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## TARIQ THACHIL

- APPOINTMENTS** Vanderbilt University, 2016-present.  
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2016- present.  
Affiliate, Asian Studies Program, 2016-present.  
Affiliate, Center for Study of Democratic Institutions, 2017- present.
- Yale University, 2010-2016.  
Promoted to Associate Professor of Political Science and South Asian Studies (without tenure, 2/2016).  
Peter Strauss Family Assistant Professor (2015-2016).  
*Awarded to one untenured faculty across Arts & Sciences for distinguished research.*  
Assistant Professor of Political Science and South Asian Studies (2010-2015).  
Director of Undergraduate Studies, South Asian Studies (2011-12, 2014-15).  
Associate, Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies.
- EDUCATION** Cornell University, Ph.D. in government. 2009.  
- Gabriel Almond Award, for best dissertation in comparative politics American Political Science Association (2010).  
- Sardar Patel Prize for best dissertation on modern India in the humanities or social sciences, UCLA Center for South Asia (2010).  
- Esman Prize for best Government department dissertation, Cornell University (2010).  
Cornell University, M.A. in government. 2007.  
Stanford University. B.A. in economics. 2003.
- BOOK** Thachil, Tariq. 2014. *Elite Parties, Poor Voters: How Social Services Win Votes in India*. Cambridge University Press (Studies in Comparative Politics series).  
- Gregory Luebbert Award for best book in comparative politics, American Political Science Association (2015).  
- Leon Epstein Award for best book on political organizations and parties (2015).  
- Gaddis Smith Prize for best first book on an international topic by Yale faculty (2015).

**Book Reviews:** *Perspectives on Politics, Journal of Politics, Journal of Asian Studies, Critical Asian Studies, Foreign Affairs, Studies in Indian Politics.*

**Book-related Media:** *Outlook, Deccan Herald, Scroll.*

**REFEREED  
ARTICLES**

Thachil, Tariq. 2017. "Improving Surveys Through Ethnography: Insights from India's Urban Periphery." Forthcoming, ***Studies in Comparative International Development***.

Thachil, Tariq and Milan Vaishnav. "The Strategic and Moral Imperatives of Local Engagement: Reflections on India." Forthcoming, ***PS: Political Science & Politics***.

Thachil, Tariq. 2017. "Do Rural Migrants Divide Ethnically in the City? Ethnographic and Experimental Evidence From India." ***American Journal of Political Science***, 61, 4 (October): 908-926.

Featured in *Livemint*.

Thachil, Tariq (first author) and Emmanuel Teitelbaum. 2015. "Ethnic Parties and Public Spending in the Indian States." ***Comparative Political Studies***, 48, 11 (September): 1389-1420.

Thachil, Tariq. 2014. "Elite Parties and Poor Voters: Theory and Evidence from India." ***American Political Science Review***. 108 (May): 454-477.

Thachil, Tariq. 2011. "Embedded Mobilization: Nonstate Service Provision as Electoral Strategy in India." ***World Politics***, 63 (July): 434-469.

Featured in the *Wall Street Journal's* '[India Realtime](#)' blog, and *Business Standard*.

Thachil, Tariq. 2009. "Neoliberalism's Two Faces in Asia: Globalization, Educational Policies, and Religious Schooling in India, Pakistan and Malaysia." ***Comparative Politics***, 41 (July): 473-494.

Thachil, Tariq (first author) and Ronald Herring. 2008. "Poor Choices: dealignment, development and Dalit/Adivasi voting patterns in Indian states." ***Contemporary South Asia***, 16 (December): 441-64.

**WORKING  
PAPERS**

Thachil, Tariq and Adam Auerbach. "How Clients Select Brokers: Who Becomes a Slum Leader in India?" (Revise & Resubmit).

Featured in *Livemint, Hindu Business Line, India in Transition*.

Thachil, Tariq. "Does Urban Police Repression Increase Cooperation Between Rural Migrants? A Study of Informal Urban Marketplaces in India."

Thachil, Tariq and Adam Auerbach. “Who Do Political Brokers Serve? Reputational Politics in India’s Slums.”

Featured in *India in Transition*, *Hindu Business Line*.

**BOOK IN  
PROGRESS**

Thachil, Tariq and Adam Auerbach. *Migrants and Machines: Reputational Politics in India’s Slums*.

**AWARDS AND  
GRANTS**

2015 Luebbert Award for best book in comparative politics, American Political Science Association.

2015 Leon Epstein Award for best book on political organizations and parties, American Political Science Association.

2015 Gaddis Smith Prize for best first book by Yale faculty, Macmillan Center (\$10,000).

2015 Macmillan Faculty Research Grant for “Capability, Connectivity, Co-Ethnicity: Who Becomes a Slum Leader in Urban India?” (\$15,000).

2015, Named by *Open Magazine*, as one of 31 Open Minds: ‘men and women in India whose dedication to their expertise is beyond dispute’.

2014 Macmillan Faculty Research Grant for “Does State Repression Divide or Unite Internal Migrants?” (\$14,000).

2013 Macmillan Faculty Research Grant for “Do Internal Migrants Divide or Unite Across Ethnic Lines?” (\$15,000).

2010 Gabriel A. Almond Award for best dissertation in the field of comparative politics, American Political Science Association (\$750).

2010 Sardar Patel Award for best dissertation on modern India in the humanities, education, fine arts, or social sciences, UCLA Center for India and South Asia (\$10,000).

2010 Milton J. Esman Prize for best dissertation, Government Department, Cornell University (\$2000).

International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council. 2007-08 (\$25,000).

2006 -2009 Walter Lafeber Grant for Collaborative Research, Cornell University (\$8000).

2007 Dissertation Research Grant, Graduate School, Cornell University (\$5000).

Walter Lafeber Prize for Teaching Excellence, Cornell University. 2006-2007.

Einaudi Center International Research Grant, Cornell University. 2007.  
(\$5000).

Sage Fellowship, Cornell University. 2004-2005.

## REVIEWS

Thachil, Tariq. 2015. "Melani Cammett and Lauren MacLean, The Politics of Non-State Social Welfare." Forthcoming, *Perspectives on Politics*.

Thachil, Tariq. 2011. "Christophe Jaffrelot and Sanjay Kumar, Rise of the Plebians." *Pacific Affairs*, 84 (September): 592-4.

## COMMENTARY

Thachil, Tariq. 2017. "Do rural migrants favor caste or class in the city?" *Livemint*, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Thachil, Tariq and Adam Auerbach. 2016. "India's Slum Leaders: Part 1". *India in Transition*, published by the University of Pennsylvania.

Thachil, Tariq and Adam Auerbach. 2016. "India's Slum Leaders: Part 2". *India in Transition*, published by the University of Pennsylvania.

Thachil, Tariq. 2014. 'The People Tree Needs Deep Roots.' *Outlook*.

Thachil, Tariq. 2014. 'Facing Off.' *Caravan*.

Media mention: Financial Times

Nominated for Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Award.

Thachil, Tariq. 2014. "Counting on cities." *Indian Express*.

Thachil, Tariq. 2013. "The strength of a leader." *Indian Express*.

Thachil, Tariq. 2013. "Is Indian Politics Populist?" *Indian Express*.

Thachil, Tariq. 2013. "Can Hindutva Win Votes?" *Indian Express*.

Thachil, Tariq. 2012. "The Shadow in the Middle." *Indian Express*.

Thachil, Tariq. 2010. "Do Policies Matter in Indian Elections?", *India in Transition*, published by the University of Pennsylvania.

## INVITED TALKS

**2018:** *University of Virginia* (Scheduled).

**2017:** *University of Minnesota* (Political Science), *MIT* (Political Science, scheduled), *Northwestern University* (Political Science), *University of Washington* (Simpson Center for Humanities), *McGill University*, *Columbia* (Political Science), *University of Washington* (Political Science and South Asian Studies), *IGIDR* (Mumbai).

**2016** (including scheduled): *Harvard* (Government Department), *Duke* (Political Science Department), *MIT* (Political Science Department), *Center for Policy Research* (New Delhi), *Carnegie Institute* (2), *New School for Social Research* (China-India Colloquium).

**2015:** *Stanford University* (Political Science) *Vanderbilt University* (Political Science), *Duke University* (Summer School, Udaipur, India), *University of California-Berkeley* (Political Science), *University of California-Berkeley* (India Politics Workshop), *Yale University* (South Asian Studies Council), *Princeton University* (Political Science), *University of Pennsylvania* (Center for Advanced Study of India), *Yale University* (Political Science), *Columbia University* (South Asia Institute), *University of Chicago* (Political Science), *University of Chicago* (South Asia Elections Roundtable).

**2014:** *Duke University* (Sanford School), *Brown University* (Watson Institute for International Affairs), *Princeton University* (South Asia Program), *Johns Hopkins* (School of International Affairs). *University of Pennsylvania* (Center for Advanced Study of India).

**2013.** *Juan March Institute*, Madrid.

**2012:** *Amherst College* (Political Science), *Columbia University* (Political Science), *University of Pennsylvania* (Political Science).

**2011:** *Amherst College*, (South Asia), *Columbia University* (South Asia Program), *Yale University* (Program on Democracy).

**2010:** *Brown University* (Watson Institute for International Affairs), *Yale University* (Leitner Political Economy Conference), *Yale University* (Political Science), *RAND* (Summit on Indo-US Relations), *Yale University* (Ethnography and Social Theory Seminar), *Yale University* (South Asia Brown Bag).

**2009:** *Dartmouth College* (Political Science), *University of Chicago* (Political Science), *University of Maryland* (Political Science), *University of Toronto* (Political Science), *Yale University* (Political Science), *School of Oriental and African Studies* (Department of Politics), *Cornell University* (Peace Studies Program), *Cornell University* (South Asia Program).

## CONFERENCES

PRESENTATIONS (including scheduled):

American Political Science Association (2016, 2015, 2014, 2011, 2010), Annual South Asia Conference (2016, 2015, 2014, 2009, 2008), Social Science History Association (2010), Midwest Political Science Association (2010), Association for Asian Studies (2010), International Studies Association (2010), Midwest Political Science Association (2009), European Social Science History Conference (2008), British Association of South Asian Studies Conference (2007), Conference on Religious and Social Fragmentation in South Asia, Cornell University (2006).

PARTICIPATION (Chair/Discussant):

Modern South Asia Workshop (2015), American Political Science Association

(2015, 2014), Conference on Urban India (Mysore, 2012). Institute for Advanced Study, Shimla (2012), Book Workshop for Amrita Basu, Amherst College (2012), Workshop for Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, Brown University (2011), Yale University, Agrarian Studies Workshop (2011). Yale University, Conference on Rural Modernities (2011), American Political Science Association (2011).

## TEACHING

### **Vanderbilt University**

#### *Graduate*

Research in Comparative Analysis (2016-17)

Identity Politics (2017-18)

#### *Undergraduate*

Development in South Asia (2016-17, 2017-18)

### **Yale University**

#### *Graduate*

Comparative Politics Field Seminar (2014-15)

Political Parties in the Developing World 2011-12, 2012-13.

#### *Undergraduate*

Development in South Asia (2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2014-15).

Indian Democracy in Comparative Perspective (2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-2016).

Democracy in South Asia (2010-2011).

Social Movements in India (2009-2010).

#### *Dissertation Committees:*

Madhavi Devasher (Princeton University Postdoc, University of New Hampshire-tenure track).

Shivaji Mukherjee (University of Toronto-tenure track).

Paul Kenny (Australian National University-tenure track).

Selim Erdem Aytac (Koc University, Istanbul-tenure track).

Luis Schiumerini (Oxford University postdoc, Notre Dame-tenure track).

Niloufer Siddiqui (SUNY-Albany postdoc).

*Dissertation External Reader.* Lihi Ben Shitrit (2012), Leonid Peisakhin (2012), Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl (2012).

*Undergraduate Advising:* 24 senior essays advised

*Nominated for Poorve Prize in Interdisciplinary Teaching by South Asian Studies Council*

## SERVICE

### **Discipline**

2018, Reviewer, International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council.

2018, Selection Committee, Heinz Eulu Prize for best article published in the *American Political Science Review*.

2018, Co-Division Chair, APSA Comparative Politics of Developing Countries.

2017 Prize Committee, Luebbert Award for Best Book in Comparative Politics.

2015-18. Board Member, APSA Urban and Local Politics Section

### **Vanderbilt University**

#### **2017-18**

University Search Committee (Global Studies Director)

Department Faculty Review Committee (1)

Co-Director, Comparative Politics Speaker Series

Department Faculty Workshop Coordinator

Department Search Committee

#### **2016-17:**

University Planning Committee on Global Studies Major

Department Faculty Review Committee (1)

Co-Director, Comparative Politics Speaker Series

### **Yale University**

#### **2015-16:**

Co-director, Comparative Politics Workshop.

Faculty Search Committee, Chinese Politics.

#### **2014-15:**

Director of Undergraduate Studies, South Asian Studies.

Selection Committee, Comparative Politics Senior Essay Prize, Department of Political Science.

Comparative A-Exam Committee, Department of Political Science.

Comparative Politics Teaching Coordinator, Department of Political Science.

Selection Committee, MacMillan Center Dissertation Yearlong Fellowships.

Selection Committee, MacMillan Center Graduate Summer Fellowships.

Selection Committee, Fox Fellowship.

Selection Committee, Senior Essay Prize, South Asian Studies Council.

Selection Committee, Summer Travel Awards, South Asian Studies Council.

Selection Committee, Language Awards, South Asian Studies Council.

Selection Committee, Rustogi Awards, South Asian Studies Council.

**2012-13:**

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science (Diversity Representative).

**2011-12:**

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science.  
Co-director, Comparative Politics Workshop.  
Comparative A-Exam Committee, Department of Political Science.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, South Asian Studies Council.  
Selection Committee, Summer Travel Awards, South Asian Studies Council.  
Selection Committee, South Asian Studies Council, Postdoctoral Fellowships.  
Co-organizer, Conference on Indian Democracy, Institute for Advanced Study, Shimla.

**2010-2011:**

Selection Committee, South Asian Postdoctoral Fellowships.  
Co-organizer, Modern South Asia Workshop, Yale University.  
Co-organizer, Conference on “Indian Democracy: Its Economic, Political and Cultural Dimensions”, South Asian Studies Council, Yale University.

Member, Yale Program on Democracy 2010-2016.

Member, Executive Council, South Asian Studies Council 2010-2016.

**EDITORIAL  
BOARD**

Cambridge University Press, Studies in Comparative Politics Series.

**REVIEWER**

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, Commonwealth and Comparative Politics, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Politics, Oxford University Press, PS: Political Science and Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Studies in Comparative International Development, World Politics, Yale University Press.*