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Report Summary

This is the third annual activity report of the Trivedi Centre for Political Data (TCPD from here on), for the year 2017-18. It contains a brief description of the activities conducted by the Centre and its members this past year, elements of information regarding the Centre's structure and development as well as a description of the Centre's priorities and plans for the coming year. The Centre's activities this year were concentrated around the coverage of six state elections, the building of a research project on women inclusion in politics and the building of new partnerships.

The Centre obtained this year its first private research grant from Facebook (60 lakhs), to sponsor a research project on the participation of women in general and state elections. The Centre's field teams covered six state elections and conducted nearly 80 interviews with women contesting for state elections.

The Centre has built a partnership with the Centre for Policy Research (CPR from here on), to conduct a monthly Delhi-based CPR-TCPD dialogue on Indian politics. This talk series brings together academicians, policy and political practitioners, and civil society actors to grapple with important social and political issues in India. It provides a forum for intellectually rigorous, non-partisan commentary to strengthen public discourse on politics in India.

The Centre has also started a non-exclusive partnership with the Hindustan Times, which carries a fortnightly piece produced by the Centre. The partnership started with the publication of a profile of the new Assembly of Karnataka.

The Centre has also built on its research partnership with the Centre for International Research (CNRS), Sciences Po Paris and the University of Bordeaux, by conducting field data collection through the year and organizing two academic events in Paris in June 2018.

The Centre held its first Summer School in July 2017 as well as its first Summer Internship Program. 26 participants took part in the Centre's summer course and 14 students from Ashoka and beyond interned with the Centre through the summer.

The Centre covered six state elections this year (Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura and Karnataka), collecting data on main parties' candidates. Four ELM teams and three researchers from the Centre conducted fieldwork.

The Centre's media exposure has considerably increased this year, with more media organizations publishing the Centre's pieces and using the Centre's data for their own coverage of Indian elections. Centre's articles and data have appeared in the Hindustan Times, the Indian Express, the Economic Times, Navbharat Times, Scroll.in and The Wire, in English, Hindi and Urdu.

Dr. Priyamvada Trivedi has joined the Centre as Associate Director. Dr. Trivedi completed her doctoral dissertation in April 2018 from the University of Michigan and will be steering the Centre and will contribute to develop its missions and partnerships.

The Centre's core team comprises eight permanent members, supported by more than two dozen Ashoka students, either as ELM teams, interns or undergraduate volunteers. Besides, three Masters' of Liberal Studies (MLS) students were affiliated with the Centre this year.

Sudheendra Hangal

Professor,
Computer Science
Co-Director

Gilles Verniers

Assistant Professor,
Political Science
Co-Director

Structure and Resources

Team

Forty-three people have been working or have been associated in various capacities with the Centre this year, including the eight-member permanent team. The team is divided between the permanent team, ELM students, and interns (mostly undergraduate students at Ashoka).

Permanent Team

- Sudheendra Hangal and Gilles Verniers as Co-Directors.
- Priyamvada Trivedi (PhD in Political Science, University of Michigan), Associate Director
- Neelanjan Sircar (PhD Columbia University) joined as Senior Affiliate Researcher.
- Mohit Kumar (M.Tech, IIIT Hyderabad) is a data scientist and GIS engineer. He joined as Lead Data Researcher, in replacement of Chinmay Narayan.
- Basim U Nissa (alumnus, YIF) joined as Deputy Manager and was promoted this year as Project Manager and Research Affiliate.
- Ashish Ranjan joined in July 2017 as Research Fellow. He leaves the Centre in July 2018.
- Sudesh Singh has joined the Centre in June 2016 as computer scientist and developer and has left the Centre in May 2018.
- Dr. S.Y. Quraishi (former CEC) joined in July 2016, as Distinguished Fellow.

ELM

- On election mapping: Sahil Satsangi, Apratim Chandra Singh, Sanket Kashyap, Girish Sastry, Ananya Vajpeyi, Ankita Kundra

- On the Women in Politics project: Akansha Naredy, Aryaman Jain, Surabhi Trivedi, Arushi Aggarwal, Naman Bansal, Parag Maheshwari

Summer Interns

Shivangi Tikekar	Ashoka UG
Nivedita Joon	Ashoka UG
Anirudh Pisharam	Ashoka UG
Ahaan Ghosh	Ashoka UG
Jibraan Mansoor	Ashoka UG
Gauri Bansal	Ashoka UG
Dibyendu Mishra	Ashoka UG
Saloni Bhogale	Ashoka YIF
Parushya	Ashoka YIF
Suneet Puri	Ashoka MLS
Apoorva Nagarajan	Jamia Millia Islamia
Naini Chauhan	Hindu College
Shruti Slaria	TISS

Interns

Abhishek Mishra	Web design and development
Deep Vakil	Data management
K.C. Sachin	Data management
Sahil Bhargava	Incumbency project
Sita Sawhney	Cabinet data project
Akshat Sogani	Programming
Riday Chokshi	Programming
Sukanya Janardhan	Data entry

Meera Damaraju	Data entry	Ahaan Ghosh	Data entry
Mrunal Marathe	Data entry	Himanshu Shekhar	Data entry
Amlan Bibhudatta	Data entry	Nivedita Joon	Dataset on the Supreme Court

Governing Body

There have been no changes to the composition of the Centre's two boards

Executive Board

Ashok Trivedi	Founder, IGate, Founder and Trustee, Ashoka University and Centre's donor
Ashish Dhawan	Founder and Trustee, Ashoka University
Christophe Jaffrelot	Sciences Po, King's College London
Rudrangshu Mukherjee	Vice Chancellor, Ashoka University
S.Y. Quraishi	Former Chief Election Commissioner of India and Distinguished Fellow, TCPD

Scientific Board

Christophe Jaffrelot (Chair)	Sciences Po, King's College London
Pradeep Chhibber	University of California, Berkeley
Ashish Goel	Management Science & Engineering, Stanford University
Milan Vaishnav	Carnegie Foundation, Washington D.C.
Francesca Jensenius	Senior Research Fellow at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
Sudheendra Hangal	Ashoka University
Gilles Verniers	Ashoka University

Scientific Activities

The Centre's scientific activities were concentrated this year on the building of datasets for the six states that went for election (Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Karnataka), the coding of incumbency data for the individual incumbency project and the building of datasets on women contestants as part of the women inclusion in politics project.

The Centre has also affiliated three MLS students whose research has become part of the Centre's activities.

Data

- The main objective for this year was to update and collect data about the six states undergoing elections.
 - Various teams spent a total of ten weeks on the field to collect data on caste, religion and political family affiliations of major parties candidates.
 - The data was integrated with the results of these elections on the day of the results' announcement and immediately used for analysis and publication.
 - Besides, affidavit data from the last three elections of every state has been merged with all our datasets.
 - This data collection efforts feeds directly into the Centre's core dataset building exercise.

Projects

Profiling Candidates to Indian Elections

- This project is a continuation of the "Rise of Plebeians" project, in which we collect data on the sociological profile of candidates to state elections.
- Our focus this year was on the six states that went for state elections:
 - Basim U Nissa and Ashish Ranjan conducted fieldwork in Himachal Pradesh to collect data on main parties candidates.
 - Basim U Nissa, Ashish Ranjan and Mohit Kumar conducted fieldwork in to Gujarat to collect data on main parties candidates.
 - Ashish Ranjan toured the North-East for nearly a month, to collect data on main parties candidates.



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Kalyani Roy campaigning in Teliamura, Meghalaya, February 2018

- Ashish Ranjan spent three weeks in Karnataka to collect data on main parties candidates.
- Besides, several affiliated students and researcher from the Centre and Sciences Po have collected data in other states
 - Basim U Nissa and Huzaafa in Jammu and Kashmir
 - Jusmeet Sihra (Sciences Po) in Rajasthan
 - Julia Schmidt (Sciences Po) in Gujarat
 - Sapna Dubey (Sciences Po) in Madhya Pradesh
 - Josh Mazumdar (Sciences Po) and Delphine Thivet (University of Bordeaux) in West Bengal
- The datasets for the six aforementioned states are now complete. The Rajasthan and Gujarat datasets have also been completed. Other states still need to be updated.

State Elections Analysis

- The Centre's electoral analysis has appeared in a multitude of media publications (see below) and has been used for various academic presentations (see below).
- Huzaafa, an MLS student, has conducted an ethnography of the National Conference in

Srinagar, as part of her capstone thesis this year.

Women Inclusion in Politics

- The Centre focused on profiling of women candidates contesting from main parties in state elections. This involved conducting fieldwork in 6 states that went for polls in the last one year – Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura and Karnataka. 110 women candidates have been profiled across these states
- 80 students from the Young India Fellowship class of 2018 conducted fieldwork to profile Haryana 105 current and past women politicians across 19 assembly constituencies in Haryana
- Fieldwork was also conducted to profile women MLAs in Jammu and Kashmir.
- This project investigates women candidates' profiles in greater detail. Beyond the usual socio-demographic variables, data is collected on the trajectory of women contestants prior their joining politics (occupation, circumstances in which they joined politics, prior political experience in Panchayat or municipalities).



Mrs. Renuka Chowdhury at Ashoka, March 2018



Individual Incumbency Project

- As part of this project, the Centre has invited or organized panel discussions or talks by women elected representatives.

Individual Incumbency Project

- This project consists in creating and attributing a unique ID to all names mentioned in the elections datasets, to code the individual career trajectory of individual contesting elections. While the Unique ID will concern every name, the career trajectory coding will discard marginal candidates (essentially independents who appear only once in the data).
- This will enable us to quantify and measure phenomenon such as assembly turnover, candidate re-running and re-election patterns and turncoats.
- Eleven states that have been coded for both

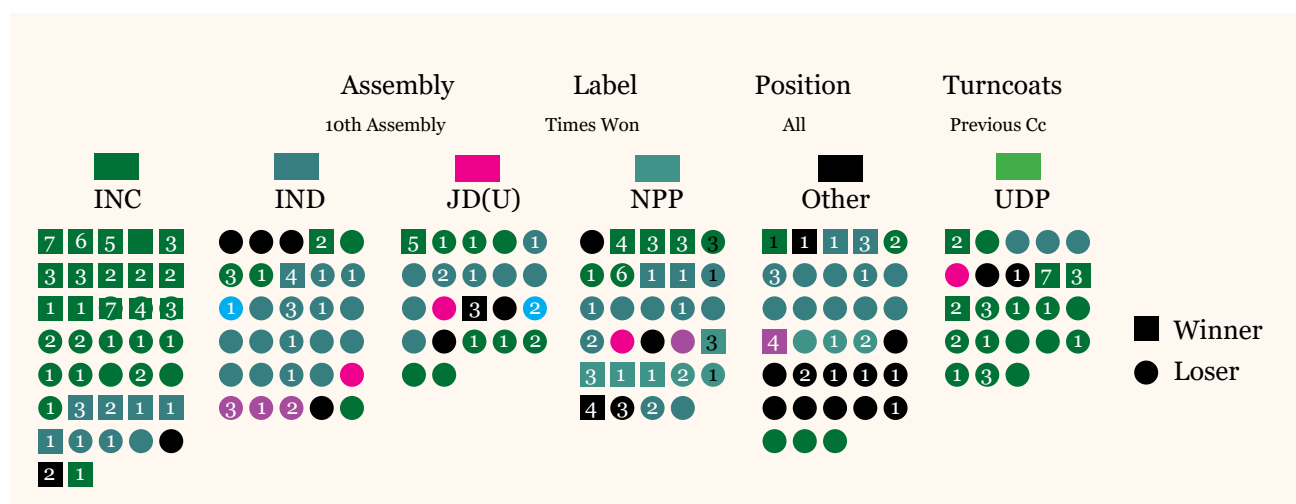
Assembly and General elections so far are:

- Gujarat
- Karnataka
- Mizoram
- Jammu and Kashmir
- Haryana
- Himachal Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh
- Nagaland
- Rajasthan
- Tripura
- Punjab

- The following states have been coded for either Assembly elections or General elections:

- Chhattisgarh
- Uttar Pradesh
- Uttarakhand
- Tamil Nadu
- Andhra Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Assam
- Maharashtra
- Kerala
- West Bengal
- Odisha

This is a time-consuming process that requires



Individual Incumbency Project



Field work in West Bengal

manual coding and various layers of data verification.

Incumbency Visualization Project

- Sivangi Tikekar, a fourth year student in Computer Science at Ashoka University, used D3, a JavaScript library, to create an interactive visualization of assembly and general election candidates over the years. The visualization sheds light on incumbency and cross-party movement in particular.
- Shivangi has worked on the following states - Karnataka, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Tripura.

Parliamentary Questions Project

- While a lot is known about what Indian politicians say during election time given the large amount of media coverage, little is known about their effectiveness and actions once they are elected to an office as a Member of Parliament (MP). Led by Saloni Bhogale, an MLS student, this project attempts to address this gap by studying the content of parliamentary questions in the Lok Sabha.
- Saloni has scraped a dataset of questions asked during the Question Hour in the Lok Sabha (the Lower House of the Indian

Parliament) over the last 20 years from the Parliament's website. The dataset has a total of 2,76,000 questions asked over 4 Lok Sabha Sessions. This dataset has been merged with the Election Commission of India's dataset which has a number of informative variables like Gender, Constituency Type (indicating Caste), party name, incumbency and so on.

- Rather than using a manual curation of keywords (which is usually the method adopted), Saloni used a word embedding algorithm (word2vec) to classify questions by topic, using semantic fields rather than keywords.

Judiciary and IPS Data

- The Centre has started the process of collecting data on the higher judiciary and on the IPS officers.
 - A small dataset on Supreme Court Judges has been assembled, which profiles the 250 SC judges since the Court's creation.
 - Data on IPS officers has been collected from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy and from various online sources, detailing the lists of IPS officers since the 1970s.

Partnerships

All pre-existing partnerships continue. This year, the Centre has built two new partnerships that enhance the Centre's visibility and outreach.

Centre for Policy Research

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For the first two dialogues focused on the

Karnataka elections and on the role of money in politics in India

Hindustan Times

The Centre has also started a non-exclusive partnership with the **Hindustan Times**, which carries a fortnightly piece produced by the Centre. The partnership started with the publication of a profile of the new Assembly of Karnataka.

Sciences Po

The partnership with Sciences Po remains the most vibrant one for the Centre.

- Five Sciences Po students and researchers have conducted fieldwork under TCPD affiliation this year, in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.
- One workshop and one public conference were jointly organized in Paris in June 2018, showcasing the fruits of our collaboration.



Summer School 2017



Events

TCPD Events

The Centre organized ten public events in India, eight as part of its lecture's series and three as two as part of its new lecture series with CPR (Dialogue on Indian Politics). The Centre organized its first events abroad, as part of the partnership with Sciences Po.

Lakshmi Iyer from University of Notre Dame gave a talk on 'Political Identity and Religious Violence in India. Does Political Representation of Minority Groups Reduce Religious Conflict?' at the Ashoka University in July 2017

Marie-Helene Zehra and Persis Taraporevala (CPR) talked about 'How do you catch a cloud and pin it down? A case for defining the smart cities mission in India' at the Ashoka University in October 2017

Prashant Jha of the Hindustan Times talked about his latest book 'How the BJP wins?' at the Ashoka University in October 2017

Chakshu Roy and Trina Roy gave a talk on 'Strengthening Parliament' at the Ashoka University in November 2017

Katie Harbath, Global Politics & Outreach Director, Facebook gave a talk on 'The Digital and Politics' at the Ashoka University in January 2018

Rohan Samarajiva and Yudhanjaya Wijeratne from Lirne, Sri Lanka gave a talk on 'Interrogating community and connectedness using Facebook

and mobile network big data' at the Ashoka University in February 2018

Sujata Gamage of Lirne, Sri Lanka gave a talk on 'Open data for electoral demarcations' at the Ashoka University in February 2018

Renuka Chowdhury of Indian National Congress gave a talk on 'The Hard Life of Indian Netas' at the Ashoka University in April 2018

Sreenivasan Jain (Managing Editor, NDTV), Manisha Priyam (Associate Professor (NUEPA) and Sugata Srinivasaraju (Co-Founder & Editorial Director, The State) participated in a panel discussion on 'Unpacking the Karnataka Results' as part of CPR-TCPD Dialogue in May 2018

Milan Vaishnav gave a talk on 'Politics, Elections and Money' as a part of CPR-TCPD Dialogue in June 2018.

Conferences Attended

Various members of the Centre spoke in twelve conferences or seminars.

Gilles Verniers spoke at "The integration of political and economic elites in Uttar Pradesh" Lamp Fellowship, PRS Legislative Research, New Delhi in July 2017

Gilles Verniers gave a presentation on "Business first: the changing profile of Uttar Pradesh legislators", during a panel discussion on The Sociology of Elected Representatives in India

at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (South Asia Conference) in October 2017

Neelanjan Sircar and *Gilles Verniers* spoke about 'Dissecting the Gujarat State Elections Results at CPR, New Delhi in December 2017

Gilles Verniers and *Basim-U-Nissa* spoke on 'Women in Indian Politics' at the Difficult Dialogues Conference, Goa in February 2018

Saloni Bhogale and *Sudheendra Hangal* participated in conference on 'Artificial Intelligence for social good' at the Microsoft Lab, Bangalore in March 2018

Gilles Verniers spoke about 'The Changing Profile of Legislators in Uttar Pradesh' during a Conference on the future of Democracy in India, organised by Progressive Council, Lucknow, at the South Asia Institute LSE and TCPD in April 2018

Gilles Verniers spoke about 'The Highs and Lows of Muslims Representation in Uttar Pradesh' during a workshop on minority representation in public institutions in India at Sciences Po in Paris in June 2018

Basim-U-Nissa spoke on 'Who governs Jammu and Kashmir? A profile of the state assembly, 1983-2013 and its relevance in the state politics'

during a workshop on minority representation in public institutions in India at the Sciences Po in Paris in June 2018

Gilles Verniers spoke about 'Uttar Pradesh, one year after the rise to power of the BJP' at the Conference on India after four years of Modi Government at Sciences Po in Paris in June 2018

Basim-U-Nissa spoke about 'Kashmir since 2014. Trends in the civil unrest and their significance for party politics' at the Conference on India after four years of Modi Government, at the Sciences Po in Paris in June 2018

Priyamvada Trivedi spoke about 'Conceptualizing, Measuring and Understanding Discrimination Against Dalits in Gujarat' at the Conference on India after four years of Modi Government at Sciences Po in Paris in June 2018

Gilles Verniers gave a talk on 'The stronger sex? Women's representation and performance in six state elections' at the King's College London in June 2018

The Centre also co-sponsored Ashoka students' field trip to Amritsar (October 2017) and Lucknow (April 2018).

- Partition Museum, Amritsar, October 2017
- Ambedkar Memorial, Lucknow, April 2018



Ambedkar Memorial, Lucknow, April 2018



Ambedkar Memorial, Lucknow, April 2018



Partition Museum, Amritsar, October 2017

Summer School and Summer Internship Program

The Centre held in July 2017 its first summer school and summer internship programs.

- The summer school gathered scholars from various institutions to instruct 26 participants from Ashoka and from outside.
 - Aafaque Raza Khan (Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), ISRO)
 - Alexandre Chevalier (Developer, CDSP, Sciences Po)
 - Chinmay Narayan (Then TCPD)
 - Francesca Jensenius (Then NUPI, now Oslo University)
 - Jeremy Richard (Developer, CDSP, Sciences Po)
- Neelanjan Sircar (then CPR, now Ashoka)
- Rajkamal Singh (PhD Candidate, UCSB)
- The Summer Internship Program gathered 13 students for a period of 6-8 weeks. The interns provided support to various projects of the Centre and worked on their own projects on the side. All received training to acquire skills in various aspects of data work: Statistical computing (R), basics of coding (Python), how to write scripts and conduct data consistency checks using R, basic data visualization.



Summer School 2017

Next Steps

Objectives for July 2018 - July 2019

Publications

- In order to facilitate research publications we started our weekly research workshop. The first one was on July 18, 2018. The purpose of these workshops is twofold. The first is for individual members of the TCPD team to present their research and get feedback from the group. And the second is to use the feedback to improve work and submit to peer reviewed journals.

Funding

- We will work on securing external funding to work on our research agenda. There are two applications that will be submitted by July 2019. The first one is to the European Research Council (ERC) in collaboration with Sciences Po. The deadline for this is September 2018. And the second one is to the Research Council of Norway (RCN) in collaboration with Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and the University of Michigan. The deadline is April 10, 2019.

Outreach

- In the next one year, we will be publishing 20 pieces in The Hindustan Times. These pieces will data-driven pieces which will tentatively be about elections, women and Muslim representation and performance, political strongholds and the political class in India. The data for these pieces will come from the TCPD databases.

- There will be monthly talks held jointly between the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) and TCPD at CPR in Delhi. Members of the TCPD team are expected to present at the CPR-TCPD Dialogues on Indian Politics.

Data Release

- The Centre will release its first Legislators' dataset by the end of 2018, on a limited number of states for which the data collection is complete.
- The Centre also plans to release two datasets on women in India Politics: one on Lok Sabha women legislators, and the other on state legislators, for a limited number of states.
- From then on, the Centre will release new data every six months.

Conferences

- We are in the process of putting together a proposal to organize a conference at Ashoka in December 2018. The theme is Empirical and Computational Social Science Research in India. The primary goal of this conference is to take stock of existing empirical social science research in India and discuss a way forward. The output of this conference will be a specific research agenda that will be executed in the next one year. The agenda will contain research questions, available data and/or plans to collect data, the methods which can be used to probe the questions and lastly on how exactly will we build the research capacity to implement the agenda. The conference will bring together senior scholars, junior scholars and students (graduate and

undergraduate), from the fields of democratic institutions, social and economic inequalities and collective action. We hope to make this an annual event from next year.

- The Centre will also host the second LIA conference in December 2018 with Sciences Po and a team of research scholars from Berkeley, led by Dr. Jennifer Bussell.
- Research conducted at the Centre will be showcased this year at the Annual South Asia conference in Madison and in a workshop on political representation at Berkeley, in October 2018
- The International Conference on women representation will have to take place this academic year in Paris.
- The third round of LIA workshop will take place in Paris in May or June 2019.

Team

- The team is now considerably reinforced with the arrival of an **Associate Director**. The role of the Associate Director is to steer the Centre on a full-time basis, to contribute to the definition and expansion of its missions, projects and partnership, to submit grant applications and seek other venues of funding for research.
- The Centre is also hiring a new recruit. **Saloni Bhogale** is a computer scientist who has completed the MLS program. She will join as a developer, work closely with Mohit Kumar to build our tools, and will pursue her research project on parliamentary questions.
- We are looking to hiring another developer, to assist Mohit Kumar and work on data visualization.
- Basim U Nissa is promoted into a full-time research (pre-doctoral) position.
- The Centre will have one affiliated MLS student, Surya Harikrishnan.
- Both Sudesh and Ashish have left the Centre.
- We are looking forward to hiring an administrative assistant, to relieve current researchers from time-consuming administrative staff.

- Beyond that, there is no contingency otherwise at this state for hiring any new staff, unless we find external funding to do so.

Partnerships

- Our priority is to build on existing partnerships. The partnership with Michigan needs to be re-activated and the arrival of Priyamvada provides us with the opportunity to do so.
- We are exploring a possible partnership with PRIO (Peace Research Institute, Oslo), who has expressed interest in working with us.

Projects

- This year will be the most intense year for the centre, election wise.
- **Nine states are up for state elections** this academic year (Mizoram, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana Odisha and Sikkim) in addition to the 2019 general elections. There is a possibility that the government advances the elections of Haryana and Maharashtra, should they wish to push their agenda for simultaneous elections. This represents a unique logistical and human resources challenge for the Centre. Elections will take up a lot of our time this year.
- We wish to close the coding of individual incumbency by December 2018, so that we may start exploiting the data.
- We will pursue our effort of collecting data on women contestants, to build on the datasets constituted this year as part of our Facebook project.

Events

- We will keep with our regular pace of guest lectures and will maintain our weekly TCPD Research Workshop, open to all, on various aspects of politics and data work.

List of Publications

Articles

Conservative in Practice: The Transformation of the Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh

Studies in Indian Politics, vol. 6(1), pp.1-16.
By Gilles Verniers (2018)

Studying Indian Politics with Large-scale Data: Indian Election Data 1961–Today

Studies in Indian Politics, Vol 5, Issue 2, pp. 269 – 275
By Francesca R. Jensenius, Gilles Verniers

A changing of the guard in Northeast India

School of International Affairs, University of Nottingham, March 27, 2018
By Gilles Verniers

Media

The Indian Express

Karnataka leftovers

The Indian Express, June 7, 2018
By S.Y. Quraishi

What Kairana means

The Indian Express, June 1, 2018
By Gilles Verniers, Rajkamal Singh

Elections in the time of Cambridge Analytica

The Indian Express, May 11, 2018
By S Y Quraishi

Karnataka assembly elections 2018: Rahul Gandhi's credibility will be tested in state

The Indian Express, May 9, 2018
By Ashish Ranjan

Gorakhpur in perspective

Indian Express, March 15, 2018
By Gilles Verniers

Constructing Democracy

The Indian Express, March 4, 2018
By Gilles Verniers

BJP knocks on Manik Sarkar's door in Tripura

The Indian Express, February 18, 2018
By Ashish Ranjan

BJP gobbles up Congress, bites hard into Left in Tripura

The Indian Express, March 3, 2018
By Ashish Ranjan

Lawmakers with perk

The Indian Express, February 26, 2018
By S Y Quraishi

The duty of the young

The Indian Express, January 13, 2018
By S Y Quraishi

Reading Gujarat verdict: Rural-urban divide underlined, Congress gains for future

Indian Express, December 19, 2017
By Christophe Jaffrelot , Gilles Verniers

Narendra Modi is the LoC in Gujarat, one that is still tough for the Congress to cross

Indian Express, December 17, 2017
By Ashish Ranjan

Caste of characters

Indian Express, December 15, 2017
By Christophe Jaffrelot , Gilles Verniers

In Nepal, with hope

Indian Express, December 12, 2017
By S.Y. Quraishi

The Gujarat difference

Indian Express, October 16, 2017
By Gilles Verniers

Error of Commission

Indian Express, October 14, 2017
By S.Y. Quraishi

Tweedledee, Tweedledum

Indian Express, October 5, 2017
By Christophe Jaffrelot, Gilles Verniers

It's lonely on the ground

Indian Express, September 4, 2017
By Christophe Jaffrelot, Basim-U-Nissa

And the winner is Election Commission

Indian Express, August 10, 2017
By S.Y. Quraishi

Hindustan Times

Rise of Lingayats, missing women: A profile of the new Karnataka assembly

Hindustan Times, May 16, 2018
By Gilles Verniers

How political parties choose their candidates to win elections

Hindustan Times, March 26, 2018
By Neelanjan Sircar

Which MPs utilise constituency funds the best?

Hindustan Times, February 21, 2018
By Neelanjan Sircar

Education ups attendance of MPs, criminal history lowers it

Hindustan Times, January 31, 2018
By Neelanjan Sircar

The inability to move mass leaders up the party ranks has been a problem for the Congress

Hindustan Times, December 19, 2017
By Ashish Ranjan and Neelanjan Sircar

Economic Times

Seeking justice just got harder

The Economic Times, April 4, 2018
By Gilles Verniers

View: Holding simultaneous Lok Sabha and state elections is neither feasible nor desirable

The Economic Times, March 10, 2018
By Gilles Verniers

The Asian Age

Onus on EC to ensure EVM credibility: Glitches apart, EVMs are necessary

The Asian Age, June 18, 2018
By S Y Quraishi

Times of India

Idea that women can't win elections is a lie: SY Quraishi

The Times of India, March 10, 2018
By S.Y. Quraishi

The Hindu

It is time to have a debate on proportional representation, says ex-CEC S.Y. Quraishi

The Hindu, March 7, 2018
By Anuradha Raman

ECI decision to not announce Gujarat poll dates surprises former CEC S.Y. Quraishi

The Hindu, October 12, 2017
By Vijaita Singh

The Tribune

An unequal democracy

The Tribune, March 8, 2018
By SY Quraishi

The Caravan

Why India Needs to Change its Electoral Voting System

The Caravan, September 13, 2017
By S.Y. Quraishi

Scroll.in

Hanging by a thread: The Karnataka verdict explained in 22 charts and maps

Scroll.in, May 17, 2018
By Gilles Verniers

Opinion: It's futile to blame political parties for using data manipulators like Cambridge Analytica

Scroll.in, April 6, 2018
By Gilles Verniers & Sudheendra Hangal

North-East politics: The three Assembly elections underline the marginalisation of women

Scroll.in, March 16, 2018
By Gilles Verniers

Nagaland verdict explained in 24 charts: How the Congress helped the BJP make inroads in the state

Scroll.in, March 7, 2018
By Gilles Verniers

The Meghalaya hung verdict explained in 25 charts: More volatility than overall results suggest

Scroll.in, March 4, 2018
By Gilles Verniers

The BJP's remarkable Tripura win (and the total collapse of the Congress) explained in 21 charts

Scroll.in, March 05, 2018
By Gilles Verniers

Himachal paradox in eight charts: Women outvote men – but only four were elected to the Assembly

Scroll.in, December 28, 2017

By Basim-u-Nissa & Gilles Verniers

Gujarat elected only 13 female MLAs – continuing a nationwide trend of low representation for women

Scroll.in, December 28, 2017

By Basim-u-Nissa & Gilles Verniers

How Gujarat was won (and lost): 28 charts that explain the election results

Scroll.in, December 20, 2017

By Trivedi Centre for Political Data

The Print

We must save the Election Commission from the clutches of Indian politicians

The Print, December 15, 2017

By S. Y. Quraishi

The Quint

‘Sarkari Slyness’: Ex-EC Chief Backs Quint’s Electoral Bond Exposé

The Quint, April 14, 2018

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