

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Faculty Positions

#### Full-time

08/2006-05/2011: Lecturer, International Development Studies, McGill University  
09/2003-05/2006: Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Concordia University  
01/1992-07/1996: Lecturer, UGC Centre for Latin American Studies, Goa University

#### Other

03/2013- : Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities & Social  
Sciences, BITS Pilani - Goa  
05/12-06/12: Visiting Faculty, School of International Development and Global  
Studies, University of Ottawa  
2001-2003: Instructor, Department of Political Science, McGill and Concordia  
University (select periods)  
1996-2001: Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, McGill University  
(select periods)

### Research Positions

06/2011-05/2012: Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of International Development  
(ISID), McGill University  
2000-2001: Visiting Researcher, Getúlio Vargas Foundation, and University of São  
Paulo, São Paulo (Brazil) & Institute of Political Science, Pontificia  
Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago (Chile)  
1996-2003: Research Assistant, Philip Oxhorn and T. V. Paul, Department of  
Political Science, McGill University (select periods)  
1989-1991: Research Fellow, Latin American Studies Division, School of  
International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

## Education

Ph.D. (2006): Department of Political Science, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

Major Fields: 1) Comparative Politics; and 2) International Relations

Dissertation Title: *Centre Parties and the Social Question: The Christian Democratic Party (PDC) and Health Policies in Chile, 1990-2000* Supervisor: Philip Oxhorn

M. Phil. (1991): Latin American Studies Division, School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

Thesis Title: *The Struggle for Democracy in Chile, 1983-1986* Supervisors: R. Narayanan & E. Ortiz

M. A. (1989): International Relations/Politics, SIS, JNU

B. A. (1987): History (hons) (with Economics), St. Stephen's College, Delhi University

Other: One Year Program in Spanish, Department of Languages, McGill University (1999-2000); Two-Year Certificate in Portuguese, Department of Portuguese, University of Goa (1994-1996)

## Areas of Interest/Specialization

Development studies; public health and health policy; higher education in India  
Comparative politics and development; political economy of developing countries  
Religion and politics; ethnicity, democracy, welfare  
Latin America (especially Chile and Brazil); South Asia (especially India)

## Awards/Fellowships/Research Grants

2009-2011: McGill University, Professional Development Fund (Thrice)  
2007-2011: McGill University, Travel Grants (Thrice)  
2006-2007: McGill University Faculty Research Grant-\$CAD 3,500  
2000-2001: IDRC Doctoral Research Awards (IDRA) for field research in Chile, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa-\$CAD \$ 11,000  
1999-2000: SSHRC Grants (Internal), Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, for field research in Chile, McGill University-\$CAD 2,000  
1989-1999: Max Binz Fellowship, McGill University-CAD \$ 14,000  
1997-1999: Howard-Heinz Fellowship in Public Policy, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, USA (declined)-US\$ 56,000  
1996-1998: Max Stern Recruitment Fellowship, McGill University-CAD\$ 28,000  
1996-2002: Awarded full funding for graduate studies/PhD in Political Science, Purdue University (\$27,000 pa) (declined)  
1990: Awarded Consolation Prize in Essay Competition, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India, Bombay  
1989: First Prize in Essay Competition, League of Arab States Mission and the Embassy of Palestine, New Delhi, India

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## **Publications**

### Books

#### Under contract

*Democracy, Civil Society, and Health in India* (with Madhvi Gupta) – Palgrave.

#### Under review/in preparation

*Growth for Justice: Christian Democracy and Health Policies in Chile, 1990-2000.*

*At the Crossroads: Higher Education in India.*

#### Chapters in Edited Books

The Slow Road to Reform: Health Policies in Chile, 1994-2000. 2012. In Francis Dussillant, Eugenio Guzman and Abdul Nafey, eds. *Chile in the Age of Globalization: Dialogue with India.* Jawaharlal Nehru University/ Pontifica Universidad Católica/ Universidad del Desarrollo.

#### Journal articles (refereed)

Nation or State? Where should we look to Measure Democracy's effects on Health? *Forum for Development Studies* 40 (2): 2013, 217-33.

Democracy and Infant Mortality in India's 'Mini-democracies': A Preliminary Theoretical Inquiry and Analysis. *Journal of South Asian Development* 7 (2), 2012: 109-37.

Pushkar and M. Gupta. Democracy and Health: Evidence from Indian States. *Economic & Political Weekly* 46 (40), 2011: 38-43.

Gupta, M. and Pushkar. Ethnic Diversity and the Demand for Public Goods: Interpreting the Evidence from Low-income Communities in Delhi. *Economic & Political Weekly* 45 (43), 2010: 64-72.

Explaining Paralysis in Chile's Health Sector, 1990-2000. *International Journal of Health Services* 36 (3), 2006: 605-22.

Internal Dynamics of Regime Change: Constitutional Transition to Democracy in Chile, 1983-1989. *International Studies* 31 (1), 1994: 21-48.

### Academic Essays

- Mexico: Troubled Times Ahead. *Mainstream*, June 4, 1994.  
Democratization: The Indian Context (co-author). *New Quest*, May-June 1996.  
Elections and Democracy. *Mainstream*, June 15, 1996.  
Indian Politics as ‘Democratic Authoritarian’. *Mainstream*, May 4, 1996.  
The Joke is on Democracy. *Freedom First*, October-December 1995.  
‘Third Wave’ Democracies in the 1990s and Beyond: A Question of ‘Survival’ in the Way of Consolidation. *Mainstream*, April 26, 1997.  
India’s Latin America Policy: Looking Ahead. *Mainstream*, October 21, 1995.  
Democracy versus Dictatorship. *Mainstream*, October 29, 1994.  
On ‘The Clash of Civilizations’. *Mainstream*, January 1, 1994.  
Mexico: Troubled Times Ahead. *Mainstream*, June 4, 1994.  
Latin American Democracies: Still in an ‘Unconsolidated State’? *Mainstream*, February 26, 1994.  
Democracy in Chile. *World Focus*, June 1991.

### Book Reviews

B. Chellaney, *Water: Asia’s New Battleground* (Georgetown University Press, 2013), *International Journal* (in preparation).

Rupal Oza, *The Making of Neoliberal India: Nationalism, Gender, and the Paradoxes of Globalization* (Routledge, 2012), *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.

J. K. Birnir, *Ethnicity and Electoral Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 2007), *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 41 (2), 2008.

Kanchan Chandra, *Why Ethnic Parties Succeed: Patronage and Ethnic Head Counts in India* (Cambridge University Press, 2004), *Comparative Political Studies*, 38 (4), 2005.

### Peer-reviewed Conference Papers (Select list)

Democracy and Uneven Health Outcomes across Indian States. Paper prepared for the 36<sup>th</sup> All India Sociological Conference, Cuttack, December 27-29, 2010.

Institutions, Ideology, or Simply a ‘Priorities Problem’? The Making of Health Sector Reforms in Chile. Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), Montréal, June 1-3, 2010.

Gupta, M. & Pushkar. Understanding Moderation and Extremism: The Strategies and Goals of Religious Parties. Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Toronto, September 3-6, 2009.

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Pushkar & M. Gupta. Religious Parties and Democratic Politics: The BJP in India and the JI in Pakistan. Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of APSA, Boston, August 28-31, 2008.

From Frei to Frei: Continuity and Change in Chilean Christian Democracy. Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of CPSA, Vancouver, June 4-6, 2008.

Gupta, M. & Pushkar. The Success and Failure of Parties: The BJP in India and the JI in Pakistan. Paper prepared for the conference “Furthering the Globalization Debate: Cross Regional Comparisons,” Canadian Council of Area Studies Learned Societies, Montréal, April 27-May 1, 2005.

Pushkar & M. Gupta. Do Religious Parties Undermine Democracy? India and Turkey in the 1990s. Paper prepared for meeting of APSA, Chicago, Sept 2-5, 2004.

Does Chilean Christian Democracy have a Future? Paper presented at the Congress of the Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS), Montréal, Oct 24-26, 2002.

The Third Way, the Right Way? Paper presented at the Meeting of CPSA, Toronto, May 29-31, 2002.

The Decline of the Center and Its Impact on Democratic Stability in Chile. Paper presented at the Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Washington, D.C., September 6-8, 2001.

#### Op-eds/essays on higher education in India

The Challenges of Publishing as an Indian Academic. *Asian Scientist*, January 28, 2014.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/academia/challenges-publishing-indian-academic-2014/>

Cities are the future of India’s higher education. *Asian Scientist*, Dec 30, 2013  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/features/cities-india-higher-education-2013/>

More homework needed. *Indian Express*, Dec 24, 2013.  
<http://epaper.indianexpress.com/c/2110950>

Thinking like an Indian parent, part 2, *Asian Scientist*, November 25, 2013.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/features/thinking-like-an-indian-parent-part-two-2013/>

Thinking like an Indian parent, Part 1, *Asian Scientist*, November 18, 2013.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/features/thinking-like-an-indian-parent-part-one-2013/>

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Introducing India's Rae Bareli Education Hub. *Asian Scientist*, October 7, 2013.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/features/rae-bareli-education-hub-2013/>

Drowning in university degrees. *Asian Scientist*, September 12, 2013.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/academia/dual-degree-university-courses-india-2013/>

Two to make it. *Indian Express*, August 23, 2013.  
<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/two-to-make-it/1158809/0>

India's leaders need to do more for higher education. *Asian Scientist*, August 12, 2013.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/features/opinion-indias-leaders-higher-education-2013/>

Top salaries for Indian academics, but few takers. *Asian Scientist*, June 10, 2013.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/academia/top-salaries-indian-academics-takers-2013/>

Why do Indian students take up engineering degrees? *Asian Scientist*, June 3, 2013.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/features/indian-students-engineering-degrees-2013/>

Can private universities help? *EDU-Tech*, May 2013.  
<http://www.edu-leaders.com/content/can-private-universities-help>

Of shady journals and bored students. *Asian Scientist*, April 16, 2013.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/academia/shady-journals-bored-students-2013/>

Why do Indians study abroad? *Asian Scientist*, March 22, 2013.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/academia/why-do-indians-study-abroad-2013/>

Will increased spending improve India's higher education sector? *Asian Scientist*, March 13, 2013.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/academia/increased-spending-improve-indias-higher-education-sector-2013/>

Will Nalanda University be a success? *Asian Scientist*, February 14, 2013.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/features/will-nalanda-university-be-a-success-2013/>

Private universities in India can make a difference, but...*Asian Scientist*, January 28, 2013.  
<http://www.asianscientist.com/academia/private-universities-in-india-2013/>

India's brain drain persists. *Chronicle of Higher Education (CHE)*, January 29, 2013.  
<http://chronicle.com/blogs/worldwise/indias-brain-drain-persists/31365>

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Wealth does not lead to world-class institutions. *Hindu*, January 24, 2013.

<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/wealth-does-not-lead-to-worldclass-institutions/article4336911.ece>

India's underperforming higher education sector. *Asian Scientist*, January 14, 2013.

<http://www.asianscientist.com/academia/indias-underperforming-higher-education-sector-2013/>

Can private universities lift India? *Asia Times*, December 19, 2012.

[http://www.atimes.com/atimes/South\\_Asia/NL19Dfo2.html](http://www.atimes.com/atimes/South_Asia/NL19Dfo2.html)

India fails test of knowledge economy. *Asia Times*, November 30, 2012.

[http://www.atimes.com/atimes/South\\_Asia/NK30Dfo1.html](http://www.atimes.com/atimes/South_Asia/NK30Dfo1.html)

India needs to build world-class Indian-studies departments. *CHE*, October 15, 2012.

<http://chronicle.com/blogs/worldwise/india-needs-to-build-world-class-indian-studies-departments/30686>

Next Gen of India experts not in India. *EDU-Tech*, October 2012.

<http://www.edu-leaders.com/resources/magazine>

Why Location Matters. *EDU-Tech*, September 2012.

<http://www.edu-leaders.com/resources/magazine>

Is Indian higher education experiencing a quiet female revolution? *CHE*, July 5, 2012.

<http://chronicle.com/blogs/worldwise/is-indian-higher-education-experiencing-a-quiet-female-revolution/29911>

In search of India's missing teachers, *CHE*, March 8, 2012.

<http://chronicle.com/blogs/worldwise/in-search-of-indias-missing-professors/29238>

Other op-eds, essays and book reviews have appeared in *Asia Times*, *Financial Express*, *Freedom First*, *Indo-Latin American File*, *International Studies*, and the *Pioneer*.

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## **Courses Taught/Designed**

**2013-** (BITS Pilani – Goa)

Introduction to Development Studies  
Current Affairs

**2001-12** (McGill University, Concordia University, University of Ottawa)

### Introductory

Introduction to Politics  
Introduction to International Relations  
Introduction to Canadian Politics  
Introduction to International Development (co-taught 50%)

### Thematic

Theories of International Development  
The Health of Nations (seminar)  
Democracy, Health, and Social Justice (seminar)  
Issues in Democracy and Development (seminar)  
Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development (seminar)  
Race, Caste, and Social Justice (seminar)  
Politics of Ethno-nationalism  
International Relations of Ethnic Conflict  
Advanced Topics in Political Economy: Welfare States in Europe and The Americas (seminar)  
Globalization, State, and Identity  
Regional Integration and the Nation-State  
Ethnic Diversity, Democracy, and Welfare (seminar)  
Marxist and Neo-Marxist Thought (seminar)  
US Foreign Policy

### Area Studies

Asian Politics  
Political Change in South Asia  
Politics of Latin America  
State and Society in Latin America (seminar)

**1992-96** (Goa University)

History of Latin America  
Political Economy of Latin American  
Indian Politics (select topics)



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## **Thesis Supervision/Examiner**

### PhD Dissertation Examiner (External)

Chaturvedi, Mayuri. 2011. *Single Working Women in Urban India*. Department of Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur (India).

### MPhil Dissertation Examiner (External)

Gangopadhyay, Aparajita. 1995. *Debt-Equity “Swaps” in Argentina, Brazil and Chile: Progress and Prospects*. Latin American Studies Division, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (India).

### Theses Supervised (Undergraduate) (2006-2011) – McGill University

1. Aleem, Zoya, *Mental Illness: A Multi-country Examination and Case Study of Sri Lanka*
2. Babbage, Sarah, *Domestic Determinants of Foreign Aid in Canada and the United States*
3. Brettler, Danielle, *Neoliberalism, Petroleum Politics and Indigenous Exclusion in Ecuador*
4. Bockhold, Sean, *Forest-Based Markets and the Potential for Sustainable Development in Africa*
5. Carter, Emily, *The Self-Employed Women’s Association’s Non-Formal Education Programs: A Catalyst for Social Change*
6. Collette, Christopher, *Democracy, Health and Popular Organizations in Chile*
7. Cromwell, Sharon, *Foreign Aid: The Dark Side of the Bright Side*
8. Crowe, Portia, *Authoritarian Rule, NGOs and the HIV/AIDS Crisis in China*
9. Dean, Laura, *The Urban Housing Movement in Sao Paulo: Implications for Citizenship*
10. Del Baso, Adrian, *Coordinating Humanitarian Relief Efforts: A Knowledge Management Approach*
11. Elliott, Kristina, *Maternal Health: The Key to Improving Global Health*
12. Fonda, Karine, *Opus Dei’s Influence on the Education and Health of Youth in Panama*
13. Garfield, Amber, *By Locals, for Locals: Lessons from China’s Healthcare Strategies*
14. Gelfer, Daniel, *The Manipulation of Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees*
15. Henry, Stephanie, *Brazilian Democracy and Violence: The Causes and Consequences of the Cycle of Violence*
16. Ivanov, Vladimira, *The Ideas Behind Policy Reform*
17. Kirwin, Erin, *Healthcare in Kenya: Public-Private Dynamics and Equitable Access*
18. Leitch, Brandy, *Child Malnutrition in India*
19. MacPhee, Alexandra, *Violence, Crime and Gangs in Central America*
20. McKeon, Marion, *Ethnic Conflict and Underdevelopment: A Case Study of Jammu & Kashmir*
21. Messina, Cynthia, *Artificial Binaries: Islamic identities and Gender Development in Indonesia*
22. Patterson, Heather, *Do Political Parties Matter in Development? A Case Study of India*
23. Pickert, Matthew, *Autonomy and Its Implications for Indigenous Education in Chiapas*

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24. Quintana, Rodrigo, *A Comparison of the Zero Hunger Programme in Brazil and Millennium Challenge Account in Nicaragua*
25. Radis, Katherine, *Public-Private Partnerships for the Improvement of India's Health Care System*
26. Roy, Nadia, *Has Democracy Improved Working Conditions? The Rights of the Maquiladora Workers in Mexico since 2000*
27. Shodjaee-Zrudlo, Ilya, *NGOs in a Learning Mode*
28. Silhota, Karina, *To Reclaim the Earth: A Comparison of Landless Movements in Brazil and India*
29. Simpson, Jenna, *The Political Economy of The Shining Path in Peru*
30. Stafford, Xenia, *Female Agency and Sustainable Economic Development in Sri Lanka*
31. Walsh-Roussel, Lauren, *The 2008 Food Crisis: Proximate and Root Causes*
32. Wilmink, Nikhil, *Rethinking Rural Education: An Assessment of the Schooling System for India's Rural Poor*
33. Wolfley, Hillary, *The Disjunction Between Canada's Immigrant Policy and Labour Market Demand*
34. Zakaria, Anam, *Authoritarianism and Development in Pakistan*

## Other

07/2013-Invited to deliver four lectures on “Well being” and “Religion” at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kozhikode

0/6/2013-Consulted as expert on higher education in India for the *Economist Intelligence Unit* (EIU) for a special report on Higher Education in South Asia (copy of report available on request)

01/2013-Columnist for *Asian Scientist*: <http://www.asianscientist.com/author/pushkar/>

09/2012-Columnist for *EDU*: <http://www.edu-leaders.com/resources/magazine>

03/2012- Columnist/blogger on higher education in India, Worldwise section of *Chronicle of Higher Education*: <http://chronicle.com/blogs/worldwise/>

Member, International Development Studies (IDS) Programme Committee, McGill University (2006-2011)

Assistant Book Review Editor, *Latin American Research Review* (2011)

09/-01/2002-Invited to deliver six lectures on “Latin America and the World” at the Cummings Jewish Center, Montreal, Canada

Member (various years), Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA); American Political Science Association (APSA); Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Academic Referee for Indian Council of World Affairs (New Delhi) working papers; *Journal of Development Studies & Millennium: Journal of International Studies*

## References

1. Professor Philip Oxhorn  
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