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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 08/2007 – to present** **Lecturer**
School of Oriental & African Studies
School of Law
- 10/2005 – 07/2007** **Part-Time Tutor**
School of Oriental & African Studies
School of Law
- 03/2004 – 04/2005** **Visiting Fellow**
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
Centre for the Study of Law and Governance
- 08/2002 – 07/2006** **Lecturer (Wissenschaftlicher Angestellter)**
University of Heidelberg, Germany
South Asia Institute, Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

- 10/2002 – 06/2007** **University of Heidelberg, Germany**
PhD, South Asia Institute, Department of Political Science
Thesis title: *The Judicialisation of Politics in India*
Submitted, viva in Autumn 2007
- 10/2005 – 09/2007** **London School of Economics and Political Science**
LLM
- 04/2000 – 08/2002** **University of Heidelberg, Germany**
MA Political Science of South Asia
With Highest Distinction
- 09/1996 – 07/1999** **London School of Economics and Political Science**
BA Anthropology and Law
First Class Honours Degree
- 10/1993 – 07/1996** **University of Freiburg, Germany**
Cand. Jur. Law
(BA equivalent)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2006 Travel grant awarded by the German Research Council for my paper presentation “The Judicialisation of Elections in India”, at the 20th World Congress of the International Political Science Association, Fukuoka, Japan
- 2005 Summer Institute, “Rights and Regulations”, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford (full scholarship award)
- 2005 Graduate Student Workshop of the Law and Society Association, “Sociolegal Futures and the Limits of Law”, Las Vegas (travel grant awarded by the Law and Society Association)
- 2005 Short Course in Parliamentary Processes and Procedures, Lok Sabha Secretariat (New Delhi), Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training (full scholarship award)
- 2004 Travel grant awarded by the American Political Science Association for my paper presentation “Which Road to Social Revolution? Global Inequalities and the Dialectics of Constitutional Reform in India” at the Annual Meeting in Chicago
- 2004 Scholarship awarded by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations under the governmental Indo-German Exchange Program for research in India
- 2003 Scholarship for doctoral studies awarded by the German Academic Exchange Service
- 2003 Research grant (€8,000) awarded by the Baden-Württemberg Foundation for research in India (declined)
- 2003 Visiting fellowship awarded by the Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi), Centre for the Study of Law and Governance (one year)
- 2003 Indian Law Institute, New Delhi (3 months, sponsored by the University of Heidelberg)
- 2002 Madras High Court, Chennai (3 months, sponsored by the University of Heidelberg)
- 2001 Summer University, Institute of Federalism, Fribourg, Switzerland (full scholarship award)

TEACHING AT SOAS

- 2007 *Law and Society in South Asia*
Seminars for LLM, MA, LLB and BA students (lent term)
- 2006/2007 *Law and Governance in the Developing World*
Seminars for LLM and MA students
- 2006/2007 *Legal Systems of Asia and Africa*
One lecture per term and five tutorials per week
- 2006/2007 *Public Law*
Three tutorials per week
- 2006 *Law and Society in South Asia*
Seminars for LLM, MA, LLB and BA students (lent term)
- 2005/2006 *Legal Systems of Asia and Africa*
Seven tutorials per week

COURSES TAUGHT IN HEIDELBERG AND NEW DELHI

2005	<i>The Political System of India: Institutions and Constitutional Context</i>
2004/2005	<i>Judicial Activism in India</i> Taught at the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
2003/2004	<i>Democracy and Judicial Review: Constitutionalism in African, Asian, and Western Countries</i>
2003	<i>Federalism in South Asia</i> European Summer School in Modern South Asian Studies
2003	<i>Theories of Federalism and Comparing Federal Systems</i>
2002/2003	<i>Political Philosophy and Theories of the State: India as a Case Study</i>
2002	<i>Authoritarianism and Democracy in South Asia</i> European Summer School in Modern South Asian Studies

PUBLICATIONS

<i>Published</i>	<p><i>Asiatische Werte? Indigene Charakteristika im indischen Verfassungsrecht (Asian Values? Indigenous Characteristics of Indian Constitutional Law)</i>, in: <i>Argumente und Materialien zum Zeitgeschehen</i>, 2003, (41), 55-69.</p> <p><i>Sacred Laws and the Secular State: An Analytical Narrative of the Controversy over Personal Laws in India</i> (with Subrata K. Mitra), in: <i>India Review</i>, 2002, (1:3), 99-130.</p> <p><i>Competing Diversities: Federalism and Ethnic Conflict in India</i>, <i>Travaux de recherche</i>, 2002, (Cahier no. 24). Publications de l'Institut du Fédéralisme: Fribourg, Suisse.</p> <p>Deputy Editor (from 2002 to 2006) of the <i>Heidelberg Papers in South Asian and Comparative Politics</i> (ISSN 1617-5069), at: <www.hpsacp.uni-hd.de></p> <p><i>Public Interest Litigation in Indien</i> (with Jona Dohrmann), in: Draguhn, Werner [ed]. <i>Indien 2001 – Politik, Wirtschaft, Gesellschaft</i>. Institut für Asienkunde: Hamburg, 2001, 145-168.</p>
<i>Forthcoming</i>	<p><i>Higher Law Making as a Political Resource: Constitutional Amendments and the Constructive Fragmentation of Sovereignty in India</i>, in: Henrard, Kristin and Miodrag Jovanovic [eds]. <i>Sovereignty and Diversity</i>. Berghahn Books: Oxford (accepted, forthcoming).</p> <p><i>Aparigraha – Law Without Government?</i> (with Lavanya Regunathan-Fischer), in: Sharma, S. [ed]. <i>Aparigraha: The Limits to Possession</i>. JVI Press: Ladnun (accepted, forthcoming).</p> <p><i>Food Security and the Right to Food in India: For Whom, How and Why?</i> (with Wolfgang-Peter Zingel), in: Singh, M.P. [ed]. <i>Report on Human Rights and Basic Needs</i>. Oxford University Press: New Delhi (accepted, forthcoming).</p>

- In Preparation* *Hinduism and the Indian Constitution*, in: Davis, Don [ed]. Cambridge Companion to Law and Hinduism. Cambridge University Press (work in progress; publishing contract 10,000-12,000 words to be submitted in 2008).
- South Asian Law: An Overview*, in: Encyclopaedia of Legal History, Oxford University Press, (work in progress; publishing contract: 5000 words to be submitted in 2007 forthcoming 2008).
- Modern Hindu Law*, in: Encyclopaedia of Legal History, Oxford University Press, (work in progress; publishing contract: 3000 words to be submitted in 2007, forthcoming 2008).
- Comparative Constitutional Traditions in South Asia* (with Sunil Khilnani and Vikram Raghavan), edited book on the basis of a conference organized by the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University (Washington, D.C.) and the School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London); held at the SOAS in London, November 18-19, 2006. Publishing contract is being negotiated with Oxford University Press (New Delhi).
- State and Society in India* (with Subrata K. Mitra), edited book on the basis of selected Heidelberg Papers (see, <www.hpsacp.uni-hd.de>). Ajanta Publishers (New Delhi).

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- India's Juristocracy?* paper presented at the "Comparative Constitutional Traditions in South Asia" conference, organized by The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (Johns Hopkins University) and the School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London), London, November 18-19, 2006.
- Constitutional Ethnography*, presentation for the "Perplexities of the Indian Legal System" seminar, organised by the Collaborative Research Network South Asia (Law and Society Association), London School of Economics and Political Science, November 13, 2006.
- The Judicialisation of Elections in India*, paper presented at the 20th World Congress of the International Political Science Association, in Fukuoka, Japan, July 9-13, 2006. Panel: Rule of Law and Courts in Emerging Democracies (RC09: Comparative Judicial Systems).
- Constitutional Ethnography of Modern India: The Legal Lives of the Right to Life*, paper presented at the "Law and Life in South Asia" conference, Yale University, New Haven, May 11-12, 2006.
- Democratic Resilience in a Non-Western Context: Party System, Participation and Judicialization as Instruments of Democratic Consolidation in India*, paper presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (with Subrata K. Mitra, Karsten Frey and Malte Pehl), [Panel: Revisiting Democratic Theory], Washington, September 1-4, 2005.
- Higher Law Making as a Political Resource: Constitutional Amendments and the Constructive Fragmentation of Sovereignty in India*, paper presented at the international conference "Legal and Political Solutions to Disputes over Sovereignty – From Kosovo to Quebec", Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, July 7-9, 2005.
- Legislating Constitutional Change: Amendment Patterns in India since Independence*, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association in Las Vegas, [Session 2115: Dilemmas in Contemporary Constitutional Interpretation] Nevada, June 2-5, 2005.
- Stateness and Governance: Globalisation and India's Political Economy*, presentation for the international conference, "Globalization and Sustainable Good Governance: Opportunities and Challenges", Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law University of Delhi, March 18-21, 2005.

- Who is an Indian? Territory, Community and Citizenship in the Indian Constitution*, paper presented at the International Conference “Indian Diaspora: Trends, Issues and Challenges” (with Subrata K. Mitra and Lavanya Regunathan-Fischer), Centre for the Study of the Indian Diaspora, University of Hyderabad, February 24-26, 2005.
- Liberalization and Constitutional Change: The Case of India*, presentation for the Department of Political Science and the Centre for India and South Asia Research, University of British Columbia, in Vancouver, September 15, 2004.
- Which Road to Social Revolution? Global Inequalities and the Dialectics of Constitutional Reform in India*, paper presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association [Panel: Democratization and Judicial Reform, Division: Law and Courts], in Chicago, September 2-5, 2004.
- New Economic Regime in India: Constitutional Perspective*, presentation for the Indian Law Institute, in New Delhi, August 9, 2004.
- Strong Laws for a Weak State? Central and Regional Avatars of India’s Anti-Terrorism Legislation*, paper presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association [Panel: The Social Life of Anti-Terrorism Laws], in Chicago, May 27-30, 2004.
- The Indian Legal System*, presentation for the European Law Student’s Association, Passau (Germany), November 1, 2003.
- The Distribution of Powers and Responsibilities in Federal Polities*, participant in a workshop organized by the Forum of Federations: Global Dialogue Programme, in Hannover (Germany), July 16, 2003.
- Asian Values? – Indigenous Characteristics of India’s Constitutional Law*, paper presented at the International Conference “Changing India,” Hanns Seidel Foundation, in Wildbad Kreuth (Germany), February 17-19, 2003.
- Law as Ekanta? Synchronising Non-Absolutism through Legal Paradigms*, paper presented at the International Conference “Anekanta: A Dialogue on Human Concerns,” Jain Vishva Bharati Institute (Ladnun), in Vadodara (Gujarat, India), 6-9 December 2002.
- One State, Many Laws? Shah Bano, Muslim Women and Personal Law in India*, paper presented at the India International Centre, in New Delhi, December 2, 2002.
- The Shah Bano Myth: Reconceptualising the Rights of Muslim Women in India*, paper presented at the 17th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies [Panel: Gender and Law], in Heidelberg, September 9-14, 2002.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

09/1999 – 03/2000	Indo-German Chamber of Commerce, Mumbai (Bombay), India Internship, Law Department
12/1998 – 01/1999	J. B. Dadachanji, New Delhi, India Advocates Supreme Court & High Court, internship
08/1998 – 09/1998	Clifford Chance, Frankfurt, Germany Internship
06/1998 – 07/1998	Heuking, Kühn & Partners, Frankfurt, Germany International Law Firm, internship
07/1996 – 09/1996	Energie Baden Württemberg, Karlsruhe, Germany Internship, Law Department

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS

English	Fluent
French	Working Level
German	Native speaker

Computer Skills Proficient in all major Microsoft Office applications; attended IT induction courses at the University of Heidelberg on WebCT software and .LRN open source software for supporting e-learning.

ACTIVITIES IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Founding Member of the *Collaborative Research Network South Asia*, under the auspices of the Law and Society Association

Leader of the Work Group *Law and Society in the Non-Western World*, under the auspices of the Research Committee on Political Sociology (International Sociological Association and International Political Science Association)