

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- Currently pursuing Ph.D in Political Science from the Centre for Political Studies, JNU under Prof. Gurpreet Mahajan titled “Science, Reason and the Self: Competing Discourses from the State and Society in India”.
- M.Phil awarded in Political Science (2012-2014) with the dissertation titled “Science in the Agenda of Social Transformation in Kerala: A Study of *Yukthivadis* and KSSP” under the guidance of Prof. Gurpreet Mahajan.
- M.A Political Science from Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (2010-2012)
- B.A.(Hons.) Political Science from Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi in 2010.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) in Political Science (Jan-May, 2015) at Gargi College, University of Delhi.
- Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) in Political Science (July 2015 till present) at Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi.

PUBLICATIONS

- Rationalism, Science and Social Transformation: The Early *Yukthivadis* of Kerala. FORUM: South Asian Perspectives on Management and Social Sciences. Volume 1, Issue 2. ISSN No: 2395-4949, 2015
- Sedition in a Democracy. Café Dissensus. April 11, 2016. ISSN No. 2373-177X
- Book Review: Science in Saffron: Skeptical Essays on History of Science, The JMC Review, Volume I, ISSN 2456-9550, 2017.

- Book Review: Contested Knowledge : Science, Media and Democracy in Kerala, Social Change, 49 (3) 551-565, ISSN 0049 – 0857, 2019.
- “In a neo-liberal age, what a degree in social science can mean”, Opinion, The New Leam, <https://thenewleam.com/2019/09/in-a-neo-liberal-age-what-a-degree-in-the-social-sciences-can-mean/>, 02-09-2019.

LECTURES

Invited Lecture at the Marthoma College of Management and Technology, Perumbavoor, Kerala on “Contemporary Political Issues and Autonomy of University Space” on 19 March 2016.

SEMINARS/ CONFERENCES

Presented Paper titled “ Between Seeing and Non- Seeing: Contestations of Rationalism, Scientific Temper and Belief” at the International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society’s First Annual Conference, 4th – 6th July 2019 held at University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.

Presented paper titled “Science, Religion and Social transformation in Kerala: A study of Yukthivadis and Kerala Shastra Sahitya Parishath” at the UCSIA Summer School (28th August-3rd September 2016) on 29th September 2016 held at University of Antwerp, Belgium.

Presented Paper titled “Science in the Agenda of Social Transformation: Analysing the role of the Yukthivadis and Kerala Shastra Sahitya Parishath” at the Young Scholars’ Conference on “Democracy, Culture and Political Action” under the panel on Democracy and Modernity” on 8th March 2017.

Presented Paper titled “Science and State Entangled: Politics and Rationality of Health Policies in India(1950-1980) at the workshop on “The Bare Necessities: Histories of Provisioning from the Second World War to the Present” at the Max Planck Insitute for the History of Science, Berlin (June 7-8 2018).