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## Appointments

NYU Abu Dhabi Global Network Associate Professor of Political Science	2015 –
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS Associate Professor of Political Science	2014 - 2015
Yale-NUS College Associate Professor of Political Science	2014 - 2015
Princeton University Assistant Professor, Department of Politics	2008 - 2013

## Education

Harvard University MA and PhD in Government	2007
Balliol College, University of Oxford BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)	2000

## Books

Secrets and Leaks: The Dilemma of State Secrecy, Princeton University Press (2013, 2016)

2014 Louis Brownlow Book Award (National Academy of Public Administration)

2015 Myres S. McDougal Prize (Society of Policy Sciences)

Winner of the CHOICE Outstanding Title 2014

Reviewed in The New Republic, New York Review of Books, Foreign Affairs, Political Science Quarterly, Perspectives on Politics, Choice, Boston Review, Lawfare, Claremont Review of Books, New Statesman, Inside Story, Australian Review of Public Affairs, Der Stat, Tulsa Law Review, Contemporary Political Theory

Cited by NPR, BBC, CNN, Atlantic Monthly, The Guardian, The Australian, Reuters, ABC, Slate, Que Pasa, Sydney Morning Herald, Christian Science Monitor, Deutsche Welle, Balkinization, Business Insider, The London Review of Books, The L.A. Review of Books, WIRED, NBC News

The Dewan: Raja Sir Tanjore Madhava Rao and the Making of Modern India

*forthcoming May 2021 with Juggernaut*

Minor Hints: Lectures to His Highness Sayaji Rao Gaekwad by Raja Sir Tanjore Madhava Rao

*under review at Cambridge University Press*

## Anthologies

*The Foundations of Indian Grand Strategy*, Oxford University Press (Vol 1: forthcoming)

## Original Database

*Ideas of India* ([www.ideasofindia.org](http://www.ideasofindia.org)) published November, 2019, updated April 2020

Indexes 350,000 entries from 325 English-language periodicals published in India between 1830-1950. The website has had 21,000 views / 15,000 users in its first 5 months.

Cited in The National, Indian Express, Hindustan Times, Foreign Policy, Monocle, The Print, Firstpost, Wilson Center, India Today, The Diplomat, Outlook, Huffington Post, Khaleej Times

- Edited Volumes** *Realism in Political Theory*, Routledge (2018) (co-edited with Andrew Sabl)
- The Big Ideas of Lee Kuan Yew*, Straits Times Press (2014) (co-edited with Shashi Jayakumar)
- Articles  
(Political Theory)** "Introduction" *Critical Review of Social and Political Philosophy*, Vol. 20, No. 3, 2017 (co-authored with Andrew Sabl)
- "Are Charter Cities Legitimate?" *Journal of Political Philosophy*, Vol. 24, No. 4, 2016
- "Against Moral Absolutism: Surveillance and Disclosure After Snowden" *Ethics and International Affairs*, Vol. 29, No. 2, 2015
- "Creaky Leviathan: A Comment on David Pozen's Leaky Leviathan" *Harvard Law Review Forum*, December 20, 2013
- "Is Ideal Theory Practical?" *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 37, No. 4, 2011
- "Presaging the Moderns?: Demosthenes' Critique of Popular Government" *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 71, No. 4, 2009
- "Who Holds the Balance?: A Missing Detail in the Debate over Balancing Security and Liberty," *Polity*, Vol. 41, No. 2, 2009
- "On Combating the Abuse of State Secrecy," *Journal of Political Philosophy*, Vol. 15, No. 4, 2007
- Articles  
(India)** "Pragmatism in Indian Strategic Thought," *India Review*, Vol. 17, No. 1, 2018 (co-authored with Rohan Mukherjee)
- "Pledges and Pious Wishes: The Constituent Assembly Debates and the Myth of a 'Nehruvian Consensus,'" *India Review*, Vol. 14, No. 2, 2015 (co-authored with Ankit Panda)
- "State of Mind: What Kind of Power Will India Become?," *International Affairs*, Vol. 85, No. 4, 2009
- "What's in a Name?: India and America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," *Survival*, Vol. 46, No. 3, 2004
- Book Chapters  
(Political Theory)** "Executive Privilege" in Abazi Viggjenca and Guri Rosen, eds., *Foreign Policy Secrecy in the Age of Transparency*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2019 (forthcoming)
- "Democracy's Limit: A Realist Response to the Quest for Transparency" in Matt Sleat, ed., *Politics Recovered: Essays on Realist Political Thought*, New York: Columbia University Press, 2017
- "Executive Privilege" and "State Secrecy" in David Coates, ed., *Oxford Companion to American Politics*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2012
- "Wikileaks and Democracy," in Heinrich Geiselberger, ed., *Wikileaks and the Consequences: Internet, Media, Politics*, Frankfurt: Suhrkamp, 2010
- Book Chapters  
(India)** "Leading Ideas: A Retrospective" in Ashley J. Tellis, C. Raja Mohan, and Bibek Debroy, eds., *Grasping Greatness: Making India a Leading Power*, New York: Columbia University Press, 2020
- "Hindu Nationalism and the Cold War" in Manu Bhagavan, ed., *India and the Cold War*, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2019
- "Emergency Provisions" in Sujit Choudhry, Madhav Khosla, and Pratap Bhanu Mehta, eds., *Oxford Handbook on the Indian Constitution*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016
- "Before Midnight: Views on International Relations, 1857-1947" in David Malone, C. Raja Mohan, and Srinath Raghavan, eds., *Oxford Handbook on Indian Foreign Policy*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015

"The Hindu Nationalist View of International Politics" in Kanti Bajpai, ed., *India's Grand Strategy: History, Theory, Cases*, New Delhi: Routledge, 2014

#### Awards

Myres S. McDougal Book Prize, Society of Policy Sciences, 2015  
 Louis Brownlow Book Award, National Academy of Public Administration, 2014  
 Stanley Kelley Jr. Teaching Award, Princeton University, 2012  
 Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 2006-07  
 Congratulatory First (University Valedictorian), University of Oxford, 2000  
 Gibbs Prize, Jenkyns Prize, and College Prize, University of Oxford, 2000

#### Fellowships

Washington Square Fellowship, NYU, 2015-16  
 Humanities and Social Sciences Fellowship, National University of Singapore, 2015-16  
 Global Ethics Fellow, Carnegie Council, New York, 2014-17  
 Visiting Research Fellowship, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 2011  
 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Political Theory Project, Brown University, 2008-09  
 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Public Policy Program, Stanford University, 2007-08  
 Graduate Fellowship, Project on Justice, Welfare and Economics, Harvard University, 2006-07  
 Graduate Fellowship, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, 2005-06  
 C. Douglas Dillon Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University, 2002-04  
 Michael von Clemm Visiting Fellowship, Harvard University, 2001-02

#### Grants (External)

Database Grant, Institute for South Asian Studies, NUS, 2014  
 Book Grant, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2011  
 Kohler Research Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, 2005

#### Grants (Internal)

Research Enhancement Fund 2018-2020, NYU Abu Dhabi  
 Start Up Grant 2016-19, NYU Abu Dhabi  
 SRSS Grant 2015-16, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS  
 AcRF Grant 2014-15, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS  
 Start Up Grant 2014-17, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS  
 PIIRS Research Conference Grant, Princeton University, 2013  
 Anonymous Research Fund Award, UCRHSS, Princeton University, 2013  
 Research Grant, Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University, 2010  
 Tuck Research Fund Award, UCRHSS, Princeton University, 2010  
 Research Grant, Project on Justice, Welfare and Economics, Harvard University, 2004

Invited Talks  
(Selected)

- "What is the Future of Hindu Nationalism?", Ahmedabad University, March 19, 2018
- "Democracy or Decency?", Yale University, January 26, 2018
- "The Foundations of Indian Grand Strategy", Carnegie India, December 21, 2017
- "A Realist Critique of the Quest for Transparency", Leiden University, September 13, 2017
- "The Foundations of Indian Grand Strategy", Leiden University, September 12, 2017
- "The Foundations of Indian Grand Strategy", RSIS, NTU, August 11, 2017
- "Are Mandates and Trusteeships Immoral?," Fudan University, July 2-3, 2016
- "Decent Regimes," UCHV Workshop on Non-democracies, Princeton University, May 6-7, 2016
- "Charter Cities," University of Maryland College Park School of Public Policy, March 8, 2016
- "Authoritarian Regimes," Heinrich-Böll Stiftung, June 18-19, 2015
- "When Is A Technocracy Legitimate?," Fudan-Harvard Conference on Global Governance, Fudan University, June 14-15, 2015
- "A Very Privileged Press," Center for International Studies, MIT, April 16, 2015
- "Charter Cities: A Defense and A Critique," City University of Hong Kong, February 28, 2015
- "Brute Facts," Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, January 9-10, 2015
- "Secrets and Leaks," Plenary Address, National Academy of Public Administration, Washington DC, November 13, 2014
- "Are There Legitimate Non Democratic Regimes?: The Case of Charter Cities," NYU Abu Dhabi, November 10, 2014
- "Have You Been to Kazanistan," Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, May 16-17, 2014
- "Are Tyrants Rational?," Department of Political Science Workshop on Rationality, National University of Singapore, April 11, 2014
- "Saints and Sinners: Nineteenth Century Views on International Relations" Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania, April 13, 2013
- "Build the Walls: Political Realism in Aristotle," UCHV Workshop on Realism, Princeton University, February 15, 2013
- "The Short Sighted Prince," UCHV Conference on 500 Years of 'The Prince', Princeton University, February 8, 2011
- "How To Be Great? India's Century-Long Quest to Find Its Place in the International Order," Singapore Management University, January 17, 2013
- "What Is India's Message to the World?," South Asian Studies Program, National University of Singapore, January 16, 2013
- "Moderate Regimes: A Defense," Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore, January 15, 2013
- "Mission Impossible: Secrecy and Democratic Accountability," Law and Public Affairs Program, Princeton University, December 8, 2012
- "Should We Fear State Secrecy?," Department of Political Science, Columbia University, October 18, 2012

"The Hindu Nationalist View of International Politics," South Asian Studies Seminar, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, February 4, 2011

"Ideologies and Formation of Indian Grand Strategy," IDSA National Strategy Workshop, New Delhi, December 20, 2010

"Singapore: A Moderate Regime," UCHV Workshop on Animating Moderation, Princeton University, November 19, 2010

"India and the International Order," Roundtable on Alternative Visions of Post-American International Order, United States National Intelligence Council, Washington, November 12, 2010

"Hindu Nationalism's View of International Politics," IFS-IDSA Conference on India's Grand Strategic Thought, Oslo, September 8, 2010

"State Secrecy and Executive Power," Symposium on Executive Power, University of Texas at Austin School of Law, April 10, 2010

"State Secrecy: Problems and Problems," Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland at College Park, November 20, 2007

"How Can Democracies Combat the Abuse of State Secrecy?," Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore, October 25, 2007

#### Professional Service

Editorial Board, *Governance*, 2016-19

Editorial Board, *European Journal of Political Theory*, 2018-

Reviewer for *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *American Political Science Review*, *Political Theory*, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Governance*, *Ethics and International Affairs*, *Sociological Theory*, *Polity*, *CRISPP*, Oxford University Press (UK), Oxford University Press (USA), Polity Press (UK), University Press of Kansas, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), *Res Publica*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*.

#### University Service

Political Science Search Committee 2019-2020, NYU Shanghai

Reappointment Review Committee 2018-19, 2019-2020, NYU Shanghai

Social Science Tenure Review Committee 2018, NYU Abu Dhabi

Political Theory Search Committee 2016-2018, NYU Abu Dhabi

Political Science Search Committee 2015-17, NYU Abu Dhabi

Political Science External Review 2015-16, NYU Abu Dhabi

Coordinator for BA-MPP Double Degree Program 2014-15, Yale-NUS College

Head of Study for Global Affairs 2014-15, Yale-NUS College

Political Science Search Committee 2014-15, Yale-NUS College

Research Committee 2014-15, Yale-NUS College

Global Affairs Search Committee 2013-14, Yale-NUS College

JY Pillay Search Committee 2013-14, Yale-NUS College

Public  
Engagement

- "The First Constitution in Modern India", *Scroll*, Jan 19, 2020
- "Discovering India's Intellectual Past", *Hindustan Times*, December 2, 2019
- "Rediscovering Indian thought", *Scroll*, November 24, 2019
- "What is Integral Humanism?", *OPEN*, June 14, 2019
- "What Will China Gain from Humiliating India?" *Mint*, May 1, 2018
- "Must Liberals Oppose Hindu Nationalism?" *Indian Express*, April 23, 2018
- "A Malnourished Bismarck," *Mint*, April 5, 2018
- "The Real Issue with Secrets and Leaks," *Washington Post*, February 27, 2017
- "Critical Comments on Jack Goldsmith on Michael Kinsley," *Lawfare*, June 2, 2014
- "It's Sometimes Okay for Democracies to Pretend That Leaks Do Not Happen," *Washington Post*, May 14, 2014
- "Is Edward Snowden Engaged in Civil Disobedience? —A Response to Glennon," *Just Security*, June 5, 2014
- "Who Watches the Watchers?—A Rejoinder to Steve Vladeck," *Just Security*, March 3, 2014
- "Democratic Platitudes: A Response to Steve Vladeck," *Just Security*, Feb 21, 2014
- "Why We Should Watch Out for the Watchmen of Government Secrecy," *CNN*, December 2, 2013
- "Whistle-blowers and Democracy: A Reply to Archon Fung," *Boston Review*, July 15, 2013
- "Who Decides What is Secret – Obama or Snowden?," *CNN*, June 15, 2013

## Teaching

- CORES-AD 78, Why Is It So Hard to Do Good?, NYU Abu Dhabi
- POLSC-AD 52, Introduction to Political Theory, NYU Abu Dhabi
- MPP 5111, Ethics and Global Governance, Lee Kuan Yew School
- YSS 2202, International Ethics, Yale-NUS College
- MPP 5103, Politics and Public Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School
- Politics 210, Introduction to Political Theory, Princeton University
- Politics 301, Ethics and Public Policy, Princeton University
- Politics 410, Seminar on Executive Power, Princeton University
- Politics 511, Graduate Theory Field Seminar, Princeton University
- Politics 515, Graduate Seminar on Modern Indian Political Thought, Princeton University
- Politics 981, Junior Seminar on Civil Liberties in a Time of Crisis, Princeton University

