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Areas of Interest International Relations, International Political Economy, Intellectual Property Rights and Agriculture, Farmers' Rights, WTO and India.

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EDUCATION

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2001-2002

International Food Policy Research Institute
Environment and Production Technology Division
Washington, D.C., USA

Ph.D., International Studies, 2000

Dissertation: Patents, Biotechnology and US Agribusiness Interests in India: A Study of Indo-US Conflict on IPRs

Awarded: September 2000

Centre for American Studies
School of International Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University
New Delhi, India

M.Phil., International Studies, 1994

Dissertation: United States Foreign Policy and the 'Politicization' of the IMF and World Bank: Case Studies of India (1991-93) and Philippines (1979-82)

Centre for American Studies
School of International Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University
New Delhi, India

M. A., Political Science, 1991

Department of Political Science
Bangalore University
Bangalore, India

B.A., Political Science, Economics and Sociology, 1989

Mount Carmel College
Bangalore, India

EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, 2004-to date

Department of Politics and Public Administration
University of Pune, India

Visiting Research Associate, 2002-2004

Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research
Mumbai, India

Assistant Editor, 1999

Economic and Political Weekly, a scholarly journal covering economic, political and social issues. Responsibilities included writing a weekly column, editing and selecting articles for publication

Research Assistant, 1997

National Working Group on Patent Laws, a national lobby working on patent and WTO issues. Duties included research and writing of reports, and assistance in organizing various national and international conferences

Editor, IPRs Section, 1997

World Trade Scanner, a fortnightly publication covering trade issues both national and international. Responsibilities included writing articles for and editing the section covering Intellectual Property Rights

Consultant, Newspaper in Education, 1992

Times of India, a leading national newspaper, promoted this program for high school students. As a consultant, I was responsible for teaching Civics in various schools using the newspaper in innovative ways

Lecturer, Political Science/International Relations, 1992

St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, India. Taught first and final year BA students courses in International Relations and an Introductory course in Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

“Rights and Access to Plant Genetic Resources Under India's New Law” with Melinda Smale, Development Policy Review, 22, no. 4, 2004, p. 423-442.

“Intellectual Property Rights, Agriculture and Rural Communities”, Journal of Agricultural Safety and Health 11 (4), November 2005, 423-430.

“Global Convergence meets Local Divergence: Intellectual Property in Indian Seed Markets” with Jeroen van Wijk, Accepted for publication in the Special Issue The Process of Innovation: The Asian Way, International Journal of Technology Management, 2006.

“India's Policy on Genetically Modified Crops” Working paper 15, Asia Research Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science 2006.

“The Farmers Rights Project—Background Study 4 Farmers Rights in India: A Case Study”, FNI Report 6/2006

“IPRs and Agriculture: South Asian Concerns”, South Asia Economic Journal, vol. 4 no. 1, June 2003.

“India's Patent Policy and Political Economy of Development” Radhakrishna and Parikh, eds, India Development Report, 2003-2004

“Bt Cotton and India's Policy on IPRs” Asian Biotechnology and Development Review, Special Issue on Biotechnology and Intellectual Property Rights Vol. 7 No 2 March 2005

India's Plant Variety and Farmer's Rights Legislation: Potential Impact on Stakeholder Access to Genetic Resources, EPTD Discussion Paper, IFPRI, Washington, D.C. January 2003.

Intellectual Property Rights in South Asia: Opportunities and Constraints for Technology Transfer, with S. Udgaonkar in Babu S. and Gulati A. (eds), Economic Reforms and Food Security in South Asia: The Role of Trade and Technology, (New York: Haworth Press), 2005.

Shifts in India's Policy on Intellectual Property: The Role of Ideas, Coercion and Changing Interests, in Peter Drahos and Uma Suthersenen, eds., Death of a Patent System, Perspectives in Intellectual Property (London:), 2005.

“India's Policy on IPRs and Agriculture: Relevance of FAO's New International Treaty”, Commentary, Economic and Political Weekly, December 22, 2001

“Interest Groups and Patent Reform in India” IGIDR Working Paper WP-2003-06, March 2004.

“To Controversial Technology” Review of Seeds of Contention: World Hunger and the Global Controversy over GM Crops by Per Pinstrup-Anderson and Ebbe Schioler, 2000, Economic and Political Weekly, vol. 39, May 15-21, 2004 15-21, 2004.

Book Review, Ronald Cox and Daniel Skidmore-Hess, U S Politics and the Global Economy: Corporate Power, Conservative Shift (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1999), in Millennium Journal of International Studies, vol. 29, no. 1, 2000.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

“India’s Policy on IPRs and Biodiversity” presented at the Symposium on National Biodiversity and Ecosystem Information Infrastructure: Challenges and Potentials, NCL, Pune Jan 30 – Feb 2, 2006.

“India’s Policy on IPRs and Plant Genetic Resources” to be presented at the National Conference on Agrobiodiversity, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, February 14, 2006

“India’s Experience with Establishing Farmers’ Rights” Presented in the International Conference on Measures to Protect and Promote Farmers Rights (Art. 9 ITPGRFA), IOA, Florence, Italy, October 25-27, 2004.

“Plant genetic resources for food and agriculture: Effects of multilateral agreements in developing countries: India’s Policy on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture” in absentia at the the Diversitas International Conference in Mexico, November 2005, at the symposium Implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements on Biodiversity: Balancing Equity and Effectiveness

“Food Security and Intellectual Property Rights” Presented in Seminar “Debates in Intellectual Property Rights” University of Mumbai, November 18-19, 2004.

“Intellectual Property Rights” Presented in the Seminar “Culture and Globalization” SNDT University, November 21, 2004.

“India’s Patent Policy” IPR Conference organized by IPR Chair, University of Pune, 2004.

“Intellectual Property Rights, Agriculture and Rural Communities” paper presented at the Fifth International Symposium on the Future of Rural Peoples: Rural Economy, Healthy People, Environment, Rural Communities Saskatoon, Canada October 19-23, 2003. Organized by: Institute for Agricultural Rural and Environmental Health, University of Saskatchewan and at the German Institute for Economic Research, Berlin, Germany October 31, 2003

“Global Political Economy of TRIPs Negotiations” paper presented at International Conference on “Moving Forward From Cancun: The Global Governance of Trade, Environment and Sustainable Development” Berlin, Germany 30-31 October 2003.

Organized by: CAT +E (Concerted Action on trade and environment) Ecologic. This conference is part of the international research project CAT+E, funded by the 5th Framework Programme of the European Commission - DG Research. In co-operation with the Task Force Global Issues of the German Federal Foreign Office.

“Intellectual Property Rights and Agriculture: South Asian Concerns” paper presented and was a discussant at the MoA, Bhutan-World Bank Institute-IFPRI workshop on "Trade Policy, WTO, and South Asian Agriculture". South Asia Initiative Paro, Bhutan, November 26-30, 2002

“IPRs and Agriculture: South Asian Concerns” paper presented at The Regional Conference on Globalisation and Agriculture: Challenges for South Asia New Delhi 4-5 December 2002 Organized jointly by Research and Information System for the Non-aligned and Other Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi and the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), Colombo, in collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, DC.

“India’s Patent Policy and Negotiations in TRIPs: Future Options for India and other Developing Countries”, Paper presented at the National Conference on TRIPs: Next Agenda for Developing Countries, Hyderabad, India, October 11-12, 2002.

“Global Agribusiness and IPRs: Implications for India’s Policy” presented at the International Conference on Health care and food: Challenges of intellectual property rights, biosafety and bioethics New Delhi, Organized by National Institute of Science Technology and Development Studies, Supported by Third World Academy of Sciences, Commonwealth Science Council and Food and Agricultural Organization, December 1-5, 2002.

“Intellectual Property and Agriculture: India’s Law on Breeders’ and Farmers’ Rights” at the College of Biotechnology University of Saskatchewan, Canada October 21, 2003

“Intellectual Property and Agriculture: India’s Law on Breeders’ and Farmers’ Rights” at the German Institute for Economic Research, Berlin, Germany October 31, 2003

“WTO and Environment” and “WTO, IPRs and Biodiversity” Two lectures presented at the Faculty Upgradation Program in Environmental Economics, IGIDR, February 26, 2003.

“Intellectual Property Rights: An Interdisciplinary Approach”, lecture presented at the Workshop on Law and Economics, IGIDR, March 24, 2003.

“Intellectual Property Rights”, Two guest lectures at the Central Institute of Fisheries Education for course on International Trade and WTO, Andheri (W), Mumbai, May 6, 2003

“India’s Plant Variety and Farmer’s Rights Legislation” presented at the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, May 12, 2003.

“United States and the TRIPs/CBD Relationship”, Presented at the International Conference on TRIPs/CBD, Nairobi, Kenya, February 6-9, 1999.

“Bio-Piracy or Innovation? The Indo-US Conflict on Patents”, Presented at the School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley, USA, November 1998.

“Political Economy and India’s Policy on IPRs and Agricultural Biotechnology”, Presented at the International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, D.C., July, 2001

“Political Economy and India’s Policy on IPRs and Agriculture”, Presented at the Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research, Mumbai, India, August 2001

“Political Economy and India’s Policy on IPRs and Agriculture”, Presented at the Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, India, September 2001

“Indo-US Conflict on Patents”, Presented at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, India, December 1, 1999.

“United States Foreign Policy and the IMF and World Bank”, Presented at the Department of Political Science, Bangalore University, India, 1996

TEACHING

Public Administration—core course for MA, 2004 to date

Public Policy—core course for MA , 2004 to date

Political Economy of India—optional course for MA, January-April 2006

Politics and Economics of Development (with special reference to India)—course for students on exchange program from University of Calgary, Canada, Sept-December, 2005

U S Foreign Policy—optional course for MA, 2004-2005

AWARDS

C R Parekh Fellowship, 2005

Asia Research Centre

London School of Economics and Political Science, May-August 2005

Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, 1998-99

Affiliated with Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley and the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Junior and Senior Research Fellowship, 1992-1998 and NET, University Grants Commission

Fieldwork

Postdoctoral project related research, Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai, India,
(postdoctoral fellowship, International Food Policy Research Institute)
August-September, 2001

Dissertation Research, Geneva, (Fulbright grant), 1999

Dissertation Research, Washington, D.C., Berkeley, Boston, USA (Fulbright pre-doctoral
Fellowship), 1998-99

Interviews of farmers and public sector institution officials at Nagpur for research on
India's Policy on Genetically Modified Crops, 2005

Interviews of farmers at Uruli Kanchan for research on Farmers' Rights, 2006

Interviews of government officials and NGOs, New Delhi, for research on Farmers'
Rights, 2006

Other

Review for Sage, India

Voluntary Work

Voluntary work in Sumangali Seva Ashram, an Orphanage for girls in India, where I taught
English for two years

Assisted in organizing various programs for street children for the Movement for Alternatives
and Youth Awareness, a non-governmental organization in India working with homeless
children

Member of the National Service Scheme, an association promoting social service
among students. Activities included voluntary work in an old age home, cancer
hospital and participation in several national camps in rural areas and villages in India