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## CURRENT WORK

I am a Senior Research Fellow pursuing my qualitative doctoral thesis on the impact of discourse on reservation policy in India. As a case study, I have chosen the case of Jat reservation. I am interested in bringing out the place of evidence in social policies, the importance evidence has in decision-making processes, the difference in procedures of different institutions, the interaction of different ideological discourse formations within and between institutions, and the impact of discourses on the theoretical understanding of reservation policy.

I am looking for a position as an Assistant Professor in Political Science or Public Policy.

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## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

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|  | 2012-16 |
| <b>Krishna Institute of Engineering &amp; Technology, Ghaziabad</b><br><b>Civil Engineering</b><br>First Division- 70.9%   |         |
|  | 2018-20 |
| <b>Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad</b><br><b>Master's in Public Policy and Governance (PPG)</b><br>CGPA: 7.7  |         |
|  | 2019    |
| <b>UGC-NET/JRF</b> (examination for eligibility for the post of assistant professor and/or Junior Research Fellowship award)<br>99.96 percentile in the subject <b>Political Science</b>             |         |
|  | 2020-21 |
| <b>National Law School India University, Bengaluru</b><br><b>M.Phil. in Public Policy</b><br>Religious and Socio-cultural policy in India: A Study of Family Law Reforms in Relation to Muslim women |         |

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## Publications

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|  | October 2021 |
| <b>Indian Journal of Constitutional Law</b><br><b>Title: Coexistence or Segregation? Examining Constitutional Public Policy and the Disturbed Areas Act 1991 in Gujarat</b><br>In the context of post mass violence in Indian cities, ethnic segregation, and informal boundaries have often emerged as visible markers of everyday life. This essay looks at one such unique case. It examines a restrictive zoning policy related to ethnic conflict and spatial segregation in the state of Gujarat. From the lens of constitutional fundamental guarantee under Article 15(2), the paper examines the validity of the Gujarat Prohibition of Transfer of |              |

Immovable Property and Provision for Protection of Tenants from Eviction from Premises in Disturbed Areas Act, 1991 (also known as the Disturbed Areas Act 1991).

February 2023

### **Indian Public Policy Review**

#### **Title: Compensatory Discrimination: Is a Theory of Social Construction of Target Population in Public Policy Possible in India?**

Schneider and Ingram (1997) have theorised that policy design in U.S. democracy is dependent on the social construction of the target population. The paper tries to analyse how the social construction of the target population happens in India, and how it is different from the Western context. The case study of compensatory discrimination policy in India has been used to demonstrate the factors affecting policy design in India. It demonstrates that as we go into the narrow details of any policy, in a democracy, the space for political entrepreneurship increases, despite all institutional constraints.

### **Book Chapter in Gender and Inclusion: A Focus on Muslim Women (Page 55-76)**

#### **Title: Family Law Reforms in Relation to Muslim Women in India: A Comprehensive Debate on Entry Points and Thematic Areas**

Used M.Phil thesis to contribute to the question whether the Muslim Personal Law reform helped to reform the condition of Muslim women.

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### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Designed and taught the elective course on "**Democracy, Markets and Diversity**" at National Law School India University, Bengaluru in the second trimester of academic year 2023-24.

Lead in the **Reading and Writing Skills** course, **Policy Dialectics** course for Masters in Public Policy at National Law School India, University.

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### **PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES**

1. Two papers titled "'It is Identity, Stupid': How Captive Minds Work in Contexts of Decision Making" and "Extension or Subversion of Social Justice: The Case of Economic Weaker Section Reservation in India" at the International Public Policy Association Conference held in Toronto in June 2023.
2. Paper titled "Impact of Discourse on Social Policies: The Case of Reservation Policy in India" at the International Political Science Association Conference held in Buenos Aires in July 2023.
3. Paper titled 'Analysing the Discourse on Backwardness in India: The Case of Jat Reservations' at British Association of South Asian Studies Conference held at King's College London in September, 2024.
4. Paper titled 'Policy Dialectics: Case Study of an Innovative Course for Southern Policy Schools' at Indian Public Policy Network Conference at IIT Bombay in December, 2024.