of Gothenburg*
- “Building Evidence, Strengthening Action for Community Accountability of Health Systems in Maharashtra, India” (joint project with Accountability Research Center and SATHI, Pune)

FELLOWSHIPS,
GRANTS, AND
AWARDS

- Dennis Judd Best Book Award, Urban and Local Politics Section, APSA 2021
- Political Ties Article Award, Political Networks Section, APSA 2021
- GLD, University of Gothenburg, Short-Term Research Grant 2021
- American Journal of Political Science* Best Article Award 2021
- School of International Service Said Fund Grant 2020
- American University Faculty Research Support Grant 2020
- Heinz I. Eulau Award for Best Article in the *American Political Science Review* 2019
- Honorable Mention, Best Paper Award, Democracy & Autocracy Section, APSA 2019
- Clarence Stone Scholar Award, Urban and Local Politics Section, APSA 2019
- SIS William Cromwell Award for Outstanding Teaching 2018
- American Institute of Indian Studies Short-Term Senior Research Fellowship 2017
- American University Dean’s Summer Research Award 2015
- Gabriel A. Almond Award for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, APSA 2015
- Best Dissertation Award, Urban Politics Section, APSA 2014
- Political Economy of India Fellowship, King’s College, London, UK 2013
- Best Fieldwork Award, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA 2013
- Social Science Research Council IDRF 2010/11
- Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship 2010/11
- National Science Foundation DDIG 2010/11
- American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Fellowship (*declined*) 2010/11
- FLAS Academic-Year Fellowships (Hindi, Urdu, and Marathi) 2007-2009, 2010
- Department of Political Science Teaching Assistant Award 2009
- Scott Kloock-Jenson Graduate Intern Fellowship 2009
- University of Wisconsin International Institute Travel Award 2008
- Center for South Asia Pre-Dissertation Travel Award 2008
- Fulbright IIE U.S. Student Teaching Fellowship (South Korea) 2005/06
- Allegheny College, Department of Political Science, Best Senior Thesis 2005
- Allegheny College, Interdisciplinary Studies, Best Senior Thesis 2005
- Freeman-Asia/ IIE Grant (Thailand) 2004

OTHER WRITING	<p>Review of Sanjoy Chakravorty and Neelanjan Sircar’s (editors) <i>Colossus</i> in <i>The Book Review Literary Trust</i>, February 2022.</p> <p>“How did Slums Survive the Lockdown?” (with Tariq Thachil). <i>Hindustan Times</i>, December 14, 2020.</p> <p>“Citizen-State Relations: Countryside and City” (with Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner). <i>Ideas for India</i>, August 2020.</p> <p>“The Political Geography of Public Service Provision in India’s Urban Slums.” <i>Layered Metropolis Series</i>, Social Science Research Council <i>Items</i>, May 2020.</p> <p>“COVID-19 and Community Leadership in India’s Slum Settlements.” <i>India in Transition</i>, University of Pennsylvania, May 2020. – Reprinted in <i>Hindu Business Line</i></p> <p>“Millions of People in India’s Slums Can’t Keep Each Other at a Distance During Pandemic Lockdown.” <i>Washington Post, Monkey Cage</i>, April 13, 2020.</p> <p>“India’s Urban and Rural Poor Expect Different Things from their Local Governments, and Why it Matters” (with Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner). <i>The Print</i>, March 19, 2020.</p> <p>Review of Jennifer Bussell’s <i>Clients and Constituents</i> in <i>India Ink</i>, Georgetown University, July 2019.</p> <p>“India’s Slum Leaders: Part 1” (with Tariq Thachil). <i>India in Transition</i>, University of Pennsylvania, October 10, 2016. – Reprinted in <i>Hindu Business Line</i> and <i>Ideas for India</i></p> <p>“India’s Slum Leaders: Part 2” (with Tariq Thachil). <i>India in Transition</i>, University of Pennsylvania, October 24, 2016. – Reprinted in <i>Hindu Business Line</i> and <i>Ideas for India</i></p>																																
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Human Capital Initiative Seminar Series, Boston University	2021
Book Talk, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad	2020
Kellogg Institute Lecture Series, University of Notre Dame	2020
Clientelism Workshop, Duke University	2020
Book Talk, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	2020
Development and Governance Seminar Series, Brown University	2020
School of Public Affairs Speaker Series, American University	2020
Book Talk, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi	2019
CASI Seminar Series, University of Pennsylvania	2019
Political Behavior of Development Conference, MIT GOV/LAB	2019
Frontiers in Global Development Seminar Series, University of Virginia	2019
Book Workshop Discussant for Bilal Baloch, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University	2019
Political Economy of India Workshop, CEIP (invited discussant)	2019
Democratic Representation in India Conference, Ashoka University	2018
Comparing Patronage Democracies Workshop, Yale University	2018
Brown-Harvard-MIT Seminar on South Asian Politics, Harvard University	2018
Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University	2017
Book Workshop Discussant for Shelby Grossman, Stanford University	2017
Democracy in India Conference, Claremont McKenna College	2017
Queen's Political Studies Speaker Series, Queen's University (Canada)	2017
Political Economy of Contemporary India Conference, IGIDR (Mumbai, India)	2017
Comparative Politics Colloquium, George Washington University	2016
Urban Local Public Service Delivery Roundtable, Urban Institute	2016
Rethinking Electoral Politics in India Workshop, CEIP	2016
Political Economy of India Workshop, CEIP (invited discussant)	2016
Woodrow Wilson Center, Urban Sustainability Laboratory (panel discussant)	2016
Workshop on Urban Poverty in Developing Countries, Duke University	2016
South Asia Seminar Series, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2016
Global Poverty Roundtable, Swarthmore College	2016
Comparative Politics Colloquium Series, Georgetown University	2016
Political Economy of India Workshop, CASI	2015
Strengthening Institutions and Governance Workshop, IFPRI	2015
Gilded Ages Seminar Series, Watson Institute, Brown University	2015
Workshop on Methodological Innovations in Urban Research, UC-Berkeley	2015
American University Asian Studies Program Research Series	2015

	South Asia Seminar Series, University of Chicago	2015
	Workshop on Urban Poverty in Developing Countries, Duke University	2014
	Urban Infrastructure Workshop, CASI, University of Pennsylvania	2014
	Urbanization in India Workshop, Princeton University	2014
	SAIS, Johns Hopkins University	2014
	APSA Workshop on Urban Politics, Wilson Center, Washington DC	2014
	Lok Sabha Elections Workshop, King's India Institute, King's College, London	2014
	Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame	2014
	CASI Lecture, University of Pennsylvania	2013
	Ethnic Politics Workshop IV, Arizona State University	2012
	Social Science Research Council Fellows Workshop, New Orleans	2012
	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung International Seminar on Just Cities, Mumbai	2011
	Delhi School of Planning and Architecture Lecture, New Delhi	2011
	Centre de Sciences Humaines Research Workshop, New Delhi	2011
CONFERENCES	American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2012-2019
	Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin	2012-2016
TEACHING	Community Development	S 2019, S 2021
	Ph.D. Seminar in Advanced Research Design	F 2017
	Comparative Political Economy	F 2015, F 2016, F 2017, F 2019, F 2020, F 2021
	Field Research Methods	S 2015, S 2016, S 2018, S 2020, S 2021
	Democracy and Development in South Asia	F 2014, F 2016, F 2019, F 2021
	Contemporary India	F 2020
	Regular guest speaker at the Foreign Service Institute (2019-current)	
	Politics, Markets, and States in South Asia, Summer Course, Lauder Institute, University of Pennsylvania (July 2021)	
	Doctoral Dissertation Committees: Ari Cohen (SPA, 2017), Bhanu Joshi (Brown University, current), Chayanit Poonyarat (SIS, current), Emily Rains (Duke University, 2021), Manu Ramkumar (SIS, current), Aarti Reddy (Economics, current), Cherie Saulter (SIS, current), Brandon Sims (SIS, current), Hatem Zayed (SIS, current), Harun Rashid (Kent State, current), Somabha Mohanty (external reader, Graduate Institute, Geneva)	
	M.A. Theses and Independent Studies: Frances Agosto (2015), Tayeba Batool (2016), Sharad Ghimire (2016), Glenn Coine (2016), Mild Vachananda (2017), Abhinandan Slathia (2017), Shaina Wedmedyk (2018), Anagha Kadambi (2019), Kriti Upadhyaya (2019), Alexis Stone (2019), Bryce Leary (2020), Amna Rana (2020), Kanika Varma (2020)	
	Undergraduate Theses and Independent Studies: Roshni Rajan (2015), Maria Islam (2016), Nausheen Rajan (2016), Alya Bihari Shaiful (2016), Aman Abdelhamid (2017)	

LANGUAGES	Hindi (advanced), Urdu (intermediate)
FIELDWORK AND INTERNATIONAL STUDY	India, <i>38 total months</i> : (8-12/2003), (12/2004-1/2005), (6-8/2007), (12/2008-1/2009), (5-8/2009), (9/2010-12/2011), (2-8/2012), (6-8/2015), (5-6/2016), (1/2017), (7/2018), (12/2018), (10/2019) United Kingdom, <i>1 month</i> : 5-6/2014 South Korea, <i>14 months</i> : 6/2005-8/2006 Thailand, <i>3 months</i> : 6-8/2004
SERVICE	Reviewer for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> ; <i>American Political Science Review</i> ; <i>Asian Survey</i> ; <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> ; <i>Cambridge University Press</i> ; <i>Cities</i> ; <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> ; <i>Comparative Politics</i> ; <i>Contemporary South Asia</i> , <i>Democratization</i> ; <i>Electoral Studies</i> ; <i>European Political Science Review</i> ; <i>Global Public Health</i> ; <i>Governance</i> ; <i>India Review</i> ; <i>Indian Politics and Policy</i> ; <i>Information, Communication, and Society</i> ; <i>Information Technology and Politics</i> ; <i>International Development Planning Review</i> ; <i>International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction</i> ; <i>Journal of Asian and African Studies</i> ; <i>Journal of Development Studies</i> ; <i>Journal of Politics</i> ; <i>Journal of Urban Affairs</i> ; <i>Modern Asian Studies</i> ; <i>Oxford University Press</i> ; <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> ; <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i> ; <i>Representation</i> ; <i>Social Forces</i> ; <i>Sociological Methods and Research</i> ; <i>Stanford University Press</i> ; <i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i> ; <i>Studies in Indian Politics</i> ; <i>The Professional Geographer</i> ; <i>Third World Quarterly</i> ; <i>Urban Affairs Review</i> ; <i>Urban Studies</i> ; <i>Women's Studies International Forum</i> ; <i>World Development</i> ; <i>World Politics</i> Division Co-Chair, Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, APSA 2021 Executive Council Member, Urban and Local Politics Section, APSA 2020-2022 Member, SIS Academic Conduct and Integrity Committee 2019-2021 Member, SIS-Accountability Research Center Faculty Search Committee 2019 Reviewer, SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship 2018, 2019, 2020 SIS Faculty Actions Committee Member 2017/18; 2020/21 SIS Identity, Race, Gender, and Culture Thematic Area Coordinator 2016/17 Member, SIS Development Studies Faculty Search Committee 2016 SIS Olson Scholars Mentor 2016/17, 2020/21 American University Summer Scholars Faculty Mentor Grantee 2015, 2017 American Institute of Indian Studies Trustee for American University 2015-present Member, SIS Emerging Powers Faculty Search Committee 2014, 2015 Member, Asian Studies Advisory Council, American University 2015-present Chair, Development Studies Doctoral Concentration, SIS 2015-present Chair, Best Dissertation Award, Urban Politics Section, APSA 2015 Chair, Best Fieldwork Award, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA 2014
REFERENCES	Available Upon Request

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