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EDUCATION

University of Mississippi

May 2024

Ph.D.(*Expected*), Political Science

Dissertation: ‘Mark My Words’: Measuring Personality of Global Leaders

Committee: Gregory Love (Chair), Susan Allen, and Jonathan Klingler

Masters in Political Science

2021

Tribhuvan University, Nepal

Masters in Rural Development

2009

B.Sc. in Physics

2007

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter

Acharya, Mahesh (2017).1950 Indo-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship : Road to Review.In P.Jaiswal (Ed.) *Revisiting Nepal’s Foreign Policy in Contemporary Global Power Structure* (p.65-78) New Delhi: G.B.Books

WORKING PAPERS

Acharya, Mahesh. “ ‘Mark My Words’: Measuring Personality of Global Leaders” (*in progress*)

Acharya, Mahesh and Gang Guo. “National and Local Political Trust in South Asia.” (*under review*)

Acharya, Mahesh. “UN Demands on Civil War: Do Governments of Democracies Comply more?” (*in progress*)

Acharya, Mahesh and Amrit Poudel. “Approval and Legacy: Modi Mantra of Invoking Dead Leaders”

Acharya, Mahesh. “Populist Personality : Evidence from Text Analysis”

Acharya, Mahesh and Elaine Tagert. “It’s not just the gender!: Personality of Women leaders and Foreign Policy”

“Populist Attitudes and Political Participation : Evidence from South-East Asia” (*in progress*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate) (Evaluation: 5/5)

Summer 2022

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate) (Evaluation: 3.8/5)

Fall 2021

Lead

Weekly Statistics Lab using STATA for first year graduate students

Spring 2023

Substitute Lectures

Introduction to Political Science Methods (Undergraduate)	Spring 2023
Introduction to American Politics (Undergraduate)	Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant

Empirical Political Analysis (Graduate)	Spring 2023
Research in Politics (Graduate)	Fall 2022
Quantitative Research Methods for International Governance and Politics (Undergraduate)	Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2021
European Political Economy (Undergraduate)	Spring 2020
Introduction to International Studies (Undergraduate)	Fall 2018

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MIT Institute for Data, Systems, and Society (IDSS)	May - Aug 2023
Data Science and Machine Learning: Making Data Driven Decisions	

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Dissertation Fellowship	Fall 2023
Graduate School, University of Mississippi	
Travel Grant, \$200	July 2023
Political Communication Section, American Political Science Association	
Travel Grant, \$150	June 2023
American Political Science Association	
Travel Grant, \$1,000	Dec 2022
2022 Collaborative Midterm Survey NYC Data Launch and Hackathon, Cornell University	
Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, \$15,000	Oct 2022
National Science Foundation fund via American Political Science Association	
Finalist of 3-Minute Thesis Competition	Oct 2022
University of Mississippi	
Summer Research Assistantship, \$3,500 each	2020/2022
University of Mississippi	
Bhagat Scholar Award, \$2,000	2018
Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi	
Dag Hammarskjöld Journalism Fellowship (UN headquarters)	2010
Dag Hammarskjöld Fund for Journalists	
Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists	2009
US State Department and Marquette University	
International Visitor Leadership Program	2009
US State Department	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

National Science Foundation funded project titled “Varieties of Crises, Elite Responses, and Executive Approval” Summer 2023

Dr. Gregory Love, Leader Messaging Dataset Spring 2022

Dr. Jonathan Winburn, Blight Elimination Program Evaluation for Mississippi Home Corporation via Social Science Research Lab at University of Mississippi Summer 2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association

CONFERENCES

Paper Presentation

American Political Science Association 2023

Midwest Political Science Association 2023/2020

International Studies Association 2023

Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs 2019

International Studies Association - South 2019

Poster presentation

Southeast Latin American Behavior (SeLAB) Workshop 2019

SERVICE

Coordinator of Statistics Bootcamp for political science graduate students Fall 2022

Department of Political Science, University of Mississippi

Discussant 2022

Mississippi Pi Sigma Alpha Conference for Undergraduate Research

Reviewer

International Journal of Public Opinion Research

SKILLS

Computational Skills

R, Python, Stata, L^AT_EX, Unix (working knowledge)

Computing Platforms

R studio, Jupyter, Google Colab, Github (<https://github.com/acharm01>)

Quantitative Methods used in papers and capstone projects

OLS, Logistic Regression, Multi-nomial Logistic Regression, Quanteda, Rweka, Sentiment Analysis, Bag of Words approach (Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count dictionary), Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree, Random Forest, Hyperparameter Tuning, Recurrent Neural Network, Recommendation System, Webscraping

Qualitative Methods

Archival Research on rare private letters of Indian Prime Ministers

Languages

Nepali (native) and Hindi (fluent)

EMPLOYMENT

Producer/Correspondent; News Presenter/Talk show host BBC World Service and BBC Nepali	April 2013-Aug 2018
Head New Delhi Bureau, <i>Kantipur</i> and <i>The Kathmandu Post</i>	Dec 2010-April 2013
Coordinator Foreign Desk and UN affairs, <i>Radio Kantipur</i>	2006- 2010

ARTICLES IN POPULAR MEDIA

“Nepal election: The women who want to bring change.” *BBC News*, May 11, 2017.
“Indian perspective on Nepal-China relations.” *BBC Nepali*, March 24, 2016 (English summary here).
“Nepal blockade: Six ways it affects the country.” *BBC News*, Dec 12, 2015 (co-author).
”What is it about India’s behavior that Nepalis dislike?” *BBC Hindi*, Oct 1,2015 (English version here).
“Neighbourly Concerns.” *The Kathmandu Post*, October 18, 2012.
“India’s Aid Diplomacy moves up a gear” *The Kathmandu Post*, Sep 2012.
“Bilateral Ties.” *The Kathmandu Post*, April 2, 2012.
“India-China relations on an ‘upward’ trajectory.” *The Kathmandu Post*, Feb 14, 2012.

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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