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Bio

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS
• Associate Professor, Political Science
• Associate Professor (By courtesy), Political Economy

Teaching

COURSES
2020-21
• Economic Analysis of Politics: POLECON 681 (Win)
• How We Decide: Social Choice in the Age of Algorithms: MS&E 33N, POLISCI 33N (Aut)
• Political Economy II: ECON 221, POLISCI 460B (Win)

2019-20
• Economic Analysis of Political Institutions: POLECON 681 (Win)
• Formal Theory II: Models of Politics: POLISCI 356B (Spr)
• Thinking Strategically: POLISCI 153, POLISCI 354 (Spr)

2017-18
• Formal Theory I: An Introduction to Game Theory: POLISCI 356A (Win)
• Formal Theory II: Models of Politics: POLISCI 356B (Spr)
• Thinking Strategically: POLISCI 153, POLISCI 354 (Win)
• Workshop in American Politics: POLISCI 422 (Aut)
• Workshop in Statistical Modeling: POLISCI 353A (Aut)
• Workshop in Statistical Modeling: POLISCI 353B (Win)
• Workshop in Statistical Modeling: POLISCI 353C (Spr)
STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)
Anna Zhang

Orals Chair
Weixin Chen

Doctoral (Program)
Jamie Hintson, Jordan Horrillo, Floyd Zhang

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

● Path Dependence in European Development: Medieval Politics, Conflict, and State Building *Comparative Political Studies*
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● Analyzing Causal Mechanisms in Survey Experiments *Political Analysis*
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● Economic Foundations of the Territorial State System *American Journal of Political Science*
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● Explaining Preferences from Behavior: A Cognitive Dissonance Approach *Journal of Politics*
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● Sincere voting in large elections *Games and Economic Behavior*
  Acharya, A., Metrowitz, A.
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● Information aggregation failure in a model of social mobility *Games and Economic Behavior*
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● Explaining Causal Findings Without Bias: Detecting and Assessing Direct Effects *American Political Science Review*
  Acharya, A., Blackwell, M., Sen, M.
  2016; 110 (3): 512-529

● The Political Legacy of American Slavery *Journal of Politics*
  Acharya, A., Blackwell, M., Sen, M.
  2016; 78 (3): 621-641
• Caste, corruption and political competition in India  
  *RESEARCH IN ECONOMICS*
  Acharya, A., Roemer, J. E., Somanathan, R.
  2015; 69 (3): 336–52

• Multidimensional poverty with missing attributes  
  *ECONOMICS LETTERS*
  Acharya, A., Roemer, J. E.
  2015; 130: 51-55

• War with Crazy Types  
  *POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND METHODS*
  Acharya, A., Grillo, E.
  2015; 3 (2): 281–307

• Delays and partial agreements in multi-issue bargaining  
  *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC THEORY*
  Acharya, A., Ortner, J.
  2013; 148 (5): 2150-2163

• The Calculus of the Security Dilemma  
  *QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
  Acharya, A., Ramsay, K. W.
  2013; 8 (2): 183-203

• The Maoist Insurgency and Political Economy of Violence  
  *Acharya*  
  *The Maoist Insurgency in Nepal: Revolution in the twenty-first century*
  Acharya, A., Pahari, A.
  edited by Lawoti, M.
  Routledge.2009; 1