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Assistant Professor- Department of Civics and Politics,
University of Mumbai



Assistant Professor equipped with 14+ years of experience in teaching, research, organization of college and university department related academic as well as co-curricular activities. Adroit at teaching with a knack of making learning intellectually enriching for students. A good orator, a poet, a polyglot, a compere, an avid marathoner, and an academic by choice.

Experience

SEP-2012 to Present

Assistant Professor- Department of Civics & Politics (University of Mumbai)

- Teaching Political Science to post-graduate program students
- Courses taught: Political Theory, Urban Politics in the age of globalization, Modern Indian Political Thought, Public Policy in India, Development and Public Policy with special reference to India, Urban Governance in Maharashtra, Rural Governance in India, Environment conservation and development in India, E- Governance, New Public Management.

OCT-2010 to AUG-2012

Assistant Professor- Ramnaraian Ruia College, Mumbai

- Courses taught: Public Administration, Western Political Thought, Introduction to Political theory, Political Process in Maharashtra, Political Sociology, Issues in Contemporary World, Indian Political System.

JUN-2010 to SEP-2010

Lecturer (Contractual) – Ramnaraian Ruia College, Mumbai

- Taught Political Science to graduate program students

Academic Performance:

Examination	Board & Passing (MM/YYYY)	% & Class	Merit Rank
S.S.C.	Maharashtra Board, MAR'1998	89.06% Distinction	1 st in School
H.S.C.	Maharashtra Board, FEB'2000	77.83% Distinction	21 st in Board
B.A. Political Science	University of Mumbai, MAR'2003	74.33% First Class	Gold Medal
M.A. Pol. Science	University of Mumbai, MAR'2005	62.88% First Class	3 rd in University
National Eligibility Test (Public Administration)	UGC, JUN'2005	Pass	Pass
PhD	University of Mumbai, JUL-2013	Degree Awarded	Sekharia Research Fellowship

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Research Interests:

- Political Theory, Political Philosophy, Political Thought, Rural & Urban Governance, Urban Politics, Public Policy, Development, Gender, Films and Politics

Achievements, Awards & Fellowships

- NCC "C" Certificate holder with 'A' Grade
- Cleared Prarambhik & Praveshika Pratham Exam (Kathak), Akhil Bhartiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya
- President of India Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma Gold Medal Mumbai University (2004-05), given to the best student of the University
- Sir Dorabji Tata Merit Award Scholarship 2000
- Shield of Honour 2001 for Extra-Curricular excellence, Ruia College
- Yamunabai Hirlekar Prize 2002-03 (Best All Round Student of Ram Narnian Ruia College)
- Best student of University of Mumbai (2003-04)
- Narrottam Sekhsaria Foundation Research Fellowship (For PhD 2007-2010)
- Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla selected for Associateship (2023-25)

Publications: Books

- Rethinking Panchayati Raj, Rawat Publications , 2017 (ISBN:978-81-316-0851-7)
- Political Theory (Edited), Published by Institute of Distance and Open Learning, University of Mumbai, April 2021, (978-81-953421-3-6)
- Civil Society and Democracy (Edited), Published by Institute of Distance and Open Learning, University of Mumbai, September 2021 (ISBN: 978-81-977049-3-2)
- Urban Governance in Maharashtra (Edited), Published by Institute of Distance and Open Learning, University of Mumbai, September 2021 (ISBN: 978-81-977049-6-3)
- Ek Khoont Izzat (Book of Poetry written in Hindustani), Kavita World, 2023, (ISBN: 978-81-958230-1-7)

Publications: Research Papers

- Reimagining Justice through the Feminist Lens with a particular focus on Eva Kittay's Care Ethics, in Dynamics of Social Changes Trajectory through Literary and Linguistic Studies (Eds), Dr. Sudarsana Sarkar, Dr. Udayan Chakraborty & Dr. Priyal Panchal, Imperial Publications, ISBN: 978-93-91044-58-9, 2024
- Examining the Idea of Smartness in the Concept of Smart City: A Study of Ahmedabad Smart City Project and Lessons for Other Smart Cities, Journal of Governance and Public Policy, ISSN 2231-0924 Volume 12, No 1, January-June 2022 pp: 33-44
- Emerging Model villages in India: A study of Punsari Village from the state of Gujarat, Croatian and Comparative Administration, Vol 19 No 2 (2019) ISSN (Online) 1849-2150, ISSN (Print) 1848-0357(<https://doi.org/10.31297/hkju.19.2.3>)
- Revisiting Philosophy of Governance in Kautilya's Arthashastra, International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts, Volume 6, Issue 1 March 2018, ISSN: 2320-2882
- Smart Cities: Urban Governance or Urban Management?, Local Government Quarterly, Vol: LXXXVI, No.4, October-December, 2016(ISSN0024-5623)
- Understanding Local Governance in the context of Globalization, Local Government Quarterly, Vol: LXXXVI, No.1, January-March, 2016(ISSN0024-5623)
- Rural Local Self-Governing Bodies in India: Locus of Participatory Democracy (Conclusions from Thane District), International Law Journal on Trade, Business and Economics, Vol 1 Issue 1, December 2014 (ISBN:978-0-9930368-2-8Online)
- Prepared Course Material on Pandita Ramabai, Alexandra Kollontai, and Liberal Democracy and Capitalism for IGNOU
- Book Chapters written for Balbharati Textbook of 11th & 12th Grade
- Book Review John Rawls- Debating Major Questions, Sambhashan, July August September 2021 Vol 2 No.3

Hobbies

- An avid marathoner
- Writing Poetry (Hindi/Urdu/Gujarati)
- Learning Kathak
- Reading spiritual & personal development books

Research Projects:

- Research Project on, "Rural Development through the idea of Model or Smart village: A study of Punsari village from the state of Gujarat", Travel Grant of Rs.23000 sanctioned under UGC CAS Programme.
- Minor Research Project (2019-20) on, "Examining the idea of smartness in the concept of Smart city: A study of Ahmedabad Smart City Project and Lessons for other Smart Cities", a grant of Rs/- 60000 was sanctioned by ICSSR, WRC, Mumbai

Orientation & Refresher Courses:

- Refresher Course in Managing Online Classes & Co-creating MOOCs 18.0, organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College University of Delhi, from 07 - 21 September, 2022
- 47th Refresher Course in Political Sciences, Law and Public Administration organised by UGC-HRDC JNU in ONLINE mode from 11th January 2021 – 23rd January 2021.
- Refresher Course on Research Methodology in Social Science jointly organized by HRDC, University of Mumbai and Department of Economics, University Of Mumbai from November 3, 2016 to November 23, 2016.
- orientation program organized by HRDC, University Of Mumbai from October 28, 2014 to November 25, 2014

Papers presented at National & International Conferences:

- Presented a Paper titled "Right to water & Urban Governance" at a National Conference organized by Ramnaraian Ruia college and sponsored by ICSSR On 3rd and 4th March 2014
- Presented a paper titled "Panchayati Raj Institutions: Central Processing Units of Democracy- Observations from Thane District" at a National Conference organized by Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Contemporary Studies Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Contemporary Studies, University of Mumbai, 20th and 21st March 2014
- Presented a paper titled ""Rural Local Self-Governing Bodies in India: Locus of Participatory Democracy (Conclusions from Thane District)" at Annual International Conference on Law, Economics and Politics, 1-3 September 2014, Green Templeton College, Oxford, United Kingdom
- Presented a paper titled "Smart City Program: Implications on governance In urban India", at National conference on India in 21st Century: Governance and foreign Policy imperatives, organized by Department of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai, JAIR, MAKKAIAS, ORF, 19-20December,2016
- Presented a paper titled, "Juxtaposing Modern conception of Governance with Kautilian Model of Governance", at a national conference jointly organized by CIILS & Department of Philosophy University of Mumbai and ICPR New Delhi, 1-2 November 2017 (It was given the Best Paper Award)
- Presented a paper titled "Revisiting Philosophy of governance in Kautilya's Arthashastra", at a National Seminar organized by SIES College, Mumbai, 9- 10th February2018
- Presented a paper titled, "Rural Governance in China and India: A Comparative Perspective, at an international conference on "Role of China in South Asia" organized by Dept. Of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai, 26th February 2018 to 28th February2018
- Presented a paper on "Emerging Model Villages in India: A case study of Punsari Village from the state of Gujarat" selected for World Politics Congress, organized by International Political Science Association, 21st July to 25th July, 2018 at Brisbane, Australia
- Presented a paper on "State a tool or a telos: A comparative study of Kautilian state and Modern conception of state", at Kane Memorial Seminar, 21st to 22nd February, 2019 at Asiatic Society, Mumbai.
- Presented a paper on "NCC and Youth of India: A Perspective of an Insider and of a Political Scientist" at a National Seminar on 'Youth Alone Can' organized by Professor Bal Apte Centre for Studies in Student and Youth Movements, University of Mumbai in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) 27- 28 September 2019.
- Presented a paper titled "Eurocentric Interpretive Frames or Indigenous Political Ideas: Understanding the political in western and ancient Indian traditions" at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla on 23rd June 2023 as an UGC IUC Associate for the month of June 2023
- Presented a paper titled "Feminist Perspectives on Climate Justice as Social Justice and Reorienting Urban Policies" at an International Conference on Climate Justice and Resilience: an inter disciplinary dialogue organized by Kamala Raheja Vidyanidhi Institute of Architecture and University of Florida 14-15 March 2024.

Academic & Administrative Responsibilities:

- Organized Lecture Series on 'Gender and Political Theory' in the year 2022-23 at the Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai
- Organized a special Lecture Series on Theory, Thought and Politics at the Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai
- Prepared a module on "Democracy, Elections & Good Governance" for the State Election Commission of Maharashtra. This is going to be introduced for the 1st Year Bachelors course from Academic Year 2017-18 in all colleges across the state.
- Panel member of the Curriculum Design Committee for Credit based Semester Program i.e. M.A. Political Science (Honors) 2017 to 2022 and MA (Politics Course under NEP 2020, Department of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai.
- Presiding Officer/ FPO of Polling booth in National Assembly Elections 2014, 2019, 2024
- Member of the UGC CAS Advisory Committee of the Department of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai
- Recognized as a PhD Guide, University of Mumbai
- Member of the Board of Studies of Ramnaraian Ruia College(2019-2021), (2021-25)
- External Referee for Evaluating PhD thesis at Sardar Patel University, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Organized a workshop on Ethics in Research for PhD students of Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai

Presentations/ Talks by Invitation:

- Smart cities - issues in urban governance, symposium on smart cities or Smart Urbanization, jointly organized by TISS and CRH, 27th February, 2016
- Invited as a Moderator and a Panelist to talk on 'Conception of Development' at Vox Populi' organized by Ramnanarain Ruia College, 18th December 2017
- Invited to deliver a lecture on Rural Governance in Maharashtra by Vaze Kelkar College Mulund 30th August 2019
- Invited to deliver a lecture on Qualitative Research Methods in a Workshop on Research Methods organized by SIES College, Sion on 27th January 2020
- Delivered an online lecture on Antonio Gramsci- Hegemony (in Marathi) for a webinar Organised by T K Tope College Parel, 14th July 2020
- Presented a paper titled, "Raja Kalasya Karanam: Understanding Leadership the Indic Way" at International Webinar on Leadership and Economy organized by Kautilya International Foundation and Foundation, Delhi, Maharaja Agrasen University, H.P. and Invertis University, Bareilly, U.P., 25,26,27 November and 1-4 December 2020.
- Invited to talk on Future of Ideology by Gujarat Thinker's Federation, MS University Vadodara, 26th September 2021
- Invited to present a paper on "Contemporary issues and Amartya Sen's Views on Justice and capability approach" by Maharashtra Tatvagyan Parishad at Sonopant Dandekar Mahavidyalaya, Palghar, 1st October 2021
- Invited to give a lecture on, "Trajectory of Democracy in post independent India", on 29th November 2021 organised by Sonopant Dandekar College, Palghar
- Invited to give a virtual lecture on Feminist Theories for a Refresher Course Organised by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Savitribai Phule Pune University on 13th January 2022
- Invited to give a virtual lecture on Public Policy Making Process for Masters Program Students by Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune on 8th April 2022
- Invited to present a paper titled, "Reflections on State: a comparative study of Modern & Kautilian state" at a National conference on Indian Knowledge System organized by Kautilya International Foundation at Amrita Institute of Management & Engineering, Bangalore, 13th to 19th February 2023
- Presented a paper titled, "Reimagining justice through feminist lens with a special focus on Eva Kittay's care ethics", at a National Seminar on Idea of Justice: Indian & Western, organized by ICPR and Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow, 25th to 27th September, 2023.

Memberships in Professional Organizations:

1. Member of International Political Science Association
2. Member of Ruia Alumni Association
3. Member of Screen Writers Association, Mumbai

Web links of the Lectures/ performances available online:

- Good Governance & Kautilya Arthashastra (National Conference Paper Presentation)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KkNyBw5kVo&t=592s>
- Antonio Gramsci Hegemony (Marathi)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psn-F-URDuM&feature=youtu.be>
- Tanhai by Sanhita Joshi
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WwIRxVRW8s>
- Andaz e Zindgi by Sanhita Joshi
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCtgMSNyVQQ>
- Invited to discuss Maharashtra Political Turmoil June 2022
<https://youtu.be/YvtvVfuFBwM>
CNN News 18
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9e3jE13NXKY> CNN News 18
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kYFuSnA35c> CNN News 18
<https://youtu.be/2HleWqB4ajA>
India Ahead News Channel
https://youtu.be/HzY_XNnmgo4
India Ahead News Channel
<https://youtu.be/FLP-9MAZJuE>
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Cell# 9820939422
- **Date of Birth:** 06th AUG 1982
- **Marital Status:** Married
- **Languages:** English, Gujarati, Marathi, Hindi, Sanskrit (Basic), Urdu (Basic)