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Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA, August 2014 --

Areas of Academic Interests

Conflict Processes, Terrorism, Insurgency, Civil War, International Political Economy, Politics of Developing Nations, Politics of South Asia, Government and Politics of India

Education

- Ph.D., Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA, May 2014
Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Research Methods

Dissertation: Challenging the State: Evaluating the Effects of Uneven Distribution of Public Goods, Economic Globalization and Political Openness on Domestic Terrorism.

Abstract: How are two post-Cold War phenomena— economic integration and emergence of democracies – related to domestic terrorism? I argue that terrorism is a rational choice when individuals' cost of heterogeneity – deprivation from public goods due to geographical and ideological distance – increases; democratization and integration to the global economy also play a role. The hypotheses regarding the influence of global economic integration, democratization and heterogeneity on domestic terrorism are empirically tested on a global dataset of 172 countries for the time period between 1990 and 2007. I also use a regional dataset on South Asia and a case study on India to supplement my findings and to situate them in historical context. Significant findings indicate that discrimination, political openness, and globalization impact incidents of domestic terrorism.

Committee: Dr. Brandon Prins (Chair), Dr. Wonjae Hwang, Dr. Ian Down, Prof. Carl Pierce

- M.A., Political Science, Appalachian State University, North Carolina, USA, December 2008
 - Thesis: Caste and Politics in India: Its Human Rights Implications for the Polity.

Committee: Dr. E. Ike Udogu (Chair), Dr. Curtis Ryan, Dr. Renee Scherleen

- M.A., Political Science, University of North Bengal, India, December 1988
Fields: Comparative Politics, South Asian Politics
- B.A. (Honors), Political Science, University of North Bengal, India, June 1986

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Sambuddha Ghatak and Brandon C. Prins. “Homegrown Threat: State Strength, Grievance and Domestic Terrorism.” *International Interactions*, (Forthcoming).
- Sambuddha Ghatak and Aaron Gold. “Development, Discrimination, and Domestic Terrorism: Looking Beyond a Linear Relationship.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, (Forthcoming).
- Sambuddha Ghatak. “Challenging the State: Effect of Minority Discrimination, Globalization, and Democracy on Domestic Terrorism,” *International Interactions*, (Forthcoming).
- Sambuddha Ghatak, “Willingness and Opportunity: A Study of Domestic Terrorism in post-Cold War South Asia,” *Terrorism and Political Violence*, (Forthcoming). DOI 10.1080/09546553.2014.902813
- Sambuddha Ghatak 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.
- Sambuddha Ghatak, “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 Writings

- Sambuddha Ghatak 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.
- Brandon C. Prins, 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/domestic-terrorism-in-democratic-states-the-important-role-played-by-grievances/>

Manuscripts under Review

- Sambuddha Ghatak and Brandon C. Prins and Aaron Gold. “How Precarious are Territorial Disagreements? Democracy, Rivalry, and Armed Conflict Among States with Territorial Claims.”
- Sambuddha Ghatak. “The Strategic Logic of Intrastate Conflict.”

Teaching Interests

- International Relations –Intrastate Conflict, Politics of Terrorism, International Conflict, International Organizations, International Relations Theory
- Comparative Politics – Politics of Developing Nations, South Asian Politics, Government and Politics of India
- Research Methods – Research Design, Basic Statistics, Regression Analysis, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Time Series Analysis, Game Theory

Professional Experience

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Fall 2014 --present

Graduate Teaching Associate, Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Fall 2010 – Spring 2014.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Fall 2009 and Spring 2010.

Research Assistant (for Dr. Renee Scherleen), Department of Government and Justice Studies, Appalachian State University, North Carolina, Fall 2008

Research Assistant (for Dr. Longin Pastusiak), Department of Government and Justice Studies, Appalachian State University, North Carolina, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008.

Assistant Teacher, Political Science, Government of West Bengal (India) Public School System, April 1994 -May 2007

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record:

- 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, Spring 2015, Fall 2015
- 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
- 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:

- “Democracy, Discrimination and Domestic Terrorism: An Analysis.” (With Brandon Prins and Aaron Gold) To be 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
- “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
- “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.
- “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

“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

“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

Honor & Awards:

Graduate Student Travel Fund by Graduate Student Senate (GSS) of University of Tennessee, Knoxville for ISA Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, Spring 2014

International Studies Association (ISA) Travel Fund for PSS-ISA Joint Conference, Budapest, Hungary, Summer 2013

Graduate Student Travel Fund by Graduate Student Senate (GSS) of University of Tennessee, Knoxville for PSS-ISA Joint Conference, Budapest, Hungary, Summer 2013

David Mock Award for Outstanding Performance by a Graduate Teaching Associate for 2011-2012, Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Graduate Student Travel Fund by Graduate Student Senate (GSS) of University of Tennessee, Knoxville for ISA, San Diego Conference Attendance, Spring 2012

Departmental Travel Awards for Conference Attendance by Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2012

'Chancellor's Fellowship' for 2007-2008 & 2008-2009 - \$10,000 awarded by the Appalachian State University Graduate School

'North Carolina State Scholarship' for 2007-2008 & 2008-2009- \$9899 p.a. awarded by the Department of Government and Justice Studies, Appalachian, State University

Professional/Department Service

Representative, International Relations, Political Science Graduate Students' Association 2010-2011, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Reviewer Service

Foreign Policy Analysis (2014 -); Conflict Management and Peace Science (2014 -); Journal of Conflict Resolution (2015 -)

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association; International Studies Association; Peace Science Society (International)

Language Proficiency: English Bengali Hindi

Professional References:

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