

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Present Position**

Assistant Professor (since September 2016), Rajiv Gandhi School of IP Law, Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur, India.

### **Visiting and Short-term Appointments**

Post-Doctoral Fellow (01 March 2016 –31 August 2016), Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Duisburg, Germany.

Senior Research Fellow (July 2012–August 2016), Jawaharlal Nehru Chair in International Environmental Law, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Contributed to teaching of courses in MA and M.Phil as well as the Nehru Chair's research program.

Guest Faculty (03 May 2015 –17 May 2015), Faculty of Law, University of Kashmir, Srinagar.

Senior Visiting Research Fellow (October 2014 –March 2015), School of Law & Social Justice, University of Liverpool, UK.

DAAD Visiting Research Fellow (June-August 2014), Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany.

Visiting Research Scholar (August 2012), Centre of Excellence for International Courts (iCourts), Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Worked on PhD. Thesis (2008-2011) on *International Environmental Dispute Settlement with Special Reference to the Proposed International Environment Court* under the supervision of Prof. Bharat H Desai.

Guest Research Scientist (January-July 2011), Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

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Editorial Board, Environmental Policy and Law, IOS Press, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (since March 2019).

Associate Editor, Yearbook of International Environmental Law, Oxford University Press, UK.

Member, World Commission on Environmental Law, IUCN, Gland, Switzerland

Member, Early Career Group, World Commission on Environmental Law, IUCN, Gland, Switzerland

Member, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, Ottawa, Canada.

Member, Interest Group- International Environmental Law and Governance, Asian Society of International Law.

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

New Delhi Dialogue on Role of Courts & Tribunals in the Changing Global Order, JNU Campus, 15 March 2013 [in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru Chair (JNU, New Delhi) and Centre for Advanced Study on Courts & Tribunals (Amritsar)].

Amritsar Dialogue on Role of Green Courts & Tribunals: Opportunities and Challenges, GNDU Amritsar Campus, 23-24 November 2013 [in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru Chair (JNU, New Delhi), Centre for Advanced Study on Courts & Tribunals (Amritsar) and Asian Development Bank (Manila)].

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

### ***A. Completed***

**Hybrid Courts and Tribunals as Post Conflict International Criminal Justice Mechanism: A Hegemonic Process?** [Indian Council for Social Science Research, 2014- 15].

**Women's Quest for Transitional Justice in Post-Conflict Societies: A Legal Study** [Indian Council for Social Science Research; Dec. 2016 to Nov. 2018].

### ***B. Ongoing***

**Crimes against the Environment: A Legal Study** [Indian Council for Social Science Research; May 2017 to October 2019].

**Cyber Governance and National Security: Policy, Legal and Institutional Frameworks** [Indian Council for Social Science Research; November 2019 to October 2020].

## PUBLICATIONS

### **A. Books/Book Chapters**

“Climate Change as Common Concern of Humankind: Some Reflections on the International Law-Making Process” in Jordi Jaria-Manzano, Susana Borrás (ed.) **Research Handbook on Global Climate Constitutionalism** (Edward Elgar: UK, forthcoming, December 2019) (with Bharat H. Desai).

“Country Studies: India” in Emma Lees, Jorge E. Vinuales (ed.) **The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Environmental Law** (Oxford: OUP, 2019) pp.212-231 (with Bharat H. Desai).

“Sustainable Cities in India: A Governance Challenge”, **International Yearbook of Soil Policy & Law** (Springer, Heidelberg), vol.3, 2018, pp.29-54 (with Bharat H. Desai and Nitu Kumari).

"Striving for Land-Soil Sustainability: Some Legal Reflections" **International Yearbook of Soil Law and Policy 2016** (Springer: Switzerland), vol.1, 2016, pp.37-45 (with Bharat H Desai).

“Quest for International Environment Institutions: Transition from CSD to HLPF” in Shawkat Alam, Sumudu Atapattu, Carmen G. Gonzalez, and Jona Razzaque (ed.), **International Environmental Law and the Global South: Comparative Perspectives** (Cambridge: CUP, 2015), pp.152-168 (with Bharat H. Desai).

### **B. Journal Articles**

“Plastics Pollution: A New Common Concern of Humankind” **Environmental Policy and Law** (IOS Press, Amsterdam) Vol.48, 2018, pp.252-255.

“Governing the Internet: Need for Effective Cybersecurity Policy, Law and Institutional Framework”, **Economic and Political Weekly**, vol.52, no.48, 2017, pp.64-67.

"Yoga as Traditional Medicinal Knowledge: Revisiting the Legal Debate on IPR and Public Domain", **Environmental Policy and Law** (IOS Press, Netherlands) vol.47, no. 3-4, 2017, pp.99-105.

"Mapping Forest Governance: Reflections on Policy, Law and Institutional Framework", **Environmental Policy and Law** (IOS Press, Netherlands), vol.47, no. 1, 2017, pp.34-43 (with Bharat H Desai).

"Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones: A Challenge for International Law?", **Economic and Political Weekly**, vol. 52, no.7, 2017, pp. 15-18 (with Bharat H Desai).

"Healing Touch", **Economic and Political Weekly**, vol. 51, no.35, 2017, pp. 84-86 (with Bharat H Desai).

“SIT for Reinvestigating 1984 Anti-Sikh Riots: Therapeutic Approach to Criminal Justice?”, **Economic and Political Weekly**, Web Exclusives, Vol. L No.11, 14 March, 2015; <http://www.epw.in/web-exclusives/sit-reinvestigating-1984-anti-sikh-riots.html>

"Permanent Court of Arbitration", **Yearbook of International Environmental Law** (Oxford: OUP), vol.26, 2015, pp.549-553.

"Forests", *Yearbook of International Environmental Law* (Oxford: OUP), vol.26, 2015, pp.271-276.

"Bay of Bengal Arbitration Award", *Environmental Policy & Law* (IOS Press: Amsterdam), vol.44, no.6, 2014, pp.536-539 (with Bharat H. Desai).

"Crimean Declaration of Independence: A Challenge for International Law?", *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol.49, no.35, 2014, pp.23-25 (with Bharat H. Desai).

"Making 'Green' Justice Work: The Amritsar Dialogue", *Environmental Policy & Law* (IOS Press, Amsterdam), vol.44, no.3, 2014, pp.298-299 (with Bharat H. Desai).

"The Kishenganga Final Award: Is Indus Waters Treaty at the Crossroads?", *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 49, no.7, 2014, pp.10-12 (with Bharat H. Desai).

"The Kishenganga Arbitration: Transboundary Water Resources Governance", *Environmental Policy & Law* (IOS Press, Amsterdam). vol.43, no.3, 2013, pp.147-161.

"The Role of Courts & Tribunals in the Changing Global Order", *Environmental Policy & Law* (IOS Press, Amsterdam) Vol.43/3, 2013, pp.143-144.

"India and the Challenge of the Melting Arctic", *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 48, no. 30, 2013, pp.17- 19.

"International Environmental Dispute Settlement: Rio+20 and Beyond", *Environmental Policy & Law* (IOS Press, Amsterdam), vol.42, NO.2, 2012, pp.102-116 (with Bharat H. Desai).

"Forests", *Yearbook of International Environmental Law* (OUP, Oxford), vol.23, 2012, pp.336-344.

"Permanent Court of Arbitration", *Yearbook of International Environmental Law* (OUP, Oxford), vol.23, 2012, pp.530-534.

"The Protection of Migratory Species of Bats: a Legal Review", *Environmental Policy & Law* (IOS Press, Amsterdam), vol.41, no.4-5, 2011, pp. 222-229.

"The Niyamgiri Hills Bauxite Project: Balancing Resource Extraction and Environment Protection", *Environmental Policy & Law* (IOS Press, Amsterdam), vol.41, no.3, 2011, pp. 166-171.

"Permanent Court of Arbitration", *Yearbook of International Environmental Law* (OUP, Oxford), vol.22, 2011, pp.595-600.

"Forests", *Yearbook of International Environmental Law* (OUP, Oxford), vol.22, 2011, pp.308-315.

"On the Quest for Green Courts in India", *Journal of Court Innovation* (New York: Pace Law School & New York State Judicial Institute), vol. 3, NO.1, 2010, pp. 79-111 (with Bharat H. Desai).

"Permanent Court of Arbitration", *Yearbook of International Environmental*

*Law* (OUP, Oxford), vol.21, 2010, pp. 541-544.

“Gorillas and Their Habitats: A Legal Review”, *Environmental Policy & Law* (Amsterdam, IOS Press), vol.40, no.6, 2010, pp.337-340.

“Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and their Habitats”, MEA Bulletin (IISD, Canada, 26 November, 2010); <http://www.iisd.ca/mea-1/Guestarticle103b.html>.

### **C. Contribution to Popular Press**

“End sexual violence against women in conflicts”, The Tribune (Chandigarh, 28 December 2018); <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/end-sexual-violence-against-women-in-conflicts/705031.HTML> (with Bharat H. Desai).

“A push for women’s right to bodily integrity”, The Tribune (Chandigarh, 14 December 2018); <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/a-push-for-women-s-right-to-bodily-integrity/697880.html> (with Bharat H. Desai).

“Upholding the majesty of international law”, The Tribune (Chandigarh, 11 May, 2017); <http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/upholding-majesty-of-international-law/405059.html> (with Bharat H. Desai).

“A non-apology that may be a sorry”, The Tribune (Chandigarh, 30 May, 2016); <http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/a-non-apology-that-may-be-ashorry/243877.html> (with Bharat H. Desai).

“How good is it for a State to say ‘sorry’ ”, The Tribune (Chandigarh, 23 April, 2016); <http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/how-good-is-it-for-a-state-to-saysorry/226257.HTML> (with Bharat H. Desai).

“Will Assange be Able to Walk Free Now?”, The Tribune (Chandigarh, 10 February, 2016); <http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/will-assange-be-able-to-walk-freenow/194031.html> (with Bharat H. Desai).

“Hybrid Courts to heal Sri Lanka’s War Scars”, The Tribune (Chandigarh, 09 October, 2015); <http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/hybrid-courts-to-heal-sri-lanka-s-war scars/143372.HTML> (with Bharat H. Desai).

“Eminent Persons Hold Key to NJAC?”, The Tribune (Chandigarh, 31 July, 2015); [http://epaper.tribuneindia.com/554482/THE-Tribune/TT\\_31\\_July\\_2015#PAGE/9/1](http://epaper.tribuneindia.com/554482/THE-Tribune/TT_31_July_2015#PAGE/9/1) (with Bharat H. Desai).

“For a victim-centric approach to justice”, The Tribune (Chandigarh, 11 March, 2015); [http://epaper.tribuneindia.com/455921/THE-Tribune/TT\\_11\\_March\\_2015?SHOW=Touch#PAGE/11/1](http://epaper.tribuneindia.com/455921/THE-Tribune/TT_11_March_2015?SHOW=Touch#PAGE/11/1) (with Bharat H. Desai).

“How best to judge the ‘best’ judges?”, The Tribune (Chandigarh, 4 February, 2015); <http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/how-best-to-judge-the-best-judges/37490.html#.VNFXuaAg6b8.gmai> l (with Bharat H. Desai).

“Making Sense of the Kishenganga Final Award”, The Tribune (Chandigarh, 9 January 2014); <http://epaper.tribuneindia.com/c/2193542> (with Bharat H. Desai).

“Development at what cost?”, The Tribune (Chandigarh, 8 June, 2010); <https://www.tribuneindia.com/2010/20100608/edit.htm#8>

## **TEACHING & RESEARCH**

### **Graduate Teaching**

Information Technology Law  
Administrative Law  
Human Rights  
Biodiversity Law  
International Environmental Law

### **Post-Graduate Teaching**

International Law of Peace and Conflict  
Law and Social Transformation  
Traditional Knowledge Protection

### **Research Supervision**

PhD: two (on-going)  
LLM: three (completed)  
LLB: four (completed) and four (on-going)

## **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Ph.D. in International Law, Centre for International Legal Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (July 2012).

M.Phil. in International Law, Centre for International Legal Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (July 2010).

LL.M. in Environmental Law, School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London, UK; Awarded *William Ross Murray Scholarship* (December 2012).

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (JULY 2007).

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