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Appointments

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

    SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Government   Sept. 2025–

University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

    Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science   2024–2025

    Research Fellow, PEARL, the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy   2017–2025

    Course Instructor of Quantitative Research Methods, Political Science   Summers 2019-2022, 2025

Education

University of Toronto

    Ph.D. in Political Science   2017-2024

    Fields: Comparative Politics; Comparative Public Policy
    Dissertation: "How the Ethical Positions of Voters and Politicians Matter in a Democracy"
    Committee: Professors Peter Loewen (supervisor), Christopher Cochrane, André Blais
    (Université de Montréal), Michael Donnelly and Timothy Ryan (UNC, Chapel Hill)

Hertie School, The University of Governance in Berlin, Germany

    Master of Public Policy (MPP)   2014-2016

    Fields: Policy Analysis (Quantitative Methods)
    Thesis: "Does Political Instability Induce Election Violence?" *First Class Honours with Distinction*
    Committee: Professors Mark Andreas Kayser (supervisor) and Andrea Römmele

University of Dhaka

    M.S.S. in Political Science *(Top 2%)*   2011-2012

    B.S.S. (Hons.) in Political Science *(Top 2%)*   2007-2011

Book Projects

"*How the Ethical Positions of Voters and Politicians Matter in a Democracy*" (dissertation-based).

"*Applied Statistics: Learning by Heart, Mind, and Soul*" (with Christopher Cochrane).

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Google Scholar citations = **97**

Treger, Clareta, Thomas Galipeau, Thomas Bergeron, Sarah Lachance, Natasha Goel, **Md Mujahedul Islam**, Blake Lee-Whiting, Beatrice Magistro, and Peter John Loewen. "Party or Policy? The Role of Policy Partisanship in Voter Decision-Making." Conditionally accepted at *Political Behavior*.

Donnelly, Michael J., **Md Mujahedul Islam**, and Justin Savoie. "The public face of interest group lobbying on immigration: Who responds to and who ignores what they say." *Journal of European Social Policy* (2020): 543-556. Link to download.

Allen Stevens, Benjamin , **Md Mujahedul Islam**, Roosmarijn de Geus, Jonah Goldberg, John R. McAndrews, Alex Mierke-Zatwarnicki, Peter John Loewen, and Daniel Rubenson. "Local Candidate Effects in Canadian Elections." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (2019): 83-96. Link to download.

Revise & Resubmit
[*Draft available upon request]

Islam, **Md Mujahedul**, and Peter Loewen. "Ethical Distance and Electoral Accountability: Voters Punish Politicians Whose Ethical Views Diverge from Societal Consensus," Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties.*

Rubenson, Daniel, **Md Mujahedul Islam**, Peter Loewen, Roosmarijn de Geus and Benjamin Stevens. "Ideological Heterogeneity and Voter Turnout," Revise and resubmit at *Canadian Journal of Political Science.* [Equal first authorship.]

Manuscripts Under Review
[*Draft available upon request]

Islam, Md Mujahedul. "Ethical Distance May Diminish Democratic Attitudes in Advanced Democracies".

Islam, Md Mujahedul, and Muhibbur Rahman. "Ties That Bind: Social Trust, Civic Engagement and Democratic Attitudes in Advanced Democracies".

Goel, Natasha, Thomas Bergeron, Blake Lee-Whiting, Thomas Galipeau, Danielle Bohonos, **Md Mujahedul Islam**, Sarah Lachance, Sonja Savolainen, Clareta Treger, and Eric Merkley. "Artificial Influence: Comparing the Effects of AI and Human Source Cues in Revising False Beliefs."

Manuscripts in Preparation

"Does Democratic Representation Work Better in Smaller Populations?"* (W/ Peter Loewen, Jonah Goldberg, and John R. McAndrews). [*Equal first authorship*].

"Global Attitudes towards Online Hate Speech" (W/ Clareta Treger, Thomas Bergeron, Christopher Cochrane, Ron Levi, Effi Levi, Gal Ron, Shaul R. Shenhav, Tamir Sheafer, Odelia Oshri, and Peter J. Loewen). *Manuscript in advanced stage.*

"The Qualitative Turn in Quantitative Political Science: Collaborative Programming Architecture with Applications to the Fairness of Electoral District Boundaries and the Quality of Legislative Debate" (W/ Christopher Cochrane and Michael Cowan). Proposal accepted for consideration in the Special Issue on the Methodological Turn in Canadian Political Science at *Canadian Journal of Political Science.*

"Does Presenting Attributes in a Fixed Versus a Randomized Order Affect the Relative Effect of Each Attribute?"

"Blurring Boundaries? Recursive Dynamics of Trust, Engagement, and Support for Democracy in a Multi-Method Study" (W/ Muhibbur Rahman and Christopher Cochrane).

Awards, Grants and Fellowships (Total of $477,182.56 CAD)

External

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship: $140,000.00 CAD	2025-2027
Institute for Humane Studies: $800 USD	2026
SSHRC Explore Grant (Co-PI, with Asadullah and Rahman): $6,000.00 CAD	2023-2025
Canada Student Award: $10,996.00 CAD	2022-2024
The 1st Annual Meeting of MENA & Asian Political Methodology Award: Approx. $4,000 USD	2024
The 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology Award: $1,000 USD	2024
The 37th Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology Award: $1,000.00 CAD	2020
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference Scholarship: £100	2020
University of Michigan ICPSR Quantitative Methods Summer Program Stipend: $777.00 USD	2020

University of Toronto

Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab (PEARL) Fellowship: $111,500.00 CAD	2017-2024
Doctoral Completion Award: $11,000.00 CAD	2022-2023
Faculty of Arts and Science Fellowship: $45,544.49 CAD	2017-2022
Teaching Buy-out Completion Award: $9,700.00 CAD	2021-2022
Faculty of Arts and Science Tuition Fellowship: $57,853.00 CAD	2017-2022
PEARL Scholarship for Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods: £750.00	2022
Polititcal Science Dept. Grant for ICPSR Summer Program: $8,552.22 CAD	2020-2022
Graduate Program Award: $15,058.30 CAD	2020-2023
Graduate Program Travel and Conference Award: $5,284.91 CAD	2021-2024
Graduate Expansion Funding: $900.00 CAD	2020-2021
Department of Political Science Course Instructor Fund: $768.04 CAD	2021
Faculty of Arts and Science Program-Level Fellowship: $4,623.50 CAD	2018-2021
Faculty of Arts & Science Graduate Student Bursary - Covid-19: $1000.00 CAD	2020-2021
Polititcal Science Dept. Grant, 6th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections: $1,000.00 CAD	2018
PEARL Scholarship, 6th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections: $1000.00 CAD	2018

Hertie School

Hertie School MPP Tuition Fellowship: €22, 125.00	2014-2016
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Stipend: €750.00	2015

University of Dhaka

Political Science Merit Scholarship for Top-Ranked Student in M.S.S.	2012
Political Science Merit Scholarship for Ranking 1st in B.S.S. (Honours)	2011
University of Dhaka Master Da Surja Sen Hal 'Best English and Bangla Debate Awards'	2008

Teaching Experience

[*Full-Year Required Research Methods Course
**Quantitative Methods Course within Methods Sequence
†Statistical software taught: R/Rstudio/Stata]

Course Instructor
Undergraduate-Quantitative Methods (University of Toronto) [Eight Appointments]

Research Methods for Political Science II**†
        Course Evaluation: **4.2/5.0**   Summer 2025

Research Methods for Political Science I
        Course Evaluation: **4.4/5.0**   Summer 2025

Methods*†
        Course Evaluation: **4.3/5.0**   Summer 2022
        Course Evaluation: **4.5/5.0**   Summer 2021
        Course Evaluation: **4.4/5.0**   Summer 2020
        Course Evaluation: **4.7/5.0**   Summer 2019

Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning II**†
        Course Evaluation: **4.4/5.0**   Summer 2022
        Course Evaluation: **4.0/5.0**   Summer 2021

Teaching Assistant
Undergraduate–Quantitative Methods (University of Toronto)

Research Methods for Political Science II**†	Winter 2024
Applied Statistics for Politics and Public Policy†	Winter 2023
Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning II**†	Winters 2021-2024
Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning I	Falls 2021-2023
Topics in Methods: Using Data to Understand Politics and Society**	Fall 2021

Graduate–Quantitative Methods [UofT, Michigan & Hertie School]

Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis (MPP students) [UofT]	Fall 2024
Statistics for Political Scientists†(Required for Political Science Ph.D) [UofT]	Falls 2018, 2021
Statistics and Data Analysis I†[ICPSR Program, University of Michigan]	Summer 2021
Statistics II: Time-Series and Panel Data**†(MPP students) [Hertie School]	Winter 2017
Statistics I: Descriptives, Inference and Regression†(MPP students) [Hertie School]	Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant
Undergraduate–Substantive (University of Toronto)

Current Topics in Politics	Summer 2024
Public Opinion and Voting	Winter 2023
Politics and Government in South Asia	Fall 2022
Public Policy Making	Fall 2018, Winter 2020
Politics in a Global World	Winter 2019
Democracy, Dictatorship, War, and Peace	Fall 2017, Winter 2018

Methodological Training

University of Oxford
Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods   2022

Courses: Hierarchical Models (Andreas Murr); Analysing Twitter Data (Christopher Barrie)

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods   2020-2022

Courses: Modern Difference in Difference Designs (John Poe); Bayesian Analysis (Gustavo Sanchez); Multilevel & Mixed Models (Rose Medeiros); Meta-Analysis Techniques (Mariola Moeyaert); Data Visualization (Robert Cooper); Structural Equation Models with Latent Variables (Douglas Baer)

Université de Montréal
The 4th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections   2018

University of Toronto

Graduate Courses: Computer-Assisted Textual Analysis (Ludovic Rheault); Statistics for Political Scientists (Michael Donnelly); Quantitative Methods & Data Analysis (Ludovic Rheault); Data Analysis of Social Networks (Deena Abul-Fottouh); Ethics & Data Science (Rohan Alexander)

Workshops: Survey Methods and Use (Michael Donnelly); Research Ethics in the Social Sciences & Humanities (Dean Sharpe and Edward Schatz); Web-Based Data Collection and Management (Olga Chyzh) Political Science Statistical Computing Bootcamp (Greg Distelhorst)

Hertie School, The University of Governance in Berlin   2014-2016

Graduate Courses: Applied Logistic Regression (Michaela Kreyenfeld); Event History and Applied Longitudinal Data Analysis (Michaela Kreyenfeld); Behavioural Economics and Experimental Policy Analysis (Christian Traxler); Collaborative Social Science Data Analysis (Christopher Gandrud)

Skills

Statistical Software: R/RStudio; Stata; Python

Online Survey Software: Qualtrics (survey & experimental design)

Online Teaching Tools: Zoom; Blackboard Collaborate; Microsoft Teams & Gotomeeting

Document Markup Language: LaTeX & R Markdown

Pair programming: Git/GitHub

Languages: English (fluent), Bangla (fluent), Arabic (basic), and German (basic)

Conference Presentations
[*Presented by co-author
†Cancelled]

The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (Emory University)	2025
The 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (UC Riverside)	2024
The Annual MENA and Asian Political Methodology Conference (NYU Abu Dhabi)	2024
The Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago)	2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
The Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association	2024 [scheduled], 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020
The Annual Meeting of Canadian Political Science Association	2025* 2021* 2020†
The 5th International Conference on Public Policy	2021†
The 11th Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association	2021
The Annual Meeting European Consortium for Political Research	2020
International Workshop on Immigration and the Welfare State (University of Lausanne)	2021*
Public Issues and Public Reason Conference, Carleton University	2017
The Annual Meeting of Global Public Policy Network	2014 (Brazil), 2015 (Germany)

Invited Talks

Harvard University, Department of Government	2024
Lakehead University, Department of Political Science	2024
New York University Abu Dhabi, Political Science	2023-2024
University of California Riverside, UCR School of Public Policy	2023
Wake Forest University, Department of Politics and International Affairs	2023
University of British Columbia, Department of Political Science	2022

Service and Leadership Experience

Co-organizer - Political Behavior Group, University of Toronto (U of T).	2020-2025
Mentor - UTSC SDG Data Challenge, Dept. of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, U of T.	2025
Co-founder & Convenor - Quantitative Methods Cluster, Dept. of Political Science, U of T.	2020-2023
Comparative Politics Field Representative -Dept. of Political Science, U of T	2020-2023
Book Reviewer - An R Companion to Political Analysis. SAGE Publishing.	2021
Graduate Student Representative - Faculty Search Committee, University of Toronto	2021
Conference service & Co-host - Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology	2020
Editor - Comparative Politics & Methods Sections, The U of T Journal of Political Science	2018-19
Editor - The Governance Post, Hertie School in Berlin	2014-2016

Pedagogical Training

University of Toronto
Workshops for Course Instructors and Sessional Lecturers   2019-2022

Inclusive & Accessible Pedagogy (Ann Gagne); Indigenous Pedagogies & Decolonization (Sarena Johnson); Mental Health (Students & Instructors) (Chad Jankowski); Pedagogies of Care & Kindness (D. Ashbourne); TA Management (Ryan Hurl); New Situation & Adjustments of Policies (Alana Boland)

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association	2018-present
Midwest Political Science Association	2019-present
Canadian Political Science Association	2021-present
The Society for Political Methodology	2025, 2024, 2022, 2021, 2020
International Public Policy Association	2023, 2022, 2021, 2020

Research Experience

Research Assistant to Peter Loewen - University of Toronto	Sept. 2017-Aug. 2024
Research Assistant to Randy Besco - University of Toronto	Jan. 2020-Aug. 2020
Research Associate to Mark Kayser - Hertie School in Berlin	Dec. 2014-July 2017
Research Internship - The United Nations Secretariat, USA	Jun.-Aug. 2015
Research Assistant -BIGD, BRAC University, Bangladesh	May-Aug. 2014
Research Officer - Centre for Governance Studies, Bangladesh	Jan. 2013-Apr. 2014
Research Internship - Democracy International, Bangladesh	Jan. 2012-July 2012

Policy-Oriented and Public-Facing Publications

"The Ethical Distance Problem in Modern Democracies," *Journal of Democracy* (Online Exclusive), Forthcoming.

"The Other Half of Democracy: Governing and Opposing in Bangladesh's Democratic Transition," *South Asian Voices*, February 09, 2026.

"Bangladesh's 2026 Election Is a Litmus Test for Global Democratic Revival," *The Diplomat*, February 05, 2026.

"Are Bangladesh's Overseas Guardians of Democracy Being Silenced?," *The Diplomat*, September 23, 2025 (with Muhib Rahman).

"Bangladesh's BIGD Poll Risks Becoming a 'Literary Digest' Moment," *The Diplomat*, August 23, 2025.

Original Datasets

Ethical Values and Democratic Attitudes among Immigrants and Non-Immigrants	2025
Ethical Values in News Media and Democratic Attitudes	2024
Ethical vs. Policy Disagreement and Candidate Evaluation	2023
Ethical Disagreement, Candidate Preferences, and Democracy Support	2021, 2020

Citizenship

Canadian, Bangladeshi

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