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## Education

### *University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina*

Ph.D in Political Science, expected date of graduation May 2009  
Major Field: International Relations  
Minor Field: American Politics

### *Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina*

B.A. in Politics, May 2003  
Graduated *magna cum laude*

### *Women's Christian College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India*

B.A. in History, April 2001  
Graduated with distinction

## Non-Degree Training

*Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. June-August 2008.*

## Dissertation

**Title:** *Open Markets, Hope for Humanity? Consequences of states' economic policies on citizens' rights and welfare.*

**Dissertation Committee Members:** Harvey Starr, Donald Puchala, Donald Songer, Zaryab Iqbal, and Christopher Zorn.

**Dissertation Description:** This dissertation tests whether the assumption that economic liberalization and political liberalization reinforce each other holds true and under what conditions. My research questions are: 1. Does a liberal order indeed create a liberal state? Does economic liberalization encourage the liberalization of the rights and liberties of the citizens of a state? 2. Do domestic processes affect patterns of economic interdependence? Do civil and political rights of the citizens determine the pattern of economic liberalization? In theorizing the impact of economic liberalization on individual rights and liberties, I assume that governments follow the logic of political survival, where the main aim of any leadership is to stay in power. I argue that the manner in which economic liberalization takes place affects the domestic political conditions of the state. Similarly, the levels of respect for human rights or violations have an impact on the patterns of liberalization. In my theory I posit a simultaneous and reciprocal relationship between economic liberalization and the rights of individuals. I also take into account that the various observable components that make up the economic liberalization variable may have their own individual effect on citizens' rights and liberties. In this dissertation, I

acknowledge that economic liberalization is a complicated and multifaceted process that has various components such as trade openness, financial openness, deregulation of labour markets and openness in capital accounts transactions. I use a combination of different modelling procedures to tease out the relationships between economic processes and repressive policies of state governments. Since I theorize about non-recursive relationships, simultaneous equations are used extensively along with bivariate probit models, path analysis and latent variable models. This dissertation evaluates the impact of economic liberalization on state governments' repressive tendencies and how political welfare of the citizens affects patterns of liberalization. It studies the state and system behaviour with respect to people and the empirical contribution is reinforced through the study of simultaneous and potentially endogenous relationships between human rights regimes and liberal economic regimes.

### **Areas of Specialization**

***International Relations:*** Conflict and Rivalry Processes, Human Rights and State Repression, International Political Economy, Economic Development.

***American Politics:*** Judicial Politics and Comparative Courts.

***Methods Training:*** Linear regression, maximum likelihood estimation, longitudinal data analysis (time series, panel data, duration models), simultaneous equations, structural equation models

### **Conference Presentations and Working Papers**

- “Does the Attitudinal Model Explain Unanimous Decisions?” with Donald Songer. Currently under review for publication.
- “Dialogue or Monologue: Communication between Governments, Intermediaries and Multinational Corporations.” Accepted for paper presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2-5, 2009. Chicago, Illinois
- “Honorable Punishments: An Empirical Assessment of the Effectiveness of Sanctions on Human Rights.” with Nadia Jilani, poster accepted for presentation at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 28-31, 2008. Boston, Massachusetts.
- “The "Spotlight" Phenomena and States' Repressive Tendencies: Do States Care about what NGOs Think?” Presented at the Annual International Studies Association Conference, March 26-19, 2008, San Francisco, California.
- “The Effect of Economic Interactions on the Evolution of States' Repressive Behaviour.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Studies Association -South, October 25-27, 2007, Savannah, Georgia.
- “The Impact of free trade and economic integration on states’ repression of personal integrity rights.” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-15, 2007, Chicago IL,

- and Journeys in World Politics Workshop, April 22-29, 2007, Iowa.
- “Does Trade Ensure Peace? The Liberal Illusion in Comparative Perspective?” with Katherine Barbieri. Paper presented at the 2006 Conference on Taiwan Issues: The New Ties that Bind, the Influence of Taiwan on Mainland China. Sponsored by the Center for Asian Studies Center, University of South Carolina. November 10-12, 2006.
- “Judicial Independence and Human Rights.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31-September 3, 2006, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Unanimous Decisions: A Critical Test of the Attitudinal Model.” With Donald Songer. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 20-23, 2005, Chicago, IL.

### **Professional Activities**

- Graduate Assistant, 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, University of South Carolina, November 2-4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Columbia, South Carolina.
- Panel Chair, “Reflections on the State & Statelessness” Annual Conference of the International Studies Association -South, October 25-27, 2007, Savannah, Georgia.
- Professional Workshops:
  - Journeys in World Politics Workshop, University of Iowa, April 26-29, 2007, Iowa City, IA.
- Editorial Assistant, *South Carolina Journal of Political Science* (2006).
- Vice President, *Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of South Carolina* (2004-05)
- Intern, *National Council on U.S- Arab Relations* (2003)
- Invited Presentations:
  - “Unanimous Decisions: Testing the Efficacy of the Attitudinal Model” University of South Carolina, Political Science Research Workshop, September 23, 2005.

### **Professional Experience:**

#### ***Instructor for Independent Courses***

University of South Carolina, Department of Political Science

Poli 315: International Relations, Summer 2005, 2006

Poli 341: Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy, Spring 2008, Summer 2006, 2007

#### ***Teaching Assistant***

University of South Carolina, Department of Political Science

Poli 442, Global Security Policy, Spring 2007, Professor Zaryab Iqbal

Poli 433, Economic Aspects of International Politics, Fall 2006, Professor Katherine Barbieri

Poli 417, Theories of War, Spring 2006, 2007, Professor Zaryab Iqbal

Poli 315, International Relations, Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Professor Zaryab Iqbal

Poli 101, Controversies in World Politics, Fall 2004, Professor Donald Puchala

Poli 315, International Relations, Spring 2004, Professor Charles Kegley

Poli 352, Gender and Politics, Spring 2004, Professor Laura Woliver

***Research Assistant to the following professors:***

Dr. Katherine Barbieri (Spring 2005, Fall 2006),

Dr. David Darmofal (Spring 2007),

Dr. Zaryab Iqbal (Fall 2005),

Dr. Donald Songer (Fall 2003).

**Awards and Fellowships**

- American Political Science Association, Annual Conference Travel Grant (August 2008)
- International Studies Association – South, Annual Conference Travel Grant (October 2007)
- Graduate School Travel Award, University of South Carolina (September 2006)
- The Chair's Award for Excellence in Graduate Study 2005-2006, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina.
- Gamma Sigma Society (2002-03)  
(Honorary scholarship society of the College of Arts and Sciences of Converse College)
- Eleanor McDougal Senior History Prize for Best Student of History in the B.A. History Class of 2001, Awarded by Women's Christian College, Chennai, India.

**Memberships**

- American Political Science Association.
- International Studies Association.
- Midwest Political Science Association.
- Sigma Iota Rho

**Skills**

- Spoken and written proficiency in English, Hindi and Marathi. Spoken fluency in Bengali and Malayalam.
- Experienced at using Standard Statistical Packages

- Basic C++ skills

**References available upon request.**