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EDUCATION

2018-	Ph.D. Political Science, Stanford University , <i>Stanford, CA</i> Subfields: <i>Methodology, Comparative Politics</i>
2017-2018	M.A. Economics, University of British Columbia , <i>Vancouver, BC</i> Thesis: <i>Institutional Persistence and Demographics in South Asia</i>
2011-2015	B.A. Economics, Political Science, Williams College , <i>Williamstown, MA</i> Thesis: <i>The Political Economy of Voting Behaviour and Migration: Nepal (1999-2010)</i>
2011	A-Levels, <i>Rato Bangala School, Kathmandu, Nepal</i>

EMPLOYMENT

09/2018 -	Research Assistant, Professor Justin Grimmer , <i>Stanford University, Stanford, CA</i>
09/2017 - 08/2018	Research Consultant, Seto Lab , <i>Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Remote</i>
10/2017- 08/2018	Research Assistant, Professor Joshua Gottlieb , <i>UBC, Vancouver, BC</i>
07/2015 - 07/2017	Statistical Programmer, Acumen, LLC / The Sphere Institute , <i>Burlingame, CA</i>
01/2015 - 01/2016	Research Assistant, Professor Anand Swamy , <i>Williams College, Williamstown, MA</i>

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy • Applied Econometrics • Political Methodology • Development • Comparative Politics

SKILLS

Programming	Python, Julia, Fortran, Matlab, C/C++, CUDA
Statistical Packages	R, Stata, SAS, Tableau, Stan
Markup / Viz	LaTeX, Markdown, Pandoc, D3, Shiny
Geo-spatial	ArcGIS, QGIS, GDAL, GRASS
OS	Unix (Bash/Zsh/TCsh), FreeBSD, CMD/Powershell(Windows)
Languages	English, Nepali, Hindi, Maithili, Bhojpuri, French

PAPERS

Working Papers

1. [Lal, A.](#), “*Institutional Persistence and Modern Day Demographics in North India*”

Work in Progress

5. *Electoral Competition and Bureaucratic Performance in India* with [Saad Gulzar](#) and [Guo Xu](#)
4. *Electoral Quotas and Natural Resource Use* with [Saad Gulzar](#) and Ben Pasquale
3. *Pre-Analysis Plans and Empirical Practice in the Social Sciences* with [Justin Grimmer](#)
2. “*Conflict dynamics and contagion in guerilla conflict: an examination of the Nepalese Civil War*”

1. *The value of measuring and mapping montane urbanization* with Karen Seto, Eli Fenichel, and Yukiko Hashida

Proceedings / Policy Papers

2. Nagavarapu S., N. Panikashvili, **A. Lal**, B. Luo, M. Cozen. “*Access to Durable Medical Equipment for Medicare and Medicaid Dual Enrollees*”, prepared for Medicare and Medicaid Coordination Office, Center for Medicare and Medicaid, Department of Health & Human Services, October 2016
1. **Lal, A.**, M. Samson, R. Ndoro. “*A Feasibility Assessment of Options to Strengthen the Developmental Impact of the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) Social Grants Payment System*” - Submitted to the South African Social Security Agency, EPRI Working Paper, July 2014

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University

Fellow, St. John’s College, University of British Columbia (2017-18)

Highest Honours, Williams College (2015)

Class of 1960 Scholar, Economics Department, Williams College (2013-2015)

Kershaw Fellowship in Public Policy, Economics, Williams College (2014)

Williams College Dean’s List (2012-2015)

Robert G. Wilmers Memorial Research Fellowship (2013)

James R. & Harriet W. Dunbar Scholarship at Williams College (2011-2015)

Outstanding Learners Award (Highest Marks in the World in English Literature), Cambridge International Examinations (2011)

TEACHING

Spring 2018		ECON 102 (Introductory Macroeconomics), UBC , TA for Prof Cheryl Fu
Fall 2017		ECON 101 (Introductory Microeconomics), UBC , TA for Prof Nisha Malhotra
Spring 2015		ECON 516 (International Trade), Williams College , TA for Prof Will Olney

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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