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EXPERIENCE

SEP 2019- **The World Bank Group**

PRESENT *Digital Development Specialist (Young Professional)*

- Prepared and implemented financing operations for digital infrastructure and services in Afghanistan, Myanmar, and the Republic of Marshall Islands
- Co-authored a background paper on data infrastructure for the *World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives*
- Co-authored *Unraveling Data's Gordian Knot: Enablers and Safeguards for Trusted Data Sharing*, a flagship report on data governance

JUN 2016- **University of Pennsylvania**

SEP 2019 *CTIC Research Fellow*

- Curated a first-of-its-kind database that maps and categorizes 1000 Internet connectivity and connectivity-based development projects in 150 countries from 15 secondary data sources
- Conducted structured interviews, field and desk research to help compile 100 case studies
- Analyzed collected data for insights into adoption barriers, supply- and demand-side drivers of Internet adoption, and sustainability of last-mile connectivity projects
- Disseminated findings at various international and regional fora to key decision makers, including at the global United Nations Internet Governance Forum

NOV 2015- **R Street Institute**

MAR 2016 *Associate Fellow*

- Published a Policy Brief titled 'Charting the Way Forward for Internet Access in India' with Mike Godwin in March 2016
- Co-authored the R Street submission with Mike Godwin on the differential pricing consultation of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India in December 2015

NOV 2015- **Global Public Policy Institute**

FEB 2016 *Global Internet Politics Intern*

- Prepared research briefs on capacity building for CSIRTs, encryption policies in different jurisdictions in Europe, use of hacking by law enforcement agencies and regulatory as well as non-regulatory approaches to information sharing on cyber security incidents.
- Engaged in extensive research on cyber risk management strategies as well as emerging business models in the digital economy for Transatlantic Digital Debates, a dialogue project hosted by GPPi in 2016
- Led an internal roundtable discussion on developing an analytical framework to assess the harms and benefits of zero-rating in December 2015

JAN 2015- **Government of Karnataka**

MARCH 2015 *Intern*

- Submitted a research paper on the status of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in Karnataka using studies conducted by Backward Classes Commissions since 1919 as well as data from the Socio Economic Caste Census 2011 to the Principal Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka
- Critically analyzed the Advertisement Policy of the state government and submitted recommendations to the Deputy Director, Department of Information and Public Relations
- Published opinion articles and created social media content on an upcoming survey being undertaken by the State Backward Classes Welfare Department for the Department of Information and Public Relations
- Organised a conference on the analysis of the annual budget presented in February 2015 which was attended by three ministers, thirty academics and over seventy senior bureaucrats

EDUCATION

JUL 2014- **National Law School of India University, Bangalore, India**

JUL 2016 Master of Public Policy, MPP | **GPA: 6.48/7**

Thesis: Regulation of Zero-Rated Platforms in India

AUG 2010- **Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bangalore, India**

JUN 2014 Bachelor of Engineering, BE | **GPA: 8.73/10**

PUBLICATIONS

- Pellissery, S., Srinivasan, S. and Chaitanya, A. (2019). Politics of the Making and Unmaking of the Indian Planning Commission: Destiny of non-statutory institutions. In: S. Pellissery, B. Mathew, A. Govindjee and A. Narrain, ed., Transformative Law and Public Policy, 1st ed. Routledge India
- [Policy Options for Connecting and Enabling the Next Billions - Phase III Output Document](#). (2017). United Nations Internet Governance Forum. (primary contributor; co-edited with Mili Semlani)
- [Evidence-Based Research on Internet Connectivity: A Prerequisite for Effective Policymaking](#). (2017). IEEE Internet Inclusion Initiative. (with Christopher S. Yoo)
- [1 World Connected: Bridging the Data Divide to Connect the Unconnected](#). (2017). Engineering For Change.
- [Charting the Way Forward for Internet Access in India](#). (2016). R Street Policy Brief. (with Mike Godwin)
- [Zero-Rating Services and Differential Pricing as Tools to Promote Access and Development](#). (2015). Submission to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India consultation on Differential Pricing for Data Services (with Mike Godwin)

SKILLS

Statistical Software and Programming Languages: R (Intermediate), MATLAB (Intermediate), Python
Languages: English (Fluent), Tamil (Fluent), French (A2), Kannada (Intermediate), Hindi (Intermediate)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

2019	IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee's Assessment Sub-Committee for SIGHT
2017	Young Scholar, CPRSouth
2017	IEEE Internet Inclusion Initiative [Evidence-based Research Group]
2017	EQUALS Research Group [Subcommittee: Access]
2016	Co-convenor, Dynamic Coalition on Innovative Approaches to Connecting the Unconnected
2016	Center for Internet and Society [Thesis co-advised by the Policy Director]
2015	Amazon Fellow, 9th UN Internet Governance Forum, Joao Pessoa
2015	Global Fellow, 9th European School of Internet Governance

PRESENTATIONS

2019	ICTD 2019 Poster Session
2019	University of Pennsylvania, ICT4D seminar (ED677) - Guest Lecture
2018	USAID Digital Development Tuesdays
2018	WEF-IDB Internet for All Meeting
2018	IEEE Internet Inclusion Initiative Stakeholders Roundtable
2018	University of Pennsylvania Law School Fellows Workshop
2018	NLSIU, Society, Technology and Development Seminar - Guest Lecture
2017	United Nations Internet Governance Forum, Equipping Populations with the Skills to Shape and Secure their Digital Future
2017	Engineering for Change Webinar on Technologies to Connect the Unconnected: Demand and Supply-side Case Studies
2017	United Nations Science, Technology and Innovation Forum, Side Event on Community Networks
2017	Stanford University, Conference for Junior Researchers in Law and Society
2016	ICANN 57, National and Regional Initiatives Meeting
2016	United Nations Internet Governance Forum, Best Practice Forum on IXPs
2016	Ronald H. Coase Interdisciplinary Public Policy Brief Competition [Ranked 1st]
2016	National Conference on New Age Banking in India: Issues and Challenges
2015	Consilience 2015: A Conference on Network Neutrality

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING

2010 -2017	Winner, ranked speaker, judge, invited adjudicator, and adjudication core positions at 75+ national and international parliamentary debating tournaments in 11 countries in the Asian, Australasian and British Parliamentary formats
2016 -2017	Women's Officer, World Universities Debating Council
2015 -2016	Vice-President (Women), Australasian Inter-varsity Debating Association
2015	Co-founder, Indian Women's Debating Championship