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EMPLOYMENT

AUGUST 2023 – PRESENT

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY IMPERIAL VALLEY |
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AUGUST 2017 – JULY 2023

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STUDIES,
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

AUGUST 2014 – JULY 2017

LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
KNOXVILLE, TN

EDUCATION

2014

PH.D., POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE, TN

International Relations, Comparative Politics, Methodology
Committee: Dr. Brandon Prins (Chair), Dr. Wonjae Hwang

2008

M.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE, APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY
BOONE, NC

1989

M.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
SILIGURI, WB, INDIA

1986

B.A. (HONS) POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
SILIGURI, WB, INDIA

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- International Security, Conflict Processes
- Terrorism, Insurgency, Civil War, Interstate War
- Contentious Politics and Social Movement
- Territorial Conflict (Intrastate and Interstate)
- Intrastate and Interstate Conflict in South Asia, Politics and Govt. in India
- State Weakness

EDITED VOLUME

E. Ike Udogu and **Sambuddha Ghatak**. (Eds.). *Human Rights Dilemmas in the Developing World: The Case of Marginalized Populations at Risk*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books (2017).

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Ghatak, Sambuddha and Suveyda Karakaya. "Terrorists as Rebels: Territorial Goals, Oil Resources and Civil War Onset in Terrorism." *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Vol. 17, Issue 1 (2021), 86–105.

Ghatak, Sambuddha, Aaron Gold and Brandon C. Prins. "Domestic Terrorism in Democratic States: The Important Role Played by Grievances." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 63, No. 2 (2019) 439-467.

Ghatak, Sambuddha, "The Role of Political Exclusion and State Capacity in Civil Conflict in South Asia." *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 30, No. 1 (2018): 74-96.

Ghatak, Sambuddha and Aaron Gold. "Development, Discrimination, and Domestic Terrorism: Looking Beyond a Linear Relationship." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Vol. 34 No. 6 (2017): 618–639.

Ghatak, Sambuddha and Brandon C. Prins. "Homegrown Threat: State Strength, Grievance and Domestic Terrorism." *International Interactions*, Vol. 43, No. 2 (2017): 217–247.

Prins, Brandon C., Krista Wiegand, **Sambuddha Ghatak** and Aaron Gold. "Managing Territorial Conflict: Introduction to Special Issue." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Vol. 34, No. 2 (2017): 121–125.

Ghatak, Sambuddha, Aaron Gold and Brandon C. Prins. "External Threat and the Limits of Democratic Pacifism." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* Vol. 34, No. 2 (2017): 141–159.

Ghatak, Sambuddha. "Challenging the State: Effect of Minority Discrimination, Globalization, and Democracy on Domestic Terrorism." *International Interactions*, Vol. 42, No. 1 (2016): 56–80.

Ghatak, Sambuddha, "Willingness and Opportunity: A Study of Domestic Terrorism in post-Cold War South Asia," *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (2016): 274 296.

Ghatak, Sambuddha and E. Ike Udogu, "Human Rights Issues of Minorities in Contemporary India: A Concise Analysis," *Journal of Third World Studies*, Vol. XXIX, No. 1 (Spring 2012): 203-230.

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BOOK CHAPTERS

Ghatak, Sambuddha. “Human Rights Violations of Minorities in South-East Asia: Indonesia and Malaysia,” in E. Ike Udogu and Sambuddha Ghatak (eds.), Human Rights Dilemmas in the Developing World: The Case of Marginalized Populations at Risk. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books (2017): 91-119.

Ghatak, Sambuddha and E. Ike Udogu. “Human Rights Issues of Minorities in Contemporary India: A Concise Analysis,” in E. Ike Udogu and Sambuddha Ghatak (eds.), Human Rights Dilemmas in the Developing World: The Case of Marginalized Populations at Risk. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books (2017): 31-60.

Ghatak, Sambuddha and E. Ike Udogu. “Minority Quandaries and Jihadist Terrorism in India, 1985-2013: An Overview,” in E. Ike Udogu and Sambuddha Ghatak (eds.), Human Rights Dilemmas in the Developing World: The Case of Marginalized Populations at Risk. Lanham, MD Lexington Books (2017): 121-178.

Ghatak, Sambuddha. “Gender Marginalization: A Discourse on the Status of Women in South Asia,” in E. Ike Udogu (ed.), The Developing World: Critical Issues in Politics and Society. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press/Rowman and Littlefield Group (2012): 69-93.

BOOK REVIEW AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Prins, Brandon C., **Sambuddha Ghatak** and Aaron Gold, “Domestic Terrorism in Democratic States: The Important Role Played by Grievances.” Political Violence @ a Glance, September 17, 2015 available at <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2015/09/17/domesticterrorism-in-democratic-states-the-important-role-played-by-grievances/>

Ghatak, Sambuddha, Aaron Gold and Brandon C. Prins, “What’s So Important About Territorial Disputes in International Relations?” Political Violence @ a Glance, September 21, 2016 available at <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2016/09/21/whats-so-important-aboutterritorial-disputes-in-international-relations/>

Ghatak, Sambuddha and E. Ike Udogu. Review of Bonny Ibhawoh. ‘Imperialism and Human Rights: Colonial Discourses of Rights and Liberties in African History.’ State University of New York Press, 2007. Published in Journal of African and Asian Studies, Volume 7 no. 2-3 (2008): 309-313.

MAUSCRIPT UNDER REVIEW

Ghatak, Sambuddha. “Taming the Beast: Democratic Institutions and Terrorist Groups’ Involvement in Civil War.”

WORKING PAPERS

Ghatak, Sambuddha. “Strategic Logic of Intrastate Conflict: Role of State Capacity in Rebels’ Calculation of Strategy Selection.”

Ghatak, Sambuddha. “Strategic Logic of Suicide Attacks Revisited: Trends and Patterns.”

TEACHING INTERESTS

International Security, Terrorism, Intrastate and Interstate Conflict, Insurgency, Civil War, Contentious Politics and Social Movement, Populism and White Supremacy in North America, Political Violence and Religious Nationalism in the South Asian Region, State Weakness, Research Methods

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Instructor of Record:

San Jose State University

- Terrorism and Security (JS 123): Fall 2017, 2022, Spring 2018, Summer 2018, 2022
- Research Methods (JS 114): Fall 2017, Spring 2018, 2022 Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Deviance and Justice (JS157): Fall 2021
- Global Terrorism (JS 270): Summer 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 (**Graduate**)
- International Human Rights (JS 271): Fall 2018 (**Graduate**)
- Global and Local Human Rights (JS 212): Spring 2019 (**Graduate**)
- Issues of Injustice-Race in the USA (JS 211): Spring 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 (**Graduate**)
- Research Methods (JS 202): Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 (**Graduate**)
- Seminar on Contentious Politics/Social Movement (JS 214): Fall 2019 (**Graduate**)

University of Tennessee

- Conflict in South Asian Region (POLS 479): Fall 2015.
- Politics of South Asian Nations (POLS 455): Spring 2012, Spring 2015.
- Terrorism (POLS 370): Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2017.
- Conflict Processes (POLS 472): Fall 2014, Fall 2015.
- Introduction to International Relations (POLS 265): Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015.
- American Government and Politics – Honors (POLS 107); Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2017.
- Introduction to Political Science (POLS 102): Spring 2011 (2 sections), Fall 2010 (2 sections), Summer 2013, Fall 2013 (2 sections), Spring 2014 (2 sections).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

2020

“Taming the Beast: Democratic Institutions and Terrorist Groups’ Involvement in Civil War.” Presented in American Political Science Association Conference, Zoom, September 22, 2020.

“BJP Policies and Terrorism in India.” Invited Research Presentation at the India Center, University of Central Florida, October 29, 2020.

2018

“Raising a False Alarm? An Empirical Analysis of Refugee Flows and Domestic Terrorism. (Revised).” (With Hemant Sharma and Gabriella Larose) Presented in Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2018.

2017

“Threat, Territorial Dispute and Transnational Terrorism: An Analysis.” (With Brandon Prins and Aaron Gold) Presented in International Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, February 23, 2017.

“Raising a False Alarm? An Empirical Analysis of Refugee Flows and Domestic Terrorism.” (With Hemant Sharma) Presented in Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, At New Orleans, LA, January 12, 2017.

“Internally Displaced Populations and Terrorism: A Curvilinear Relationship.” (With Esteban Doria) Presented in Annual Conference, At New Orleans, LA, January 12, 2017.

2016

“Ethnic Exclusion and Terrorism: Re-evaluating the Conventional Model.” (With Aaron Gold) Presented in International Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, March 17, 2016.

“Strategic Logic of Intrastate Conflict: Role of Political Exclusion and State Capacity in Intrastate Conflict.” (With Anup Kumar Datta) Presented in International Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, March 16, 2016.

2015

“Democracy, Discrimination and Domestic Terrorism: An Analysis.” (With Brandon Prins and Aaron Gold) Presented in Peace Science Society International Conference, Oxford, Mississippi, November 13, 2015.

“Reevaluating Regime Type Effects when Controlling for Territorial Claims, Rivalry, and Contiguity.” (with Aaron Gold and Brandon Prins) Presented in Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center of Public Policy Conference on “Territory and Political Violence”, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, June 5, 2015.

“Democracy and Terrorism: Rethinking the Conventional Model on Regime Type and Domestic Terrorism.” (with Aaron Gold) Presented in ISA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 20, 2015.

“Challenging the State: Minority Discrimination, Development, and Domestic Terrorism.” (with Aaron Gold) Presented in ISA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 20, 2015.

2014

“Grievances and Opportunities of Domestic Terrorism.” (with Dr. Brandon C. Prins) Presented at Peace Science Society International Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 10, 2014.

Invited speaker in the Baker Center Global Security Series Lecture “Minority Economic Discrimination, Democracy and Domestic Terrorism.” Organized by Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center of Public Policy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. August 29, 2014.

“State Fragility and Domestic Terrorism: How State Weakness and War Interact to Produce Higher Levels of Domestic Terrorism.” (with Dr. Brandon C. Prins) Presented at ISA Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, March 28, 2014.

2013

“Economic Openness and Domestic Terrorism: Rethinking the Liberal Model.” Presented at Peace Science Society International Conference, Knoxville, TN, October 25, 2013.

“Challenging the State: Evaluating the Effects of Uneven Distribution of Public Goods, Economic Globalization and Democratization on Domestic Terrorism 1990-2007.” Presented at the PSS-ISA Joint Conference, Budapest, Hungary, June 28, 2013.

Invited speaker in panel discussion on “War on Terror and relations between the US and the Muslim world after 9/11.” Organized by UT Institute of Nuclear Security. April 24, 2013 in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

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“Willingness and Opportunity: A Study of Domestic Terrorism in Post-Cold War World.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL, April 13, 2013 (With Ali Brewer).

“Challenging the Leviathan: A Study of Domestic Terrorism in South Asia” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL, April 12, 2013.

“Terrorism in post-Cold War Indian Subcontinent: An Empirical Analysis.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Kentucky Political Science Association (KPSA), Lexington, KY, March 01, 2013.

2012

“Democratic Consolidation and Status of Women in Society: A Comparative Study of regime Types in Terms of Women’s Status in Present Day World.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL, April 14, 2012 (With Nurgul Aitalieva)

“Globalization and Domestic Terrorism: Does Globalization Lead to Domestic Conflict in Terms of Terrorism? A Cross Country Study 1990-2008.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of International Studies Association (ISA), San Diego, CA, April 03, 2012.

“Gender and Democracy: A Study on the Effect of Female Subordination on Regime Type.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Kentucky Political Science Association (KPSA), Campbellsville, KY, March 03, 2012.

“Does Economic Globalization Lead to Domestic Conflict in Terms of Terrorism?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), New Orleans, LA, January 13, 2012.

“Cadre, Corruption and Economic Development in Post Reform China: An Analysis.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), New Orleans, LA, January 12, 2012.

2011

“Corruption in the Communist Party in Post Reform China: An Analysis.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Tennessee Political Science Association (TPSA), Nashville, TN, April 16, 2011

REVIEWER SERVICE

Foreign Policy Analysis, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Journal of Conflict, Resolution, Journal of Politics, International Interactions, Journal of Peace Research, International Studies Quarterly, Defense and Peace Economics, Chinese Journal of International Politics, International Criminal Justice Review, European Journal of International Relations, Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression, Terrorism and Political Violence.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Peace Science Society International

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Bengali (Fluent) and Hindi (Fluent)

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