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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Princeton University

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics

2024–

National University of Singapore

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

2022–2024

Presidential Young Professor

2022–2024

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Political Science

2022

Oberlin College

B.A., Politics

2014

BOOK

States Against Nations: Meritocracy, Patronage, and The Challenges of Bureaucratic Selection.

2025

Cambridge University Press, Studies in Comparative Politics. 250pp.

— Reviewed in *Foreign Affairs*, *Journal of Peace Research*

PUBLISHED PAPERS

Introducing SIKAP: A Harmonized Dataset of 58 Weekly Surveys of Indonesian Voters.

Forthcoming.

Journal of East Asian Studies. (w. N. Sumaktoyo)

Election Outcomes and The Digestion of Grievance.

Forthcoming.

Journal of Politics.

Climate Crisis and Policy Inaction in Indonesia.

2026.

American Journal of Political Science, vol. 70(3), 1213-1228. (w. A. Hsiao)

Pluralism, Polarization, and Political Voyeurism.

2026

Journal of Democracy, vol. 32(2), 106-120.

Bureaucratic Selection and Weberian Values: Lab-in-the-Field Evidence from Indonesia.

2026

Journal of Politics, vol. 88(1), 234-249.

Third Time's The Charm: The Youth Vote and Prabowo's Victory in the 2024 Indonesian Election.

2024

Pacific Affairs, vol. 97(3), 563-585. (w. R. Toha & N. Sumaktoyo).

City Size and Public Service Access: Evidence From Brazil and Indonesia.

2023

Perspectives on Politics, vol. 21(3), 811-830. (w. A. Post).

Failing the Test: The Countervailing Attitudinal Effects of Civil Service Examinations.

2023

American Political Science Review, vol. 117(3), 891-908.

The Representational Consequences of Municipal Civil Service Reform.

2023

American Political Science Review, vol. 117(1), 200-216. (w. A. Sahn).

The Long Run Consequences of The Opium Concessions for Ethnic Animosity on Java.

2022

World Politics, vol. 74(3), 405-442.

Encouraging Indonesians to Pray From Home During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

2021

Journal of Experimental Political Science, vol. 8(3), 211-222. (w. S. Mujani & T. Pepinsky).

Who Believed Misinformation During the 2019 Indonesian Election?

2021

Asian Survey, vol. 60(6), 1029-1043. (w. S. Mujani)

Does Electing Islamists Increase Violence and Intolerance?

2021

British Journal of Political Science, vol. 51(3), 1340-1347. (w. G. Nellis & M. Weaver).

The Effect of Electing Female Candidates on Attitudes Towards Intimate Partner Violence.

2020

Journal of Politics, vol. 82(4), 1590-1595.

UNPUBLISHED PAPERS

- Fostering Social Cohesion Through Mass Education in India. (w. G. Nellis & D. Stommes).
→ Conditionally accepted at *American Journal of Political Science*
- How Social Media Shapes Political Attitudes Through Substitution.
→ Invited to revise & resubmit at *American Political Science Review*
- Political Voyeurism. (w. T. Simko).
- The Mental Health Benefits of Social Media Deactivation under Collective Participation. (w. D. Irvani & S. Mujani)
- Examining Resentment: How Standardized Testing Motivates a Gendered Conservative Backlash. (w. S. Sun You).
- Observing The Transformation of Religious Identity Through Indonesian Naming Practices. (w. J. Kuipers & T. Pepinsky).
- Bureaucratic Selection and Economic Development: Theory and Evidence from 98 Countries. (w. S. George).

INVITED TALKS

University of Michigan (Center for Political Studies), Emory University (Conflict Lab), Stanford University (Comparative Politics Seminar)	2026
Waseda University, Singapore Management University, University of Pennsylvania (Local Political Economy), New York University (Comparative Politics Seminar), New York University (NYSEAN), Georgetown University (Mortara Seminar)	2025
Australian National University, City University of Hong Kong, George Washington University, University of Wisconsin, Madison	2024
Duke University, Princeton University, Columbia University	2023
Cornell University (SEAP), Northern Illinois University (CSEAS), German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, KDIS-World Bank DIME Conference	2022
National University of Singapore, Stanford University (CDDRL), Northern Illinois University, Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG)	2021

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright Scholarship, Universitas Islam Internasional Indonesia.	2026-2027
Coefficient Giving, "ICMA Municipal Year Book Digitization," (US\$253,000, Co-PI, w. A. Sahn)	2026-2027
Tier 2 AcRF Grant, Academic Research Council, Ministry of Education, "Monitoring Indonesian Democracy with High-Frequency Data," (S\$658,437 ≈ US\$485,000, Co-PI, w. N. Sumaktoyo)	2023-2026
Gabriel Almond Award for Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics, American Political Science Association	2023
Mancur Olson Award for Best Dissertation in Political Economy, American Political Science Association	2023
Visiting Fellowship, European University Institute (RSCAS)	2023
Presidential Young Professorship (S\$1,000,000 ≈ US\$738,000), National University of Singapore	2022-2026
Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Fund Grant, "High-Frequency Study of Indonesian Democracy," (S\$60,000 ≈ US\$44,000, Co-PI, w. E. Laksamana & N. Sumaktoyo)	2022-2023
Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Stanford University, Center for Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law	2021-22
Best Paper (Emerging Scholar Category), American Political Science Association—Southeast Asia Working Group	2021
Junior Fellow, Southeast Asia Research Group	2021
Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (US\$15,000), American Political Science Association	2020-2021
John Simpson Fellowship (US\$15,000), Institute of International Studies	2019-2020
Peter H. Odegard Award, UC Berkeley Department of Political Science	2019
Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (US\$5,000), Southeast Asia Research Group	2018-2019
Exploratory Grant (US\$4,800, w. B. Purohit), Weiss Family Fund	2017-2018
Pre-dissertation Research Grant (US\$5,000), Institute of International Studies	2017

TEACHING

Princeton:

Development Policy (Undergraduate)	2024, 25
The Politics of Southeast Asia (Undergraduate)	2025, 26
Bureaucratic Politics (Graduate)	2025

NUS:

Local Governance and Decentralization (Graduate)	2022
Seminar on Public Administration (Graduate)	2023
Political Inquiry (Undergraduate)	2023
Public Policy Analysis (Undergraduate)	2023
Political Economy of Development (Undergraduate)	2023

SERVICE

Junior Departmental Representative (Princeton)	2025-
Chair's Advisory Committee (Princeton)	2024-
Department Seminar Coordinator (NUS)	2023-24
Department Ethics Review Committee (NUS)	2022-24
Political Science Head Search Committee (NUS)	2022-23
Best Paper Award Committee (APSA-SEAPRG)	2022
Graduate Curriculum Review Committee (Berkeley)	2021-22

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant, The World Bank (Jakarta, Indonesia).	2020–2022
Researcher, Saiful Mujani Research & Consulting (Jakarta, Indonesia).	2015–2016
English Teacher, Madrasah Aliyah Negeri (MAN) Batudaa (Gorontalo, Indonesia)	2014–2015

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Indonesian (advanced), French (intermediate), Spanish (basic)
Computers: R