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Education

Ph.D. Political Economy and Public Policy, University of Southern California, 2000
M.A. Economics, University of Southern California, 2000
M.A. Political Science, University of South Florida, 1992
B.A. Political Science, University of Florida, 1989

Employment Experience

Fall 2018- Present **Professor, Georgetown University**
Government Department

Spring 2014- Spring 2018 **Associate Professor, Georgetown University**
Government Department

Fall 2008- Fall 2013 **Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh**
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA)

Fall 2001- Fall 2008 **Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh**
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA)

Summer 07 - present **Consultant, World Bank** (Social Development Department)
Operational travel to Andhra Pradesh which included interaction with the client, interviews with stakeholders, data collection, research and development of political economy reports.

Fall 2006- Summer 07 **Social Development Specialist, World Bank** (CFR Fellowship)
Operational travel to Bangladesh which included interaction with clients, interviews with stakeholders, data analysis, research and development of social development reports.

Spring 2000 **Adjunct Professor, Occidental College**

Fall 1999- Spring 2000 **University of California- San Diego, Visiting Scholar**

Spring 1993 **Adjunct Professor, USF**

Books

A Democratic Dilemma? International Trade and Government Revenues in Developing Countries (with Ida Bastiaens) **Cambridge University Press** (2019).

Who Really Gets Hurt? Globalization and the Race to the Bottom in Developing Countries. **Cambridge University Press** (2008).

Edited Books and Special Issues of Journals

“Globalization Backlash: Exploring New Perspectives” (with Ed Mansfield and Helen Milner). *Comparative Political Studies* (2021).

Political Economy of the BRICS Countries. (with Ed Mansfield). **World Scientific Publishing Co** (2020).

“Social Protection in the Developing World Challenges, Continuity, and Change.” *Politics & Society* (2015) 43(4), 463-470.

“Globalization and the Politics of Natural Resources”. *Comparative Political Studies* (with Nathan Jensen) (2011).

Articles

"Trade as Villain: Belief in the American Dream and Declining Support for Globalization." (with Cameron Ballard-Rosa and Judith Goldstein). *Journal of Politics*. (2023)

“Globalization Backlash in Developing Countries: Broadening the Research Agenda” (with Irfan Nooruddin and Niccolò W. Bonifai). *Comparative Political Studies* (2021).

“Embedded Liberalism in the Digital Era” (with Edward Mansfield). *International Organization* (2021) 75 (2), 558-585.

“FDI and Willingness to Support the Poor in Developing Countries” (with Sera Linardi). *Comparative Political Studies* (2020).

[Winner of the James Caporaso Best Paper Award, 2021].

"David and Goliath? Small Developing Countries, Large Emerging Markets and South-South Trade Agreements." (with Daniela Donno). *International Studies Quarterly* (2019).

“Trade, Poverty and Social Protection in Developing Countries” (with Raj Desai). *European Journal of Political Economy* (2018) 60.

“Poverty, and the Politics of Potable Water Access” (with Meir Alkon and Siddharth Joshi). *Economics and Politics* (2018) 30(3), 366-393.

“When Does Globalization Help the Poor?” (with Jennifer Tobin). *Annual Review of Political Science* (2017) 20, 287-307.

“Trade, Politics, and the Poor: Is Sen Right and Bhagwati Wrong?” (with Daniel Tirone). *Studies in Comparative International Development* (2017), 1-22.

"Trade Liberalization and the Challenges of Revenue Mobilization: Can International Financial Institutions Make a Difference?" (with Ida Bastiaens). *Review of International Political Economy* (2016) 23(2), 261-289.

"Globalization and the Political Benefits of the Informal Economy" (with Helen Milner). *International Studies Review* (2015) 17(4), 664-669.

“Globalization, Politics, and the Poor.” (with Kristen Skillman). *International Studies Review* (2015) 17(4), 662-664.

“Are Developing Countries Really Defying the Embedded Liberalism Hypothesis?” (with Irfan Nooruddin). *World Politics* (2014) 66(4), 603-640.

“Reassessing the Links Between Regime Type and Economic Performance: Why Some Authoritarian Regimes Show Stable Growth and Others Do Not.” (with Siddharth Chandra). *British Journal of Political Science* (2014) 45(2), 253-285.

“To Fear or Not to Fear? BRICs and the Developing World” (with Daniela Donno). *International Studies Review* (2014) 16(3), 447-452.

“Openness and the Politics of Potable Water.” *Comparative Political Studies* (2011) 44(6), 771-803.

“Why International Organizations Should Bring Basic Needs Back In.” *International Studies Perspective* (2009) 10(2), 129-150.

“Welfare Regimes in Developing Countries: Unique or Universal?” *Journal of Politics* (2007) 69(2), 378-396.

“Globalization and the Strengthening of Democracy in the Developing World.” *American Journal of Political Science* (2005) 49(4), 704-730.

“Globalization, Democracy and Effective Welfare Spending in Developing Countries.” (with Stephan Haggard). *Comparative Political Studies* (2005) 38(9), 1015-1049.

“Are Workers in the Developing World ‘Winners’ or ‘Losers’ in the Current Era of Globalization?” *Studies in Comparative International Development* (2005) 40(3), 29-64.

“Openness, Welfare Spending, and Inequality in the Developing World.” *International Studies Quarterly* (2004) 48(3), 683-709.

“Globalization and the Decline of the Welfare State in Less Developed Countries,” *International Organization* (2002) 56(2), 411-445.

[Reprinted in John G. Ruggie, *Embedding Global Markets: An Enduring Challenge*, Hampshire, UK: Ashgate Publishing Ltd, 2008.]

Chapters in Books

“Reassessing the Relationship between Globalization and Welfare: Welfare Spending and International Competitiveness in Less Developed Countries” (2002) in *Coping with Globalization*. Steve Chan and James Scaritt (eds). Frank Cass Publications.

Articles (non-peer reviewed)

“The Hidden Threat to Globalization Why the Developing World Is Turning Against Free Trade” .December 3, 2021 (with Niccolo Bonifai and Irfan Noorudding) [*Foreign Affairs*](#).

“Trade, poverty, and social protection in developing countries”. 2016. (with Raj Desai) WIDER Working Paper 2016/139. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.

“Decentralization & Local Governance in Bangladesh: An Analysis of Stakeholder Perspectives.” 2007 (with Shonali Sardesai) Social Development Department, The World Bank.

“Political Analysis of Decentralization: Capturing the Stakeholder Perspective Lessons Learned from the Bangladesh Study.” 2009. *Social Development Notes*. Social Analysis and Social Policy. World Bank, 118.

Articles in Progress and Under Review

“Globalization, Informal Workers and the Missing Mass Support for Labor Market Reform in India and Mexico’ With Andy Baker.

“FDI and the Politics of Informality” with Helen Milner and S.P. Harish.

Fellowships and Awards

Woodrow Wilson Fellow. Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars (2019-2020)

Senior Researcher Fulbright Award to India . Awarded by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. August 2010-April 2011.

International Affairs Fellowship. Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). 2005-6.

Carl Beck Award, International Studies Association. Best Graduate Paper, January 2000.

Finalist for Weather head Center for International Affairs Area Studies Fellowship, Harvard University, January 2000.

Teaching Interests

International Political Economy, International Relations, Comparative Political Economy, Political Economy of Development, Comparative Welfare Policy (includes health, education, social security, labor market protections), Globalization and States/Domestic Politics, Politics of Inequality.

Research Interests

Anti-Globalization backlash; political and societal impacts of automation, North-South issues including the political economy of trade and capital flows; analyzing broad principles of institutional design (related to distribution issues) in developing countries; the consequences of globalization on states and domestic politics; interregional comparisons of social policies (health, education, etc) and international market effect; democratization; the political economy of inequality; integration of qualitative and quantitative research methods.

Other Professional Activities

Board Member: International Organization, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science.

Led and organized international conferences in US, India, Italy, South Africa.
<https://nitarudra.com/organized-conferences/> (2008- present)

Program Coordinator, International Studies Association (2020- 2021).

Steering Committee Member: International Political Economy Society (IPES) (2012-2017).

Director, International Political Economy Colloquium (IPEC), 2011- 2013.

IPE section chair for APSA (2013).

Political Economy Section Executive Committee (2011-present).

Sage Award Committee, APSA (2012-2013)

External Peer Reviewer for the World Bank (2010-present)