

# Shreyas Meher

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## Education

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**University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)**, Richardson, Texas 2020 - 2024 (Expected)  
Ph.D. Public Policy and Political Economy  
Advisor: Clint Peinhardt  
Committee: Pengfei Zhang (Co-Chair), Lauren Pinson, Patrick Brandt  
**St. Xavier's College (SXC)**, Mumbai, India 2018  
M.S. Public Policy  
**Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS)**, Mumbai, India 2016  
B.S. Economics

## Research Experience

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### Research Fields

Digital Economics, Political Analysis, Computational Linguistics

### Research Topics

Cyber Law and Policy, Content Moderation, Internet Censorship, Political Conflict and Violence, Behavioral and Experimental Economics

**NSF Grant Project: ConflIBERT** 2023 - Present

Research Assistant to Dr. Patrick Brandt

Developing ConflIBERT, a language model aimed at analyzing political conflict and violence.

### Working Papers

- *Democracy and Internet Control* (with Dr. Pengfei Zhang) – Examining content control in democracies, revealing a unique approach compared to authoritarian regimes.
- *Two Types of Censorship* (with Dr. Pengfei Zhang) – Classifying global internet filtering practices into distinct regimes and their implications.
- *Expanding the Horizons* – Investigating the dynamics of international organizations through the lens of network structures.

## Teaching Experience

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**Teaching Assistant, UTD** 2020 - 2022

Courses assisted include Quantitative Methods, Political Violence, and Conflict in Cyberspace, Special Topics in Government and Politics (Afghanistan), Political Economy of Industrialized Countries, Research Design in the Social and Policy Sciences, Class, Status, and Power.

## Conference Presentations

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Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) - Upcoming 2024  
UTD PPPE Working Paper Series (November) 2023  
NAPE, Houston 2020

## Honors & Awards

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**University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)**, Richardson, Texas  
The Colloquium for the Advancement of Free-Enterprise Education (CAFÉ) research scholar 2020  
Dean's Excellence Scholarship 2020

## Book Contributions

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*Cognella Publishing*, American Government & State and Local Government 2021

## Skills and Languages

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**Skills:** R, STATA, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ArcGIS

**Languages:** English (Fluent), Marathi (Fluent in reading and writing), Hindi (Fluent in reading and writing), French (Beginner)