

NEWSLETTER

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Julia Kowalski, assistant professor of global affairs and a concurrent faculty member in Notre Dame's Gender Studies Program converses with the village head during TCPD's Haryana Sarpanch Survey
Courtesy TCPD Archives, October 2020

2020 TCPD SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

WE'VE GONE ONLINE!

The TCPD Summer Internship Programme is a 8-10 week long research and project development opportunity for bright undergraduate and graduate students to ideate, contribute to, and lead projects spanning from coding, data collation, organisation and visualisation to inquiries into the socio-cultural dynamics of Indian politics. This year's cohort and their projects are as follows:

WOMEN LEGISLATORS PROJECT

his project aims at profiling women legislators and at studying the career and individual trajectories of women who run for office in Indian state elections. Varnika Gangavalli (Ashoka) is working on this.

LIA SPINPER PROJECT

Project Partner: Sciences Po

This project is an ongoing collaboration between Sciences Po and TPCD. Students will be working on adding features to LokDhaba, TCPD's pioneering data collation tool. The team consists of Soham Gaikwad (IIT Delhi) and Yash More (Ashoka).

CODING CONTENTION PROJECT

Project Partner: Peace Research Institute Oslo

The Coding Contention Project is a collaborative effort between the Peace Research Institute Oslo and TCPD. It focusses on documenting forms of contention across India. The team consists of Gaurika Kumar(Ashoka), Aditi Shah (Ashoka), Anandi Pandey (Ashoka), Aninthitha Nath (Ashoka), Bilal Ahmad (Jamia Milia), Kesar Majethia (Ashoka), Rochak Jain (Ashoka), Sadam Hussain (Ashoka) and Simran Saini (Ashoka).

RAJYA SABHA MP LIST

Involves building a dataset of Rajya Sabha Members in the Indian Parliament since 1952. Mufti Taha Shah (St. Stephen's College) is engaged in this research.

OTHER PROJECTS

Ashoka University students Vaibhav Parik, Nandini Agarwal, and Samridhi Hooda are studying state responses to the covid pandemic; Visvesha Murthi and Prashasti Agarwal are working on the incumbency mapping project; Manasa Sriram and Apollinaire Abi are looking into data cleaning on the Lok Sabha Member Profile Dataset. Atharvi Bais is contributing to the political parties database while Keya Gupta (DPS RK Puram) is working on the Cabinet Project.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Contemporary South Asia released a special issue on the 2019 Indian General Election, co-edited by Christophe Jaffrelot and Gilles Verniers, co-director at TCPD. TCPD data figures prominently in most contributions. The papers published in CSA are listed below:

Contemporary South Asia Journal
Christophe Jaffrelot & Gilles Verniers
"A new party system or a new political system?"

Contemporary South Asia Journal
Christophe Jaffrelot & Gilles Verniers
"The reconfiguration of India's political elite: profiling the 17th Lok Sabha"

Contemporary South Asia Journal
Christophe Jaffrelot & Gilles Verniers
"The BJP's 2019 election campaign : not business as usual"

Contemporary South Asia Journal
Neelanjan Sircar
"The politics of vishwas: political mobilization in the 2019 national election"

Contemporary South Asia Journal
Yamini Aiyar & Neelanjan Sircar
"Understanding the decline of regional party power in the 2019 national election and beyond"

We are happy to announce that the paper titled

"LokDhaba: Acquiring, Visualizing and Disseminating Data on Indian Elections" by Mohit Kumar, Chinmay Narayan, Sudheendra Hangal & Priyamvada Trivedi was accepted to ACM Compass 2020.

IN THE MEDIA

The Wire
3 May, 2020
SY Quraishi
Former Chief Election Commissioner of India
Across the world, the Coronavirus pandemic has become an invitation to autocracy

The Hindu
8 May, 2020
SY Quraishi
Former Chief Election Commissioner of India
Conducting elections during a pandemic

The Hindu
10 May, 2020
SY Quraishi
Former Chief Election Commissioner of India
Legitimate voter, not a 'parasite'

The Print
30 May, 2020
Neelanjan Sircar
Not vikas, Modi's 2019 election was built on politics of vishwas

The Print
31 May, 2020
Yamini Aiyar & Neelanjan Sircar
BJP's undiluted power at the Centre has weakened the bargaining position of regional parties

TCPD CITED

Contemporary South Asia Journal
April 29, 2020
Carole Spary

"Women candidates, women voters, and the gender politics of India's 2019 parliamentary election"