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## **PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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July 2016-Present	Lecturer and Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany
Jan – May 2016	Graduate Teaching Assistant, South Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
2012- 2015	Teaching and Tutoring, South Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
2012-2013	Graduate Assistant- Project on “Asian Cities as Centres of Global Modernity”, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore
2004 –2011	National Coordinator, National Social Watch Coalition, New Delhi and Coordinating Committee Member, Social Watch International
2003 –2004	Research Associate- Project on “Weapons of the strong Business and Politics in post 1991 India.” University of Wisconsin- Madison
May 2003 – Aug 2003	Research Associate - Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi
2002 - 2003	Program Visitor, Graduate Program in Public Policy, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
2002	Research Associate, International Division, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Delhi
1999 – 2001	Technical Support Person - Faculty of Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
2000 - 2001	Member, Student Committee Graduate House, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.

## **EDUCATION**

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2016	PhD - South Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore, Singapore <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SICCI Prize (Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry), Best Thesis in the South Asian Programme 2016-2017, National University of Singapore.</li></ul>
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- 2001 M. Phil.,- Public Policy, Graduate Program in Public Policy, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
- 1998 M.A. - Political Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
- 1996 B.A. (Hons.) - History, University of Delhi, India

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **BOOK MANUSCRIPT**

- Forthcoming “Capturing Institutional Change: Case of Right to Information Act in India”, Book Manuscript with the *Oxford University Press*.

### **VOLUMES EDITED**

- 2019 Co-edited Special Issue on “Globalization and Governance in India”, *India Review*, Volume 18, Number 1, January–February 2019.

### **PEER – REVIEWED ARTICLES**

- 2019 “Institutional Change in the Welfare Regime in India: Broadening the Dominant Narratives” (Review article), *Indian Politics & Policy*, Volume 2, Issue 2, Fall 2019.
- 2019 “Ideas and Policy Paradigms: Explaining the fall of welfare politics in West Bengal” (co-authored), *Indian Politics & Policy*, Volume 2, Issue 2, Fall 2019.
- 2019 “The BJP’s Puzzling Victory: Was it About Hindu Nationalism?” (co-authored), *The Washington Quarterly* Vol.42, Issue 3 2019 .
- 2019 “Untangling Global-Local Linkages: The Case of the Right to Information Act in India”, *India Review*, Volume 18, Issue 1, January–February 2019.
- 2018 “State Processes, Ideas, and Institutional Change: The Case of the Right to Information Act in India”, *Pacific Affairs* Volume 91 (2) June 2018.
- 2018 “Institutional Progression of the Right to Information Act: Emerging Politics of Accountability” (Special Article), *Economic and Political Weekly*, Volume 53, Issue 10, (March 2018).
- 2017 “Bureaucratic Rationality, Political Will and State Capacity: MGNREGS in Undivided Andhra Pradesh” (co-authored), *Economic and Political Weekly*, Volume 52 (49) (December 2017).
- 2004 “Policy Impact on Institutions of Federal Financial Transfers in Australia and India”, *Indian Journal of Public Administration* Volume 50 (3), Special Number on “Management of Central and State Finances: Present Status and Future Prospects”, July –October 2004.

- 2003 “Institutions of Intergovernmental Relations in the Federal Framework of Australia and India”, *Indian Journal of Federal Studies* 8 (2) (2003).

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming “India and Bangladesh in Climate Change Finance: From Structural Conflict to Embedded Liberalism” (co-authored) , In, *Global Governance*, Tim Büthe (ed.), *New York: Oxford University Press*.
- 2019 “Emerging Politics of Accountability: Sub-national reflections from Bihar”, In, Madhushree Sekher and Radu Carciumaru (ed.) , *Including the Excluded in South Asia? Power, Politics and Policies*, **Singapore: Springer** 2019
- 2019 “The State, Ideas and Welfare in India: Reflections on Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal” (co-authored), In, Vidu Verma (ed.), *State in India: Reflections on Contemporary Politics*, New Delhi: Orient Blackswan 2019.
- 2009 Contributed in *Global Civil Society Yearbook 2009*, “National Social Watch Coalition in India: A tool for governance Accountability”, Published jointly by London School of Economics and Political Science, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Centre for Social Investment, Heidelberg University. Sage. May 2009.
- 2008 “Policy As Instrument for Reconciling Diversity: Experience of the Indian federal System”, Chapter in *Policy Issues in Federalism: International Perspectives*. Editors: John Kinciad and Rupak Chattopadhyay. Forum of Federations, Canada, Viva Books 2008.
- 2003 “Privatization in Federal Systems: Electricity Sector in Australia and India”, in an edited Volume *Public Governance And Decentralization*, edited by S.N.Mishra and S. Mishra (New Delhi: Mittal Publications 2003).

## BOOK REVIEWS

- 2020 *How India became democratic: Citizenship and the making of the universal franchise*, by Ornit Shani, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2018. In *Journal of Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, Mar 2020
- 2019 *The Rise of the Hybrid Domain: Collaborative Governance for Social Innovation*, by Yuko Aoyama with Balaji Parthasarathy. Edward Elgar, 2016 .In *Journal of Southeast Asian Economies* Vol. 36/1 Apr 2019
- 2014 *Markets and Indigenous Peoples in Asia: Lessons from Development Projects*. By Dev Nathan, Ganesh Thapa, Govind Kelkar with Antonella Cordone. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2012. In *Journal of Southeast Asian Economies* 31(1) April 2014
- 2014 Sahoo, Sarbeswar (2013). *Civil Society and Democratization in India: Institutions, Ideologies and Interests*. Abingdon, Oxon. Routledge. In *Asian Journal of Social Science* 42, 2014
- 2013 Corbridge Stuart, Harris John, and Jeffery Craig (eds.) (2013). *India Today: Economy, Politics and Society*. Cambridge, UK. Polity Press. In *Asian Journal of Social Science* 41, 2013

- 2012      *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity and Poverty* by Acemoglu Daron and James.A.Robinson . New York, Crown Business 2012. In *ASEAN Economic Bulletin* 29(2), August 2012

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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- Co-editing volume on *Governing India* (Preliminary acceptance of the proposal from the Oxford University Press, New Delhi)
- Developing State Capacity in Weak State (Initial article under preparation)
- Introduction to Public Policy in India (In conversation with Palgrave Macmillan for a proposed book in the Pivot series)

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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- Managing editor of *Heidelberg Papers in South Asian and Comparative Politics*
- Peer reviewed manuscripts for the *Oxford University Press* , *Routledge* and journal articles for *Contemporary South Asia* and *Indian Politics and Policy*
- Member of Admissions committee for the Masters Programme, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany

## **ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS**

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- 2013-2014      World Bank funded collaborative research on *The roots of citizen concern and welfare in India: The Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Andhra Pradesh*.
- 2016-2018      Collaborative research project on *Rethinking Stakeholder Participation* with the University of Munich. The project was funded by the *Swiss Network for International Studies*. I am engaged in research on *politics of climate change and climate finance* focusing on India and Bangladesh. Through this research we demonstrate the “embedded liberal” nature of India’s and Bangladesh’s response to climate negotiations.
- 2017-2020  
(Ongoing)      Global India Horizon 2020 Project part of the *Global India* programme -a Horizon 2020 funded European Training Network. The network has 9 partners in 6 different EU countries as well as 9 partners in India.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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2019	German Academic Exchange Funding (DAAD) 'Kongress' Funding, Germany.
2018	German Academic Exchange Funding (DAAD) 'Kongress' Funding, Germany.
2017	SICCI Prize (Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry), Best Thesis in the South Asian Programme, National University of Singapore for Academic Year 2016 – 2017.
2015 - 16	President Graduate Fellowship, National University of Singapore
2015	Conference Funding, National University of Singapore
2015	Overseas Educational Programmes Grant Fund, National University of Singapore
2013 - 2014	Overseas Fieldwork Funding, National University of Singapore
2012 - 2014	Research Scholarship, National University of Singapore
2013 - 2014	World Bank Grant conducted research on “ The roots of citizen concern and welfare in India: The Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Andhra Pradesh”
2012 - 2013	Graduate Teaching Award, Best Teacher, for teaching Undertaken in Semester I
2012 - 2013	Graduate Teaching Award, Best Teacher, for teaching undertaken in Semester II
2009 - 2011	Ford Foundation Institutional funding for Social Watch India (SWI). I was the national coordinator at SWI
2008 - 2010	European Commission Funding for SWI.
2007 - 2011	Oxfam India Funding for SWI.

## **INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES**

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2019	“India and Bangladesh in the Climate Finance Regime – From Structural Conflict to Embedded Liberalism” (Jointly with Rahul Mukherji), Heidelberg Center for the Environment Public Lecture Series 'Heidelberg Bridge'
2017	Talk on Emerging Politics of Accountability at Department of Political Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, India 5-6 September 2017.
2017	Talk on State Processes, Ideas and Institutional Change at Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P.Jindal Global University, India , August 30,2017
2017	Talk on Untangling the Global –Local Linkages at the Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland 21 June 2017
2017	Public Lecture on Right to Information Act from a Federal Perspective Accountability at the State and Local Levels at Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Special Lecture Series, New Delhi, India, March 21 2017
2017	Talk on Right to Information a Viable Institution? The case of Bihar, India at the South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany, January 9 2017

2016      Talk on Capturing Institutional Change: The Case of the Right to Information Act in India at the South Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore, Singapore April 13 2016

## **TEACHING**

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### ***Areas of Teaching:***

- Institutions and Institutional change
- Comparative Politics
- Public Policy, welfare and social policies
- Local and Global Governance and Development
- Politics of Climate Change
- Qualitative Methods
- Indian and South Asian Politics

### **Courses Taught**

#### ***Undergraduate***

B.A Hons. module on *Social, Political and Economic Change in India* at the National University of Singapore in 2016

B.A Hons. module on *Approaches to the study of South Asia* at the National University of Singapore in 2016 (co-taught with five other faculty members)

B.A. Seminar on *Politics in India* at the Heidelberg University, Germany

B.A Seminar on *Introduction to Qualitative Methods* at the Heidelberg University, Germany

B.A Seminar on *Politics of Climate Change in South Asia: Perspectives on Global Governance* at the Heidelberg University, Germany

#### ***Masters***

M.A seminar on *Governance and Politics of Welfare in South Asia* at Heidelberg University, Germany.

M.A seminar on *Politics and Governance in India* at Heidelberg University, Germany.

M.A seminar on *Transparency, Accountability and Corruption in South Asia* at Heidelberg University, Germany

M.A seminar on *Public Policies and Institutions in South Asia: Persistence and Change* at Heidelberg University, Germany

M.A seminar on *Politics of Climate Change in South Asia* at Heidelberg University, Germany

#### ***Mentoring number of Bachelors and Masters theses.***

#### ***Tutoring***

B.A module on *South Asia: People, Culture and Development* at the National University of Singapore 2012-2015

## **PAPER PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES**

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- 2018 Organised a panel on “*State Capacity and Bureaucratic Rationality in India*” in 47th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin –Madison, USA, 11-14 October 2018. Also Presented a paper in the same panel on “*Ideas, Tipping Point and State Capacity in India: Comparing Welfare Politics of Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal*”.
- 2018 The sixth annual Monash Business and Sustainability network workshop on sustainable development, Monash University, Prato Centre, 25-26 June 2018. Presented paper on "State Processes, Ideas and Institutional Change: Case of the Right to Information Act in India" .
- 2018 The 59th International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, April 4-7, 2018, San Francisco. Presented paper on
1. State Capacity, Ideas, and Welfare in India
  2. India and Bangladesh in Climate Change Negotiations: From Structural Conflict to Embedded Liberalism (With Rahul Mukherji).
- 2017 Global Conference on Transparency Research, University of Limerick, Ireland 19-21 June 2017. Presented a paper on “Capturing Institutional Change: Case of the Right to Information Act in India”.
- 2017 China-India Workshop on Development and Governance, Fudan University, Shanghai, China June 3, 2017. Presented on “State Processes, Ideas and Institutional Change : Case of Right to Information Act in India”.
- 2017 Workshop on 'Social Exclusion/ Inclusion in South Asia, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India 22-23 March 2017. Presented a paper entitled “Right to Information: A Viable case of Institutional change?”.
- 2017 Rethinking Stakeholder Participation in Global Governance (Organised by Technical University Munich), Burghausen, 2-3 March 2017. Presented a co-authored paper on “India and Bangladesh in Climate Change Negotiations: From Structural Conflict to Embedded Liberalism”.
- 2016 International Political Science Association, Poznan, Poland 23- 28 July 2016. Presented a paper entitled “Untangling Global-Local Linkages: case of Right to Information in India”.
- 2015 Sixth Annual Conference organized by Consortium for African and Asian Studies, Seoul, Korea. Presented a paper titled “Do Global Norms Matter? Case of Right to Information Act in India”.
- 2015 Presented a paper titled “Do Global Norms Matter? Case of Right to Information Act in India” (Reworked version of the paper presented at ISA Conference, New Orleans, U.S.A.) Sixth Annual Conference organized by Consortium for African and Asian Studies, 27-28 October 2015, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, Korea.

- 2015 Presented a paper titled “Capturing Institutional Change: Case of Right to Information Act in India” (dealing with Primary arguments of my doctoral thesis). Annual PhD lab organized by International Sociological Association, 20-24 July, 2015, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore, Singapore.
- 2015 Presented a paper titled “Do Global Norms Matter? Case of Right to Information Act in India”. Annual Conference of International Studies Association, 18-21 February 2015, New Orleans, U.S.A. This paper is accepted for publication in the special issue of India Review.
- 2014 Presented a paper titled “State Processes, Ideas and Institutional Change: Case of Right to Information Act in India”. Conference on South Asian Development, Hosted by South Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore, 21-22 July 2014, Singapore.
- 2010 Key note speaker in the European Parliament Public hearing on the “Green Paper, the DCI and China”, 17 November 2010, European Parliament, Brussels.
- 2010 Key note speaker in the European Parliament Public hearing on the “Green Paper, the DCI and China”, 17 November 2010, European Parliament, Brussels.
- 2010 Presented a paper “India and the Financial Crisis”. Seminar on “Raiding the Public till: The Financial Crises and the MDGs” organized by CIDSE, Heinrich Boell Foundation, UN-NGLS and Social Watch, September 2010, New York.
- 2008 Presented a paper on ‘Social Watch Process in India: Establishing an alternate governance discourse’ at International Conference on “Eradicating Chronic Poverty in India: Policy Issues and Challenges” organized by Chronic Poverty Research Centre, University of Manchester; Indian Institute of Public Administration and Centre for the Study of Social Systems (CSSS), Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1st-3rd October 2008.
- 2008 Presented a paper entitled “Financing for Development (FFD) through Foreign Direct Investment: Mechanism for Growth and Equity” at Asia Regional Consultation for the follow up of Monterrey Conference on FFD, Manila, Philippines, May 7-9 2008.
- 2008 Presented a paper entitled “Unity and Diversity: can it be reconciled?” at 4th International Conference on Federalism organized by Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI and Forum of Federations, Canada. November 6-8 2008, New Delhi.
- 2007 Appeared in an hour long discussion as a part of the panel on Lok Sabha Television in the program entitled “Public Forum- High Decibel Parliament” on 6 September 2007.
- 2007 Gave a lecture on “Public Policy and Human Development” in Raipur, Chattisgarh to the officials of Government of Chattisgarh in a training workshop jointly organized by the Government of Chattisgarh and Debate on 5 September 2007.\
- 2001 Presented a pre-submission seminar of the thesis at Graduate Program in Public Policy, Australian National University. July 2001.
- 2000 Presented two Seminars related to my M.Phil. Thesis at Graduate Program in Public Policy, Australian National University.



- 1999 Presented my thesis proposal "Liberalization in the Federal Context: Institutional Arrangements for Policy-making in Australia and India in the 1990s" at Graduate Program in Public Policy, Australian National University. September 1999.

## **MAGAZINE AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

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- 2019 "The Modi Mystery", *Foreign Policy*, by Sumit Ganguly, Himanshu Jha, Rahul Mukherji, 25 May 2019.
- 2015 "Restive Voices For Change" (An opinion Piece of outcome of Assembly Elections of Delhi 2015), Op-Ed, *New Indian Express*, 11 February 2015.
- 2014 "Challenge After New Narrative" (An analysis of Indian Elections 2014), Op-Ed, *New Indian Express*, 19 May 2014.
- 2011 "Redefining Policy Directions", Op-ed, *New Indian Express*, 1 July 2011.
- 2011 "Create More Sun Belts" (An analysis of the G8 Summit) , Op-ed, *New Indian Express*, 14 June 2011.
- 2011 "For Some Action Beyond Party Lines", Op-Ed, *Governance Now*, Vol.2, Issue 8, May 16-31, 2011.
- 2010 "No Bang for that Extra Buck, MP's?", Op-Ed, *Governance Now*, September 2, 2010.
- 2004 "Unveiling MDGs", *SaharaTime* (Weekly Newspaper), 30 October 2004.

## **POLICY REPORTS**

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- 2010 "Emerging Trends in Financing for Development", After the fall, International Social Watch Report 2010 .
- 2009 "Financial Crisis: Breaks in the Road and Missed Milestones", Making Finances Work: People First, International Social Watch Report 2009
- 2008 "Rights, Commitments and Delivery: Who gets What, when and How?", Rights is the Answer, International Social Watch Report 2008 .
- 2007 "Right to Social Security: Commitment, Delivery and Realities", In Dignity and Rights, International Social Watch Report 2007.
- 2006 "Balancing the Goals, the Commitments and the Means: Dilemma of the Indian State", Impossible Architecture, International Social Watch Report 2006.
- 2005 "Targeting Gender Inequality: Women and Poverty", Roars and Whispers, International Social Watch Report, Uruguay, 2005.

## **MEDIA**

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- 2010 Quoted in the Washington Post, October 3, 2010 in the news story entitled “India wants to be a great power. So why are its Commonwealth Games such a mess?”.
- 2009 Quoted in Reuters, April 29, 2009 in the news story entitled “Bullets and Ballots in India’s General Elections”.
- 2009 Quoted in the leading French Daily La Tribune, April 27 2009 in the news story entitled “La criminalité au coeur a de la « démocratie indienne”, by Patrick Jacquelot.
- 2009 Quoted in The Australian, Australia, April 16 2009 in the news story entitled “ Caste in a Fresh Role” , by Amanda Hodge .
- 2009 Quoted in Times, London , April 3, 2009, in the news story entitled “World agenda: Pappu Raj satire illustrates corruption of Indian politics” by Jeremy Page; Rhys Blakely.
- 2009 Quoted in Times, London, April 2 2009 in the news story entitled “BJP leader Jaswant Singh claims election payouts 'were charity, not bribes' by Rhys Blakely.
- 2007 Quoted in Financial Times, London, May 3 2007 in the news story entitled “Engaging India: Crime and Politics ” by Jo Johnson
- 2007 Quoted in the International Herald Tribune, 26 April 2007 in the news story entitled “A Cancerous Growth in India’s Body Politic” by Amelia Gentleman.
- 2006 Quoted in the International Herald Tribune, 28 February 2006 in the news story entitled “India’s War on Poverty: Easy Victory Unlikely” by Amelia Gentleman.

## **REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**