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EDUCATION

STANFORD SOCIOLOGY, Stanford, CA
Ph.D Candidate

September 2009 - Present

Concentrations: Inequality, Institutions and Networks in the South Asian context
Research Interests: Sociology of Professions, Higher Education and Culture

Publications/Activities:

- “Where did we come from? Where do we go? : An enquiry into the students and systems of legal education in India” – *JOURNAL OF COMMONWEALTH LAW AND LEGAL EDUCATION*, Spring 2010
- *Teach For India* – Head Campus Advisor, Stanford University; U.S. (West, Central), 2010-2011
- *The Indian Journal of Law and Economics* – Consulting Editor, 2009 –
- *Stanford International Legal Ethics Conference IV*, July 2010 – Speaker, Legal Outsourcing Panel
- *Teaching Affiliate*, Controversies about Inequality (SOC 141/241, Grusky)

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA
Masters in Law (LL.M)

August 2007- June 2008

Concentrations: Educational Policy, International Finance
Research Interests: Global Legal Education, International development policy

Honors, Prizes and Awards:

- Inlaks Scholar, 2007-2008 (International scholarship grant to attend Harvard Law School)

Activities/Papers:

- “Hari and Kumar go to HLS – A study of the South Asians at Harvard Law School” *Final Thesis*
- Researcher, *Financial regulation in the global economy*, International Finance Concentration group
- Board Member, *Harvard SALSA (South Asian Law Students Association)*

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF LEGAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH, India
B.A., B.L., (Hons.); CGPA – 6.88 / 8.00

July 1999- April 2004

Honors, Prizes and Awards:

- *Amancharla Krishna Murti Memorial* Gold Medal for best student of 2004 graduating batch
- All India Bar Council Scholarship for Best Moot Court Advocate, 2000
- Finalist, William C. Vis International Arbitration Moot Court Competition, Vienna, 2004
- Gold Medal Holder, The International Award for Young People, 1999

Publications/Activities:

- “International Commercial Arbitration in India” – 2003 DLT 72
- “Rights against the guarantor during insolvency proceedings” 2005 (1) NSLR 51
- Founder and Chief Editor, *NALSAR Law Times*, law school newspaper
- Student Member, ILO Committee for Child Labor legislation, Andhra Pradesh, 2004
- Executive member, *Students Bar Council, University Moot Court and University Debate Team*

EXPERIENCE

Program on the Legal Profession, Harvard Law School, Research Fellow.
East Asia Legal Studies, Harvard Law School, Research Fellow.

Sept 2008-2009

- *PLP/EALS South Asia Project*: Working to develop the first research project at HLS on South Asia with a focus on the Subcontinent's legal regime, profession and people through publications, conferences and student outreach projects.
- *PLP Research Grant, Winter 2009*: Travel grant to research the new Indian Legal Process Outsourcing trend and its effects on the hierarchies and opportunities within the Indian Legal Profession.
- *PLP Indian LPO Project*: Working with David Wilkins to publish the first longitudinal study report on the outsourcing industry in India and its effects on liberalization
- *HLS / Oxford Globalization of the Legal Profession, 2009*: Conference organization and participation in both Oxford, UK and Cambridge, MA to bring together legal academics and research professionals to brainstorm about emerging globalized options for the legal profession.
- *LSA 2009, South Asia Panel*: Organizer, Speaker, "*I'm calling my lawyer (in India!)*": Legal Process Outsourcing and the layered liberalization of the Indian legal profession.

UW-Madison Law School, Global Legal Studies Visiting Scholar

Sept 2008 – Present

- *Comparative Legal Systems project*: Working with Professor Marc Galanter on comparative civil justice movements and the growth of the legal profession in over twenty countries across the world
- *UW South Asia Initiative, Speaker Series*: "Hari and Kumar go to HLS: History of South Asian Law Students at HLS", Speaker, December 2008
- *UW-Whitewater International Guest Speaker Series*: "Cultural Norms in the Indian Business Space", Speaker, March 2009
- *Law and Development Roundtables*: "Law Schools as independent actors in legal systems", Working Group Member & Panelist, December 2008. "The Legal Process of Outsourcing and the emergence of the global Indian lawyer", Panelist, March 2010.

NALSAR University of Law, India, Research and Training Associate/Lecturer.

July 2006– May 2007

- *International Finance*: Developed and taught a module on securities law to fourth year law students and a seminar on Indian Investment Laws to final year students
- *Gendered Laws*: Developed and taught a module on family laws for first year law students with specific emphasis on the gendered understanding of matrimonial rights and alternate family structures.
- *General Advisory*: Modified curriculum, created and taught the introductory legal methods course for entering law students. Role included advising students on academic choices, research agendas, graduate and professional applications.
- *International Critical Legal Conference*: Indian Legal Education Panel, Panelist and Speaker.

Justice A. Pasayat, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, Legal Intern

December 2006- Feb 2007

- Conducted extensive research on criminal and gender laws and assisted in the preparation of judicial decisions

Amarchand Mangaldas and Suresh A. Shroff & Co., Mumbai, Associate.

July 2004- June 2006

- *Banking and Finance*: as part of the core international finance team, advised clients on complex international facilities, secured and unsecured financing transactions and cross border syndicated lending transactions

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to the Legal Bar in India ('04) and the State of New York ('07)