Aparna Vincent

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Research Interests

My research interests are in normative political theory and interpretative study of Indian politics. Currently, I am pursuing individual and collaborative research projects to analyse the normative construction of discourses through rhetoric and symbolism in Indian politics.

Skills

Analysis, Research, Editing, Communication and Teaching English, Hindi, Malayalam (all Speak, Read and Write)

Education

PhD (Political Science)

University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, January 2019 'Moral Panic and Civic Anger in Two Anti-Corruption Protest Movements in India' (Supervisor: Sanjay Palshikar)

MPhil (Political Science)

University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, July 2012 'Symbolic Aspects of Online Activism' (Supervisor: Vasanthi Srinivasan) CGPA 8.5/10

MA (Political Science)

University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, May 2011 CGPA 8.75/10 with Distinction

PG Diploma (Governance)

University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, June 2011 With First Class (68%)

BA (History, Economics and Political Science)

Bangalore University, Christ College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, March 2009 With Distinction (82%)

Higher Secondary (Class XII)

Board of Higher Secondary Education (Kerala), March 2006 Sree Narayana Higher Secondary School, Ernakulam With Distinction (91%)

Secondary (Class X)

Board of Public Examinations (Kerala), March 2004 Anita Vidyalaya, Ernakulam With First Class (78%)

Eligibility

UGC National Eligibility Test, June 2012

Other **Qualifications**

Certificate in Philosophy (Existentialism), June–September 2008 Department of Media Studies, Christ University, Bengaluru

Certificate in International Trade & Globalisation, August–October 2007 Department of Economics, Christ University, Bengaluru

Teaching Experience

Indian Institute of Management, Indore

March 2021-

Courses: Political Philosophy (3 credits); Environment Politics (2 credits); Business, Government and Society (4 credits)

Sacred Heart College, Ernakulam

June 2019-March 2020

Courses: An Introduction to the Concepts of Political Science; Indian

Polity: Governmental Machinery and Processes

Christ University, Bengaluru

July 2015

Course: Political Philosophy (2 credits)

De Paul Institute of Religion and Philosophy, Bengaluru IGNOU Special Study Centre

July 2014

Course: Political Philosophy (2 credits)

Research Experience

Research Officer, Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru

November 2018-June 2019.

Research Assistant, Project on Sectarian Violence in India

Project commissioned by *Economic and Political Weekly* to Professor Sanjay Palshikar (University of Hyderabad) and Professor Satish Deshpande (University of Delhi), June–December 2017.

Research Assistant, 'Discourses on Informational Privacy'

UGC Special Assistance Programme project of Professor Vasanthi Srinivasan (Department of Political Science) and Professor Prajit Basu (Department of Philosophy), University of Hyderabad, 2012–13.

Consultancy Experience

Consultant, Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru

November 2020–February 2021

Editorial Experience

Co-editor, Ala: A Kerala Studies Blog

Publications

Academic

Vincent, Aparna. 'Role of Visual Rhetoric in Teaching and Learning Political Science', *Studies in Indian Politics* 8, no. 1 (June 2020): 1–7. Indexed in Scopus.

Vincent, Aparna. 'Sacred Symbols and Practices across the Religious-Secular Divide', *Journal of Dharma* 40, no. 2 (June 2015): 231–53. Indexed in Scopus and Arts & Humanities Citation Index.

Vincent, Aparna. 'Ideological Preferences versus National Integration of India', *Journal of Dharma* 33, no. 3 (September 2008): 303–11. Indexed in Scopus and Arts & Humanities Citation Index.

Opinion

Vincent, Aparna. 'Corporate Greenwashing: A Troubling Reality', *Madras Courier*, January 25, 2022.

Vincent, Aparna. 'Kerala Elephant Death: It's Time We Moved from Collective Disgust to Collective Responsibility', *Deccan Herald*, May 5, 2020.

Vincent, Aparna. 'Story of Cong "Compassion" vs BJP "Aggression" in Polls', *Deccan Herald*, April 13, 2019.

Vincent, Aparna and Preeti Raghunath. 'Saving the Public University', *The Hindu*, September 30, 2016.

Vincent, Aparna and Sinjini Bhattacharya. 'When a Campus Mourns: Collective Loss and Leaving Inertia Behind', *Counter Currents*, January 21, 2015.

Awards and Fellowships

Doctoral Fellowship, Indian Council for Social Science Research (2014–2015)

Christ University Alumni Association Award for Academic Excellence (2007, 2008, 2009)

Invited Talks

'Liberal Values in Indian Constitution'

Value-Added Lecture, Department of Political Science, University of Calicut (Kerala), December 3, 2021.

'Utility of Social Construction Theories'

Lecture, Tata Institute of Social Studies, Tuljapur (Maharashtra), November 9, 2020.

'Experiencing Pandemic Through Images'

Talk (in Malayalam), Webinar series on *Understanding Covid Pandemic*, Institute of Social and Ecological Studies (Kerala), September 2020.

'Academic Life and Civic Thinking'

National Webinar, MSM College, Kayamkulam (Kerala), August 27, 2020.

Conferences and Workshops

'Politics of Adaptation in the Era of Pandemic'

Presented paper at the international conference *Shifting Paradigms in Narratives in the Age of Pandemic* organised by PG and Research Department of English, NSS Hindu College, Changanassery, April 2022.

'Visual Imagery and Disaster Relief: The Case of Kerala Floods 2018 and 2019'

Presented paper at the international conference *Politics, Media and Environment: Indian and European Experience* organised by Pondicherry University (India), in collaboration with Heinrich-Heine Dusseldorf, Ruhr University, Bochum (Germany) and Justus-Liebig University, Giessen (Germany), at Pondicherry University, March 2020.

Research Methodology

Conducted one-day workshop. External Mentor, 'Walk with a Scholar' programme, Sree Narayana College for Women, Kollam (Kerala), January 2020.

'Electoral Rhetoric around Female Political Leaders in India'

Presented paper at the national seminar *Politics Before Elections* organised by Indian Council for Social Science Research (Southern Regional Centre) and Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, April 2019.

'Virtual Games as New Forms of Political Engagement'

Presented paper at *Social Science Congress*, Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad, March 2017.

'Sacred Symbols and Practices across the Religious-Secular Divide'

Presented paper at the conference *Dharma: Interface between Secular and Sacred*, Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bengaluru, January 2015.