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Curriculum Vitae

Centre for Policy Research
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Research Interests:

Energy Policy | Water-Energy-Food Nexus | Institutions & Development | Regulatory Governance | Public Participation

Education:

PhD (2013)

Politics

Thesis: *Macro Implications of Micro-Participation: Participatory Management of Electricity Distribution in Eastern India*

Department of Politics
University of York

MPhil (2006)

Political Studies

Dissertation: *Political Economy of Public Policy Making in the Indian Electricity Sector: Study of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh*

Centre for Political Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University

MA (2004)

Political Studies

Centre for Political Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University

BA (2002)

Political Science (Hons), History (Pass)

Ravenshaw College
Utkal University

Publications:

Articles/Chapters:

2017: [‘Protecting Power: The Politics of Partial Reforms in Punjab’s Electricity Sector’](#), *Working Paper, Mapping Power Project*, New Delhi: Centre for Policy Research and Regulatory Assistance Project.

2017: [‘Poverty amidst Plenty: Limits of Generation Bias and State Protection in Madhya Pradesh’s Power Sector’](#), *Working Paper, Mapping Power Project*, New Delhi: Centre for Policy Research and Regulatory Assistance Project.

2016: [‘Political Economy of Distribution Reforms in Indian Electricity’](#), *Working Paper*, Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment, New Delhi: Centre for Policy Research.

2015: [‘Transforming Electricity Governance in India: Has India's Power Sector Regulation Enabled Consumers' Power?’](#), *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 7275*, Washington DC: The World Bank. (With Ashish Khanna, Daljit Singh & Mudit Narain)

2014: [‘Is There a Trade-Off between Agricultural Development, Adaptation and Mitigation?’](#), *Yojana*, 58, July: 48-51.

2014: [‘Regulating the Race to Renewables’](#), *Yojana*, 58, May: 29-32.

2014: [‘Balancing State, Utility and Social Need in Agricultural Electricity Subsidy: The Case for a Holistic Approach to Reform’](#), *Briefing Note*, Geneva: Global Subsidies Initiative, International Institute for Sustainable Development. (With Udai S Mehta)

2014: [‘India’s Green Industrial Policy: Pursuing Clean Energy for Green Growth’](#), *Economic and Political Weekly*, 19(9): 19-21.

- 2013: 'Manoeuvres for a Low Carbon State in India: Agency, Authority and Accountability in Governance of Clean Energy', *CIRC Working Paper Series* No 07, New Delhi: CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition.
- 2012: 'In Pursuit of Energy Efficiency in India's Agriculture: Fighting 'Free Power' or Working with it?' *AFD Working Paper 126*, Paris: Agence Française de Développement. (With Olivier Charnoz)
- 2012: 'High Returns, Low Attention, Slow Implementation: The Paradoxes of India's Clean Energy Development', *AFD Working Paper 125*, Paris: Agence Française de Développement. (With Olivier Charnoz)
- 2009: 'Introducing Competition in the Indian Electricity: Is Micro-Privatisation a Possible Way?' in Pradeep S Mehta and Simon J Evenett edited *Politics Triumphs Economics? Political Economy and the Implementation of Competition Law and Regulation in Developing Countries*, Vol II, Jaipur: CIRC & C-CIER, pp. 119-139.
- 2007: 'Power Crisis in Maharashtra: Socio-Economic Implications', in R. Sthanoomurthy edited *Maharashtra Economy: Performance, Opportunities, and Challenges*, Hyderabad: ICFAI University Press, pp. 231-244.

Op-eds/Blogs:

- 2017: 'A Power Struggle Looms', *Indian Express*, 18th July, New Delhi. (With Johannes Urpelainen)
- 2017: 'India's Pursuit of Energy Transformation', *Mint*, 14th June, New Delhi.
- 2016: 'India Has Legislative Solutions to Its Water Management Problems, But Will They Work?', *The Wire*, 07th October. (With Sarada Prasanna Das)
- 2016: 'Are the Government's Renewable Energy Targets Realistic?', *The Wire*, 12th July. (With Ira Sharma)
- 2016: 'Indian Agriculture: How to feed more people with fewer resources', *Ideas for India*, 05th July. (With Gareth Price & Ira Sharma)
- 2016: 'Punjab Won't Fly Unless It Deals With Its Agrarian Crisis', *The Wire*, 09th June. (With Gareth Price & Ranjit Singh Ghuman)
- 2016: 'A New Paradigm for Agriculture?', *Mint*, 3rd March, New Delhi. (With Gareth Price)
- 2015: 'Consumer in Electricity Regulation', *Mint*, 25th November, New Delhi. (With Daljit Singh, Ashish Khanna & Mudit Narain)
- 2015: 'Power Haves, Power Have-Nots', *Indian Express*, 8th April, New Delhi. (With Pradeep S Mehta)
- 2015: 'India's Silent Spring', *Hindu Business Line*, 05th April, New Delhi. (With Glada Lahn)
- 2014: 'Modi's Maiden Motion: What's 'New' for Renewable?' *CIRC Issue Note 07*, CUTS Institute for Regulation and Competition, New Delhi.
- 2014: 'Can India Reform Its Agriculture', *The Diplomat*, 1st June.
- 2013: 'In Pursuit of Low-Carbon Electricity', *Ideas for India*, 06th September.
- 2013: 'Regulating the race to Renewables', *CIRC Issue Note 01*, CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition.
- 2013: 'India's Green Industrial Policy', *East Asia Forum*, 18th May.
- 2013: 'Low-Carbon Development in Indian Agriculture: A Missed Opportunity?', *Ideas for India*, 12th April. (With Olivier Charnoz)
- 2013: 'Taking Energy Efficiency to the Market', *Business Standard*, 8th March, New Delhi.
- 2013: 'Agriculture: An Undervalued Sector for Climate Mitigation', *Financial Express*, 4th January, New Delhi. (With Olivier Charnoz)
- 2012: 'India's Clean Energy paradox', *Business Standard*, 7th December, New Delhi. (With Olivier Charnoz)
- 2012: 'The Futility of 'Pump Priming' Agriculture', *Business Standard*, 8th September, New Delhi. (With Olivier Charnoz)

Book Reviews:

- 2009: 'Book Review- The Oxford Handbook of Political Economy', *Political Studies Review*, 7(3): 418-419.
- 2009: 'Book Review- Reinventing Public Service Delivery in India: Selected Case Studies', *Contemporary South Asia*, 17(1): 94-95.

2008: 'Book Review – Participatory Citizenship: Identity, Exclusion, Inclusion', *Pacific Affairs*, 81(1): 137-138.

Consultancy Reports:

2015: *Consumer Participation and Protection in Electricity Regulation: A Study of Five States in India*, Submitted to the World Bank, New Delhi.

2015: *Regulatory Impact in Indian Electricity Generation Sectors*, Submitted to Asian Development Bank, New Delhi.

2012: *Assessment of Horticulture and Livestock Producer Groups in Five Focus Districts*, Submitted to the World Bank & the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Kabul.

2012: *Agriculture in Afghanistan: Linking Agricultural Producers to Markets (Local, Regional & International)*, Submitted to the Asia Foundation, Kabul.

Presentations:

Made presentations at:

- Agence Française de Développement
- Australian National University
- Centre for Economic and Social Studies
- Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development
- Chatham House
- Forum of Regulators
- Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Thailand and Vietnam
- Institute of Social Studies, Hague
- International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden
- IPPAI Retreat
- Lund University
- Oxford University
- SAFIR Core Course
- South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulators
- University of Amsterdam
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Ulster
- University of York
- World Bank, India

Work Experience:

Visiting Fellow (April 2018 - Continuing)

Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

Executive Director (May 2016 - Continuing)

Centre for Energy Environment & Resources, New Delhi

Director (April 2015 – April 2016)

Fellow (December 2013 – March 2015)

Associate Fellow (June-November 2013)

CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition, New Delhi

Projects:

- Initiative on Climate, Energy and Environment

Projects:

- Resource Planning and Power Procurement by Electric Utilities in India
- Valuing Vital Resources: Integrated approaches to water, energy and agricultural sustainability
- Regulatory Role and Engagement in India's Clean Energy Transition

Projects:

- Valuing Vital Resources: Integrated approaches to water, energy and agricultural sustainability
- Promoting water, food and energy security in South Asia
- Consumer Participation & Protection in Electricity Regulation
- Regulatory Impact Assessment in Electricity Generation in India

Consultant (February- April 2014) Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi	Project: <i>New Climate Economy (Low-Carbon Strategies in Agriculture and Forestry in India)</i>
Research Consultant (March 2012 – March 2013) BBC Media Action, New Delhi	Project: <i>Climate Asia Project</i>
Senior Consultant (May 2012- December 2012) QARA Consulting, Inc., Kabul	Project: <i>Pathways for Electrification in Afghanistan Assessment of Farmer Producer Groups</i>
Research Consultant (July 2010-Sept 2011) Agence Française de Développement (AFD)	Project: <i>India's Energy Efficiency Policies Energy Efficiency in Indian Agriculture</i>
Research Officer, Part-Time (Sept 2010-May 2011) Developmental Leadership Programme	Project: <i>Manoeuvres for a Low Carbon State: The Local Politics of Climate Change in China and India</i>
Networking & Research Coordinator (Apr-July 2010) National Social Watch, New Delhi	Projects: <i>Citizen's Report on Governance and Development 2010</i>
Part-Time Research Assistant (Dec 2009- Jan 2010) Department of Politics, University of York	Project: <i>Climate Change Policy in India</i>
Honorary Fellow (Sept – Oct 2007) Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs University of Wisconsin-Madison	Project: <i>Public Electrification in Rural America: Role of Rural Electric Cooperatives</i>
Project Associate (Feb 2005 – Oct 2006) National Institute of Public Finance and Policy New Delhi	Projects: <i>Electricity Governance in India The Practice & Politics of Regulation in Indian Electricity</i>

Fellowships:

IPPG Doctoral Fellowship (2006-2009)
Research Consortium on Institutions for Pro-Poor Growth (Funded by DFID), University of Manchester, UK

Research Mobility Programme Fellowship (2007), Worldwide Universities Network