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Employment	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL Department of Urban and Regional Planning Postdoctoral Researcher	06/2026—Present
	<a href="#">Centre for Policy Research</a> , 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Exchange Program in International Development at Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po (08/2015—05/2016)</li></ul>	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] " <a href="#">Are Linguistic Nationalisms Killing South Indian Federalism?</a> ", (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.), <i>Dwelling in Asian Cities: CEPT Essay Prize 2019</i> . 2020, (pp. 73-84). Ahmedabad, Gujarat: CEPT University Press.	
	[1] "Introduction" (Pranav Kuttaiah, Francesco Palmia), In P. Kuttaiah and F. Palmia (Eds.), <i>Unpacking Seoul: Concerns of a Solutionist Metropolis</i> 2021, (pp. 8-16). Paris, France: Sciences Po Press	
Working Papers	[3] " <a href="#">To Go or Not to Go: Unpacking Mobility Decisions in Mumbai During the COVID-19 Lockdown of 2020</a> ", (2022), <i>NCCR-On The Move Working Paper 30</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Winner, NCCR-On the Move Best Paper on Migration Studies Award</li></ul>	
	[2] " <a href="#">The Election in Karnataka: Caste, Class and Regional Complexity</a> " (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)

<b>Honors and Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[5] NCCR-On the Move, University of Neuchâtel Best Paper on Migration Studies Award, 2021</li> <li>[4] Lauréat, Fondation Palladio (2020)</li> <li>[3] Finalist, Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT) Essay Prize, 2019</li> <li>[2] Nominated for Kuwait-Sciences Po 'Best Paper on the Middle-East' award, 2016</li> <li>[1] Abdul Hameed Ansari Memorial Prize and gold medal for Highest-Ranking Student, St. Xavier's College, 2015</li> </ul>
<b>Research Experience</b>	<p><b>Berkeley Lab for Speculative Urbanisms</b>, Berkeley, CA      01/2022—08/2022 Graduate Student Researcher</p> <p><b>Société du Grand Paris</b>, Paris, FR      01/2020—08/2020 Graduate Student Researcher</p>
<b>Selected Magazine/Web Publications/Op-eds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[7] <a href="#">"How Vqueeram and Vishal Jugdeo Challenge Political Faultlines"</a> (<b>Pranav Kuttaiah</b>, Skye Arundhati Thomas), (2022), <i>Frieze Magazine</i></li> <li>[6] <a href="#">"'Gully Boy' Strips Hip-Hop of Its Crucial Link With Identity"</a>, (2019), <i>The Wire</i></li> <li>[5] <a href="#">"Sabarimala controversy frames a fundamental question: Who is a Hindu and what exactly is Hinduism?"</a>, (2018), <i>Scroll.in</i></li> <li>[4] <a href="#">"Vajpayee and Karunanidhi: Their disparate careers point to the fault lines in Indian federalism"</a>, (2018), <i>Scroll.in</i></li> <li>[3] <a href="#">"How the BJP Deftly Played the Congress in Karnataka"</a>, (2018), <i>The Wire</i></li> <li>[2] <a href="#">"Karnataka elections: JD(S) is effective in leveraging networks across the state"</a> (<b>Pranav Kuttaiah</b>, Neelanjan Sircar), (2018), <i>The Hindustan Times</i></li> <li>[1] <a href="#">"Social media, the new battleground for politics"</a>, (2013), <i>The Hindu</i></li> </ul>
<b>Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[2] "Station Neighbourhood Programming: A Study of Transit-Oriented Development in London, Paris and New York" for Societe du Grand Paris (2020)</li> <li>[1] <a href="#">"The Missing Basti Project"</a>: A pro bono eviction mapping and resistance tool co-founded in New Delhi along with housing rights activists, architects, and academics (2018–Present)</li> </ul>
<b>Multimedia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[1] Podcast Appearance, <a href="#">"What do we owe each other?: Operationalizing Social Protections"</a> with Gautam Bhan for Sur Urbano, A Podcast on Latin American Cities (2024)</li> </ul>
<b>Skills</b>	<p><b>Languages</b> English, Kannada, Kodava, Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil, French (C1), Spanish (B1), German (A2)</p> <p><b>Research Softwares</b> Excel, ArcGIS, QGIS, R, MaxQDA</p> <p><b>Multimedia Tools</b> Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, FinalCut Pro</p>