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EDUCATION

Brandeis University

M.A. Candidate, Global Sustainability Policy and Management, 2025–Present
The Heller School for Social Policy and Management

University of Delhi

B.A. History Honours, 2022
Top 10% of graduating class

PUBLICATIONS

Works in Progress

“Vying for Attention: Political Opportunity and Protests in India” (with Rajkamal Singh)
Accepted at the American Political Science Association Conference, 2026

“Mediators or Mobilizers: When do agricultural cooperatives enable collective action?” (with Anushtubh Agnihotri and Pranav Gupta)
Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2026; American Political Science Association Conference, 2025; Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2025

“Boards Apart: Corporate Interlock and Philanthropic Fragmentation Among India’s Billionaires”

“Access, Not Preference: Explaining the Gendered Channels of Charitable Giving in India”

Other Selected Writings

A regenerative turn for Indian capitalism: Why the gig worker fund matters. November 2025. *The Times of India*.

Overcoming India’s trust deficit: Adapting America’s philanthropic strengths. October 2025. *The Times of India*.

Paris AI Action Summit 2025: From data to development. February 2025. *News18*. (with Abhinav Singh)

10th National Handloom Day: A call for cooperative reforms in India’s handloom sector. October 2024. *The Cooperator*.

Kerala’s AI-trained school teachers are rewriting classroom capacity. July 2024. *The Indian Express*. (with Ramanand)

2024 general elections: National leaders continue to shape ground mobilization. June 2024. *The*

Times of India.

India's new grain-storage plan: A step closer toward a stronger post-harvest infrastructure. March 2024. *The Times of India.*

India's public recruitment system is stuck in a state-incapacity trap—Can the new exam bill fix it?. February 2024. *ThePrint.* (with Anustubh Agnihotri and Pranav Gupta)

Policies and politics are vital for air-pollution mitigation. February 2024. *The Pioneer.* (with Disha Sharma)

12th Fail distorts UPSC's recruitment process. January 2024. *The Indian Express.* (with Ramanand)

CONFERENCES

APSA, Annual Meeting; 2025, 2026 (scheduled)

MPSA, Annual Meeting; 2024, 2025

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Three Minute Thesis, First Prize, Brandeis University, 2026

Jacob and Bella Thurman Award for Social Citizenship, Brandeis University, 2026

Senator, School of Social Science and Social Policy, Brandeis University, 2025–26

Rising Leaders for Inclusive & Progressive Change, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 2024

Team Up for Climate Change, First Prize, UNESCO, 2022

Fellow, Dexterity School of Leadership & Entrepreneurship, 2022

GRANTS

Don Lavoie, Mercatus Center, George Mason University (\$1,250)

Sillerman Fellowship, Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy, 2026 (\$7,500)

Heller Alumni Enrichment Fund, Brandeis University, 2026 (\$700)

Coexistence Endowed Fellowship, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, 2025 (\$48,000)

Social Sciences Research Fellowship, Center of Policy Research and Governance, 2023 (\$400)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Pamina Firchow, Associate Professor, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

Research Assistant, Feb 2026–Present

Supporting research on the Everyday Peace Indicators project in Sri Lanka through textual data analysis and paper drafting.

Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy, Brandeis University

Graduate Research Assistant, Jan 2026–Present

Building a novel dataset of philanthropic funding collaboratives across the United States to study multistakeholder governance and coordination in consortium-based funding models through a large-scale survey.

Anustubh Agnihotri, Assistant Professor, Ashoka University

Research Assistant, Apr 2023–May 2025

Contributed to research on the political economy of environmental clearances in India, including dataset construction and mixed-methods analysis.

Pranav Gupta, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

Research Assistant, Apr 2023–May 2025

Supported research on Hindutva and religious politics in India through data collection & dataset construction, literature review, and analysis support.

Prof. Pradeep Chhibber, University of California, Berkeley

Research Coordinator, May 2024–June 2024

Assisted research on electoral campaigning during the Indian General Elections 2024; managed field staff, prepared survey schedules, and analyzed qualitative data.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Racial Justice and Technology Policy, Jan 2026–Present

Program Administrator; Waltham, MA

Center of Policy Research and Governance, Dec 2022–May 2025

Project Associate; New Delhi, India

Vivekananda Institute of Values (Ramakrishna Mission), Oct 2021–Dec 2022

Vivekananda Fellow; Punjab, India

SKILLS

Language: Hindi (Professional/Native Fluency), Urdu (Spoken)

Computing: R, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX, Excel, Agentic AI