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Education

- Ph.D. Miami University, Ohio, 2008.
- M.A. Ball State University, Indiana, 2004.
- B.A. Luther College, Iowa, 2002.

Employment

- Department of Political Science, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota.
Professor September 2020-
Associate Professor September 2014-August 2020.
Assistant Professor September 2008-August 2014.

Publications and Presentations

Books

- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2015. *Indian Foreign Policy in Transition: Relations with South Asia*. London/New York: Routledge/Taylor & Francis (Paperback edition: 2018).

Book Chapters

- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2018. "India", pp.552-562. In Andrew Silke (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism*. London, UK: Routledge/Taylor & Francis.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2008. Bhutan's military action against Indian insurgents. In Scott Gates and Kaushik Roy (eds.), *Unconventional warfare in South Asia, 1947 to the present*, pp.185-199. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing. (Reprinted from *Asian Survey*, 2005, 45(4): 566-580).

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2021. From 'Look East' to 'Act East': India's evolving engagement with the Asia-Pacific region. *Asian Affairs*, 52(2): 357-374.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2020. India's public diplomacy in the twenty-first century: Components, objectives, and challenges. *India Quarterly: A Journal of International Affairs*, 76(1): 24-39.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2018. India's Soft Power Diplomacy under the Modi Administration: Buddhism, Diaspora and Yoga. *Asian Affairs*, 49(3): 468-491.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2017. Narendra Modi's Pakistan policy: A case of old wine in old bottles. *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, 106(1): 37-46.
- Mazumdar, Arijit, and Statz, Erin. 2015. Democracy promotion in India's foreign policy: Emerging trends and developments. *Asian Affairs: An American Review*, 42(2): 77-98.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2013. Left-wing extremism and counterinsurgency in India: The 'Andhra Model'. *Strategic Analysis*, 37(4): 446-462.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2012. India's South Asia policy in the twenty-first century: New approach, old strategy. *Contemporary Politics*, 18(3): 286-302.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2012. Indian general elections 2009: The myth of the 'national' verdict. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 47(1): 68-82.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2011. India's search for a post-Cold War foreign policy: Constraints and obstacles. *India Quarterly: A Journal of International Affairs*, 67(2): 165-182.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2011. Two decades of coalition politics in India: Continuity and change. *Asian Profile*, 39(1): 49-61.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2009. Deregulation of the airline industry in India: Issues, causes and rationale. *Indian Journal of Political Science*, 70(2): 451-469.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2008. Some limitations to the success of the low-cost carrier business model in India. *World Review of Intermodal Transportation Research*, 2(1): 84-100.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2008. India-China relations: Enduring rivalry. *Asian Profile*, 36(1): 1-8.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2006. India-China border dispute: Centrality of Tibet. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 41(41): 4324-4325.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2006. India-Pakistan relations: A strategic shift. *Asian Profile*, 34(6): 577-592.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2005. Bhutan's military action against Indian insurgents. *Asian Survey*, 45(4): 566-580.

Commentaries (Non-Peer Reviewed)

- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2014. India changes with the world. *CAS Spotlight*, University of St. Thomas College of Arts and Sciences, Spring issue: 16-17.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2006. Budget air travel, present and future. *Himal Southasian*, 19(7): 38-40.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2004. Musharraf's formula. *The Hindu*, November 23.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2004. Insurgency in the North East: The roots of violence. *E-Pao Manipur*. October 28.

Professional Conferences (Refereed)

- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2018. India's public diplomacy in the twenty-first century: Components, objectives, and challenges. *Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA)* annual meeting. St. Paul, Minnesota. October 19-20.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2017. India's growing ties with the Asia-Pacific region: 'Look East' becomes 'Act East'. *International Studies Association-Midwest (ISA-Midwest)* annual meeting. St. Louis, Missouri. November 17-18.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2017. India's soft power diplomacy under the Modi administration. *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)* annual meeting. Chicago, Illinois. April 6-9.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2016. The Indian experience with terrorism and counter-terrorism: An overview. *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)* annual meeting. Chicago, Illinois. April 7-10.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2015. Indian foreign policy and democracy promotion. *International Studies Association (ISA)* annual meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana. February 18-21.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2014. Democracy Promotion in India's Foreign Policy: Emerging Trends and Developments. *Western Political Science Association (WPSA)* annual meeting. Seattle, Washington. April 17-19.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2013. Left-wing extremism and counterinsurgency in India's states. *New England Political Science Association (NEPSA)* annual meeting. Portland, Maine. May 2-4.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2011. India in South Asia: Regional hegemony in the twenty-first century. *Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA)* annual meeting. St. Paul, Minnesota. October 28-30.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2011. Stability and longevity of coalition governments in India. *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)* annual meeting. Chicago, Illinois. March 31-April 3.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2010. India's search for a post-Cold War foreign policy: Constraints and obstacles. *International Studies Association (ISA) Midwest* annual meeting. St. Louis, Missouri. November 4-7.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2009. The rise of regional political parties in India. *Minnesota Political Science Association (MNPSA)* annual meeting. St. Joseph, Minnesota. November 7.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2005. India-Russia relations: Cooperation based on common interests. *Annual Conference on South Asia*. Madison, Wisconsin. October 7-9.
- Mazumdar, Arijit. 2005. Political instability in Nepal: Factionalism and polarization among political parties. *International Political Science Association (IPSA) Research Committee 18: Asian and Pacific Studies International Round Table* annual meeting. Chicago, Illinois. April 7-9.

Invited Lectures/Talks

- "How the Past Shapes the Present: The Role of History in China's Contemporary International Relations." Invited to present at the *Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) Det. 410, University of St. Thomas*, St. Paul, Minnesota. March 22, 2021.
- "Great Decisions 2020: India and Pakistan". Invited to present at *Great*

Decisions 2020 Discussion Group at Pilgrim House. Arden Hills, Minnesota. March 5, 2020.

- “Great Decisions 2020: India and Pakistan”. Invited to present at *Global Minnesota’s Global Conversations at Minneapolis Central Library*. Minneapolis, Minnesota. February 19, 2020.
- “Great Decisions 2015: India Changes Course”. Invited to present at *Minnesota International Center’s Global Conversations at Minneapolis Central Library*. Minneapolis, Minnesota. November 18, 2015.
- “Great Decisions 2015: India Changes Course”. Invited to present at *Great Decisions 2015 Discussion Group at Johanna Shores*. Arden Hills, Minnesota. June 26, 2015.
- “Great Decisions 2015: India Changes Course”. Invited to present at *Great Decisions 2015 Discussion Group at Pilgrim House*. Arden Hills, Minnesota. May 7, 2015.
- “Great Decisions 2015: India Changes Course”. Invited to present at *Great Decisions 2015 Discussion Group*. Minneapolis, Minnesota. April 13, 2015.
- “Politics of South Asia”. Invited to present at *The Telos Project, University of St. Thomas*. St. Paul, Minnesota. February 28, 2013.
- “South Asia in transition: India-Sri Lanka relations in the twenty-first century.” Invited to present at *Minnesota International Relations Colloquium (MIRC)*, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Minneapolis, Minnesota. October 8, 2012.
- Guest lectures in courses offered by *Department of History, Interdisciplinary Courses (IDSC) Program* and *Department of Geography, University of St. Thomas*. St. Paul, Minnesota, 2008-2014.
- “Comparative Politics and International Relations” (with Renee Buhr, Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of St. Thomas). Presentation at *Beyond the Classroom Series Colloquium, University of St. Thomas*, St. Paul, Minnesota. November 10, 2009.
- “Flying high: A comparative approach to deregulating the airline industry.” Presentation at *Beyond the Classroom Series Colloquium, University of St. Thomas*. St. Paul, Minnesota. October 21, 2008.

Teaching and Advising

Areas of Specialization

- Contemporary India
- Foreign Policy and Diplomacy
- Asian Politics, Security, and Diplomacy (India, China, Japan, South Asia)

Courses Taught

- Government and Politics; World Politics; Comparative Foreign Policy; Politics of the Developing World; Politics of South Asia; Comparative Asian Politics; Seminar in Comparative Politics.

Student Advising

- Member, *Summa Cum Laude* Latin Honors Oral Examination Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February-May 2022.
- Chair, *Summa Cum Laude* Latin Honors Oral Examination Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February-May 2021.
- Political Science Faculty Major Advisor (Undergraduate), University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February 2016- .
- Faculty Advisor, Chi Theta Chapter, Pi Sigma Alpha, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 2009- .
- Faculty Advisor, Student Participants in 2019 Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Conference, Washington, DC, February 2019.
- Chair, *Summa Cum Laude* Latin Honors Oral Examination Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September-December 2018.
- Faculty Advisor, Student Applicant for Fulbright U.S. Student English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) Program University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, August-September 2017.
- Faculty Co-Advisor, Foreign Affairs Club, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 2016-December 2017.
- Member *Summa Cum Laude* Latin Honors Oral Examination Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February-May 2017.
- Chair, *Summa Cum Laude* Latin Honors Oral Examination Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, May 2016.
- Undergraduate General Faculty Advisor, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 2009-December 2015.
- Faculty Advisor, Student Awardee of Undergraduate Collaborative Inquiry Grant Program, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September-December 2014.
- Faculty Advisor, Student Applicant for Fulbright U.S. Student English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) Program, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, August-September 2014.
- Faculty Advisor, Student Participants 2014 Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Conference, Washington, DC, February 2014.
- Member, *Summa Cum Laude* Honors Oral Examination Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, May 2013.
- Faculty Advisor, Student Awardee of Undergraduate Collaborative Inquiry Grant Program, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February-May 2013.
- Faculty Advisor, Student Awardee of grant from McNair Scholars Program, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 2010-May 2011.

Service

Events Organized

- Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA) ‘Post-Election 2016’ panel discussion, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 14, 2016.
- *Minnesota Political Science Association (MNPSA) annual meeting*, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, November 12, 2016.

- Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA) ‘Immigration Policy and Our Changing Electorate’ panel discussion, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, May 2, 2013.
- Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA) ‘Post-Election 2012 Panel Discussion’, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 3, 2012.

University/Department Committees and Activities

- Member, Undergraduate Research Board (URB), University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, September 2020- .
- Member, Human Diversity Review Committee (HDRC), University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, October 2018- .
- Member, International Studies Program Advisory Board (ISAB), University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February 2018- .
- Chair, Department of Political Science Faculty Triennial Review Committee, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, September-November 2022.
- Member, Department of Political Science New Tenure-Track Faculty Hiring Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September-December 2021.
- Peer Reviewer of Faculty Teaching, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, March-April 2021.
- Chair, Department of Political Science Faculty Triennial Review Committee, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, September-November 2020.
- Peer Reviewer of Faculty Teaching, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September-October 2019.
- Co-Chair, Academic Review Committee for International Education (ARCIE), University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 2018-May 2019.
- Member, Academic Review Committee for International Education (ARCIE), University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 2015-May 2019.
- Peer Reviewer of Faculty Teaching, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, March-April 2019.
- Member, Campus Committee Evaluation, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September-October 2018.
- Peer Reviewer of Faculty Teaching, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, March-April 2018.
- Member, Department of Political Science New Tenure-Track Faculty Hiring Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September-December 2017.
- Member, Department of Political Science Limited-Term Faculty Hiring Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February-May 2017.
- Member, Grievance and Discipline Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 2014-May 2015.
- Member, Department of History Faculty Triennial Review Committee, University of St. Thomas, St., Paul, Minnesota, September-November 2014.
- Member, On-Campus Committee, Fulbright US Student Program, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September-October 2014.
- Member, Department of Political Science New Adjunct Faculty Hiring Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February-May

2013.

- Peer Reviewer of Faculty Teaching, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February-May 2013.
- Member, Area Studies Minor (Development) Working Group, College of Arts and Sciences, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2012-14.
- Chair, Grievance Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 2012-August 2013.
- Member, Department of Political Science New Tenure-Track Faculty Hiring Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 2012-May 2013.
- Member, Department of Political Science New Adjunct Faculty Hiring Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February-May 2012.
- Member, Grievance Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 2011-August 2014.
- Member, Department of History New Faculty Hiring Committee, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 2010-May 2011.

Community-related Activities

- Guest Speaker, Great Decisions 2020: India and Pakistan. *Foreign Policy Association (FPA)* and *Global Minnesota*. Minneapolis, Minnesota, January-December 2020.
- Guest Speaker, AP Comparative Government and Politics students from St. Croix High School, Hammond, Wisconsin visiting University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February/March 2017-December 2018.
- Guest Speaker, Great Decisions 2015: India Changes Course. *Foreign Policy Association (FPA)* and *Minnesota International Center (MIC)*. Minneapolis, Minnesota, January-December 2015.

Professional Committees and Activities

- Member, Executive Board, *Minnesota Political Science Association (MNPSA)*, Minnesota, 2011- .
- Book Reviewer, *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* magazine, Middletown, Connecticut, 2004-2020.
- Chair, International Relations and Comparative Politics Panel, *Minnesota Political Science Association (MNPSA) annual meeting*, Mankato, Minnesota, November 5, 2011.
- Book Reviewer (ad hoc)
 - CQ Press/Sage Publications, USA.
 - Routledge/Taylor & Francis, UK.
- Journal Manuscript Reviewer (ad hoc)
 - *Asian Ethnicity*, Routledge/Taylor & Francis, UK.
 - *Asian Journal of Political Science*, Routledge/Taylor & Francis, UK.
 - *Contemporary Politics*, Routledge/Taylor & Francis, UK.
 - *Contemporary South Asia*, Routledge/Taylor & Francis, UK.
 - *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Wiley-Blackwell, USA.
 - *Government & Politics*, Cambridge University Press, UK.
 - *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, Cambridge University Press, UK.

- *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, Oxford University Press, UK.
- *Third World Quarterly*, Routledge/Taylor & Francis, UK.
- *The Pacific Review*, Routledge/Taylor and Francis, UK.
- *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, Routledge/Taylor & Francis, UK (Special Issue).
- Book Proposal Reviewer (ad hoc)
 - Routledge/Taylor & Francis, India
 - Routledge/Taylor & Francis, UK.
 - University of Michigan Press, USA
 - Orient BlackSwan, India.

Awards, Grants, and Honors

- Research Grant, Center for Faculty Development, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September-December 2019.
- Global Citizenship Award 2016-17, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 1, 2017.
- Sabbatical Leave, Center for Faculty Development, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September-December 2015.
- Research Grant, Center for Faculty Development, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, September-December 2012.
- Research Grant, Office of the Dean College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February-May 2012.
- Partnership-in-Learning (PIL) Grant, Center for Faculty Development, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, February-May 2012.
- Dissertation Scholarship, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 2008.
- Graduate Summer Scholarship Award, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 2007.
- Graduate Student Achievement Award, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 2006.
- Graduate Student Achievement Award, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 2005.
- Member, Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society, 2003.
- *Cum Laude*, Graduation with Honors, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, 2002.

Professional Affiliations

- Executive Board Member, *Minnesota Political Science Association (MNPSA)*.
- Member, *Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA)*, National Political Science Honor Society.