

# Vatsal Naresh

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## **Academic Appointments**

2022- Harvard University  
College Fellow in Social Studies

## **Education**

2016-2022 Yale University  
Ph.D., Political Science (December 2022)  
M. Phil, Political Science (2019)

*Democracy's Violence: Majorities, Identity, and Sociality*

Dissertation Committee: Karuna Mantena (Chair & Reader), Giulia Oskian (Reader), Hélène Landemore (Co-chair)

Fields: Political Theory, Comparative Politics, Qualitative and Historical Methods

Certificate of College Teaching Preparation, 2022

2014-15 Columbia University  
M. A., Political Science  
Specialization in Political Theory

2011-14 St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi  
B. A. (Hons) History, First Division  
Prem Nath Bhalla Prize, 2014

## **Publications**

*Negotiating Democracy and Religious Pluralism: India, Pakistan, and Turkey*. Co-edited with Karen Barkey and Sudipta Kaviraj. New York: Oxford University Press, 2021.

*Constituent Assemblies*. Co-edited with Jon Elster, Roberto Gargarella, and Bjørn-Erik Rasch. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018.

"Pride and Prejudice in Austin's cornerstone: Preliminary reflections on passions in the Constituent Assembly of India" in Bhatia, Udit. (ed.) *The Indian Constituent Assembly: Deliberations on Democracy*. Routledge: London, 2018.

## **Selected Works in Progress**

*Democracy's Violence* - book manuscript based on my dissertation

“Attacking Pride in its Last Refuge”: Tocqueville and Ambedkar on the Tyranny of the Permanent Majority.

Democratic equality and majoritarianism: means, ends, and procedures

“Not in my name!” The Social Psychology of Lynching in Contemporary India.

Constitution-making and Violence during India’s postcolonial founding

‘Collective Slavery’ and Caste in Du Bois’ *Black Reconstruction*

### **Teaching Experience**

Fall 2022 Instructor of Record, *Race, Caste, and Indigeneity in a Democratic Age*. A seminar for third year students concentrating in Social Studies at Harvard University.

Fall 2022 Tutor, Introduction to Social Studies – A team-taught year-long seminar for aspiring Social Studies concentrators at Harvard University.

Fall 2021 Instructor of Record, *Democracy and Race in America: Thinking with Tocqueville and Du Bois* (with Dr. Giulia Oskian). Yale CTL Associates in Teaching Program, 2021-22.

Fall 2020 Head Teaching Fellow to Dr. Hélène Landemore, Introduction to Political Philosophy. *Discussion Section Leader – One Section*.

Spring 2020 Sole Teaching Fellow to Dr. Giulia Oskian, Global Constitutionalism. *Discussion Section Leader – One Section*

Fall 2019 Head Teaching Fellow to Dr. Hélène Landemore, Introduction to Political Philosophy. *Discussion Section Leader – Writing Intensive Section*

Fall 2018 Teaching Fellow to Dr. Hélène Landemore, Introduction to Political Philosophy. *Discussion Section Leader – Two Sections*

Certificate of College Teaching Preparation, Yale University Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning 2022.

### **Awards and Fellowships**

’21-22 University Dissertation Fellowship, *Yale University*

2021 Associates in Teaching Program Fellowship, *Yale University*

2021 Macmillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship, *Yale University*

2019 Macmillan International Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, *Yale University*

'17-19 South Asian Studies Council Summer Research Fellowship, *Yale University*

2016- Edward Allen Wilson Fellowship, *Yale University*

### **Invited Presentations**

2022 South Asia Colloquium - Book Talk, *Yale University*

2021 Political Violence and its Legacies, *Yale University*

2021 Political Theory Workshop, *Yale University*

2021 Toward Citizen-Legislators? The Case of the French Citizen's Convention for Climate  
*Res Publica, European Climate Foundation, and Yale University*

2019 Democracy: Genealogies, Concepts, and Practices, *University of the Western  
Cape/University of Cape Town*

2019 School of Law, Governance, and Society, *Ambedkar University Delhi*

2018 South Asian Political Thought Seminar, *Oxford University*

'17-21 South Asia Brown Bag (2021); Student Political Theory Workshop (2021); Mini-APSA (2018),  
*Yale University*

2016 Religion: Dynamics, Processes, and Change, *Columbia University*

### **Conferences**

2022 U-W Madison Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison (planned)  
Panel Presentation

2022 Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, Houston (planned)  
Workshop Presentation

2022 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada (planned)  
Panel Presentation

2020 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Online  
Panel Presentation

2018 Association for Asian Studies, AAS-in-Asia, New Delhi, India  
Panel Presentation

2017 New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, Providence, RI  
Panel Presentation

2016 Concepta Research Seminar: Comparing Concepts of Representation, Paris, France  
Panel Presentation

### **Service**

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review & Theory and Society*

2022 Democracy, Violence, and Constitutional Order in South Asia and beyond, *Yale University*  
Conference Organizer, with Rohit De

2020 Understanding India's Citizenship Amendment Act: A Teach-In  
Organizer and Moderator, with Bhoomika Joshi

2018 Graduate Student Coordinator, Yale Political Theory Workshop

2018 Democratic Representation in South Asia: History, Theory, Politics, *Yale University*  
Conference Organizer, with Karuna Mantena

2018 Respondent, South Asian Studies Council Colloquium Book Panel (Ornit Shani), *Yale University*

2017 Coordinator, Yale Student Political Theory Workshop; Yale South Asia Brown Bag

'16-22 Discussant, Yale Political Theory Workshop (Ewa Atanassow, Jean L. Cohen, Hélène Landemore, Arlene Saxonhouse, Melissa Schwartzberg, Heather Wilford)

'16-21 Discussant, Yale Macmillan Comparative Politics Workshop (Vijayendra Rao); Yale Political Violence and its Legacies Workshop (Mohamad Junaid); Oxford South Asian Political Thought Seminar (Sandipto Dasgupta); Yale CHESS Workshop (Alison LaCroix); and Yale South Asia Brown Bag (Tiraana Bains, Zaib Aziz)

2016 Democracy and Religious Pluralism-II, *University of California-Berkeley*  
Conference Organizer, with Karen Barkey

2016 Perspectives on Constituent Assemblies, *Columbia University*  
Conference Organizer, with Jon Elster and Bjørn Erik Rasch

2016 Democracy and Religious Pluralism-I, *Columbia University*  
Conference Organizer, with Karen Barkey