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CURRENT POSITION AND EXPERIENCE

March 2024- Present Assistant Professor of Political Science at Nalsar University of Law, Hyderabad

Jan 2023 - Feb 2024 Assistant Professor of Political Science at Gitam School of Humanities and Social Sciences, GITAM (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru

Jul 2021- Dec 2022 Assistant Professor of Political Science at Department of International Studies, History and Political Science, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru

COURSES TAUGHT

Contours of Populism
Caste, Technology, and Merit
Political Science-1
Politics and Policy in India

EDUCATION

Oct 2020 Doctor of Philosophy, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
2015 M.Phil, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
2012 Master of Arts, Institution- Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
2011 BA (Hons.), Hindu College, University of Delhi.

AREAS OF INTEREST

State Politics

Political Sociology

Political Economy

Comparative Politics

Electoral Politics

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

June 2016 to April 2019 Senior Research Fellow under UGC

October 2015 to December 2015 Visiting Fellow at Royal Holloway, University of London under ESRC-funded India-UK networking grant, training in quantitative methods for studying electoral behaviour.

April 2014 to Jun 2016 Junior Research Fellow under UGC

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

2023 ‘Eclectic Nature of Populism-A Comparative Study of European Populism and Dravidian Populism’(Co-authored with Aashti Salman) in Jose C.C, Madhumathi Desphande and Paul C.Hing(eds) *Encyclopedia of New Populism and Responses in the Twenty-First Century*, Springer Publications. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-9859-0_107-1

2022 ‘COVID-19 crisis exposes India's neglect of informal workers,’(Co-authored with Jenny Sulfath) in Bharat Bhushan (eds) *Media, Migrants, and the Pandemic in India*. Routledge India, 40-44. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003291527>

- 2021 'A City Turned into Wasteland for Its Workers,' (co-authored with Suresh Garimella) in Natasha Badhwar et al. (eds) *Lockdown 2020: A People's History of Cruelty and Compassion* (Delhi: Yoda Press, 2021), pp 155-163.
- 'Everything in the City Comes at a Price,' (co-authored with Suresh Garimella) in Natasha Badhwar et al. (eds.), *Lockdown 2020: A People's History of Cruelty and Compassion* (Delhi: Yoda Press, 2021), pp 195-205.
- 2019 '2014 Lok Sabha Mandate in Kerala: Signs of Deviation', in Ashuthosh Kumar and Yatindra Singh Sisodia (eds.), *How India Votes: A State by State Look* (Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2019), pp 352-368.

Journal Articles

- 2024 'Declining Bipolarity and Disintegrating Social Fabric-Cues from the Lok Sabha election results in Kerala'. *Economic and Political Weekly*, (co-authored with Sarath Sasikumar), Vol 59, Issue 41, October 2024, pp 12-16. <https://www.epw.in/journal/2024/41/general-elections-2024/declining-bipolarity-and-disintegrating-social.html>
- 'Critical Analysis of Debates on Tamil Populism'. *Contemporary South Asia*, Taylor and Francis (co-authored with Rahul N), Vol 32, Issue 3, July 2024, pp 418-437. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09584935.2024.2371810>
- 'Beyond the 'Liberal v/s Faithful' Binary: Exploring non-Brahmin Contestations at Sabarimala', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 59, Issue 29, July 2024 (co-authored with Sarath Sasikumar), pp 45-53. <https://www.epw.in/journal/2024/29/special-articles/beyond-liberal-vs-faithful-binary.html>
- 2023 'The Local Roots of Communist Support in Kerala'. *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, Vol, 61, Issue 1, February 2023, Taylor and Francis, pp 65 -89. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14662043.2023.2177038>
- 2022 'Interrogating Populist Tendencies within the Left Rhetoric in Kerala', (co-authored with Sarath Sasikumar), *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 57, Issue 16, April 2022, pp 14-18. <https://www.epw.in/journal/2022/16/commentary/interrogating-populist-tendencies-within-left.html>
- 2021 'Kerala Elections 2021-Mandate for Social Egalitarianism and Left-Democratic Alternative', (co-authored with Sarath Sasikumar), *Economic and Political Weekly*,

Vol 56, Issue 22, May 2021, pp 22-27.
<https://www.epw.in/journal/2021/22/commentary/kerala-elections-2021.html>

‘Covid-19 Crisis: An Indictment of India's Informal Economy’,(co-authored with Jenny Sulfath), Working Paper No 39, *Centre for Sustainable Employment*, Azim Premji University, February 2021.
<https://cse.azimpremjiuniversity.edu.in/publications/covid-19-crisis-an-indictment-of-indias-informal-economy/>

‘Countering the Left by Moving Rightwards: Political Positioning of the Congress in Kerala,’ (co-authored with Sarath Sasikumar), *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 56, Issue No 8, February 2021, pp 16-21.
<https://www.epw.in/journal/2021/8/commentary/countering-left-moving-rightwards.html>

2017 ‘The Historical Legacy of Party System Stability in Kerala’, (co-authored with Dr Oliver Heath), *Studies in Indian Politics*, Vol.5, No. 2. December 2017. Sage Publications, pp 1 -12. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2321023017727959>

Others (Book Review/Blog/Op-ed)

Jan 2024 ‘Unveiling the New Republic’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.59, No.3, January 2024, pp 39-41. <https://www.epw.in/journal/2024/3/book-reviews/unveiling-new-republic.html>

Sep 2023 Udhayanidhi Stalin’s Scrutiny of Sanatana Dharma - An Examination. (2023, September 10). *TimelineDaily*. <https://timelinedaily.com/india/opinion-udhayanidhi-stalins-scrutiny-of-sanatana-dharma-an-examination>

Oct 2022 ‘Socio-political Reading of a Tragedy in Kerala’, (co-authored with Sarath Sasikumar), *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 57, Issue 42, October 2022, p 8.
<https://www.epw.in/journal/2022/43/comment/sociopolitical-reading-tragedy-kerala.html>

June 2020 ‘The Shadow of Karma upon Us’(June 27, 2020),*VIKALP*.
<https://vikalp.ind.in/2020/06/the-shadow-of-karma-upon-us/>

- April 2020 'As India's Poor Demand Relief, Why Are Middle Classes Silent?', (16 April 2020). *Newsclick*, <https://www.newsclick.in/India-Poor-Demand-Relief-Middle-Classes-Silent>
- Aug 2018 'Different shades of Karunanidhi.'(2018, August 18), *Indian Cultural Forum*.
<https://indianculturalforum.in/2018/08/14/different-shades-of-karunanidhi/>

Research Projects

- 2024-25 Co-investigator in the small grant project titled Social Mobility in India: Education and Employment Practices of Middle-Class Families in Bengaluru, funded by Azim Premji University.

Conferences/Seminars/Invited Lectures

- 2025 Resource Person for the Five-Day Employee Development Program (EDP) titled 'Fostering Diversity and Crisis Management in Higher Education Institutions' organized by the VIT-AP School of Social Sciences and Humanities (VISH)
- January 24, 2024 Conference organised by Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Westminster and National Institute of Advanced Studies as part of British Academy Knowledge Frontiers Award on the theme of Democracy, Ideology, and Political Dynamics in Kerala at NIAS, January 24, 2024 (Paper Presented: Theorising Left Rhetoric in Kerala via Populist Prism).
- February 22nd and 23rd, 2024 Convener of ICSSR sponsored International Conference titled 'Modernities and Redefined: Perspectives from South Asia', organised by Gitam School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Bengaluru.
- August 18th, 2022 "Understanding informal economy in the context of the Covid pandemic", organized by Centre for Social and Policy Research-Christ University,
- September 24-25, 2021 Christ University and The University of Toledo Conference titled "New Populism and Responses of the 21st Century" at Christ University (Paper Presented: "Interrogating Populist Tendencies Within Left Rhetoric in Kerala").

July 17th, 2021 “2021 Kerala Assembly Election Results: An Analysis”, organized by the Department of Political Science-Central University of Assam,

January 18-19, 2016 EECURI (Examining Electoral Changes in Urban and Rural India) Network Conference titled "National, State and Local Elections in India (2014-15): Analysis and Reflections" at Sariska, Rajasthan (Paper presented: "Local Body Polls In Kerala: An Analysis").

August 19-20, 2014 EECURI (Examining Electoral Changes in Urban and Rural India) Network Conference titled "2014 Lok Sabha Elections in Rural and Urban India" at ICSSR, New Delhi, (Paper presented: "Kerala Lok Sabha elections 2014: Some Observations").
