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<i>Citizenship</i>	Australian	<i>Gender</i>	Female
<i>Country of Birth</i>	India	<i>Country of Residence</i>	Jamaica
<i>Languages</i>	Fluent: English, Tamil.	<i>Knowledge:</i>	Arabic, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Mandarin, Spanish
<i>Specialty</i>	International Law, Sustainable Development, Migration, Environmental Justice, Postcolonialism		
<i>Legal Specialties</i>	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 <i>College of Law, Australian National University, Canberra.</i> Thesis: 2003 Iraq Invasion and the Nature of International Law: Third World Approaches to International Law ANU Law PhD Scholarship, Australian Postgraduate Award.	2009
Masters (MA) in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes <i>United Nations University for Peace, Costa Rica.</i> Thesis: Human Rights, Culture & Conflict Prevention in Kashmir Scholarship, Graduated with Distinction, Highest Grade Average, Class President, Valedictorian.	2003
Bachelor of Law (LLB) specialization International Law <i>Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.</i>	2000
Graduate Certificate in International Humanitarian Law , <i>International Committee for the Red Cross.</i>	2003
Bachelor of Arts (BA) specialization in Art History <i>Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.</i>	2000
Graduate Certificate in Human Rights <i>European Academy (EURAC), Bozen/Bolzano, Italy.</i>	2000

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR ON GRANTS

1. *Refugee Entitlements in Egypt*: €233,000, European Union, Democracy & Human Rights Grant.
2. *Eradicating Statelessness in North Africa*: £100,000, London School of Economics and Political Science.
3. *Third World Approaches to International Law Cairo Conference*: \$75,000, Canadian Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, Harvard Law School, Universities of Ireland, Windsor & York.
4. *Locating Nature in International Law*: \$30,000, 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 onward.
 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, ISE 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
Honorary Fellow Research: TWAIL, Postcolonialism, Sustainable Development
- McGill Law School** Montreal, Fall 2024
O'Brien Fellow in Residence Research: Climate Migration
- 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
Awards: IUCN Environmental Law Research Award 2016, AUC Global Affairs & Public Policy Research 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

TEACHING ~ CORE & ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS

International Law
International Environmental Law
Law and Economic Development
International Refugee Law
Migration in International Law
Sustainable Development Law
International Law & Armed Conflict

Environmental Justice and the Global South
Global Migration Crises
Imperialism and International Law
International Law in the Middle East
Law, Environment & Development
Migration & Development
Natural Resources & Sustainable Development

Teaching Philosophy: Inclusive • Respectful • Self-reflective • Critical • Interdisciplinary • Multimedia

EXTERNAL TEACHING INVITATIONS

- Visiting Associate Professor, *International Law & Development*, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Feb-April 2025.
- Senior Fellow, *International Law & Sustainable Development*, University of Melbourne, Oct 2024.
- Guest Lecturer, *Climate Migration & International Law*, Sherbrooke University, Sept 2024.
- Guest Lecturer, *Sustainable Development Law*, Lund University, Jan 2024, Nov 2021 & Nov 2020.
- Guest Lecturer, *Public International Law*, McGill University, Nov 2023 & Nov 2022.
- Guest Lecturer, *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*, Windsor University, Aug 2023.
- Guest Lecturer, *International Law & Development*, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Apr 2023.
- Guest Lecturer, *Environmental Rights & Responsibilities*, University of Melbourne, Mar 2023.
- Guest Lecturer, *Transnational Law; International Environmental Law; Natural Resource Law*, University of British Columbia, Feb 2023, Feb 2022 & Feb 2020.
- Guest Lecturer, *Climate Change Law*, Dalhousie University, Oct 2022.
- Guest Lecturer, *International Law & the Global South*, Johns Hopkins University, March 2022.
- Senior Fellow, *International Law & Sustainable Development*, University of Melbourne, October 2020.
- Guest Lecturer, *Gender, Law & Development*, Australian National University, Sept 2020.
- Guest Lecturer, *Climate Change & Migration Law*, Sherbrooke University, June 2020.
- Guest Lecturer, *International Law*, Windsor Law School, Windsor, 10 Oct 2019.
- Guest Lecturer, *International Law*, Windsor Law School, Windsor, 22 Nov 2018.
- Guest Lecturer, *International Refugee Law*, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, 14 Nov 2018.
- Senior Fellow, *Environment, Development & International Law*, University of Melbourne, August 2018.
- Instructor, *Migration Law & Asylum Law Inter-Ministerial Training for the Government of Egypt*, Nov 2017.
- Instructor, *Migration & Development Inter-Ministerial Training for the Government of Egypt*, Nov 2017.
- Instructor, *Migration Law & Asylum Law Inter-Ministerial Training for the Government of Egypt*, Nov 2016.
- Senior Fellow, *Environment, Development & International Law*, University of Melbourne, August 2016.
- Faculty Member, *Annual IGLP Workshops*, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, 2012-2017: Work within faculty team to design and deliver annual teaching streams, lectures, writing workshops, discussion panels, and reading groups.
- Guest Lecturer, *Law & Development*, Melbourne Law Masters, University of Melbourne, April 2016.
- Guest Lecturer, *Law of Armed Conflict and the Use of Force*, AUC Law Department, Spring 2016.
- Instructor, *Short Course on Euro-Mediterranean Migration and Refugee Crisis: Origins, Effects, Responses*, Cairo, Feb 2016.
- Instructor, *Short Course on Displaced by Armed Conflict: Protection under International Law*, Cairo, May 2015.
- Guest Lecturer, *Graduate Law Seminar*, AUC Law Department, Fall 2014.
- Instructor, *Migration Trends, Challenges & Legal Frameworks in Egypt*, IOM & EU, Cairo, May 2013.
- Guest Lecturer, *A Constitution for Egypt*, AUC Law Department, Fall 2011.
- Guest Lecturer, *Graduate Law Seminar*, AUC Law Department, Fall 2011.

STUDENT SUPERVISION & MENTORING

Graduate Theses: External Examiner for 10 PhD theses
Lead Supervisor of 24 graduate theses
Member of Examination Panel for 32 graduate theses
Member of Jury Panel for University Graduate Thesis Awards

Center for Migration and Refugee Studies Graduate Program Director & Student Advisor: Ran the CMRS degree and diploma programs and advised all graduate students on coursework, theses, and grants.

Student Development: Provided professional opportunities for students under my research grants, events, research assistantships, and teaching assistantships.
Provided references and contacts for jobs, PhD placements and scholarships.
Reviewed, promoted and published student research.
Prioritized support for disadvantaged students.

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 of 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 and the Right to Solidarity' in C Baillet (ed), *Research Handbook on International Law and 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 K Khoday) in J D'Aspremont & J 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).
- 'TWAAIL 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 Press 2012) Ch 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), *TWAAIL: On Praxis and the Intellectual* (Routledge 2018).
- Associate Editor, 'TWAAIL 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 – TWAAIL: 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), *TWAAILR: 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! International Law Praxis in Socioecological Crises' (with J Dehm & C Gonzalez) (2021) 9 *TWAAILR: Dialogues*.
- 'Where is the Environment? Locating Nature in International Law' (with J Dehm) (2019) 3 *TWAAILR: 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 Global Rights*, 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 Unit, Asia-Pacific Regional Centre (2012) 64-65, 157-160, 254-257, 271-274.

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*.

RESEARCH INNOVATION, LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Locating Nature in International Law: Commencing with 2 grants from Harvard Law School in 2013, I lead an ongoing global collaborative research project shaping new approaches to the environment in international law through publications, workshops & events. I received the IUCN 2016 Research Award for this project.

Third World Approaches to International Law Review (TWAILR): First publication dedicated to TWAIL, I united an editorial team from 5 continents to found a reputable peer reviewed publication from 2019 onward.

Associate Director, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies: *Cairo (2014-2020)* Research center that engages in research, teaching, training, community outreach and service provision since its foundation in 2000.

Refugee Entitlements in Egypt: Principal Investigator, led a 10-person team, project funded by the European Commission to (i) map legal entitlements of refugees, asylum-seekers, and failed asylum-seekers in Egypt, including differential entitlements on basis of nationality, and assesses implementation challenges; (ii) raise awareness in government and civil society; and (iii) build stakeholders’ legal capacity through tailored trainings.

Reducing Statelessness in North Africa: Principal Investigator for a grant in partnership with the London School of Economics and Political Science and the Association Marocaine d’Etudes & de Recherches sur les Migrations (AMERM). This project promotes recognition and respect of rights of children and adults to documents that officially confirm their identity and nationality, both in the host state and the state of origin.

2016 Environmental Law Research Award, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, Oslo, 23 June 2016: Award from leading environmental law academy consisting of a network of more than 200 law schools from all continents. Takes worldwide nominations and is assessed by leading environmental law scholars.

Third World Approaches to International Law Conference: On Praxis and the Intellectual, American University in Cairo, 21-24 Feb 2015: Led this landmark conference, the first TWAIL gathering in the Global South and largest TWAIL gathering at the time with 85 speakers from five continents and 100 attendees.

Inaugural RP Anand International Law Award, RP Anand Center of International Law, March 2012: Panel of eminent international jurists awarded inaugural prize honoring RP Anand’s formative contributions.

UN Consultancies: *OHCHR Geneva (2014 onward)* Advisor on climate change and migration law to UN Special Rapporteur on Racism, UN Special Rapporteur on Right to Food, UN Special Rapporteur on Right to Development, two UN Independent Experts on International Solidarity.

UNDP Tunis (Nov 2011) Regional consultation on constitutional reform and the Arab uprisings with international experts and government representatives from Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen.

Government Consultancies: *Buenos Aires & Montevideo (June 2018)* Invited to advise National Human Rights Commissions of Argentina and Uruguay on migrant and refugee rights in situations of mass displacement.

University Consultancies: *Amman (2023)*, Advisor to Columbia Global Centers Amman, Columbia University.

National and Regional Government Training: *IOM Cairo (2015-2017)* Annual inter-ministerial trainings to governmental officials from Egypt and across North Africa on migration law, asylum law, and development.

International Organization and NGO Trainings: *Cairo (2013-2017)* Summer and winter intensive short courses to IGOs and NGOs on Armed Conflict & Displacement, and on Euro-Mediterranean Migration Crisis.

Invited Speaker at over 90 Conferences, Workshops, Events and Panels.

Organized, Convened, Chaired or Moderated over 50 Conferences, Workshops and Events.

Peer Reviewer for leading disciplinary presses and journals.

REFERENCES

Professor Emeritus Georges ABI-SAAB, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland.

Professor Antony ANGHIE, National University of Singapore & University of Utah, United States.

Professor Ibrahim AWAD, American University in Cairo, Egypt.

Judge Hilary CHARLESWORTH, International Court of Justice, The Hague, Netherlands.

Professor BS CHIMNI, Jawaharlal Nehru University (retired), New Delhi, India.

Professor Michael FAKHRI, University of Oregon, Eugene, United States.

Professor Obiora Chinedu OKAFOR, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced & International Studies, United States.

Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed YUSUF, International Court of Justice, The Hague, Netherlands.