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Education

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

Ph.D. in Sociology (Expected May 2025)

Qualifying exams: Environmental Sociology (with distinction); Sociological Theory
Committee: Patrick Heller (co-chair), J. Timmons Roberts (co-chair), Nitsan Chorev,
Daniel Hirschman (Cornell University)

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

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 Ciplet, 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 Ciplet, 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

Submitted for Review

Ike Uri. “In defense of 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 urban 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

Action for Climate Justice: Evidence from Social Science, New Haven	Planned 2025
“Beyond urban governments: The role of consultants in urban climate planning”	
Cities and Climate Change Workshop, Delhi	2025
“The politics of local knowledge: Implementing the Mumbai Climate Action Plan”	
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai	2024
Lectures on qualitative and ethnographic research methods	
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai	2023
“Outsourcing urban resilience: Climate planning in Indian cities”	
Brown/MIT Development Workshop, Cambridge	2020
Discussant	
Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI), Delhi	2020
“Expertise and climate adaptation in urban India”	

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

Climate Change and Society (Summer 2025, Brown Pre-College Program) – Instructor
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

Researcher, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Remote) 2023-24

- Contributed to a project focused on understanding the role of monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) for the Paris Agreement's Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)
- Conducted interviews with key informants in nine countries with MEL systems for a co-authored report to inform GGA discussions in advance of COP28

Research Assistant, Brown University (Providence, RI) 2020

- Assisted Professor Dan Hirschman with content analysis of historic policy documents on climate change to understand how estimates of the costs of climate change are determined
- Analyzed Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports and US National Climate Assessments as well as associated media coverage

Yoga Instructor, Jala Yoga (Providence, RI) 2019-21

- Taught occasional ashtanga classes, including Mysore-style classes and led primary series

English Teaching Assistant, Fulbright Program (Dushanbe, Tajikistan) 2017-18
- Taught English to high school and college students at locations throughout Tajikistan and supported the US Embassy's public diplomacy initiatives

Executive Director, Center for Community Outreach (Lawrence, KS) 2015-17
- Led the University of Kansas' primary community service organization, liaising between university administration, student groups, and community nonprofit organizations

Languages

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