

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	“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>Accepted 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	“Demanding More than What You Need” with Scott A. Tyson (<i>Conditionally Accepted at Political Science Research and Methods</i>) “Are Women Better Politicians? Discrimination, Gender Quotas, and Electoral Ac-	

	countability” with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra and Sergio Montero
	“Policy Equivalence and Voter Welfare in Models of Interest Group Advertising” with John Duggan
WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>“A Case for (Some) Duds: Electoral Accountability in Multiple Dimensions” with Gleason Judd</p> <p>“Disruptions in the Lok Sabha” with Alexander Lee and Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra</p> <p>“Give or Take: Legislator Trade-Offs in India” with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra</p>
INVITED CONFERENCES & SEMINARS (*SCHEDULED)	<p>2025: 3rd IE-Rochester Conference on PE and IR*, CBS-Princeton Money in Politics Conference*</p> <p>2024: Wallis Institute Political Economy Seminar</p> <p>2022: Virtual Formal Theory workshop, Princeton Political Economy Seminar</p> <p>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)</p> <p>2020: Virtual Formal Theory workshop</p> <p>2019: Comparative Politics and Formal Theory Conference (poster)</p> <p>2018: Emory-Duke-Rochester Political Economy Graduate Research Conference</p>
GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>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</p> <p>W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy Fellowship, 2017-2018</p>
HONORS AND AWARDS	<p>IE Prize for Teaching Excellence, IE University, 2022</p> <p>Outstanding Dissertation Award, University of Rochester, 2021</p> <p>URDPS Prize for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student, University of Rochester, 2017-2018</p>
TEACHING	<p>Ohio State University</p> <p>POLITSC 4781 - Research Methods in Political Science, Fall 2023</p> <p>POLITSC 7551 - Quantitative Political Analysis I, Fall 2023, 2024</p> <p>IE University</p> <p>Game Theory (Bachelor in Economics)</p> <p>Game Theory and Strategic Decision Making (Bachelor in Politics, Philosophy, Law, and Economics)</p> <p>Game Theory and International Strategy (Master in International Relations)</p>

University of Rochester

Introduction to Positive Political Theory, Summer 2019

REFEREEING

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

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