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Employment History

2024 – Present 🔖 **Teaching Associate** Department of Geography at University of Colorado Boulder. *Working under geographer Yaffa Truelove to investigate legal spatiality of Bengaluru city. Associated with Institute of Behavioral Science.*

2022 – Present 🔖 **Urban Affairs Researcher** Citizen Matters Bengaluru. *Reporting on issues under Climate Resilience and Poverty alleviation along with Regulatory governance and Public Health in Urban India.*

2022 – 2023 🔖 **Academic Associate** Azim Premji University, Bengaluru. *Tasked with providing research and teaching support to the School of Development at the University.*

2020 – 2021 🔖 **Social Impact Consultant** Nandi Foundation India, Mumbai. *Designed scope of COVID relief project called Auto for Impact to raise funds for educating over 500 school students across India.*

2018 – 2019 🔖 **Resident Assistant** Ashoka University, Delhi. *Regulated and drafted new provisions in residence life policy under the Vice Chancellor.*

Education

2024 – Present 🔖 **Ph.D., University of Colorado Boulder** Department of Geography
Thesis title: *Geographies of Resistence: Law, Land and Urban Development of Bengaluru*

2021 – 2023 🔖 **M.A. Public Policy, National Law School of India University** CGPA 6.2/7.
Thesis title: *Aspirational Cities: Social Mobility in Bengaluru Slums.*

2016 – 2019 🔖 **B.Sc. Mathematics, Ashoka University** GPA: 3.24/4.

Research Publications

Journal Articles

1 A. R. Sharma, "Corruption Plots: Stories, Ethics, and Publics of the Late Capitalist City: Malini Ranganathan, David L. Pike, and Sapana Doshi. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2023," *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, pp. 1–3, Mar. 2025. 🔗 DOI: 10.1080/00472336.2025.2450518.

2 A. R. Sharma, "Migrants and Machine Politics: How India's Urban Poor Seek Representation and Responsiveness: Adam Michael Auerbach and Tariq Thachil. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2023," *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, pp. 1–3, Sep. 2024. 🔗 DOI: 10.1080/00472336.2024.2400171.

3 A. R. Sharma, "Book Review: Love and Liberation by Lauren Carruth," *Society for Anthropology of Work*, 2023. 🔗 URL: https://saw.americananthro.org/pub/n2uyi7xo/release/1.

4 A. R. Sharma, "Book Review: Refugee Cities by Sanaa Alimia," *Society for Anthropology of Work*, Aug. 2023. 🔗 URL: https://saw.americananthro.org/pub/rn32tkj1/release/2.

5 A. R. Sharma, "Technical Territories: Data, Subjects, and Spaces in Infrastructural Asia – Book Review," *LSE Review of Books*, Dec. 2023. 🔗 URL: https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2023/12/04/technical-territories-data-subjects-and-spaces-in-infrastructural-asia-review/.

Magazine Articles

1. A. R. Sharma, "Beyond the Dream: What India Can Learn from Martin Luther King Jr's Lessons for Public Change," 2025. 🔗 URL: https://scroll.in/article/1078326/beyond-the-dream-martin-luther-king-jr-and-his-enduring-lessons-for-public-change.

2. A. R. Sharma, "Beyond cynicism: Navigating the complex pathways of ecology education," Jun. 2024. 🔗 URL: https://www.currentconservation.org/beyond-cynicism-navigating-the-complex-pathways-of-ecology-education/.

Public Scholarship

1. A. R. Sharma, *Dataviz: Over half of delhi's garbage ends up in landfills*, Jan. 2024. 🔗 URL: https://www.indiaspend.com/data-viz/over-half-of-delhis-garbage-ends-up-in-landfills-888461.

2. A. R. Sharma, *India's unique sustainability challenges*, Jun. 2024. 🔗 URL: https://www.indiawaterportal.org/articles/indias-unique-sustainability-challenges.

3. A. R. Sharma, *Out of focus*, Street photographers have for decades captured memories for tourists visiting the India Gate, but the Central Vista project in New Delhi has pushed them to the margins., Dec. 2024. 🔗 URL: https://www.themigrationstory.com/post/out-of-focus.

4. A. R. Sharma, *Beneath the surface: Kolar water management*, Oct. 2023. 🔗 URL: https://www.indiawaterportal.org/articles/beneath-surface-journey-kolars-water-management.

5. A. R. Sharma, *Bengaluru's daily waste production soared from 200 to 6,000 tonnes between 2000 and 2020*, Aug. 2023. 🔗 URL: https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/waste-management-drainage-systems-karnataka-budget-urban-poor-slums-118262.

6. A. R. Sharma, *Jakkur lake management: Fostering community action for ecological restoration*, Sep. 2023. 🔗 URL: https://www.indiawaterportal.org/articles/jakkur-lake-management-fostering-community-action-ecological-restoration.

7. A. R. Sharma, *The promise of gruha lakshmi: Challenges of an ambitious scheme*, Sep. 2023. 🔗 URL: https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/gruha-lakshmi-yojana-congress-five-guarantees-direct-bank-transfer-women-health-aadhaar-bank-accounts-self-help-groups-127088.

Awards and Certification

2024 **1st Prize**, Awarded Best Graduate Student Paper prize at 2024 American Association of Geographers Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Regional Division Annual Meeting at Utah Valley University. Paper title: *Necropolitics of Sanitation: Manual Scavengers as Modern Slaves.*

2023 **Outstanding Thesis Award**, Awarded "Outstanding" Masters' Thesis Award by Public Policy Institute at National Law School of India University. Thesis title: *Aspirational Cities: Social Mobility in Bengaluru Slums.*

2022 **Certified QGIS Practioner**. Azim Premji University.