

Daniel Robert Thomas

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| CONTACT INFORMATION | 420 West 118th Street Department of Political Science Columbia University | <i>Telephone:</i> +1 (541) 419-9996 <i>E-mail:</i> daniel.thomas@columbia.edu <i>Website:</i> danrthomas.github.io |
| RESEARCH INTERESTS | Social network formation, post-conflict recovery, political violence | |
| EDUCATION | Columbia University in the City of New York Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science (expected graduation date: Spring 2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major: Comparative Politics (<i>Passed with distinction</i>)• Minor: Political Economy (Committee: Carlo Prato, Mike Ting, John Huber) M.Phil., Political Science, 2019 M.A., Political Science, 2018 University of Wisconsin, Madison , Madison, Wisconsin USA B.A. (<i>with distinction</i>), Political Science, 2016 | |
| EXTERNAL POSITIONS | Facebook Core Data Science Research Intern, May 2020-Present Johns Hopkins SAIS Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy (ISEP) Student Fellow, 2017-Present Higher School of Economics International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development (ICSID) Visiting Researcher, June-July 2017 | |
| PUBLICATIONS | Thomas, D.R., Harish, S.P., Kennedy, R. and Urpelainen, J., 2020. The effects of rural electrification in India: An instrumental variable approach at the household level. <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 146. Thomas, D.R., Agrawal, S., Harish, S.P., Mahajan, A. and Urpelainen, J., 2020. Understanding segmentation in rural electricity markets: Evidence from India. <i>Energy Economics</i> , 87. Thomas, D.R. and Urpelainen, J., 2018. Early Electrification and the Quality of Service: Evidence from Rural India. <i>Energy for Sustainable Development</i> , 44. | |
| FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS | Peace Scholar United States Institute for Peace, Academic year 2020-2021 IPA Peace and Recovery for “Can social interventions spur community development?” (with Nathan Fiala, Ryan Sheely, and Rebecca Wolfe) International Growth Centre “for The effects of state violence on social networks, collective action and pro-social behavior during conflict: evidence from Kachin State, Myanmar” Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) PhD Summer Grant , Weatherhead | |

East Asian Institute, 2018
AC4 Graduate Fellowship, Earth Institute, 2018
Harriman Carnegie Travel Grant, Harriman Institute, 2018
Pepsico Fellowship for Research Travel, Harriman Institute, 2017
Dean’s Fellow, Columbia University, 2016
Degree with Distinction, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2016
Dean’s List, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2012

ACADEMIC
PRESENTATIONS

Kyiv School of Economics (invited)
Visiting seminar, 2019
Midwest Political Science Association 2019
EACES-HSE Workshop “Topics in Political Economy of Development”
International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia (2018)
EACES-HSE Workshop “Topics in Political Economy of Development”
International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia (2017)

TEACHING ROLES

Scope and Methods (TA for undergraduate lecture), taught by Dr. Abdullah Aydogan, Fall 2019 and taught by Dr. Chiara Superti, Spring 2020
Advanced Topics in Quantitative Research: Limited Dependent Variables (TA for PhD lecture), taught by Professor Greg Wawro, Spring 2019
Research Topics in Game Theory (TA for PhD lecture), taught by Professor Carlo Prato, Fall 2018
Introduction to Comparative Politics (TA for undergraduate lecture), taught by Professor John Huber, Spring 2018
Logic of Collective Choice (TA for undergraduate lecture), taught by Professor Jeffrey Lax, Fall 2017

LANGUAGES

- English: Native language
- Russian: Proficient (speaking, reading, writing).
- Spanish: Basic (speaking, reading, writing).

SKILLS

- R (Advanced), Python (Intermediate), SQL (Intermediate), Stan