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EDUCATION

University of South Carolina, Columbia, USA

PhD, Political Science, December, 2023.

- Sub-fields: Public Law, Research Methodology
- Dissertation: A Comparative Measure of Judicial Legitimacy
- Chair: Kirk A. Randazzo
- Committee Members: Matthew Wilson, Jessica Schoenherr, Miles T. Armaly

Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India

LLM, Law and Development, May 2017.

- Dissertation: The Self-Incrimination Principle and Custodial Interrogation in India

Ashoka University, Sonapat, India

MA, Law and Politics, May 2016.

- Dissertation: Law, Politics and Religious Conversion in India

Symbiosis International University, Pune, India

BBA LLB, Law and Business Administration, May 2017.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

National Law School of India University, Bangalore, India

Assistant Professor

March 2023 - Current

Courses Taught: Jurisprudence-I (2nd Trimester, 2023); Introduction to Empirical Legal Studies (3rd Trimester, 2023); Civil Procedure (1st Trimester 2023, 3rd Trimester, 2023)

University of South Carolina, Columbia, USA

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2019 - May 2022

Courses Taught: Women and the Law (Spring 2022); American National Government (Fall 2021); Methods of Political Analysis (Fall 2020); African Politics (Spring 2020); The Political Science Discipline (Fall 2019, Spring 2021); Revolution and Political Violence. (Fall 2019)

Tamil Nadu National Law University, Trichy, India

Assistant Professor

July 2017 - August 2019

Courses Taught: Law of Direct Taxation (Monsoon 2017, 2018, 2019); Law of Indirect Taxation (Spring 2018); Jurisprudence (Spring 2019, 2018); Political Obligations (Spring 2019, Monsoon 2017); Liberty, Equality and Justice (Monsoon 2018); Law and Social Transformation (Spring 2018)

	Ashoka University, Sonapat, India	
	<i>Graduate Assistant</i>	July 2015 - May 2016
	<p>Courses Taught: Conflict and Cooperation in International Politics (Spring 2016); Critical Themes in Politics: Power, Gender and Feminist Thought (Spring 2016); Introduction to Western Political Thought (Monsoon 2015)</p>	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	University of South Carolina, Columbia, USA	
	<i>Research Assistant</i>	May 2022 - July 2023
	<p>Project funded by the National Science Foundation to create a multi-user database of decisions from the U.S. District Courts under Dr. Kirk A. Randazzo.</p>	
	University of South Carolina, Columbia, USA	
	<i>Summer Research Associate</i>	May 2020 - June 2020
	<p>Project funded by the University of South Carolina to designing and implementing a survey experiment to test the effect of source cues on various responses to the pandemic with Dr. Elizabeth Connors.</p>	
	Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India	
	<i>Co-Principal</i>	October 2016 - June 2017
	<p>Co-led a project to compare transparency standards in various High Courts of India using the measure of compliance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.</p>	
	Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India	
	<i>Field Investigator</i>	May 2015 - June 2015
	<p>Collaborative project funded by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) to examine the response of industries to the government's Swacch Bharat (Clean India) policy and conduct field research on best industry practices.</p>	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys, Bangalore, India	
	<i>Advocate/Attorney</i>	June 2013 - June 2014
	<p>Represented clients in indirect-tax litigation before various forums such as the Commissionerate of Indirect taxes, the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) and the High Court of Karnataka.</p>	
REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES	<p>Hemrajani, R. and Hobert, A. (2024). The Effects of Decision Fatigue on Judicial Behavior: A Study of Arkansas Traffic Court Outcomes. <i>Journal of Law and Courts. Forthcoming.</i></p> <p>Singh, R. Hemrajani, R. and Ahuja, A. (2023). Preventive Repression: Protest Policing in New Delhi. <i>Journal of Urban Affairs.</i></p>	

Case, C. Eddy, C. Hemrajani, R. Howell, C. Lyons, D., Sung Y and Connors E.C. (2021). The Effects of Source Cues and Issue Frames During COVID-19. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.

Hemrajani, R. (2020). The Empty Court: A Quantitative Analysis of Vacancies in the Supreme Court of India. *Delhi Law Review*. (Mentioned in an article by the BBC on Indian courts).

Hemrajani, R and Agarwal, H. (2019). A Temporal Analysis of the Supreme Court of India. *Indian Law Review*.

Singh, R. and Hemrajani, R. (2018). Concentric Clientelism: A Case Study of Rural Saharanpur. *Studies in Indian Politics*.

PROJECT
REPORTS

Hemrajani, R., Rayabhari, S., Mishra, A., and Chacko, A. (2017). The Implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005 in Nine High Courts of India-A Comparative Study. Legal Systems Reform Project. Azim Premji University. (The study was covered by the media such as LiveLaw, the Wire and Bar&Bench).

Dasgupta, S. Hemrajani, R. et al. (2015). Swachh Bharat: Industry Engagement – Scope & Examples. SCI-FI: Sanitation Initiative, Research Report. New Delhi: Centre for Policy Research.

BOOK
CHAPTERS

Nuggehalli, N. and Hemrajani, R. (2024). "The Indian Constitution and Taxation" in Chandra, A. Bhatia, G. Jayal. N.G. (eds.) *Cambridge Companion to the Indian Constitution*. *Forthcoming*.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

Hemrajani, R and Hobert, T. 14th January 2023. "Remote Proceedings and Judicial Fairness: Evidence from Traffic Courts in Two States." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. St. Petersburg, USA.

Hemrajani, R. 14th January 2023. "A Comparative Measure of Judicial Legitimacy." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. St. Petersburg, USA.

Hemrajani, R. 20th October 2022. "Discretion and Bias in Auxiliary Decision-Making at the Supreme Court of India." Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA.

Hemrajani, R. 17th September 2022. "Constitutional Design and the Perceived Legitimacy of Court Systems: Evidence from Cross-National Time Series Data." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Montreal, Canada.

Hemrajani, R and Hobert, T. 8th April 2022. "The Effects of Judicial Fatigue on Judicial Behaviour." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, USA.

Hemrajani, R. and Randazzo, K.A. 13th January 2022. "Towards a New Comparative Measure of Judicial Legitimacy." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. San Antonio, USA.

Singh, R. and Hemrajani, R. 28th September 2021. "Preventive Repression: Protest Policing in New Delhi." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Seattle, USA.

Hemrajani, R. 9th March 2019. “Delimitation and Devaluation of the Indian Vote.” International Seminar on Electoral System: Democracy, Laws and Issues. Centre for Constitution and Public Policy, University Institute of Legal Studies, Punjab University in association with Nottingham Trent University, UK.

Hemrajani, R. 22nd February 2019. “A Quantitative Analysis of Vacancies in the Supreme Court.” National Conference on Backlog of Cases and Court Management. Gujarat National Law University in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Government of India.

Hemrajani, R. Raj, A. 11th April 2018. “Conversion as Resistance: Ambedkar, Caste and Religious Conversion in Contemporary India.” Ambedkar Week 2018. Azim Premji University, Bangalore.

Hemrajani, R. Agarwal, H. 9th December 2017. “A Temporal Analysis of the Supreme Court of India’s Workload.” Empirical Inquiries into the Indian Judicial System. University of Chicago Center, New Delhi.

Singh, R. Hemrajani, R. 4th April 2017. “Concentric Clientelism: A case study of Zila Parishad in Saharnpur.” Seminar on ‘Explorations in Indian Democracy’. Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi.

FELLOWSHIPS,
GRANTS AND
AWARDS

2023. Law and Science Dissertation Grant, National Science Foundation, USA. (9500\$).

2022. Travel Grant, Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association. (150\$).

2022. Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina. (500\$).

2021. Prestige-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association. (300\$).

2021. Conference Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of South Carolina. (1000\$).

2020. University’s Vice-Provost for Research COVID-19 Grant. (With Case, C. Eddy, C. Howell, C. Lyons, D., Sung Y and Connors E.C). (14,400\$).

2020. Honourable Mention, Indian Law Review Best Paper Prize 2020.

2019. Thurmond-Atwater Fellowship in Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina (10,000\$).

2017. Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, Government of India (Waived).

2015. Award for the Best Project in the Experiential Learning Module, Ashoka University, Sonapat.

2014. Young India Fellowship, Ashoka University, Sonapat.

2014. BKT Scholarship, Ashoka University, Sonapat. (Rs. 100000).

2013. Merit Award for excellence in BBA LLB. Sindhi Youth Association and Menda

	Foundation, Bangalore (Rs. 10000)
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE	Member, Faculty Board, National Law School of India University Review (August 2023 - Present)
	Member, Editorial Board, TNNLU Law Review (October 2023 - Present)
	Faculty Mentor, Andromeda College, National Law School of India University (June 2023 - Present)
	Editor, TNNLU Law Review (January 2019 - August 2019)
	Faculty Advisor, Office of Career Services, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Trichy (January 2019 - August 2019)
	Faculty-in-charge, Centre for Research and Writing, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Trichy (January 2019 - August 2019) Conference Coordinator, International Conference on Affirmative Action and the SDG of Gender Equality organised by Tamil Nadu National Law University, Trichy and Oxford Human Rights Hub, Oxford, UK (September 2018)
	Moot Court Judge, Nani Palkhivala Memorial National Tax Moot Court Competition 2018; Symbiosis International Criminal Trial Advocacy 2017; Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2015.
OTHER SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS	<p><i>Certifications:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Course on Human Subjects Research (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative) • Skills, Habits and Research Program (SHARP) (University of South Carolina) • Teachers Training Course in Jurisprudence (National Law University, Delhi) • Certificate Course in Empirical Legal Methods (National Law University, Delhi) • Diploma in Cyber Law (Asian School of Cyber Laws, Pune) • Advanced Diploma in Taxation Laws (Symbiosis Law School, Pune). <p><i>Professional Qualifications:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Practice (Bar Council of India) • National Eligibility Test (University Grants Commission) <p><i>Data Analysis:</i> R, Stata, Python (Pandas Library), MPlus, PowerBI, Tableau, MS Excel</p> <p><i>Survey Design:</i> Qualtrics</p> <p><i>Typesetting:</i> RMarkdown, L^AT_EX</p> <p><i>Languages:</i> English, Hindi, Sindhi.</p>
REFERENCES	Available upon request.

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