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**Prof. Amita Dhanda**



Prof. Amita Dhanda is a Professor of Law, at NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. She teaches Administrative Law, Law and Poverty, Law and Literature and Judicial Process.

Prof. Dhanda joined NALSAR after a fifteen year stint on the Research Faculty of the Indian Law Institute, Delhi. She has written extensively on the legal position of persons with mental disability. Legal Order and Mental Disorder, her book on the legal status of persons with mental illness is a pioneering effort in the field. The Government of India and the Supreme Court of India have utilized her services to suggest far reaching legal and policy reform in the field of disability rights. She is assisting the Government of Gujarat in formulating a rights sensitive mental health law. Her research expertise has been drawn upon by international and national institutions such as the WHO, UNICEF, NHRC, NCW, NIMH.

**Prof. Shashikala Gurpur**



Professor Shashikala Gurpur is the Director of Symbiosis Law School Pune since 2007.

She is a distinguished academican and orator having presented more than 200 invited lectures, workshops and seminars across India, Thailand, US, UK, Ireland, Germany, Australia, Canada and UAE. She has an outstanding career with a wide range of experience in teaching, research and industry. Dr. Gurpur has been a member of the Law Commission of India. She is associated with academic and governing councils, research teams of several national law schools and universities including IGNOU, NALSAR, NLSIU Bangalore, NLU Mumbai, NLU Nagpur and is also a member of International Consortium of Law Schools (ICLS). Recently, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur has been nominated as a member of the MCCIA Corporate Legislation Committee 2020-2022 as well. She has been appointed as a Distinguished Member Of The Editorial Board Of The Cyber law University International E-Journal.

**Prof. Sairam Bhat**



Dr. Sairam Bhat, Professor of Law at National Law School Of India University Bengaluru. His areas of specialization include Contract Law, Environmental Law, & Right to Information. He has received 'Young India Environmental Law Fellowship' in 2003. He was Adjunct Faculty at Golden Gate University, San Francisco during Fall- 2003. He received the Fulbright Fellowship in 2010 and was a Visiting Researcher at Georgetown University Law Centre. He was Linnaeus-Palme Academic Exchange Fellow at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden, 2012-13.

He is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal on Environmental Law, Policy and Development, Journal of Law and Public Policy, CEERA March of Environmental Law and IN LAW Magazine published by NLSIU.

**Prof. Aparna Chandra**



DR. APARNA CHANDRA, Associate Professor of Law at National Law School Of India University Bengaluru.

She researches and writes on constitutional law, human rights, gender and the law, and judicial process reform. Her current research focuses on rights adjudication by courts, gender and the law, and empirical legal studies. In collaboration with the Centre for Reproductive Rights, New York, She is undertaking a study on legal barriers to accessing safe abortion services in India. Under the aegis of a University of Chicago funded project. She was also part of a European Research Council funded project by the Israel Democracy Institute on fundamental rights adjudication in various jurisdictions around the world. She is a national co-convenor of the Indian Feminist Judgments Project. She is an on-going Member, Committee appointed by the Delhi High Court to study the working of the Vulnerable Witness Deposition Complexes in Delhi. She has worked with the government and judiciary on various judicial and legal reform initiatives, and collaborated with various human rights organizations on research and advocacy projects. In 2017, she assisted the Government of India in drafting the National Report for India's Third Universal Periodic Review before the U.N. Human Rights Council.

**Prof. Supriti Mishra**



Prof. Supriti Mishra works as a Professor in the Bhubaneswar campus of International Management Institute (IMI), which is one of the top runners among B schools in India.

She is an expert in the area of Corporate Strategy, CSR and Corporate Governance. She has won several awards and accolades for her outstanding research in the areas of CSR and Corporate Governance. She won the Best Paper Award in the 8th Global Business Research Conference organized by LIUC-Università Cattaneo. She was a Fulbright Fellow in the year 2009-10 during which she worked as a Visiting Scholar in the Stern Business School in New York University, USA. She has been a Visiting Professor in many foreign universities including St. Ambrose University, USA and Selcuk University, Turkey. She has also been actively involved with the non-profit sector in India as a consultant and has been associated with various national and international non-profit organizations including UNICEF, UNDP, Adam Smith Institute, U.K., and W.F. Baird & Associates, Canada.

**Prof. Sarasu Esther Thomas**



Dr. Sarasu Esther Thomas, Professor Of Law at National Law School Of India University Bengaluru

Her areas of specialization include Human Rights Law and Family Law. Prof. Sarasu coordinates a number of Research Projects on Human Rights, Reproductive Rights and Sex Selection, Water Law, Trafficking and Rights based Lawyering. She has also served as a Consultant to the UN Organization on Drugs and Crime and has been a part of the Expert Group on trafficking Cases Databases of the UNODC, Vienna. She has authored several books, articles and research papers on different areas of Human Rights and Family Law and has presented papers at national and international conferences on her areas of interest. In addition to her research and teaching commitments, she coordinates the Centre for Women and the Law and the Human Rights Lawyering Project.

<p><b>Prof. Padmavati Manchikanti</b></p> 	<p>Padmavati Manchikanti is a professor of law (Dean), at the Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, IIT Kharagpur.</p> <p>She has a Doctorate in Plant biotechnology with four years of industry experience. She teaches subjects in Intellectual Property Law, particularly Patent Law. Her current research interests include bio based innovations: IP and commercialization mechanisms, price control policies and patented medicine, and agriculture biotech inventions.</p> <p>She was the recipient of the prestigious Microsoft Young Faculty in Intellectual Property. A prolific researcher specializing in the domains of biotechnology and intellectual property, she is a member of the Steering and Advisory Committee, KIRAN-IPR, DSTTIFAC, Govt .of India as well as a scientific committee member in many professional bodies. She has completed numerous projects and has published extensively in journals of repute.</p>
<p><b>Prof. Navaneeta Rath</b></p> 	<p>Dr. Navaneeta Rath is a distinguished Social Scientist and a Professor in the Department of Sociology, Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar who has conducted extensive study on backward classes. Dr Rath's areas of interest includes Sociology of Gender, Child Rights &amp; Sociology of Education. She has over 30 years of experience in teaching, research and administration. She has taught courses like sociology of globalization, sociology of environment and climate change, and research methodology. Till date she has completed a couple of projects from different National and International agencies and have served as a consultant to the ILO and World Bank.</p>
<p><b>Prof. G.S. Bajpai</b></p> 	<p>GS Bajpai is currently the Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala.</p> <p>Prof. Bajpai has held many prestigious international assignments for advanced research in criminal law and criminal justice. He was also the recipient of the prestigious Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship at the Department of Criminology, University of Leicester, the U.K. for advanced research and teaching (in Crime reduction) for the year 2003-04. He was identified by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York to author a case study on 'Bhopal Gas Tragedy' which was published from the Cambridge Press, US. As a very significant achievement, Prof. Bajpai worked as the 'Co-Principal Investigator' of the MHRD-UGC, E-PG Pathshala Project, and led the creation of online e-text and video lectures on 367 modules of fifteen papers for PG level courses in Law. Prof. Bajpai also contributed significantly to police training research. He successfully implemented a series of Vertical Interaction Courses for IPS officers and also coordinated training projects with Sheffield Hallam University.</p>

**Dr. Swpnarag Swain**



Dr. Swpnarag Swain is currently working as Assistant Professor in the field of Marketing at International Management Institute (IMI), Kolkata.

Dr. Swpnarag Swain possesses valuable experience of more than 10 years in academics and industry combined together. Before joining IMI-Kolkata, he has been associated with highly reputed academic institutions like T.A. Pai Management Institute (TAPMI), Manipal, NALSAR-Hyderabad, and National Law University (NLU), Odisha. Dr. Swain has been the recipient of prestigious gold medal for being the best all-rounder in MBA at KIIT University. He has published several research papers in highly ranked peer reviewed international journals (indexed in Scopus and ranked in ABDC journal quality list) and presented several research papers in national/international conferences. He is dedicated towards creation and dissemination of knowledge in the area of marketing through his research, training and consultancy.

**Prof. Mrinal Satish**



Dr. Mrinal Satish is a Professor of law at National Law School Of India University, Bengaluru. His area of teaching is Criminal Law and he has previously been a faculty member at the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal, and at the National Law University, Delhi. He has also been the Chairperson of the Delhi Judicial Academy.

**Dr. Anup Surendranath**



Dr Anup Surendranath teaches Constitutional Law at NLU Delhi and is also Director of the Centre on the Death Penalty, which currently comprises the Death Penalty Litigation Clinic and the Death Penalty Research Project.

He was invited by Chief Justice RM Lodha (as he then was) in May 2014 to serve as the Deputy Registrar (Research) in the Supreme Court and was on deputation to the Supreme Court until August 2015. The only other instance of an academic being invited to the Supreme Court for a similar assignment was almost 30 years ago, in the late 80s, under Chief Justice PN Bhagwati.

He has been responsible for establishing many student-led initiatives in the University like the INSAAF Legal Aid Project, Public Law and Policy Discussion Group and the Cinema Club.

He has an interest in the following areas; Constitutional Law, Judicial Process, Criminal Justice Administration, Access to Justice, Comparative Human Rights and Legal Pedagogy.

**Prof. C. Raj Kumar**



Prof. C. Raj Kumar is the founding Vice-Chancellor of OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana, India, and the Dean of the Jindal Global Law School. He works in the fields of human rights and development, comparative constitutional law, terrorism and national security, corruption and governance, law and disaster management, legal education and higher education. Professor Kumar has held consultancy assignments in the field of human rights and governance. He has been a Consultant to the United Nations University (UNU), Tokyo; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); UN Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, Geneva; and the International Council for Human Rights Policy (ICHRP), Geneva. He has advised the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption (CIABOC) in Sri Lanka and the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in India on issues relating to corruption and good governance. Professor Kumar is an Attorney at Law and is admitted to the Bar Council of Delhi, India and the Bar of the State of New York, USA.

**Prof. MRK Prasad**



Currently, Prof. MRK Prasad is Principal of V.M. Salgaocar College of Law. Where he has taught Contracts, Constitutional Law, Law of Evidence, Negotiation and Dispute Resolution.

Dr. Prasad is a leading expert in clinical education in India and the first recipient of Vanderbilt-Fulbright Scholarship in Clinical Legal Education. He is instrumental in establishing and functionalizing India's first legal aid set-up being run by a law college. For this initiation V.M. Salgaocar College of Law received "Institutional Excellence Award 2011" from SILF (Society of Indian Law Firms) and MILAT (Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy Training). He is a member of several international organizations such as Global Alliance for Justice Education, South Asian Forum of Clinical Law Teachers. He is a Former Member of Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

**Dr. Gautam Bhan**



Dr. Gautam Bhan is a faculty member at the Indian Institute for Human Settlements. He works and teaches politics of poverty, inequality and development in Indian cities with a focus on housing, social security, governance and urban and planning theory. He is also the spokesman for LGBTQ+ rights and one of the petitioners in the legal battle to decriminalize homosexuality in India. He is the coordinator of Program for Working Professionals in Urban Development and co-anchors three major research projects on evictions, urban inclusion, slum up-gradation, and the relationships between poverty, inequality and urban violence.

**Prof. Ajay Gudavarthy**



Dr. Ajay Gudavarthy, Assistant Professor at Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU. His areas of research interests include Political Theory (especially Critical Theory), Contemporary political movements, Post-colonial theory, and debates on Civil Society.

His first teaching assignment was at the National University of Juridical Sciences, Calcutta from 2001-2003. Later he joined the National Law School, Bangalore and worked there from 2003-2006. He has been teaching at the Centre for Political Studies, since 2006. He has completed an international project in 2012 titled 'Inequalities and Affirmative Action: Past Experiences and Future Agendas in India and Nepal', in collaboration with Goldsmith College, London university and Tribhuvan university, Kathmandu, funded by British Academy. Apart from his academic writings he has been regularly contributing to News Dailies including The Hindu, Indian Express, Deccan Herald, Hans India, among others. He has written on culture, cinema, education, state and electoral politics, among other such issues of contemporary relevance.

**Kanmani Ray**



Kanmani Ray is a trans woman & a student pursuing LL.B. from University of Delhi. She has been a resource person, organizer in student driven spaces involving sensitization. She often speaks on the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 as well as broader issues around transgender persons and laws.

**Prof. Ved Kumari**



Prof. Ved Kumari's areas of primary academic interest are juvenile justice, criminal law, gender discrimination, clinical education, and judicial education. She introduced an innovative full semester course in University of Delhi as part of Course Work for research scholars on 'Andragogy – the Art of Teaching Adults' aimed at training the future law teachers in the adult teaching methods and improving learning of students. She headed the Delhi Judicial Academy as its Chairperson during 2009 - 2011. She is the first and perhaps the only woman academic to hold such a prestigious position. She introduced participatory learning with a range of innovative participatory teaching methods in judicial training and organized two Training of Teachers Workshops to training judicial officers in the art of teaching. The Village Immersion Programme for Judicial Officers is a pioneer programme evolved and introduced by her in the One-year Training Schedule for the newly recruited judicial officers to expose them to various social issues like poverty, gender discrimination, education, etc. at the grass root. She also conceived and

successfully directed the first and so far the only E-course on Judicial Ethics and Conduct for judicial officers in collaboration with the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, Canada.

**Prof. Yogesh Pratap Singh**



Prof. Yogesh Pratap Singh is a Professor of Law and currently the Registrar at National Law University, Odisha. Prior to joining NLUO in 2009, when it was established, he was part of the founding team of KIIT Law School, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar. His doctoral thesis titled “Contribution of Dissenting Opinions of Indian Supreme Court Judges to the Indian Legal System: A Critical Evaluation” is recognized as a significant contribution to the understanding of voting patterns of judges in the Supreme Court of India. He participated in the 39th Annual Session on International Human Rights Law organized by International Institute of Human Rights (IIHR) Strasbourg, France. Dr. Yogesh has also been part of Ciedhu programme in France conducted for University Teachers. Dr. Singh has also worked as a Legal Researcher in the Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra (RLEK), Dehradun. He has presented numerous papers on constitutional, social and legal issues at various national and international seminars. He constantly writes in the field of law in reputed law chronicles, national and international law journals. He also writes for the general public, contributing recurrently to The New Indian Express, The Statesman, The Tribune, Deccan Herald, The Wire etc.

**Prof. Sheela Rai**



Prof. Sheela Rai, Professor of Law at NLUO. She has done her LL.B. from DDU Gorakhpur University and LL.M. and Ph.D. from National Law School of India University Bangalore. Before joining NLUO she has worked as Associate Professor in HNLU Raipur, as lecturer in WBNUJS and as Assistant Professor in Amity Law School, Amity University Rajasthan. She has published three books, Recognition and Regulation of Antidumping Measures under GATT/WTO (Eastern Book Company), Recognition and Regulation of Safeguard Measures (Routledge, London and New York) and Antidumping Measures: Policy Law and Practice in India (Partridge). She has also published articles and Paper in various reputed Indian and International journals and presented papers in national and international conferences in India and abroad.

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**Prof. Rita Ray**



Prof. Rita Ray, Adjunct Professor at NLUO.

Rita Ray has an experience of forty years in academics and consulting. Her academic profile includes teaching as a full-time faculty of Sociology at Utkal University, India since 1975. Born on 31st March 1951, she is currently the senior-most female Professor, in service, in the state today. She was also the Vice chancellor (in-charge) of Utkal University for a brief, but intensely challenging, period. She has been a Professor (Plan) from 1994 onwards and has lectured at many prestigious universities in India and abroad. She has been the Head of the Department (Sociology) for multiple terms and has implemented far-reaching academic and administrative contributions to the department. She has introduced numerous courses and electives in the department: A special mention, here, should possibly made of her pioneering role in successfully introducing and popularizing Gender studies in the University, as well as in the State. She has also been a part of numerous accreditation teams and interview boards of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Union Public Services Examinations (UPSC), National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) etc. Prof. Ray has guided and awarded close to 20 Ph. D theses, mostly pertaining to issues of Displacement, Rehabilitation and Gender, and has published extensively in national and international journals.. She has two books underway, one called 'Beyond Resettlement and Rehabilitation' with Prof. L.H. Ekstrand (Lund University) and the other called 'From Blood to Fire – Gramadevis and the Changing Culture of Orissa' with Dr. Elinor Gadon of Brandeis University, USA. She is presently Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology at Utkal University, India. Prof. Ray's consulting assignments have been with The World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Economic Commission (EEC), Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Food and Agriculture Program (FAO), Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), Power Grid Corporation of India, POSCO-India, to name a few.

**Dr. Arjyalopa Mishra**



Dr Arjyalopa Mishra, is currently an Asst. Professor of Management at NLUO.

Her research interests are Social psychology, positive organizational behavior and organizational psychology and human resource management. The subjects she teaches are Principles and Practices of Management, Organizational Behaviour and Human Resource Management

She graduated as a topper of the state of Odisha in Sociology in 2005. With a background in Sociology and Psychology, she further explored her interest by doing a Masters in Personnel Mangement and Industrial Relations followed by a Masters in Philosophy in PMIR. She attained her PhD from Utkal University with the topic, "Transformational Leadership and its Effect on Follower's Organizational Commitment in the Telecom Sector: The Mediating Effect of Trust" from the PG Department of PMIR. She has been awarded the Post Graduate Scholarship by Hyderabad Central University and also the prestigious University Rank Holder Award from UGC. She is an avid writer and her numerous articles give insights to various areas like HR, land acquisition and CSR. She has also published articles in leading newspapers and magazines like the Hindu, Indian Express, The Telegraph, Frontline and India Today. She is conversant with administering the psychological tests on achievement

motivation to identify a group of dedicated young people to commence their enterprise through the process of business incubation. To add further she has been actively involved with children coping with developmental disabilities, wellbeing of women offenders.

**Dr. Rangin Pallav Tripathy**



Dr. Rangin Pallav Tripathy has been teaching at National Law University Odisha since 2010 and works in the area of constitutional governance, civil liberties, criminal law and human rights. His current research focuses on the functioning of institutions within constitutional democracies and the way they affect realization of democratic rights.

He was a Fulbright Post-Doctoral Research Scholar at Harvard Law School (2019-2020) where he researched on the competing methods of appointing judges in democracies. His doctoral thesis is the first work of its kind in India on performance evaluation of judges in the higher judiciary. He has completed two research projects funded by the Department of Justice, Government of India in the area of judicial reforms. He has also provided consultancy services to Odisha Judicial Academy for preparation of research materials for judicial officers.

**Dr. Suman Dash Bhattamishra**



Dr. Suman Dash Bhattamishra joined National Law University Odisha in 2011 when it was still in its foundational years. At the university, I have taught subjects like International Criminal Law, Access to Justice, Criminal Law and Gender Laws.

Her research work is primarily in the areas of Gender Rights, Access to Justice, Criminal Law Reforms, Juvenile Justice and Rights of Victims in the justice delivery mechanism. I also take interest in Legal Theory.

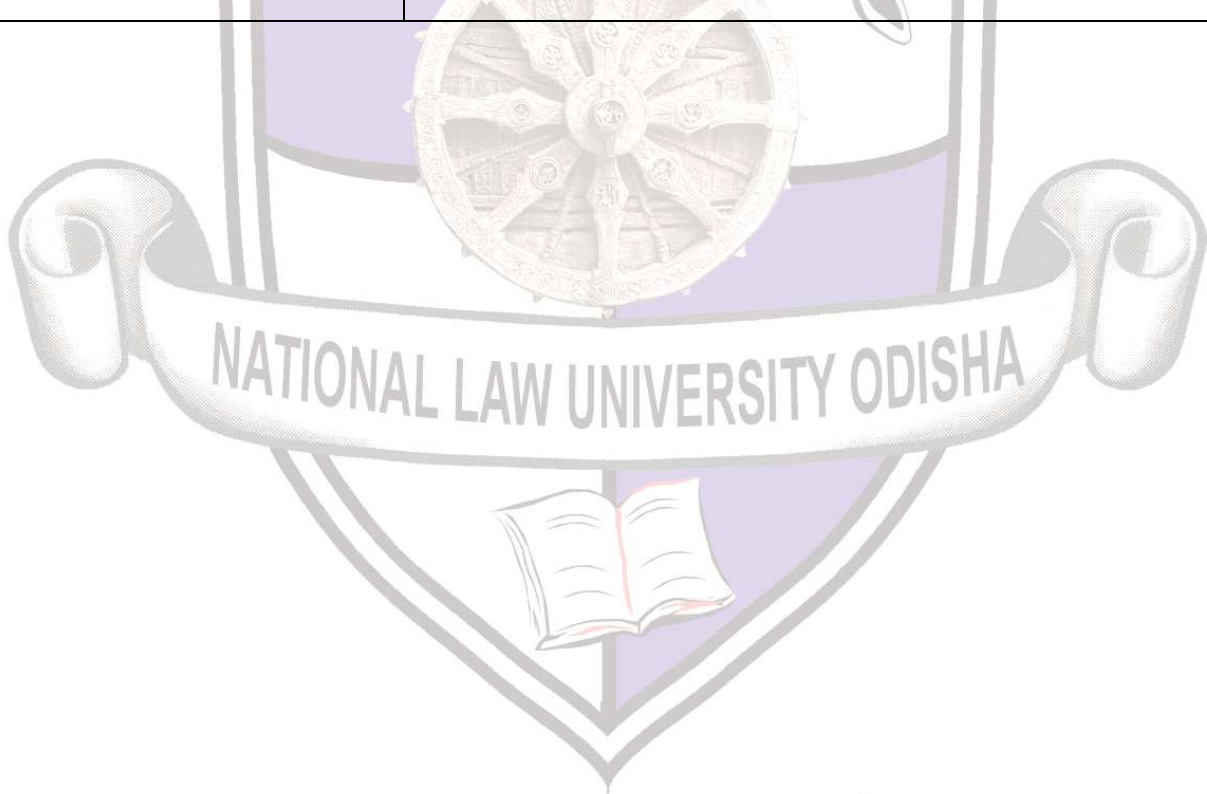
At NLUO, she has undertaken action research projects in collaboration with other stakeholders including civil society organisations, district, state and taluk legal services authorities, panchayats, women's and children's organisations, etc. From 2014-2017, She coordinated a DoJ-Gol-UNDP sponsored project titled "Access to Justice for Marginalised People and Socially Relevant Legal Education" that was implemented in three districts of Odisha and involved several community-based interventions. Establishing legal aid clinics, training community stakeholders, encouraging Clinical Legal Education in Law Colleges, especially those located in remote districts of the state of Odisha were the primary goals of this project. Apart from this, She has drafted the proposal for and been instrumental in the initial setting up of the Child Rights Centre at the university in collaboration with UNICEF. She played a similar role in establishing the Community College for Paralegals at NLUO.

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**Dr. Abhik Majumdar**



Dr. Abhik Majumdar, is currently working as Asst. Professor of Law at NLUO. He has gained his first degree in law from the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore. He followed it up with a thesis-track LLM from the National University of Singapore (NUS); and then a PhD from the National Law University Odisha (NLUO), Cuttack. Prior to joining NUS, he was associated with several research bodies, NGOs, law firms, and even a music archive as legal officer for a project partnered with the Smithsonian Institution. His principal research interests concern jurisprudence and legal theory. His PhD thesis engages with Hohfeld's schema of jural correlatives, and its conceptual and heuristic utility. And his LLM dissertation examines Hart's legal positivism and whether it sustains its descriptive goals. He has also worked on other aspects of legal theory, including the jurisprudence of the ancient legal treatise Kauṭilya's Arthaśāstra. His involvement with non-theoretical aspects of law extends to the law of sedition; law and religion; WTO law; the law of agriculture; and the theory of terrorism law. He has published in several prestigious international journals such as the Journal of Indian Philosophy; South Asian History and Culture; and the Australian Journal of Asian Law.



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