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WORK EXPERIENCE

OBSERVER RESEARCH FOUNDATION, Strategic Studies Programme, New Delhi, India 2018 - Present
Associate Fellow, 2020 - Present
Junior Fellow, 2019 - 2020
Research Assistant, 2018 - 2019
Research in international law and its application to Indian foreign policy, such as security interests, bilateral relations and trade. Coordination and management of events, conferences and seminars.

RED ELEPHANT FOUNDATION, India 2013 – 2015
Legal Head (part-time)
Research and compilation of national and international laws related to gender based violence. Preparation of petitions to Courts in India and abroad in relation to offences against women.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT to Dr. Cheah Wui Ling (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore) 2014 - 2015
Worked as editorial assistant on Vol. 1 & 2 of *Historical Origins of International Criminal Law* [Torkel Opsahl Academic EPublisher (2014)] and conducted preliminary research on the Singapore War Crimes Trials portal.

MINE & YOUNG (LEGAL ADVOCATES & CONSULTANTS), New Delhi, India 2013 – 2014
Associate
Research and drafting in litigation and corporate matters at the High Court of Delhi and the Supreme Court of India in legal matters related to property, environment, antitrust, intellectual property rights and securities.

EDUCATION

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, Faculty of Law, Singapore 2014 – 2015
Master of Laws in International & Comparative Law
Recipient of the *Faculty Graduate Scholarship, 2014*

NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (India) 2008 - 2013
Dual degree in Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws
Thesis topic: "Democracy as an Emerging Norm in International Law"
Treasurer, Centre for Studies in Intellectual Property Rights (CSIPR) Cell
Member, Editorial Board, National Law Institute University's Journal of Intellectual Property Law.

PUBLICATIONS

Books and monographs

Harsh V Pant, with Prithvi Iyer, Nivedita Kapoor, Aarshi Tirkey, and Kartik Bommakanti, "The ORF Foreign Policy Survey 2021: Young India and the World", August 2021, Observer Research Foundation.

Aarshi Tirkey (Ed.), "Uncharted Territory: Emerging World Order Post COVID-19" (New Delhi: ORF and Global Policy Journal, 2020).

"The 5G Dilemma: Mapping Responses Across the World", Monograph, Observer Research Foundation, May 2020.

Articles and Papers

“Minilateralism: Weighing the Prospects for Cooperation and Governance,” ORF Issue Brief No. 489, September 2021, Observer Research Foundation.

Harsh V. Pant and Aarshi Tirkey, “The 5G Question and India's Conundrum”, *Orbis*, Vol. 64, No. 4 (2020), pp. 571-588.

“The WTO Crisis: Exploring Interim Solutions for India’s Trade Disputes” (co-authored with Shiny Pradeep), ORF Occasional Paper No. 274, September 2020, Observer Research Foundation.

“The WTO Dispute Settlement System: An Analysis of India’s Experience and Current Reform Proposals”, ORF Occasional Paper No. 209, September 2019, Observer Research Foundation.

“US Secondary Sanctions: Framing an Appropriate Response for India”, ORF Issue Brief No. 273, January 2019, Observer Research Foundation.

Chapters in reports and books

“China Challenges Western-led Global Economic Governance”, in Harsh V Pant and Premesha Saha (Eds.), *Mapping the Belt and Road Initiative: Reach, Implications, Consequences*, February 2021, Observer Research Foundation.

“Global Agenda-Setting: Support for India’s Multilateral Efforts to Fight COVID-19”, in Kashish Parpiani, Ed., “Friendships, Reciprocity, and Diplomacy in the Time of COVID-19: The World Comes to India’s Aid,” ORF Special Report No. 142, June 2021, Observer Research Foundation.

“Charting China’s approach to International Law”, in Harsh V. Pant (Ed.), *China Ascendant: Its Rise and Implications*, Harper Collins (2019).

“India and Multilateralism: United Nations and the World Trade Organization”, in Harsh V. Pant and Kabir Taneja (Eds.), “Looking Back and Looking Ahead: Indian Foreign Policy in Transition Under Modi”, ORF Special Report No. 93, July 2019, Observer Research Foundation.

“Secondary Sanctions” (co-authored with Abhijnan Rej), in Harsh V. Pant and Abhijnan Rej (Eds.), “Beyond JCPOA: Examining the consequences of US withdrawal”, ORF Special Report No. 63, July 2018, Observer Research Foundation.

Selected Commentaries and Op-eds

“China’s practice in recognising Governments: The case of Taliban”, 15 September 2021, Observer Research Foundation.

“Young Indians distrust China, Pakistan; rate pandemic, economy as big challenges” (co-authored by Harsh V Pant), 17 August 2021, *Hindustan Times*.

“India’s UNSC journey: What the current Presidency means for the country”, 12 August 2021, Observer Research Foundation.

“Modern Geopolitics: A Race Through Chaos to Stability” (co-authored with Samir Saran), 26 July 2021, Valdai Discussion Club (re-published in *Russia in Global Affairs*).

“The EU green pass: Tough questions for policy, law, and ethics”, 12 July 2021, Observer Research Foundation.

“Minilaterals and their impact on Indo-Pacific security”, 26 May 2021, Futures Hub, National Security College (Australian National University).

“India Draws a Line in the 5G Sand”, (co-authored with Harsh V. Pant), 18 May 2021, *Foreign Policy*.

“The WTO gets its first woman and first African Director General” (co-authored with Kripa Anand), 12 February 2021, Observer Research Foundation.

“India’s Vaccine Diplomacy”, (co-authored with Harsh V. Pant), 22 January 2021, *Foreign Policy*.

“There’s a new front in the US-China trade and tech war”, 4 November 2020, Observer Research Foundation.

“Who will be the next WTO Director General?”, 30 September 2020, Observer Research Foundation.

“The inconvenient truth about China’s International Commercial Courts”, 28 August 2020, Observer Research Foundation.

“Patenting the Cure: At what cost?”, 7 June 2020, Observer Research Foundation.

“COVID-19: Export bans, trade rules and international cooperation”, 23 May 2020, Observer Research Foundation.

“China faces a new threat as US cracks down on economic espionage” (co-authored with Harsh V. Pant), 22 February 2020, *Business Standard*.

“Is India betting big on Huawei?” (co-authored with Harsh V. Pant), 6 February 2020, *Foreign Policy*.

“Masood Azhar: A critical look at the flawed sanctions procedure”, 25 April 2019, Observer Research Foundation.

ACCOLADES IN ESSAY WRITING AND MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS

Conficiendis Legislativa 2013, National Legislative Drafting Competition, 2nd Prize.

Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2012, Surana & Surana North Rounds, 3rd Best Memorial Prize.

Gurucharan Singh Tulsi National Legal Essay Writing Competition 2012, secured a place in the Top Ten.

Annual Raj Anand Moot Court Competition 2011, Semifinalists and Best Memorial Prize.

Manupatra Annual Essay Competition 2010, 3rd Prize, Essay published in the Anthology D’essai 2011.

Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot Court Competition 2010, Sydney (Australia), Quarter-finalists.

REFERENCES

- Prof. Harsh V. Pant, Director, Studies and Head, Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation, India.
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- Dr. Cheah Wui Ling, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, Singapore.
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