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Employment	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL Department of Urban and Regional Planning Postdoctoral Researcher	06/2026—Present
	Centre for Policy Research , New Delhi, India Research Associate	03/2017—08/2019
Education	University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning Designated Emphasis in Political Economy	08/2021—05/2026
	Sciences Po, Paris, France M.Sc. in Urban Planning and Sociology Magna Cum Laude	08/2019—05/2021
	Indian Institute for Human Settlement, Bengaluru, India Urban Fellows Certificate Program in Urban Studies	07/2016—02/2017
	St. Xavier's College Mumbai, Mumbai, India B.A. in Mass Media and Journalism (Honours) Gold Medal (Valedictorian) • Exchange Program in International Development at Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po (08/2015—05/2016)	06/2012—07/2016
Peer-reviewed Publications	[2] "Beyond the Statistical View: A Defense of the Urban as Anti-Caste Political Ecology", (Resubmitted – Under Review), <i>Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space</i> [1] "Are Linguistic Nationalisms Killing South Indian Federalism?", (2018), <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> 53 (46)	
Book Chapters	[2] "Of Travels and Travails: Stories of Migration, Work and Hope from an Indian small-town", In A. Srivathsan, S. Khanwalkar, K. Mehta (Eds.), Dwelling in Asian Cities: CEPT Essay Prize 2019. 2020, (pp. 73-84). Ahmedabad, Gujarat: CEPT University Press. [1] "Introduction" (Pranav Kuttaiah, Francesco Palmia), In P. Kuttaiah and F. Palmia (Eds.), Unpacking Seoul: Concerns of a Solutionist Metropolis 2021, (pp. 8-16). Paris, France: Sciences Po Press	
Working Papers	[3] "To Go or Not to Go: Unpacking Mobility Decisions in Mumbai During the COVID-19 Lockdown of 2020", (2022), <i>NCCR-On The Move Working Paper 30</i> • Winner, NCCR-On the Move Best Paper on Migration Studies Award [2] "The Election in Karnataka: Caste, Class and Regional Complexity" (Pranav Kuttaiah, Neelanjan Sircar), (2018), <i>New Delhi, NCR: CPR Working Paper Series</i>.	

- [1] "*Caste in the Urban: Bangalore as case study*", (2018), *Hyderabad, Telangana: Round Table India*.
- Long-Form Articles**
- [1] "*The Story of India: How Pa Ranjith's Kaala changes the way we imagine the city*", (2018), *The Caravan Magazine*
- Reviews**
- [4] "*In the Images of Development: City Design in the Global South*" (Tridib Banerjee, MIT Press, 2021), (2025), *Journal of Planning Literature*
- [3] "*The Evolution of Pragmatism in India: Ambedkar, Dewey, and the Rhetoric of Reconstruction*" (Scott R. Stroud, University of Chicago Press, 2023), (2025), *South Asian Multidisciplinary Academic Journal*
- [2] "*Kaala and Raees: A Film Review. (Rahul Dholakia, 2017 and Pa. Ranjith, 2018)*", (2019), *Urbanisation (SAGE)*, 4(1). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2455747119878345>
- [1] "Caste is Not a Rumour. (Rohith Vemula, ed. Nikhila Henry, 2016)", (2016), *Biblio Magazine*, XXI(9-11)
- Conference Presentations**
- [12] "'Doing Setting': Housing, Work, and Leisure among Bengali Migrants in Bengaluru, India", *Association of American Anthropology*, St Louis, MO - 2026 [Accepted – Upcoming]
- [11] "Rethinking the Household: New Ethnographic Approaches to the Study of Urban Collective Life" (Teresa Caldeira, **Pranav Kuttaiah**), *ISA-RC21 Conference*, Vienna, Austria - 2026
- [10] "Invisible Revolutions: Households, Circulation and the Transformation of Urban Life" (Teresa Caldeira, **Pranav Kuttaiah**), *Latin American Studies Association Conference*, Paris, FR - 2026
- [9] "Mapping the Future Family: Labor, Marriage, and the Unmaking of the Extended Household in India", *Association of American Geographers(AAG)*, San Francisco, CA - 2026
- [8] "Intermediation Assemblages: Technology, Mobility and the Future of Work in Urbanizing India", *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)*, Minneapolis, MN - 2025
- [7] "Colliding time-space formations: 'beyond' and 'in between' the proper job" (Marcos Lopes Campos, **Pranav Kuttaiah**), *Association of Social Anthropology Critical Junctions Conference*, Birmingham, UK - 2025
- [6] "Reflections on the future of the 'Southern turn' in urban studies", *ISA-RC21 Conference*, Santiago, Chile - 2024
- [5] "Deepening the Municipal State: The Urban Jobs Guarantee in India", *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)*, Chicago, IL - 2023
- [4] "The Ritual and the Biopolitical: Planning for Anti-Caste Outcomes in Urbanizing India", *Association of American Geographers (AAG)*, Denver, CO - 2023
- [3] "Planning for Post-Caste Publics", *Annual Conference on South Asia*, Madison, WI - 2022

- [2] "To Go or Not to Go: Unpacking Mobility Decisions in Mumbai During the COVID-19 Lockdown of 2020", *NCCR – On the Move Conference on Migration*, Neuchâtel, Switzerland - 2021
- [1] "Networks, Mobilities and Segmentation in Small-City Labour Markets" (**Pranav Kuttaiah**, Mukta Naik, Eesha Kunduri), *IIHS Urban Arc Conference*, Bengaluru, India - 2019

Invited Speaking [1] Roundtable on New Mobilities in the Global South, University of São Paulo, Brazil (07/18/2024)

Teaching Experience

University of California, Berkeley

- TA, Climate Change and City Planning, 2022 – **Stephen Collier**
- TA, Global Development: Theory, History, Geography, 2023 – **Tiffany Page**
- Instructor of Record, Urbanization in Developing Countries, 2023
- RA, Critical Pedagogy for Urban Planning, 2023 – **Teresa Caldeira**
- TA, Introduction to Global Studies, 2023 – **Michael J. Watts**
- TA, Survey of World History and Political Economy, 2024 – **Trevor Jackson**
- RA, Gender and Race: Critical Readings, 2024 – **Teresa Caldeira**
- RA, Capstone Seminar: Urban Transformations, 2025 – **Teresa Caldeira**

St. Xavier's College, Mumbai (Visiting Lecturer)

- Department of Sociology (Summer 2022)
- Department of Mass Media (2017-2020)

Grants and Fellowships

- [12] [Doctoral Completion Fellowship](#), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley (2025-26)
- [11] [Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship](#), Mercatus Center, George Mason University (2025-26)
- [10] [Summer Research Funding](#), Global Metropolitan Studies, UC Berkeley (2024, 2025)
- [9] [Summer Research Funding](#), Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative, UC Berkeley (2024, 2025)
- [8] [John L Simpson ABD Fellowship](#), Berkeley Global, International and Area Studies, UC Berkeley (2024)
- [7] [The Bhattacharya Graduate Fellowship on Contemporary India](#), Institute for South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley (2024)
- [6] [John L. Simpson Pre-dissertation Research Fellowship in International and Area Studies](#), Institute for International Studies, UC Berkeley (2023)
- [5] [Andrew and Mary Thompson Rocca Fellowship for Pre-Dissertation Research](#), Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley (2023)
- [4] [Gadsby-Trudgett Scholarship](#), College of Environmental Design, UC Berkeley (2022)
- [3] [Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study](#), Graduate Division, UC Berkeley (2021-26)
- [2] [Lauréat de Bourse](#), Fondation Palladio, Paris (2020)
- [1] [JN Tata Memorial Scholar](#), The J.N. Tata Endowment for the Higher Education of Indians, Mumbai (2019-21)

Honors and Awards	[5] NCCR-On the Move, University of Neuchâtel Best Paper on Migration Studies Award, 2021 [4] Lauréat, Fondation Palladio (2020) [3] Finalist, Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT) Essay Prize, 2019 [2] Nominated for Kuwait-Sciences Po 'Best Paper on the Middle-East' award, 2016 [1] Abdul Hameed Ansari Memorial Prize and gold medal for Highest-Ranking Student, St. Xavier's College, 2015	
Research Experience	Berkeley Lab for Speculative Urbanisms, Berkeley, CA 01/2022—08/2022 Graduate Student Researcher Société du Grand Paris, Paris, FR 01/2020—08/2020 Graduate Student Researcher	
Selected Magazine/Web Publications/Op-eds	[7] <i>"How Vqueeram and Vishal Jugdeo Challenge Political Faultlines"</i> (Pranav Kuttaiah, Skye Arundhati Thomas), (2022), <i>Frieze Magazine</i> [6] <i>"'Gully Boy' Strips Hip-Hop of Its Crucial Link With Identity"</i>, (2019), <i>The Wire</i> [5] <i>"Sabarimala controversy frames a fundamental question: Who is a Hindu and what exactly is Hinduism?"</i>, (2018), <i>Scroll.in</i> [4] <i>"Vajpayee and Karunanidhi: Their disparate careers point to the fault lines in Indian federalism"</i>, (2018), <i>Scroll.in</i> [3] <i>"How the BJP Deftly Played the Congress in Karnataka"</i>, (2018), <i>The Wire</i> [2] <i>"Karnataka elections: JD(S) is effective in leveraging networks across the state"</i> (Pranav Kuttaiah, Neelanjan Sircar), (2018), <i>The Hindustan Times</i> [1] <i>"Social media, the new battleground for politics"</i>, (2013), <i>The Hindu</i>	
Projects	[2] "Station Neighbourhood Programming: A Study of Transit-Oriented Development in London, Paris and New York" for Societe du Grand Paris (2020) [1] <i>"The Missing Basti Project"</i>: A pro bono eviction mapping and resistance tool co-founded in New Delhi along with housing rights activists, architects, and academics (2018–Present)	
Multimedia	[1] Podcast Appearance, <i>"What do we owe each other?: Operationalizing Social Protections"</i> with Gautam Bhan for Sur Urbano, A Podcast on Latin American Cities (2024)	
Skills	Languages English, Kannada, Kodava, Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil, French (C1), Spanish (B1), German (A2) Research Softwares Excel, ArcGIS, QGIS, R, MaxQDA Multimedia Tools Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, FinalCut Pro	