

# HARSHAL ZALKE

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Princeton University</b> <i>PhD</i> , Department of Politics Fields: <i>Political Economy, International Relations, Formal Theory and Quantitative Methods</i> Committee Members: <i>Kris Ramsay (Chair), Mehdi Shadmehr, Germán Gieczewski, Layna Mosley</i>	Exp 2026
<b>The University of Texas at Austin</b> <i>M.A.</i> , LBJ School of Public Affairs	2020
<b>The University of Texas at Austin</b> <i>M.S.</i> , Department of Operations Research and Industrial Engineering	2018
<b>Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, India</b> <i>B.Tech.</i> , Mechanical Engineering	2014

## WORKING PAPERS

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- “Coordinating Development Under Political Risk” (job market paper)  
(with Mehdi Shadmehr)
  - Presented at APSA (2025)
- “Strategic Investments and War Prevention”
  - Presented at MPSA 2025, APSA 2024, GSIPE 2024

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- “Security Threats and the Screening of Investments”  
(*Dissertation Chapter*)
- “The Value of Intelligence in Conflict”  
(with Kris Ramsay)

## PRESENTATIONS

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• American Political Science Association	2020, 2024, 2025
• Midwest Political Science Association	2024, 2025
• Graduate Students in International Political Economy Workshop	2024
• The Politics and Regulation of Investment Screening Mechanisms	2022

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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At Princeton:

• <b>POL 345: Introduction to Quantitative Social Science (U)</b> , (TA for Arthur Yu)	Fall 2025
• <b>POL 396: International Organization (U)</b> , (TA for Jim Vreeland)	Spring 2024
• <b>POL 572: Quantitative Analysis 1 (G)</b> , (TA for Rocio Titunik)	Spring 2023
• <b>POL 573: Quantitative Analysis 2 (G)</b> , (TA for Rocio Titunik)	Fall 2023

At UT Austin:

• <b>FIN 357: Business Finance (U)</b> , (TA for Robert Duvic)	2018 - 2020
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- **STA 380: Mathematical Statistics for Applications (G)**, (TA for Thomas Sager) Fall 2017
- **PHY 103M: Laboratory for Physics (U)**, Spring 2017

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Research Assistant for Helen Milner, *Princeton University* Summer 2022
- Research Assistant for Layna Mosley, *Princeton University* Spring 2021
- Research Assistant for Catherine Weaver, *The University of Texas at Austin* 2019 - 2020

## PROFESSION EXPERIENCE

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- Summer Intern, *Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs* Summer 2019
- Sr. Engineer (Supply Chain), *Bajaj Auto Ltd* 2014 - 2016

## FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

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- Dean's Completion Fellowship, *Princeton University* 2025-2026
- The John Fayerweather '43 Graduate Fellowship, *Princeton University* 2023-2024
- Quantitative and Analytical Political Science Fellow, *Princeton University* 2022-2026
- Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, *Princeton University* 2020-2021
- Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation Fellowship, *UT Austin* Spring 2019
- Charls and Harmolyn Walker Public Policy Excellence Fund Fellowship, *UT Austin* Summer 2019

## REFERENCES

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