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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy)

Aug '19 - Current

Major: Judicial Politics/Public Law | Minor: Research Methods

University of South Carolina, Columbia, USA.

LL.M. (Master of Laws)

Jul '16 - Jun '17

Specialisation: Law and Development

Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India.

M.A. (Master of Arts in Liberal Studies)

Jul '14 - Jun '16

Concentration: Law and Politics

Ashoka University, Sonipat, India.

LL.B (Bachelor of Laws) & B.B.A (Bachelor of Business Administration)

Jul '08 - May '13

Symbiosis Law School, Pune, India.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant | University of South Carolina, Columbia, USA

Aug '19 - Current

- Women and the Law (Spring 2021)
- American National Government (Fall 2021)
- Methods of Political Analysis (Fall 2020)
- African Politics (Spring 2020)
- The Political Science Discipline (Fall 2019, Spring 2021)
- Revolution and Political Violence. (Fall 2019)

Assistant Professor | Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli, India Jul '17 – Aug '19

- Law of Direct Taxation (Monsoon 2017, 2018, 2019)
- Law of Indirect Taxation (Spring 2018)
- Jurisprudence (Spring 2019, 2018)
- Political Obligations (Spring 2019, Monsoon 2017)
- Liberty, Equality and Justice (Monsoon 2018)
- Law and Social Transformation (Spring 2018)

Graduate Assistant | Ashoka University, Sonepat, India

Jul '15 - May '16.

- Conflict and Cooperation in International Politics (Spring 2016)
- Critical Themes in Politics: Power, Gender and Feminist Thought (Spring 2016)
- Introduction to Western Political Thought (Monsoon 2015)

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Engaged in litigation and consulting practice with the indirect taxes team of the firm.
- Represented clients in litigation before various forums such as the Commissionerate of Indirect taxes, the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT) and the High Court of Karnataka.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Singh, R. **Hemrajani**, **R**. and Ahuja, A. 2023. Preventive Repression: Protest Policing in New Delhi. *Journal of Urban Affairs*. DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2022.2147075">https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2022.2147075</a>.

Case, C. Eddy, C. Hemrajani, R. Howell, C. Lyons, D., Sung Y and Connors E.C. 2021. The Effects of Source Cues and Issue Frames During COVID-19. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1017/XPS.2021.3">https://doi.org/10.1017/XPS.2021.3</a>.

**Hemrajani, R**. 2020. The Empty Court: A Quantitative Analysis of Vacancies in the Supreme Court of India. 35 <u>Delhi Law Review</u> 55-73.

**Hemrajani, R** and Agarwal, H. 2019. A Temporal Analysis of the Supreme Court of India. *Indian Law Review*, DOI: 10.1080/24730580.2019.1636751.

Singh, R. and **Hemrajani, R**. 2018. Concentric Clientelism: A Case Study of Rural Saharanpur. *Studies in Indian Politics*, DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/2321023018797482">https://doi.org/10.1177/2321023018797482</a>.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Hemrajani, R** and Hobert, T. 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Remote Proceedings and Judicial Fairness: Evidence from Traffic Courts in Two States. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. St. Petersburg, USA.

**Hemrajani, R.** 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Discretion and Bias in Auxiliary Decision-Making at the Supreme Court of India. Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA.

**Hemrajani, R.** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Constitutional Design and the Perceived Legitimacy of Court Systems: Evidence from Cross-National Time Series Data. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Montreal, Canada.

**Hemrajani**, **R** and Hobert, T. 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Effects of Judicial Fatigue on Judicial Behaviour. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, USA.

**Hemrajani, R.** and Randazzo, K.A. 13th January 2022. "Towards a New Comparative Measure of Judicial Legitimacy". Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. San Antonio, USA.

Singh, R. and **Hemrajani**, **R.** 28th September 2021. "Preventive Repression: Protest Policing in New Delhi". Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Seattle, USA.

**Hemrajani, R.** 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019. "Delimitation and Devaluation of the Indian Vote". International Seminar on Electoral System: Democracy, Laws and Issues. Centre for Constitution and Public Policy, University Institute of Legal Studies, Punjab University in association with Nottingham Trent University, UK.

**Hemrajani, R.** 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019. "A Quantitative Analysis of Vacancies in the Supreme Court". National Conference on Backlog of Cases and Court Management. Gujarat National Law University in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Government of India.

**Hemrajani, R.** Raj, A. 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018. "Conversion as Resistance: Ambedkar, Caste and Religious Conversion in Contemporary India". Ambedkar Week 2018. Azim Premji University, Bangalore.

**Hemrajani, R.** Agarwal, H. 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017. "A Temporal Analysis of the Supreme Court of India's Workload". Empirical Inquiries into the Indian Judicial System. University of Chicago Center, New Delhi.

Singh, R. **Hemrajani, R.** 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017. "Concentric Clientelism: A case study of Zila Parishad in Saharnpur". Seminar on 'Explorations in Indian Democracy'. Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi.

### AWARDS/ FELLOWSHIPS/ GRANTS

Conference Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of South Carolina (500\$)	Jan'23
Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina (250\$)	Aug'22
Travel Grant, Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association (150\$)	Aug'22

Outstanding Graduate Student Award, University of South Carolina (500\$)	May'22
Prestige-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (300\$)	Jan'21
Conference Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of South Carolina (500\$)	Jan'21
Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina (200\$)	Jan'21
University's Vice-Provost for Research COVID-19 Grant. (With Case, C. Eddy, C. Howell, C. Lyons, D., Sung Y and Connors E.C) (14,400\$)  Apr '20	
Honourable Mention, Indian Law Review Best Paper Prize 2020	Jun '20
Thurmond-Atwater Fellowship in Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina (10,000\$)  Aug '19 – May '23	
Departmental Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina Aug '19 – May '23	
Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, Government of India worth month (Waived)	n Rs. 35000 per Jul '17
Master's in Liberal Studies Graduate Assistantship, Ashoka University, Sonepat Ju	ul '15 – Jul '16
Award for the Best Project in the Experiential Learning Module, Ashoka University, Son	nepat Jun '15
Young India Fellowship, Ashoka University, Sonepat Ju	1 '14 – Jun '15
BKT Scholarship worth Rs. 100000 awarded by Ashoka University, Sonepat.	Jul '14
Shining Star of the South Award for excellence in BBA LLB of Rs. 5000 award Federation of South India, Chennai	ded by Sindhi Oct '13
Merit Award for excellence in BBA LLB of Rs. 5000 awarded by Sindhi Youth A Menda Foundation, Bangalore	Aug '13

## **SERVICE**

Editor, TNNLU Law Review, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Trichy

Jan'19 – Aug'19

Faculty-in-charge, Centre for Research and Writing, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Trichy

Jul '17 – Aug '19

Faculty Advisor, Office of Career Services, Faculty-in-charge, Centre for Research and Writing, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Trichy

Jul '17 – Aug '19

Conference Coordinator, International Conference on Affirmative Action and the SDG of Gender Equality organised by Tamil Nadu National Law University, Trichy and Oxford Human Rights Hub, Oxford, UK.

Sep '18

Resident Assistant, Men's Residence for Undergraduate Students, Ashoka University, Sonepat.

Jul '15 - Jul '16

Moot Court Coach, Symbiosis Moot Court Team for KLA challenger Moot Court Competition, Trivandrum and the KC College Moot Court Competition, Mumbai. Jul  $^{12}$  – May  $^{13}$ 

Member, Student Council, Symbiosis Law School, Pune Jul '11 – May '12

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Advocate enrolled and certified to practice in India under the Karnataka State Bar Council. Qualified the University Grants Commission's National Eligibility Test (NET) for University Teaching in India with Junior Research Fellowship (JRF).

#### **SKILLS**

Data Analysis: R, Stata, Python (Pandas Library), MPlus, PowerBI, Tableau, MS Excel. Typesetting: LaTeX, RMarkdown.