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Academic Positions

University of Massachusetts Amherst , Amherst, Massachusetts Academic Center for the Reliability and Resilience of Offshore Wind Postdoctoral Research Associate	2025-present
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Education

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

Ph.D. in Sociology (Expected October 2025)
Qualifying exams: Environmental Sociology (with distinction); Sociological Theory
Committee: Patrick Heller (co-chair), J. Timmons Roberts (co-chair), Nitsan Chorev,
Daniel Hirschman

M.A. in Sociology (2020)
Thesis: “Technocratic Expertise in Neoliberal Environments: The Role of Consultants in
Urban Climate Adaptation in India”

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

B.A. in Sociology, with Highest Distinction (2017)
Minors in Philosophy, Economics, and Slavic Languages & Literatures
Honors: Rhodes Scholarship Finalist, University Honors Program, *Phi Beta Kappa*

Affiliations

Brown University (Providence) Climate and Development Lab <i>Senior Researcher</i>	2018-present
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (Mumbai) Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies <i>Visiting Researcher</i>	2023-24
World Resources Institute India (Mumbai) Sustainable Cities and Transport <i>Fellow</i>	2022-24
Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Mumbai) School of Habitat Studies <i>Visiting Researcher</i>	2022-23
Centre for Policy Research (Delhi) Initiative on Climate, Energy, and Environment <i>Visiting Researcher</i>	2019-20

Academic Publications

Ike Uri, Stacy-ann Robinson, J. Timmons Roberts, David Ciptet, Romain Weikmans, and Mizan Khan. 2024. "Equity and justice in loss and damage finance: A narrative review of catalysts and obstacles." *Current Climate Change Reports*. doi.org/10.1007/s40641-024-00196-6

David Ciptet, Danielle Falzon, **Ike Uri**, Stacy-ann Robinson, Romain Weikmans, and J. Timmons Roberts. 2022. "The unequal geographies of climate finance: Climate injustice and dependency in the world system." *Political Geography*. doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2022.102769

Under Review

Ike Uri. "Reconsidering incrementalism: Implementing the Mumbai Climate Action Plan."

Ike Uri and Uttara Purandare. "Beyond the Big Four: Mapping the field of urban governance consulting in India"

In Preparation

Ike Uri, Lubaina Rangwala, and Avni Agarwal. "The politics of local knowledge: Examples from the Mumbai Climate Action Plan."

Ike Uri. "Beyond city governments: The role of consultants in urban climate planning."

Policy-Focused Publications

Lubaina Rangwala, Sudeshna Chatterjee, Avni Agarwal, Bhanu Khanna, **Ike Uri**, Bina Shetty, and Raj Bhagat. 2024. "Climate resilient cities: Assessing differential vulnerability to climate hazards in Indian cities." *World Resources Institute*. wri.org/research/climate-resilient-cities-assessing-differential-vulnerability-climate-hazards-urban-india

Associated blog: Sudeshna Chatterjee, **Ike Uri**, and Lubaina Rangwala. 2024. "Differential vulnerability and its importance in resilience planning." *World Resources Institute India*. wri-india.org/blog/differential-vulnerability-and-its-importance-resilience-planning

Lucy Njuguna, **Ike Uri**, and Emilie Beauchamp. 2024. "National monitoring, evaluation, and learning systems for climate change adaptation: A comparative analysis of nine countries." *International Institute for Sustainable Development*. iisd.org/publications/report/monitoring-evaluation-learning-systems-adaptation

Presentations and Invited Talks

Western Michigan University Climate Migrant Symposium, Remote	Planned 2025
"Reconsidering incrementalism: Implementing the Mumbai Climate Action Plan"	
Yale University Action for Climate Justice: Evidence from Social Science, New Haven	2025
"Beyond urban governments: The role of consultants in urban climate planning"	
Cities and Climate Change Workshop, Delhi, India	2025
"The politics of local knowledge: Implementing the Mumbai Climate Action Plan"	

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai, India Lectures on qualitative and ethnographic methods	2024
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai, India “Outsourcing urban resilience: Climate planning in Indian cities”	2023
Brown University/MIT Development Workshop, Cambridge, MA Discussant	2020
Brown University International Advanced Research Institutes, Delhi, India “Expertise and climate adaptation in urban India”	2020

Awards and Grants

Fulbright-Nehru Research Fellowship (2022-23)
Brown University External Funding Fellowship (2022-23)
Critical Language Enhancement Award for Hindi (2022-23)
Institute at Brown for Environment and Society Research Award (2020-21, 2022-23)
Brown University Center for Contemporary South Asia Fellowship (2020-21)
Brown University Graduate Program in Development Summer Funding (2019, 2020)
Brown University Joukowsky Summer Research Award (2019, 2022, 2023, 2024)

Teaching

Brown University

Criminal Courts and the Law (Spring 2025) – Teaching Assistant
Social Forces (Fall 2024) – Teaching Assistant
Climate Change and Society (Summer 2022, Brown Pre-College Program) – Instructor
Methods of Social Research (Spring 2022) – Teaching Assistant
Market Research (Fall 2021) – Teaching Assistant
Social Forces (Summer 2021) – Discussion Section Instructor and Teaching Assistant
Methods of Social Research (Spring 2021) – Teaching Assistant
Markets and Social Surveys (Spring 2020) – Teaching Assistant
Globalization (Fall 2019) – Discussion Section Instructor and Teaching Assistant

Service

Brown University

Sociology Department Graduate Student Representative (2019-20, 2021-22)
Graduate Student Council Representative (2020-21)
Graduate Labor Organization Elections Committee (2020-21)

Relevant Experience

Research consultant	2023-24
International Institute for Sustainable Development (Remote)	
- Project focused on understanding the role of monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) for the Paris Agreement’s Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)	

- Conducted interview-based research in a selection of countries with MEL systems for a co-authored report intended to inform ongoing GGA discussions in advance of COP28

Research Assistant

Brown University Sociology Department (Providence, RI)

2020

- Assisted with content analysis of historic policy documents on climate change to better understand the role of economists and economics in framing responses to climate change
- Reviewed Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports and US National Climate Assessments as well as associated media coverage

Yoga Instructor

2019-21

Jala Yoga (Providence, RI)

- Taught ashtanga yoga, including Mysore-style classes and led primary series, as well as the occasional vinyasa-style class
- Completed 200-hour program at Ashtanga Yoga Mysore, in Mysuru, India in 2017

English Teaching Assistant

2017-18

Fulbright Program (Dushanbe, Tajikistan)

- Taught English to high school and college students at locations throughout Tajikistan and supported the US Embassy's public diplomacy initiatives

Executive Director

2015-17

Center for Community Outreach at the University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS)

- Led the University of Kansas' primary community service organization, liaising between university administration, student groups, and community nonprofits

Languages

- English (Native)
- Russian (Conversational/limited working proficiency)
- Hindi (Conversational)