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Nationality Australian

Specialty International Law, Sustainable Development, Migration, Environmental Justice, Postcolonialism

Legal Specialties Sustainable Development Law, International Environmental Law, Law & Economic Development,

International Refugee & Migration Law, Laws of Armed Conflict

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in International Law

College of Law, Australian National University, Canberra.

Thesis: 2003 Iraq Invasion and the Nature of International Law: Third World Approaches to International Law ANU Law PhD Scholarship, Australian Postgraduate Award.

Masters (MA) in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes

2003

2009

United Nations University for Peace, Costa Rica.

Thesis: Human Rights, Culture & Conflict Prevention in Kashmir

Scholarship, Graduated with Distinction, Highest Grade Average, Class President, Valedictorian.

Bachelor of Law (LLB) specialization International Law *Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.* **2000**

Bachelor of Arts (BA) specialization in Art History *Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.* **2000**

Graduate Certificate in International Humanitarian Law, International Committee for the Red Cross. 2003

Graduate Certificate in Human Rights

European Academy (EURAC), Bozen/Bolzano, Italy. 2000

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR ON GRANTS

- 1. Refugee Entitlements in Egypt, European Union, Democracy & Human Rights Grant.
- 2. Eradicating Statelessness in North Africa, London School of Economics and Political Science.
- Third World Approaches to International Law Cairo Conference, Canadian Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, Harvard Law School, Universities of Ireland, Windsor & York.
- 4. Locating Nature in International Law, Institute for Global Law & Policy, Harvard Law School.

AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS

Editor, Journal of Environmental Law & Practice, 2023 onward.

Editor, Journal of Human Rights and the Environment, 2020

Founding Editor, TWAIL Review, 2019 onward. Editor, African Yearbook of International Law, 2017-20.

AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS

2025-26 Honorary Fellow, University of the West Indies. 2024 O'Brien Fellow in Residence, McGill Law School. 2016-2024, Senior Fellow, Melbourne Law School. 2023-26 Law & Political Economy Faculty Fellow, Yale Law. 2020-23 Edward W Said Fellow, Columbia University. 2021-23 International Schulich Visiting Scholar, U. Dalhousie. 2020 Global South Visiting Scholar, British Columbia Law. 2018 Genest Global Fellow, Osgoode Hall Law School. 2012-2017 IGLP Workshop Faculty, Harvard Law School.

2016 IUCN Global Environmental Law Research Award. 2015 AUC Global Affairs Research Award. 2011 RP Anand International Law Essay Prize.

External Reviewer, Canada Research Chair, 2023.

External Reviewer, Canada NFRF Fund, 2020 onward.

External Reviewer, LSE Middle East Center Grants, 2019.

Human Rights Laboratory Advisory Board, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2014 onward.

Global Research Network Advisory Board, 2019-2022.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The University of the West Indies (Mona)

Kingston, 2025-2026 Research: TWAIL, Postcolonialism, Sustainable Development

Honorary Fellow

McGill Law School

Montreal, Fall 2024 Research: Climate Migration

O'Brien Fellow in Residence

Yale Law School

New Haven, 2023 - ongoing

Law & Political Economy Faculty Fellow

Research: Political Ecology and Environmental Justice

Melbourne Law School

Melbourne, 2016 – ongoing

Senior Fellow

Teaching: Sustainable Development & International Law

Columbia University

New York, 2020 – 2023

Edward W Said Fellow

Research: On Praxis and the Intellectual

Dalhousie University

Halifax, 2021 - 2023

International Schulich Law Visiting Scholar

Research: Natural Resource Governance; Teaching: Climate Law

University of British Columbia

Vancouver, 2019 – 2020

Global South Visiting Scholar

Teaching: Environmental Law, Natural Resource Law

American University in Cairo

Cairo, 2011 – 2020

Associate Professor of International Law *tenured & promoted in 2017

Associate Director, Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies

Teaching: International Law, Law & Economic Development, International Refugee Law, Migration in

International Law, Migration & Development, Euro-Mediterranean Migration Crises

IUCN Environmental Law Research Award 2016, AUC Global Affairs & Public Policy Research Awards:

Award 2015, RP Anand International Law Essay Prize 2011, 6 AUC Conference Awards (2013-

2018), nominee AUC Teaching Excellence (2011) & AUC Research Excellence (2017).

American University in Cairo

Cairo, July 2010 – June 2011

Visiting Assistant Professor of International Law, Department of Political Science

Teaching: International Law, International Law & Middle East, Law & Development, Imperialism & IL.

Center for International Sustainable Development Law

Montreal, July 2009 – June 2011

Legal Research Fellow on Human Rights & Poverty Eradication

College of Law, Australian National University

Canberra, Feb 2005 – June 2007

Tutor Teaching: International Law, Foundations of the Australian Legal System.

UNDP Indonesia, Legal Adviser, UN Ambassador for MDGs in Asia & Pacific

Jakarta, Aug 2003 – Aug 2004

World Bank, Legal Reform Adviser, Urban Poverty Project

Jakarta, June – Aug 2003

United Nations University for Peace, Assistant to Director, International Law Masters Costa Rica, Jan – June 2003

UNESCO, Adviser, Culture Unit, Regional Office for Southeast Asia

Jakarta, Mar – Sept 2002

UNDP Indonesia & Institute for Judicial Independence, Legal Reform Adviser Jakarta, Oct 2001 – Mar 2002

Indonesian National Human Rights Commission (KomNasHAM), Legal Adviser Jakarta, Mar – Aug 2001

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

- Racializing Nature and Naturalizing Race', Journal of Law and Political Economy (forthcoming 2024).
- Colonialism, Jurisdiction and Sovereignty in Palestine' (2024) 35(2) National Law School of India Review 76.
- Roundtable: Locating Palestine in Third World Approaches to International Law' (with N Erakat et al), (2023) 52(4) *Journal of Palestine Studies* 100.
- 'The Global Commons: Deep Sea, Outer Space & Beyond' (2023) 37 Ocean Yearbook 3.
- Law & Critique: Hubris during Environmental Change' (2022) 21 Undercurrents 43.
- 'Climate, Conflict and International Law in the Middle East and Beyond' (2020) 114 ASIL Proceedings 160.
- 'A Journal for a Community' (with L Betancur-Restrepo et al) (2020) 1 TWAIL Review 7.
- 'Conspiring in Cairo and Canada: Placing TWAIL Scholarship and Praxis' (with S Xavier, A Bhatia & J Reynolds) (2017) 33 Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice v.
- Introduction TWAIL: On Praxis and the Intellectual' (with S Xavier, A Bhatia & J Reynolds) (2016) 31(11) *Third World Quarterly* 1946.
- Introduction to the Locating Nature Symposium' (with K Khoday et al) (2014) 27 Leiden Journal of International Law 573.
- Locating Nature: Making & Unmaking International Law' (with K Khoday) (2014) 27 Leiden Journal International Law 573.
- '(Post)Revolutionary Interlinkages: Labour, Environment and Accumulation' (with L Eslava and R Parfitt) (2013) 4 Transnational Legal Theory 108.
- TWAIL & the Environment: The State of Nature, The Nature of the State and the Arab Spring' (2012) 14 Oregon Review of International Law 177.
- 'Fairness and International Environmental Law from Below: Social Movements and Legal Transformation in India' (with K Khoday) (2012) 25 Leiden Journal of International Law 415.
- Law, Development and the Arab Revolution' (with K Khoday) (2012) 56 Supreme Court Law Review 817.
- 'Creating and Recreating Iraq: Legacies of the Mandate System for Contemporary Understandings of Third World Sovereignty' (2011) 24 Leiden Journal of International Law 799.
- 'On the Nature of International Law and Human Development' (with K Khoday) *The Global Community: Yearbook of International Law and Jurisprudence* (Oxford 2010).
- 'A Third World Approach to Debating the Iraq War' (2009) 9 International Community Law Review 405.

Book Chapters

- Third World Approaches to Migration in International Law' in A Anghie et al (eds), Research Handbook on Third World Approaches to International Law (forthcoming Elgar 2024).
- Climate Change & Right to Solidarity' in C Baillet (ed), International Law & Solidarity (Elgar 2023).
- International Law and Sustainable Development' in R Buchanan, L Eslava & S Pahuja, Oxford Handbook on International Law & Development (OUP 2023).
- Where is the Environment?' (with J Dehm) in U Natarajan & J Dehm (eds), Locating Nature: Making and Unmaking International Law (CUP 2022).
- Locating Nature: Making and Unmaking International Law' (with K Khoday) in U Natarajan & J Dehm (eds), Locating Nature: Making and Unmaking International Law (CUP 2022).
- Who Do We Think We Are? Human Rights in a Time of Ecological Change' in U Natarajan & J Dehm (eds), Locating Nature: Making and Unmaking International Law (CUP 2022).
- 'Remaking International Law' (with J Dehm) in U Natarajan & J Dehm (eds), Locating Nature: Making and Unmaking International Law (CUP 2022).
- Measuring the Immeasurable: Nature, Loss and Damage' in M Doelle & S Seck (eds), Research Handbook on Climate Change Law and Loss & Damage (Elgar 2021).
- 'Environment' (with Khoday) in D'Aspremont & Haskell (eds), Tipping Points in International Law (CUP 2021).
- Decolonization in Third and Fourth Worlds' in S Xavier et al (eds), Decolonizing Law (Routledge 2021).
- 'Climate Justice' in M Valverde et al (eds), Routledge Handbook on Law and Society (Routledge 2021).
- 'Mirrors, Mirages & the Development Myth' in S Ballakrishnan & S Dezalay (eds), *Invisible Institutionalisms:* Collective Reflections on the Shadows of Legal Globalization (Hart 2020).
- Environmental Justice and the Global South' in S Atapattu et al (eds), Cambridge Handbook on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development (CUP 2021).
- * Reflections on Rhetoric and Rage: Bandung and Environmental Injustice' (with K Mickelson) in L Eslava et al (eds), Bandung, Global History and International Law: Critical Pasts and Pending Futures (CUP 2017).

- TWAIL and the Environment' in A Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos & V Brooks (eds), *Handbook of Research Methods in Environmental Law* (Edward Elgar 2017).
- 'Accounting for the Absence of Rule of Law: History, Culture and Causality' in H Charlesworth & J Farrall (eds), Strengthening the Rule of Law through the UN Security Council (Routledge 2016).
- International Environmental Law' in Rom Bhandari (ed), International Law & Africa (Think Africa 2012) 8.
- Democratization and Constitutional Reform in Egypt and Indonesia: The Role of the Military' (with J Maswood) in B Korany & R El-Mahdi (eds), The Arab Spring: Egypt in Revolution and Beyond (AUC Press 2012).

Edited Volumes

- S Atapattu, C Farid, U Natarajan & S Puvimanasinghe (eds), *Environmental Justice in South Asia* (forthcoming Routledge 2024).
- V Chapaux, F Megret & U Natarajan (eds), Routledge Handbook on International Law & Anthropocentrism (Routledge 2023).
- U Natarajan & J Dehm (eds), Locating Nature: Making and Unmaking International Law (CUP 2022).
- U Natarajan, J Reynolds, A Bhatia & S Xavier (eds), TWAIL: On Praxis and the Intellectual (Routledge 2018).
- Associate Editor, 'TWAIL Cairo Symposium: On Praxis and the Intellectual' (with S Xavier, A Bhatia & J Reynolds) (2017) 33 Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice.
- Associate Editor, 'Special Issue on Third World Approaches to International Law TWAIL: On Praxis and the Intellectual' (with S Xavier, A Bhatia & J Reynolds) (2016) 37(11) Third World Quarterly.

Professional Commentaries

- 'Radical Imaginings of "Just & Green" Futures' (with I Isailovic et al), TWAILR: Extra (13 May 2024).
- 'A Planetary Green New Deal' (with J Dehm), AfronomicsLAW (11 December 2023).
- Nature and the Conceit of Law', Volkerrechtsblog, Symposium on Feminist Theory and International Law: Posthuman Feminisms, 23 May 2023.
- Constituting the Economic', Transformative Private Law Blog, Symposium: Towards a Sustainable Global Economic Law, 11 July 2022.
- Environmental Law Towards Sustainability Targets' (with DS Olawuyi et al) (2022) 5(6) One Earth 577.
- Who Defines Economy and Value in International Law?' in *Towards a Sustainable Global Economic Law Symposium: Constituting the Economic*, Transformative Private Law Blog, 11 July 2022.
- 'Meltdown!' (with J Dehm & C Gonzalez) (2021) 9 TWAILR: Dialogues.
- Where is the Environment?' (with J Dehm) (2019) 3 TWAILR: Reflections.
- 'Migration Myths and the Global South' (with I Awad), (2018) 30 Cairo Review of Global Affairs 46.
- 'Human Rights: Help or Hindrance to Combating Climate Change', Open Democracy, 2015.
- 'Forced Displacement from Syria or How to Institutionalize Suffering' (2013) 2(6) ESIL Reflections.
- 'On Visibility and Changing the Deal', Law's Slow Violence, Institute for Feminist Legal Studies, Osgoode Hall, 2013.
- Climate Change in a Multipolar World'; 'Sustainable Development as Freedom'; 'Fairness in International Environmental Law or How Much Should a Person Consume?'; and 'Dreaming of Sustainability: The Jiva, the Serpent, and Climate Change in Melanesia' (with K Khoday) E-Discussion on Climate Change and Human Development UNDP, Human Development Report, Asia-Pacific Regional Centre (2012) 64, 157, 254, 271.

Working Papers

- 'Accounting for the Absence of Rule of Law: History, Culture and Causality', Strengthening the Rule of Law through the UN Security Council Workshop Papers, Centre for International Governance and Justice, Regulatory Institutions Network, Australian National University (2012).
- 'Combating Social Exclusion and Ecological Change Through Legal Empowerment of the Poor' (with K Khoday), CISDL Legal Working Paper Series (Center for International Sustainable Development Law, 2012).
- *The Return to Eden: Combating Ecological Change through Indigenous Rights' (with K Khoday) CISDL Legal Working Paper (Center for International Sustainable Development Law, 2011).

Other

- 'A TWAIL Reading of the Arab Spring: Reflections on Sovereignty over Natural Resources', *Inaugural RP Anand International Law Essay Prize* (2012).
- 'Special Panel in Honor of Professor RP Anand' with Judge Xue Hanqin (ICJ), Professors A Anghie, BS Chimni, Sornarajah and S Subedi, UN Audiovisual Library of International Law Lecture Series.