

PRAKHAR MISRA

Education

School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University 2022-ongoing
Ph.D. in International Political Economy

Fields: Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Public Policy

Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford 2017
Master of Public Policy
Awarded the Chevening Scholarship

Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics 2016
Post Graduate Diploma in Economics and Finance
Awarded the Chanakya Scholarship

Ramaiah Institute of Technology 2013
Bachelor of Technology in Instrumentation Engineering
Awarded First Class with Distinction

Presentations and Workshops

Mid-West Political Science Association (Chicago) 2026

DC Public Management Consortium (Georgetown University); American Society for Public Administration (DC); Mid-West Political Science Association (Chicago); Markets and Society (Falls Church, VA); South Asia Graduate Conference (Brown University); Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Conference 2025

JHU SAIS Ph.D. Research Seminar; American Political Science Association (Philadelphia) 2024

Workshop on Public Sector Organizational Effectiveness (Temple University) 2023

Research and Teaching Experience

Research Assistant:

Devesh Kapur Spring, Summer & Fall 2022-2026

Yuen Yuen Ang Fall 2025; Spring & Summer 2026

Teaching Assistant:

Impact Evaluation in Development (Ritam Chaurey) - *Best TA Award (2025)* Spring 2024, 2025

Comparative Politics (Allison Berland) Fall 2023

Quantitative Methods I (Ritam Chaurey) Summer 2024, Fall 2025

Principles of Economics (Asha Shepard) Summer 2025, 2026

SAIS Seminar: World in Transition (Narges Bajoghli) Fall 2025

Awards and Scholarships

Junior Research Fellowship, American Institute for Indian Studies 2026

Sawtooth Academic Grant 2025

Sunil Kumar and Sumati Murali Research Award, Gupta-Klinsky India Institute 2025

Research Grant for Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork, Johns Hopkins University	2024
Travel Grant, Johns Hopkins University	2023
University Graduate Student Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University	2022-2026
Global Shaper, World Economic Forum	2020
Chevening Scholarship, British Foreign and Commonwealth Office / University of Oxford	2016
Susan Kidd Charity Grant, Trinity College, Oxford	2016
Chanakya Scholarship, Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics / University of Mumbai	2015
Best Outgoing Student, Ramaiah Institute of Technology	2013

Pre-Doctoral Publications

Book Chapters

2018: Vivek Dehejia and **Prakhar Misra**. India and the Rating Agencies, in Bibek Debroy, Anirban Ganguly and Kishore Desai (eds.) *Making of New India*, Wisdom Tree.

2016: **Prakhar Misra**. Liberalism in India: The Lucifer Effect, in Ronald Meinardus (eds.), *What does it Mean to be a Liberal in India*. Academic Foundation.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

2021: Niranjana Rajadhyaksha and **Prakhar Misra**. The Practice of Flexible Inflation Targeting in India – A Preliminary Assessment. *Indian Public Policy Review*, Vol. 2, No. 3

2021: Sharmadha Srinivasan and **Prakhar Misra**. Grants from Centre and States' Fiscal Marksmanship. *Indian Public Policy Review*, Vol. 2, No. 1

2018: **Prakhar Misra**. Book Review: Phishing for Phools. *St. Anthony's International Review*, Vol. 13, No.2.

Policy Research Publications

2023: Niranjana Rajadhyaksha and **Prakhar Misra**. Parallel Streams: Political Federalism and Economic Integration in India. Working Paper Series on Cooperative Federalism in India, *State Capacity Initiative Working Paper No. 2023-7*. Centre for Policy Research and Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

2022: Rishab Bailey and **Prakhar Misra**. Interoperability of social media platforms: An appraisal of the regulatory and technical ecosystem. *Landscape Study for IT for Change*

2021: Rahul Matthan, **Prakhar Misra** and Harshita Agrawal. Financing models of Digital Ecosystems. *Data Governance Network Working Paper 22*.

2021: Priya Vedavalli, **Prakhar Misra**, Tvesha Sippy, Avanti Durani, Neha Sinha and Vikram Sinha. Facial Recognition Technologies and the Regulatory Frameworks in India. *Data Governance Network Working Paper 16*.

2021: Harshita Agrawal, **Prakhar Misra**, Sharmadha Srinivasan and Vaidehi Tandel. Developing Infrastructure to Create Employment, Case Study: Water Provisioning in Punjab. *IDFC Institute*.

2020: Vibhav Mariwala and **Prakhar Misra**. Integrating Aadhaar and Voter ID: Promises and Dangers. Data Governance Network Briefing Note.

2020: Harshita Agrawal, **Prakhar Misra** and Ananth Padmanabhan. Principles for Technology Use: Lessons from COVID-19. *Background Paper for Digital Pathways*, University of Oxford.

2020: Alexander Fager and **Prakhar Misra**. Privacy in Healthcare: The Role of National Digital Health Blueprint. *Data Governance Network Working Paper*.

2020: Harshita Agrawal, **Prakhar Misra**, Sneha Menon, Tvesha Sippy, Vaidehi Tandel and Priya Vedavalli. PM Garib Kalyan Yojana: Coverage, Identification and Implementation. *White Paper for the World Bank*.

2019: **Prakhar Misra** and Sharmadha Srinivasan. Fiscal Modernisation: Lessons for India from the World. *IDFC Institute Working Paper*.

2019: **Prakhar Misra**. Lessons from Aadhaar: Analog aspects of digital governance shouldn't be overlooked. *Pathways for Prosperity Commission Background Paper Series, University of Oxford*.

2019: Harshita Agrawal, **Prakhar Misra**, Sharmadha Srinivasan and Vaidehi Tandel. Infrastructure Priorities for Job Creation in India. *Research Report for Ford Foundation*.

Relevant Work Experience

Research Associate
Mercatus Centre

March 2021 — January 2022

Associate/Senior Associate
IDFC Institute

January 2018 — March 2021

Selected Publications In Popular Media

Hindi:

“What People should Expect from Election Manifestos”, *The Quint Hindi*, March 2019

“Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan: successful yet unsuccessful”, *News Laundry*, December 2017

“The Effect of Demonetization in India”, *The Quint*, March 2017

“How Fiscal Targets will shape the Union Budget 2016”, *Scroll*, February 2016

“Explaining Transaction Costs”, *Logos- The National Interest*, May 2015

English:

“Who should finance digital ecosystems?”, *Hindustan Times*, March 2022

“New Volleyball League Heralds Change in Indian Sports Landscape”, *The India Cable*, March 2022

“Digital Ecosystems: Who should Finance What?”, *Hindustan Times*, February 2022

“Aadhaar Link Threatens Sanctity of Electoral Rolls”, *The Wire*, January 2022

“Towards Fuller Capital Convertibility”, *Financial Express*, January 2022

“The Economic Reforms of 1991: How India went from Crisis to Consensus”, *The 1991 Project*, July 2021

“Why Linking Aadhaar with Voter ID is a Dangerous Idea”, *The Indian Express*, July 2021

“Revise Judges Appointments to build Judicial Capacity”, *The Indian Express*, April 2021

“Financing Institutions is crucial for the Digital Economy”, *Data Governance Network Blog*, February 2021

“Digitisation can help streamline government audits”, *Financial Express*, January 2021

“On Digital Governance, Don't Repeat Mistakes”, *Hindustan Times*, October 2020

“Community Data: More a River Than a Lake”, *Financial Express*, August 2020

“Urgent CSS reforms Needed”, *Financial Express*, June 2020

“Let the Economy Open. Don't Micromanage Lockdown Exit”, *Times of India*, May 2020

“RWAs play a crucial Role in deploying Community Testing”, *FirstPost*, May 2020

“Relax FRBM Norms for States to Fight COVID-19”, *Financial Express*, May 2020

“Importance of Street Level Bureaucracy to Fight the Pandemic”, *Money Control*, April 2020

“An Income Support Plan for the Poor to Tide over Testing Times”, *Mint*, March 2020

“Budget 2020: Reform Income Tax to Build Fiscal Capacity. That pays”, *Money Control*, January 2020

“Ayushman Bharat can be a Success if Modi Government incentivises Data Use”, *The Print*, January 2020

“Keep up with Tech and Regulate Whatsapp and Amazon, India must adopt Futures Thinking”, *The Print*, January 2020

“Creating Jobs through Infrastructure Investments”, *Business Standard*, September 2019

“India should take Advantage of the US-China Trade-war”, *MINT*, September 2019 (contributor)

“The Potential of Moving the National Capital”, *Money Control*, May 2019

“Indian Democracy Must Be More Representative”, *Hindustan Times*, April 2019
 “Unfulfilled Political Promises Weaken the Spirit of Democracy”, *The Wire*, April 2019
 “Narendra Modi led government made some radical reforms but lost out on dynamic change”, *Firstpost*, February 2019
 “Finance Ministry has a Poor Forecasting Record”, *Mint*, January 2019
 “A New Vision for Election Manifestos”, *Mint*, November 2018
 “War and Peace in Economics”, *Pragati*, August 2018
 “All Eyes on India’s Biometric ID Experiment”, *Pathways for Prosperity/ University of Oxford*, May 2018
 “The End of Accountability”, *Pragati*, February 2018
 “Who will Teach the Teachers”, *Pragati*, November 2017
 “Jan Dhan Yojana: An Intriguing Work in Progress”, *The Hindu (thRead)*, September 2017
 “Handle with Care”, *Pragati*, September 2017
 “Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan: An Ineffective Remedy”, *Oxford Policy Blog*, May 2017
 “Why don’t we See Wrestlers from Tamil Nadu or Runners from Bihar and Haryana”, *FirstPost*, April 2017
 “Is India Growing?”, *Swarajya*, March 2017
 “Looking East for Lessons on Labor”, *The Hindu (thRead)*, September 2016
 “Budget 2016: A Fiscal Analysis”, *Swarajya Magazine*, March 2016
 “Understanding Capital Reforms in China and Some Lessons for India”, *Swarajya Magazine*, February 2016
 “More Than Education”, *Huffington Post*, October 2015

Languages

Languages: English, Hindi
 Statistical Software: R