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EDUCATION

09/2015- **PhD Candidate (Law and Legal Studies),**

Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

Research Interests: refugee law, forced migration studies, climate change, environmental justice, international human rights, international humanitarian law, and studies on state fragility,

03/2011 **Postgraduate Diploma and Master of Law (International Human Rights),**

Birmingham City University, Birmingham, England

Undertook a Law Clerkship in the United States of America: Assisted the Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project team at the American Bar Association Washington D.C. to research on attorney professionalism and grounds for appellate review

Master's Report (based on clerkship): "*Prosecutorial Misconduct in capital cases in the USA: a violation of right to life and fair trial*" – Adviser: Dr. Jon Yorke

05/2009 **Bachelor of Arts (Criminology),**

Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand

Study emphases: Criminological Theory, Punishment and Penal Policy, Criminal Psychology, Law and Society, Policing

TRAINING COURSES & AWARDS

- Received the 2018-2019 **TD Graduate Fellowship in Migration and Diaspora Studies** through the Migration and Diaspora Studies initiative of Carleton University
- Received the 2019 **Kanta Marwah Research Grant in Peace and Security** through the Canada-India Centre for Excellence of Carleton University
- Received a two-year award as a part of the **International Doctoral Excellence Program** in 2018 to support my doctoral research
- Received the **Humanitarian Response Network of Canada's** research grant in 2017 to support my research on gaps in policy and practice in humanitarian assistance extended to migration resulting from crises beyond normative conceptualizations of persecution
- Attended the Regional Training Course on Statelessness in Southeast Asia hosted by Tilburg University and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Bangkok in 2013.
- Attended the US Death Penalty Training Course hosted by Amicus London and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP in London in 2010.

- For achieving excellence in service, in Victoria University of Wellington, leadership skills and for making significant contributions in the wider community, I was one of the first awardees of the *Victoria Plus Award* in December 2008, in Wellington, New Zealand.

PUBLICATIONS

Ramasubramanyam, Jay. (UPCOMING), “Regional Refugee Regimes: South Asia”, in *The Oxford Handbook of International Refugee Law*, eds. Cathryn Costello, Michelle Foster, and Jane McAdam (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

Milner, James and **Ramasubramanyam, Jay.** (UPCOMING), “The Role of UNHCR”, in *The Oxford Handbook of International Refugee Law*, eds. Cathryn Costello, Michelle Foster, and Jane McAdam (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

Ramasubramanyam, Jay. 2011. Does Execution by Shooting or Firing Squad Constitute “Cruel and Unusual Punishment”? *Amicus Journal* 24:15, Amicus London: UK.

Ramasubramanyam, Jay. 2016. “States of Exception”: EU's Relationship with De-facto States and Implications on Sovereignty, Citizenship, and Identity, *Borders in Globalization Research Project* 64 (http://biglobalization.org/sites/default/files/uploads/big_research_project_64_international_ramasubramanyam.pdf)

Ramasubramanyam, Jay. 2017. Making refuge: Somali Bantu Refugees and Lewiston, Maine. *African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal*: 1-3. (Book Review)

Ramasubramanyam, Jay. 2017. Sharing Perspectives on Climate Migration: From Narratives, to Language, to Conceptualization, Blog Post – Canadian Network on Humanitarian History (<http://aidhistory.ca/sharing-perspectives-on-climate-migration-from-narratives-to-language-to-conceptualization/>)

Ramasubramanyam, Jay. 2018. Rightlessness in an Age of Rights: Hannah Arendt and the Contemporary Struggles of Migrants Ayten Gündoğdu. (2015). Oxford: Oxford University Press. *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 1-3. (Book Review)

Doutaghi, Helyeh., and **Ramasubramanyam, Jay.** 2019. By not investigating the U.S. for war crimes, the International Criminal Court shows colonialism still thrives in international law, Opinion Post – The Conversation (<https://theconversation.com/by-not-investigating-the-u-s-for-war-crimes-the-international-criminal-court-shows-colonialism-still-thrives-in-international-law-115269>) .

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Ramasubramanyam, J. (2015). *India's proposed amendment to The Citizenship Act 1955 and a comparison to Israel's Law of Return: Risky ideological positions with an exclusionary intent*. Paper presented at the Migration and Diaspora Studies Colloquium, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. November 27, 2015.
- **Ramasubramanyam, J.** & Bisnauth, V. (2016). *Beyond borders: Intersectional approaches to Transnational Surrogacy*. Paper presented at the 17th Annual Graduate Students Conference, Institute of Political Economy, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. February 26, 2016.
- Ramasubramanyam, J. (2016). *The Right to a Remedy for Environmental Harm under the African Charter: Analysis on State Responsibility*. Paper presented at the Human Rights and the Public Sphere in Africa Conference, Institute of African Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. March 4-5, 2016.

- **Ramasubramanyam, J. & Mihai, A. (2016).** *Conflict, Climate Change and Displacement: International Organizations and the Protection of a 'Broader Category of Refugees'*. Paper presented at the Workshop titled Managing Migration in World Society. International Organizations in Migration Politics, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. March 10-11, 2016.
- Ramasubramanyam, J. (2016). *"Europe's Non-States": Identity and Status of Citizens of Unrecognized States*. Paper presented at the European Community Studies Association's 11th Biennial Conference, Halifax, Canada. May 10-11, 2016.
- Ramasubramanyam, J. (2016). *"Europe's non-states": The EU's relationship with unrecognized states and implications on citizenship, identity and legal status*. Paper presented at State of the EU in Canada and Pacific Asia Graduate Student Conference, European Centre for Excellence, University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada. May 25-27, 2016.
- Ramasubramanyam, J. (2016). *Continuum of vulnerabilities: Urbanization Climate Change and Migration in South Asia*. Paper presented at the Workshop titled Migration and Mobilities in an Urbanising World, Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands. June 16-17, 2016.
- Ramasubramanyam, J. (2017). *Hegemonic International Legal Order: Indigenous Participation in Multilateral Negotiations on Climate Change – an analysis of legitimacy in the context of deliberative democracy*. Paper presented at the conference titled Advancing International Law in a Global Society, Toronto Group, Canada. April 28-29, 2017.
- Ramasubramanyam, J. (2017). *Crisis and Survival: evolving grounds of forced migration in the context of domains of exclusion in Venezuela and Colombia*. Paper presented at the conference titled Walls, Borders, and Bridges: Law and Society in an Inter-Connected World, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico. June 20-23, 2017.
- Ramasubramanyam, J. (2018). *Does the ocean represent an 'extralegal space'? : jus cogens v. protectionism*. Paper presented at the Department of Law and Legal Studies Colloquium, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. January 25, 2018.
- Ramasubramanyam, J. (2018). *Subcontinental Defiance to the Global Refugee Regime: global leadership or regional exceptionalism?* Paper presented at the Third World Approaches to International Law Conference, National University of Singapore, Singapore. July 19, 2018.
- Participated in a roundtable session titled *Bridging Forced Migration Research to Policy and Practice* at the Annual Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece. July 26, 2018.
- Participated in The Global Development Section Annual Roundtable: *Planetary Futures, Developmental Pasts, and the Ongoing Colonial Climate* at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada. March 27, 2019.
- Ramasubramanyam, J. (2019). *Subcontinental Defiance to the Global Refugee Regime: global leadership or regional exceptionalism?* Paper presented at the conference titled Resistance to International Law and the Global Legal Order, Toronto Group, Canada. March 28-29, 2019.
- Ramasubramanyam, J. (2019). *Reviewing Spaces of Exception: Understanding the role of chhitmahals in reproducing precarity and rights struggles*. Paper presented at Congress 2019 as a part of the Canadian Law and Society Association's Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada. June 1-6, 2019.
- Milner J., and **Ramasubramanyam, J.** (2019). *The Role of UNHCR*. Chapter presented at The Oxford Handbook of International Refugee Law Workshop in Oxford, United Kingdom. July 24-26, 2019.
- Ramasubramanyam, J. (2019). *Subcontinental Defiance to the Global Refugee Regime: global leadership or regional exceptionalism?* Paper presented at the Development of International Law in Asia -Korea titled Asian State Practice in International Law from the lens of TWAIL, DILA-Korea, Seoul, South Korea. November 7-9, 2019. [the paper will be considered for publication in the Asian Yearbook of International Law's 2020 edition]

RESEARCH / TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Since 01/17 **Contract Instructor**, Carleton University
- Winter 2017 – *LAWS 2908 (Approaches to Legal Studies I)*
- Fall 2017 – *LAWS 2908 (Approaches to Legal Studies I)*
- Winter 2018 – *LAWS 2105 (Social Justice and Human Rights)*
- Fall 2018 – *LAWS 3005 (Law and Regulation)*
- Winter 2019 – *LAWS 2105 (Social Justice and Human Rights)*
- Winter 2019 – *HUMR 4404 (Rights of Refugees and Displaced Persons)*
- Fall 2019 – *GINS 1010 (International Law and Global Politics)*
- Fall 2019 – *HUMR 3301 (Racialism, Race, and Human Rights)*
- Since 09/15 **Teaching Assistant**, Carleton University
- Fall 2015 – *LAWS 2501 (Law, State and Constitution)*
- Winter 2016 – *LAWS 2502 (Law, State and Citizen)*
- Summer 2016 – *GEOG 4024 (Borders in Globalization)*
- Fall 2016 – *LAWS 2502 (Law, State and Citizen)*
- Summer 2018 – *LAWS 2601 (Public International Law)*
- Summer 2019 – *LAWS 1001 (Introduction to Legal Studies)*
- Was nominated for an Outstanding TA Award for the 2015-2016 academic year (received one of the five honourable mentions)*
- 03/17-06/17 **Research Assistant**, Faculty of Public Affairs, Carleton University
- Worked for Professor Betina Kuzmarov and assisted her with research tasks on a book manuscript on Unilateral Acts of International Law; Undertook copy edits on the draft manuscript and several subject specific research tasks concerning the history of international law, unilateral declarations of independence and peace, and the implications of unilateral acts on states
- 10/16-12/16 **Research Assistant**, *Migration and Diaspora Studies (MDS)*, Carleton University
- Undertook a comparative analysis of graduate programs across Canada and abroad, in subject areas of Migration and Diaspora studies to support the development of a proposal for an MA in Migration and Diaspora Studies in Carleton University; Presented a comprehensive draft report to the standing committee of MDS
- 02/16-09/16 **Research Assistant**, *Borders in Globalization (BIG)*, Carleton University
- Undertook an individual research project on the legal status of citizens of unrecognized states in Europe; Presented papers as a part of this research project in two conferences in Halifax and Victoria, and produced a project report
- 03/13-10/13 **Research / Teaching Assistant**, Faculty of Law, Victoria University of Wellington
- Was employed as a Tutor for a third year undergraduate Criminology course (**CRIM 325 – Recreational Drug Use, Risk & Leisure**; Course Coordinator: Dr Fiona Hutton)

Assisted the Law School in researching on the NZ Bill of Rights Act to update a 2005 book on the same topic

09/10-03/11 **Research Assistant (pro-bono), Birmingham City University Law School**

Assisted the Arizona Justice Project on case analyses; Assisted Dr. Jon Yorke prepare reports for review of “*Capital punishment and implementation of safeguards guaranteeing protection of those facing the death penalty*”; Student Editor Centre for American Legal Studies Student Review, Birmingham City University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

05/18-05/19 **President, Graduate Students' Association, Carleton University**

Was elected as President and as a part of the executive of the Graduate Students' Association for a second term to work on issues of graduate student advocacy with specific focus on inclusion and participation of students belonging to minority and marginalized groups, international students and indigenous students.

05/17-05/18 **Vice President Academic, Graduate Students' Association, Carleton University**

Was elected as VP-Academic to work on issues of graduate student advocacy with specific focus on inclusion and participation of students of colour, international students and indigenous students

09/15-06/17 **Verbatim Note-Taker and Tutor, Paul Menton Centre, Carleton University**

Provided live access and electronic record of information in a lecture, seminar or tutorial, assisted students who are unable to read and/or write during examinations or term tests due to impairment, injury or medical condition, and provided one-on-one tutoring to students with disabilities on a range of subjects in the Faculty of Public Affairs.

05/14-07/15 **Protection Field Officer, International Committee of the Red Cross**

Worked in the New Delhi office of the ICRC on a project implementing mechanisms of Protection of Civilian Population (PCP) in Armed Conflicts by establishing contacts with organizations working on similar issues

Liaised with local NGOs working on health programmes to ensure implementation of activities of ICRC's global initiative of *Health Care in Danger (HCiD)* to promote better respect of health workers and patients in situations of violence

Worked with other delegates across the world working on PCP and HCiD, and reported regularly to project heads in Geneva

Worked on strategic planning of activities on forced migration in close collaboration with UNHCR

01/12-01/13 **Refugee Status Determination Associate, UN High Commissioner for Refugees**

Conducted Refugee Status Determination interviews with asylum seekers approaching the New Delhi Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and drafted detailed case analyses and assessments based on the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and Country of Origin Information

Assisted in providing counselling and guidance to asylum seekers and refugees on Refugee Status Determination procedures, rights, and obligations, and conducted participatory assessments to ensure protection needs of refugees are implemented

03/09-01/10 **Student Adviser**, *Victoria University of Wellington*, New Zealand

Guided students to plan their future academic pursuits in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and assisted the Examinations and Enrolment Manager in the enrolment portfolio

Worked closely with other schools, faculties, and academic fellows to ensure the best is achieved for the welfare of the students

06/07-02/09 **Academic Support Worker**, Disability Services, *Victoria University of Wellington*

Provided live access and written/electronic record of information in a lecture, seminar or tutorial and assisted students who were unable to read and/or write during examinations or term tests due to impairment, injury or medical condition

OTHER ACADEMIC/NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- I had the great pleasure of co-organizing the 2019 Symposium on Critical Approaches to International Law Conference with academic colleagues across the world. The symposium was held in Dublin, Ireland in August 2019.
- I had the great pleasure of working with Prof James Milner in the organizing the 2018 Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS), which was held in Ottawa, Canada in May 2018. Subsequent to the conclusion of the conference I presented a detailed outcome report to the steering committee of the Migration and Diaspora Studies Initiative in Carleton University.
- Member of the Mobility and Politics, a transnational research collective that works on forced migration based out of Carleton University, <http://mobilitypolitics.org/>
 - As a part of the collective I have presented in public events, workshops, conferences and roundtables on my ongoing research and also about developments in the subject of refugees and forced migration
- I am a frequent contributor to research activities undertaken by the Borders in Globalization project that has hubs in both Carleton University and University of Victoria <http://www.biglobalization.org/>
- I am a member of the Carleton Climate Commons Working Group, and have been involved in roundtables, delivering talks, and other discussion sessions from time to time on climate change migration <http://www.climatecommons.ca/>
- I am a frequent contributor to *The Leveller*, a publication covering news, current events, and culture at Carleton University, the University of Ottawa, the Ottawa/Gatineau region and, to a lesser extent, the wider world. I am also a member of their editorial board. <http://www.leveller.ca/>
- I am actively involved in a number of sporting and athletic activities, specifically squash and cycling. I have undertaken and continue to undertake charity bike rides across the City of Ottawa.

LANGUAGES

English, Tamil (Native), Hindi, French

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REFERENCES

- Associate Prof Betina Kuzmarov, Carleton University Department of Law and Legal Studies, betina.kuzmarov@carleton.ca
- Associate Prof James Milner, Carleton University, Department of Political Sciences, james.milner@carleton.ca
- Associate Prof Umut Ozsu, Carleton University, Department of Law and Legal Studies, umut.ozsu@carleton.ca