

Zuheir Desai

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EMPLOYMENT	The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2023-present IE University, Madrid, Spain Assistant Professor, School of Global and Public Affairs, 2021-23 Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, USA Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Politics, 2020-21	
EDUCATION	University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, USA Ph.D., Political Science, 2020 M.A., Political Science, 2017 Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Paris, France M.A., Economics, 2013, (joint with Ecole Polytechnique) B.A., Political Science, 2011	
PUBLICATIONS	“Demanding More than What You Want” with Scott A. Tyson (<i>Forthcoming at Political Science Research and Methods</i>) “A Theory of Electoral Competition in Developing Democracies” (<i>Forthcoming at The Journal of Politics</i>) “The Core of the Party System” with Tasos Kalandrakis (<i>Forthcoming at The Journal of Politics</i>) “Partisan Leaning” with Anderson Frey and Scott A. Tyson (<i>Forthcoming at the American Political Science Review</i>) “Can Descriptive Representation Help the Right Win Votes from the Poor? Evidence from Brazil” with Anderson Frey, <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , 67(3), 671-686 (2023) “Technology and Protest: The Political Effects of Electronic Voting in India” with Alexander Lee, <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> , 9(2), 398-413 (2021) “A Model of Interest Group Influence and Campaign Advertising” with John Duggan, <i>Quarterly Journal of Political Science</i> , 16(1), 105-137 (2021)	

WORKING PAPERS	“Are Women Better Politicians? Discrimination, Gender Quotas, and Electoral Accountability” with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra and Sergio Montero “The Direction of Interest Group Influence: Campaign Advertising, Policy Equivalence, and Voter Welfare” with John Duggan
WORK IN PROGRESS	“First in Line: Micro Agenda Control and Disruptions in the Lok Sabha” with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra and Alexander Lee <i>“All-Rounders or One-Trick Ponies? Electoral Accountability in Multiple Dimensions”</i> with Gleason Judd “Give or Take: Legislator Trade-Offs in India” with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra
INVITED CONFERENCES & SEMINARS (*SCHEDULED)	2026: *IE-Rochester Conference on PE and IR 2025: Comparative Politics and Formal Theory Conference 2024: Wallis Institute Political Economy Seminar, IE-Rochester Conference on PE and IR (discussant) 2022: Virtual Formal Theory workshop, Princeton Political Economy Seminar, IE-Rochester Conference on PE and IR (discussant) 2021: OPESS online political economy seminar, Brown-Harvard-MIT Joint Seminar on South Asian Politics, University of Malaga, London School of Economics and Political Science, Madrid Political Economy Workshop (discussant) 2020: Virtual Formal Theory workshop 2019: Comparative Politics and Formal Theory Conference (poster) 2018: Emory-Duke-Rochester Political Economy Graduate Research Conference
GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS	Spanish Ministry of Science Grant, €120,000 (with Nikitas Konstantinidis, Andrew Bertoli, Laura Jakli, Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra, Emmy Lindstam, Henry Pascoe, Francisco Villamil, and Elsa Voytas), 2023 W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy Fellowship, 2017-2018
HONORS AND AWARDS	IE Prize for Teaching Excellence, IE University, 2022 Outstanding Dissertation Award, University of Rochester, 2021 URDPS Prize for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student, University of Rochester, 2017-2018
TEACHING	Ohio State University POLITSC 4781 - Research Methods in Political Science, Fall 2023 POLITSC 7551 - Quantitative Political Analysis I, Fall 2023, 2024, 2025 POLITSC 4553H - Game Theory for Political Scientists

	IE University Game Theory (Bachelor in Economics) Game Theory and Strategic Decision Making (Bachelor in Politics, Philosophy, Law, and Economics) Game Theory and International Strategy (Master in International Relations) University of Rochester Introduction to Positive Political Theory, Summer 2019
REFEREING	<i>American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, European Political Science Review, Economic Journal, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Political Science Research and Methods, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Springer Nature</i>
SERVICE	New Perspectives on the Political Economy of Development, co-organizer with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra (USC), 2025 Second IE-Rochester Workshop on PE and IR, organizing committee, 2024 New Perspectives on the Political Economy of Development, co-organizer with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra (USC), 2024 First IE-Rochester Workshop on PE and IR, organizing committee, 2023 Riker Seminar Series, coordinator, 2018-2019
LANGUAGES	English (fluent), Hindi (native), Gujarati (excellent), French (excellent), Spanish (beginner)
PROGRAMMING	Mathematica, Matlab, Python, R, Stata