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CURRENT POSITION AND EXPERIENCE

June 12, 2017 – Present Assistant Professor of Law, Faculty Coordinator, Animal Law Centre
Institution: NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad

Jun 2016-May 2017 Assistant Professor of Law, UPES, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

COURSES TAUGHT

- International Law
- Environmental Law
- Labour Law I
- Becoming and the Ethics of Representation
- Climate Change Law and Politics,
- Agroecology and Law: Themes and Perspectives
- Animal Law Clinic

EDUCATION

December,2025 Ph.d, NALSAR
2015-2016 LLM in Human Rights Law, National Law School of India University, Bangalore
2010-2015 B.A,LL.B(Hons.) National Law University, Bhopal

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Posthumanism
Critical Animal Studies
Social Movement Theory
Environmentalism
Animal Laws
Environmental Laws
Public International Laws

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 Won the Global South Scholarship to present a paper titled “An Indian Perspective to Entry of Animals into Constitutions” at the World Congress of Constitutional Law held every four years, held at Johannesburg, South Africa between 4-9th December, 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2019 Vivek Mukherjee, Course Book III: Laws Relating to Cruelty to Animals, PG Diploma in Animal Protection (2019)

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming Co-author with Prof. Faizan Mustafa on “Right to Privacy and Religious (Un)Freedom in India” (Penguin Random House India)
- 2022 Vivek Mukherjee, Akansha Singh, 2022., “Bihar, The Annual Survey of State Laws in India”, NALSAR University of Law, Volume 1.
- 2019 “A History of Neglect: The North-South Divide in Climate Change Technology Transfer”, RGNUL-CELS Edited Book on Environmental Laws.

Journal Articles

- 2022 Vivek Mukherjee, Akansha Singh, 2022., “Impact of FDI Policy on Animal Husbandry Sector in India: A Post COVID-19 Scenario”, Journal of Indian Law and Society, 13 (1).
- Vivek Mukherjee, Akansha Singh, 2022. “RETHINKING INDIA’S APPROACH TO TACKLE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON AGRICULTURE: A POST PANDEMIC SCENARIO”, Centre of Development Policy and Practice, DOI 10.5281/zenodo.6837514.
- 2019 Singh, A. and Mukherjee, V., 2019. Race To The Bottom: Sino-US Trade War And Consequent Plastic Waste Mismanagement In The Global South. Manag Econ Res J, 6(2019).
- Mukherjee, V. and Mustafa, F., 2019. Climate Change and Right to Development. Manag Econ Res J, 5(2019), p.7607.
- Mustafa, F, Mukherjee, V, Holy Cow, Privacy, and Unholy Laws. Economic & Political Weekly, 52(51), p.55.)

- 2018 Vivek Mukherjee, 2018, "Re-Looking the Issue of Environmentally Displaced Person from an Environmental Justice Perspective", RMLNLU J., 10, p.177.
Vivek Mukherjee, GREENING THE INDIAN CONSTRUCTION SECTOR: FIRST STEP TO EFFECTUATE INDIA'S AMBITIOUS INDC, AIJS, 5, p.14.
- 2015 "Legal protection of children from all forms of corporal punishment in home and school", Indian Law Review, NLIU Bhopal (ISSN 2229-7960, Cite as: ILR (VII) 2015)

Policy Papers

Annual Survey of State Legislations (with Prof. Amita Dhanda)

ALC Research Project on "Farm Animal Protection: True Cost of Eggs Series" funded by HSI India.

Others (Book Review/Blog/Op-ed)

- 2021 Vivek Mukherjee, 2021. "Why the Exotic Wildlife Trade is Rising Steeply in India", The Citizen (Available at: <https://www.thecitizen.in/index.php/en/NewsDetail/index/13/20511/Why-the-Exotic-Wildlife-Trade-is-Rising-Steeply-in-India> (link is external)).
- 2020 Vivek Mukherjee, 2020. "Towards Personhood: Humancentric Laws Cannot Resolve Our Conflict with Other Animals", The Citizen (Available at: <https://www.thecitizen.in/index.php/en/NewsDetail/index/13/19022/Towards-Personhood-Humancentric-Laws-Cannot-Resolve-Our-Conflict-with-Other-Animals> (link is external)).
- 2019 "Holy Cow, Privacy, and Unholy Laws", *Economic & Political Weekly*, 52(51)
- 2015 "Understanding the INDCs of India, China, Brazil and South Africa – A commoner's perspective", *FLEDGE* website

Notable Achievements/Other Activities

- Launched *India's first MA in Animal Protection Law* at NALSAR University.
- Designed and offered a *One-Year Post-Graduate Diploma in Animal Protection* via distance learning
- Designed and introduced a *year-long Animal Law Clinic at NALSAR for B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) students*, with five concurrent projects. The clinic has continued annually since its inception

Research Projects

- Ongoing Research collaborator, *Urban Climate Policies for Land Use and the Built Environment*, New York University School of Law.
- 2024 Co-investigator, *Scoping Study on Pangasius Fish Farming in Kolleru Lake (RAMSAR Wetland Site)*, conducted by Fish Welfare Initiative and Ethical Seafood Research.
- Faculty coordinator and principal investigator for a project entitled “**Animal Markets & Zoonotic Diseases**” led by the Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program in collaboration with New York University’s Center for Environmental and Animal Protection, University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School’s Center for Animal Law Studies, the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, the University of Victoria Faculty of Law, and Yale Law School’s Law, Ethics & Animals Program. The project is funded by the Brooks Animal Studies Academic Network.
- Faculty coordinator for a project on personhood of a zoo elephant in India in collaboration with NhRP
- 2017 Supervised the completion and publication of *TELANGANA REPEAL LAW COMPENDIUM 2017*, a research initiative of Centre for Civil Society. <https://ccs.in/sites/default/files/research/repeal-laws-compendium-telangana.pdf>
- Researcher in “Annual Survey of State Legislations” project headed by Prof. Amita Dhanda, Professor Emeritus, NALSAR University of Law.

Conferences/Seminars/Invited Lectures

- June 2024 & April 2025 Co-hosted the *Postgraduate Workshop on Comparative Animal Law* in collaboration with Aix-Marseille University (France), Lewis & Clark Law School (USA), Kent Law School (UK), University of Johannesburg (South Africa), University of Timișoara (Romania), and NALSAR (India).
- 2024 Delivered a guest lecture on “An Indian Perspective to Animals in the Indian Constitution” organized by School of Law, BMU on 8th May, 2024.
- Hosted and organized the *first Law Lecturers Workshop in Asia*, in collaboration with the *Cambridge Centre for Animal Rights Law*.
- Hosted the *inaugural World Moot on International Law and Animal Rights (WMILAR)* – Regional Rounds for Southern, Eastern, and South-Eastern Asia.

Completed a 4 week- long faculty orientation programme under the aegis of PMMMNMNTT conducted by TLC, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi (January 22 to February 20, 2024)

Completed a 2 week- long refresher course on “Managing online classes and co-creating MOOCs” under the aegis of PMMMNMNTT conducted by TLC, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi (January 7-21, 2024).

2023 Interview published in Estonian newspaper with the headline “We’ve created a dystopia for animals” on 9th June, 2023. <https://kadritaperson.com/2023/06/10/weve-created-a-dystopia-for-animals/>

Organized a DE&I workshop and a guest lecture by Harish Iyer titled “*Equal Love: Where We Come From, Where We Head To*”.

Panelist in a colloquium on " Cooperation, Contentment and Care to Enable Justice for All" organised by The Centre for Legal Philosophy and Justice Education November 2-5, 2023 at NALSAR. Presented on “Whose constitutional right has been violated?”

Organized a *Sensitization Workshop on Animal Laws* for Judicial Magistrates at Gujarat State Judicial Academy.

2022 Organized a *Sensitization Workshop on Animal Laws* for Judicial Magistrates and Public Prosecutors at Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy.

Delivered guest lecture on “Why the Nagaraja judgment is not a watershed moment for the Indian Animal Protection Movement” at NUJS, April 2022.

2021 Delivered guest lecture on the topic “Climate Politics in the Anthropocene” at UPES, School of Law in February 2021

Delivered guest lectures on the topics “Animals & Ethics” and “International Law & Animal Welfare” at National Law University, Orissa, India in March 2021.

2019 Organized a sensitization workshop on *Animal Protection Laws* for Public Prosecutors and Judicial Officers in Hubli, Dharwad.

Organized a sensitization workshop on *Animal Protection Laws* for Judicial Officers from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Organized a sensitization workshop on *Animal Welfare Laws* for the Assam Judicial Academy and Public Prosecutors.

Organized a sensitization workshop on *Animal Welfare Laws* at the Judicial Academy in Hubli.

Co-organized the *National Teachers Training Programme on Animal Protection Laws* in collaboration with Michigan State University College of Law, attended by professors of Animal and Environmental Law from across India.

Delivered a guest lecture on “Embedding Climate Change Laws & Politics in the Anthropocene” at Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, Israel on MAY 26, 2019.

Attended a conference on “Perspectives on a National Food Strategy” at The Sonia and Edward Kossoy Conference Room, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University on May 28, 2019.

Delivered a guest lecture on “A Perfect Moral Storm in the Age of Anthropocene” at BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus on APRIL 12, 2019.

Attended Conference on “Animal Protection: Exemptions to Animal Welfare Act in the 21st Century” organized by Israel Bar Association at Tel Aviv on May 16, 2019.

2016 Participated and rapporteur in International Conference on “Recent Developments in Space Law-Opportunities & Challenges” held on 7th May 2016 at NLSIU, Bangalore. Invited as guest for Regional conference on environment-2016 organized by NGT, UNEP, Dr. Ambedkar Law University and Southern State Pollution Control Boards on October 22nd, 2016.

NA Invited as resource person for training government employees from all departments in a *One Day Training Programme on Human Rights*, organized by AP HRDI in association with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

Conference Presentations

2023 8th International Animal Futures Conference, Estonia – Paper on Jallikattu

Presented a paper titled “Practical Lessons from India: Jallikattu and the Fallacy of Litigating Cultural Practice” in the 8th International Animal Futures Conference on the theme “Animal Advocacy Against the Grain?-Traditions and Transformations in and around the Movement” organized by Loomus and EACALS in Estonia between June 15 to 17th, 2023.

2022 Selected to present paper on “An Indian Perspective on Animal Laws in India” in the 11th World Congress of Constitutional Law held in Johannesburg in December, 2022.

2021 Panelist at the Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute’s Annual Symposium on the panel, “Animal Origins of Global Pandemics: Can Law and Policy Prevent the Next Crisis?” organized by Harvard Law School on 5th March 2021.

- 2020 Selected for presenting a paper entitled “Indian Perspectives on Animals in the Indian Constitution” in a workshop for emerging scholars organized by Animals and Society Research Initiative, University of Victoria, Canada held in December 2020.
- Presented a paper entitled “The issue of land grabbing: A south-south tale of exploitation” in the Fifth Annual Global Strategy and Emerging Markets (GSEM) Conference organized by Cornell S.C. Johnson College of Business held on 8th November 2020.
- 2019 Presented paper entitled “Animal agriculture and climate change - global overview and a case for regulating pollution in India” in a conference on Environmentally harmful government subsidies to livestock industries in Israel organized by Environment Justice and Protection of Animal Rights Clinic, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, Israel on May 20, 2019.
- 2018 Presented paper titled “Liability of MNCs for Human Rights violation of peasants in South Asia” in the 2018 Regional Conference of Asian Society of International Law in Beijing on October 13-14, 2018.
- Presented in Faculty Seminar on the topic ‘Parenting a good law: An inter-disciplinary study of laws banning corporal punishment in selected jurisdiction’ on March 21, 2018 as part of IQAC, NALSAR.
- 2016 Presented research paper titled “GREENING THE INDIAN CONSTRUCTION SECTOR: FIRST STEP TO EFFECTUATE INDIA’S AMBITIOUS INDC” in a National Seminar on “Law and Practice in Real Estate in India” at NLSIU, Bangalore on 7-8th January, 2016.
- Presented paper in the UGC sponsored two days’ National Seminar on ‘Changing Dimensions of Human Rights’ at Bangalore University in 2016.
- Presented a paper titled “Right to Development and Climate Change” at the two-day international conference on new dimensions in Public International Law at University of Mysore on 30th March, 2016.
- NA Invited for interview for a project lead by Prof. Emily Broad Leib (Faculty Director of the Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic) on “Food Law and Policy in Legal Academia Globally”
