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Profiles

Dr. Balveer Arora, Chairman, Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Sciences



Academic Appointments, Awards and Honours:

Dr. Arora is the Founder - Chairman, Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Sciences (2010-continuing); Professor of Political Science, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (1987 -- 2010) | Associate Professor (1979-87) | Assistant Professor (1973-79). Conferred the title of Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honour (Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur) by the President of France in 2011. | Conferred the title of Officer in the Order of Academic Laurels ('Officier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques') by the Government of France in 2003. Member of the International Association of Centres for Federal Studies as Founder - Chairman, Centre for Multilevel Federalism, New Delhi (2013--). Honorary Visiting Professor, Political Sciences and Philosophy, Capital Normal University, Beijing (2007 -- continuing) | Visiting Professor, Asia Centre, Sciences Po, Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Paris (June 2006 & 2009)| Visiting Professor, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris and Adjunct Director of Studies, EHESS, Paris (May-June 2001/2003&04/2006-10) | Visiting Professor, FMSH – Maison Suger, (2011-18) ! Visiting Professor, University of Pennsylvania Centre for the Advanced Study of India, (CASI), Philadelphia (1994) | Honorary Fellow, Indian Federalism Programme, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi (1986 –1995). Visiting Fellow, Centre d' Etudes et de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (FNSP), Paris and Guest Faculty, Institut d' Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Paris (1983)

Academic Administration Responsibilities/ Positions held:

Rector and Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (2002 -- 2005); Chairman, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, (1989 –1991 and 1995 - 1997) Coordinator, UGC Special Assistance Programme, Centre for Political Studies, JNU (2004--2009) | Academic Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study, JNU, (2003-2004) | Honorary Director, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Northern Regional Centre (1999 --2002); Member of the Academic Council and of the University Court of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. (1989-91, 1995-97, 2002-- 2008)

Scientific, Cultural and Voluntary Organisations: Boards/Panels/Committees

Vice President of the Institut International Transcultura, Paris and Member of its Scientific Council (Founder – President: Umberto Eco) (2005—continuing), Chairman, Governing Board, Durgabai Deshmukh College for Special Education, Blind Relief Trust, University of Delhi (2019--) | Member of the Board of the NGO Water for People India (2018--) |Chairman, Governance and Nominations Committee and member of the Governing Board of Plan India, an affiliate of Plan International (2008 - 2017) | Member of the Advisory Council of the India International Centre, New Delhi and of its Programme Planning Advisory Group on Politics and Governance. (2002--2005). Former Président, Alliance Française de Delhi (2012-14) ; Vice President (2006-- 2008) and Member of the Governing Board (2000 – continuing) | Member of the 3 Indo-French Round Table Forum and Coordinator (Education), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (2005-2009) | Member of Consultative Group on Conflict Resolution and of the Steering Committee, Fourth International Conference on Federalism, Ministry of Home Affairs, Inter State Council, Government of India, New Delhi (2005-2009) ! Founding President of the Sciences-Po India Alumni Association (2008-2018) | Member of the Scientific Council of the French Network of Institutes of Advanced Studies (RFIEA) Paris, (2008--2011) and of the International Scientific Evaluation Committee of the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris (2006--2012); Amis of the FMSH (2013--) Member of the International Scientific Council of the Journal Confrontations, Paris, Seuil, EHESS-Centre Edgar Morin.(2012 --) and International Advisory Board of the Springer Series International Law and the Global South (2018--) ! Scientific Correspondent, Institute of Advanced Studies (Institut d'Etudes Avancees), Nantes, France. (2007 – continuing); Member of the Scientific Council of the World Autonomies Project, and of the Ring of Friends, EURAC, Bolzano, Italy (2017 --) Member of the Advisory Committee of the Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi (2016 -- 2018] | Member of the Monitoring Committee for French Research Institutes in India – Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH) New Delhi and Institut Français de Pondicherry (IFP) (1998--2009) Member of Expert Panels / Boards of various Indian and foreign universities and Guest/Visiting Faculty/ Special Lectures / Keynote Speaker at INALCO 5th Asia Pacific Congress, Paris 2015; IDEP - Paris-Est Congress, Paris 2016; Flame University (Pune: 2016); Indian School of Business (Hyderabad: 2015).

Publications:

He has published extensively on Indian and comparative federalism, Indian government and politics, Comparative political institutions and processes.

Dr. Rene Van Berkel, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Representative, Regional Office India



Dr. René Van Berkel assumes responsibility for the Regional Office of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in India, which covers India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka. René has over 28 years professional experience in the areas of environment, industrial productivity and responsible business conduct particularly in emerging economies in Asia and elsewhere. He holds a strong track record of programme and strategy formulation and project development, management, implementation and evaluation, at national, regional and local levels.

He has previously served as Chief Technical Advisor for UNIDO's Resource efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) programme, Unit Chief (Cleaner and Sustainable Production) at UNIDO headquarters in Vienna. He provided oversight for the global RECP programme, guided the establishment and operation of the global RECP network and initiated thematic work on eco-industrial parks and RECP methods and tools. He also designed and managed national RECP programmes in Albania, Indonesia and Myanmar and regional RECP demonstration programme in the EU's Eastern Partnership region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine).

He has also worked as Australia's first full professor of Cleaner Production at Curtin University of Technology in Perth. During this time, he established an applied research and teaching programme in cleaner production and industrial ecology. He also cemented innovative partnerships between government, business and civil society aimed at fostering sustainable industrialization, in sectors as diverse as minerals processing, manufacturing and services. From 1989 to 1999 he held various research and leadership positions at the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. During this period he served extensively as a resource person to UNIDO, UNEP to support the first large scale applications of waste minimization in small scale industries in emerging economies in India and China.

Professor Ashish Bharadwaj, Dean, Jindal School of Banking & Finance, Executive Director, Office of Rankings, Benchmarking & Institutional Transformation (ORBIT), Founding Director, Jindal Initiative on Research in IP & Competition (JIRICO), O.P. Jindal Global University



Professor (Dr) Ashish Bharadwaj has previously worked at the Jindal Global Law School, Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition and as a Fellow at the Institute for Innovation Research and Technology Management in the University of Munich. He serves as an affiliated faculty at the Centre for Intellectual Property Research, Maurer School of Law at Indiana University Bloomington (USA) and as a Visiting Professor at the Institute of Innovation Research at Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo (Japan). Professor Bharadwaj writes on the role of technology innovation, intellectual property and competition in shaping societies; technical standards and patent licensing; national IPR & science-technology-innovation policies.

His other areas of interest are the interface of finance, law and new technology. He has more than 60 publications to his credit, including four books and several journal articles including the Queen Mary Journal of Intellectual Property, Capital University Law Review, John Marshall Review of Intellectual Property, Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice, European Intellectual Property Review and Jindal Global Law Review. Two of his books on technology innovation and patents that were published by Springer International have collectively been downloaded more than 100,000 times since their release in 2018. His invited opinions have been published in leading newspapers including The Guardian, Economic Times, Business Standard, Financial Express, The Hindu and Hindustan Times.

For research projects, Professor Bharadwaj has collaborated with six top ranked universities, two of the biggest technology companies in the world, four leading multilateral organizations and nine national government departments to contribute towards national IP policymaking, strengthening of national innovation systems, licensing of standard-essential patents on FRAND terms and several issues at the interface of law and economics.

Mr. Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, FICCI



Mr. Dilip Chenoy is currently Secretary General of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). He leads the permanent secretariat of the industry chamber, which is the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India, and a potent voice for policy change. FICCI represents over 2,50,000 members through Member Bodies covering all the States of India.

Before joining FICCI, Dilip served as Managing Director & CEO of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). NSDC fosters private sector investment and initiatives in training and skill development.

Dilip has also worked in several key industry organizations, including SIAM as its Director General. He was a member of the Harvard Business School project under Professor Michael Porter that worked on the competitiveness of Indian industry. With varied experiences of working in the private sector, he advices start-ups including organisations in the digital, education, skills and livelihood space. Dilip has also served as Chairman of an Engineering Institute.

A fellow of the World Academy of Productivity Science (WAPS), he was awarded the Indian Achievers Award in 2018, The Game Changer Award in 2015 and the Rashtriya Media Ratan Award in 2013

Ms. Suhasini Haidar, National Editor and Diplomatic Affairs Editor, The Hindu



Ms. Suhasini Haidar is the Diplomatic Editor of The Hindu and regularly writes on Foreign policy issues. Prior to this, Suhasini was Foreign Affairs editor and prime time anchor for India's leading 24-hr English news channel CNN-IBN (2005-2014), where she presented the signature show "WorldView with Suhasini Haidar", and Correspondent for CNN International's New Delhi bureau before that. In 2015, she was the recipient of the most prestigious Indian print journalism 'Prem Bhatia' award, and has won a series of awards for her work in Television as well.

Over the course of her 20-year reporting career, Suhasini has covered the most challenging stories & conflicts from the most diverse regions including Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Libya, Lebanon and Syria. In India, she has covered the foreign affairs beat for over a decade and her domestic assignments include political profiles and in-depth reportage from conflict zones including Kashmir, where she was injured in a bomb blast in 2000.

Suhasini Haidar worked with CNN International from 1995-2005, regularly reporting from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.She was part of the CNN team that won the ***Columbia-Dupont Broadcast Journalism Award*** in 2005 for coverage of the tsunami in India, and worked for CNN.com in New York for a month during its 9/11 coverage.

Mr. Sunjoy Joshi, Chairman, Observer Research Foundation (ORF)



Mr. Sunjoy Joshi has a Master's Degree in English Literature from Allahabad University, India, as well as in Development Studies from University of East Anglia, Norwich. He also studied Upstream Economics and Risk Analysis at the Petroleum Economist, Woking, UK.

He joined the Madhya Pradesh Cadre of the prestigious Indian Administrative Services in 1983, but has taken premature retirement from the service in 2009 in order to pursue his primary interests in energy and environment.

During his career spanning over 25 years in the Indian Administrative Service, Sunjoy has gained experience across the conventional as well as non-conventional energy sectors. He has handled oil and gas exploration as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and was the Government nominated Director on the Boards of ONGC, OVL, OIL and MRPL. Sunjoy headed the Madhya Pradesh Energy Development Agency as its Managing Director and served as Chairman of M.P. Windfarms.

He has been Visiting Associate at the International Institute of Strategic Studies, London as well as Distinguished Visitor to the Programme on Energy and Sustainable Development, University of Stanford, USA.

Ambassador Mohan Kumar, Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS); Professor and Vice Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University



Ambassador Mohan Kumar is the Chairman of Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) since June 2018. Ambassador Kumar has had an outstanding career in the Indian Foreign Service lasting 36 years which culminated in his posting as India's Ambassador to France based in Paris. Ambassador Kumar is a francophone and a Francophile. The strategic partnership between India and France grew remarkably under his watch in areas as diverse as defence, space, nuclear and solar energy, investment and culture. He was also actively involved in the Climate Change Accord of Paris in 2015. Prior to this, he was India's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain where he was witness to the momentous events of the "Arab Spring".

Ambassador Kumar has enormous expertise in the area of international trade and multilateral negotiations - he was India's lead negotiator first at the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and then at the WTO (World Trade Organization) in crucial areas such as Intellectual Property Rights, Services, Dispute Settlement and Environment. He has served on multiple GATT/WTO panels relating to dispute settlement.

Ambassador Kumar oversaw India's bilateral ties with Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Maldives from 2005 to 2007 as Joint Secretary at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi.

Ambassador Kumar's expertise thus includes: diplomatic practice and foreign policy, multilateral trade negotiations, climate change negotiations, globalization and academia. Ambassador Kumar is author of a book entitled "Negotiation Dynamics of the WTO: An Insider's Account", published by Palgrave Macmillan (2018).

Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director, South and South-West Asia Office, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)



Dr. Nagesh Kumar has served as Chief Economist of UNESCAP and Director of Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division (MPDD) and Director of Social Development Division, at the UNESCAP headquarters in Bangkok. Before joining UNESCAP in 2009, Dr Kumar served as Director-General of Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS). During 1993-1998, Dr Kumar served on the faculty of the United Nations University-Institute for New Technologies (UNU/INTECH, now UNU-MERIT) in Maastricht, the Netherlands and directed its research programme on Globalization, FDI and technology transfers. He has also served as a consultant to the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, UNDP, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UN-DESA, ILO, the Commonwealth Secretariat, and the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, among others.

Dr. Kumar has served on the board of directors of the Export-Import Bank of India, and on the Governing Boards of the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD); the South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS); and the Institute of Studies in Industrial Development. Dr Kumar was nominated by the Indian Government on the Track-II Study Group on Comprehensive Economic Partnership of East Asian Countries (CEPEA), and the Expert Group on Economic Research Institute on ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) set up in 2007 by the leaders of the East Asia Summit.

Dr. Kumar has written extensively on various subjects and has to his credit, 15 books and over 90 research papers in international and national peer reviewed journals, among other publications.

Dr. Rajat Nag, Distinguished Fellow, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and Distinguished Fellow, Emerging Markets Forum, Washington, DC



Dr. Rajat Nag is concurrently a Distinguished Fellow at India's National Council of Applied Economic Research, Delhi and at the Emerging Markets Forum, a think tank based in Washington DC. He also serves as Chair, Act East Council of the Indian Chamber of Commerce. He was a Visiting Professor at the Graduate School of Development Management, Asian Institute of Management in Manila (2014-15) and currently is a Distinguished Professor at the Emerging Markets Institute at the Beijing Normal University, China.

He serves as an Advisor and Board Member of several organizations, including at Action for Autism, a regional non-profit organisation devoted to the cause of persons with autistic spectrum disorders in South Asia; and at Partnership for Transparency Fund, an international non-governmental organization dedicated to helping civil society play an effective role in the design, implementation and monitoring of good governance and institutional strengthening programs.

Mr. Nag was the Managing Director General of the Asian Development Bank during 2006-2013. His work has given him wide-ranging insights into key development challenges relevant to Asia. His particular interest is on sustainable development and regional cooperation issues in Asia and beyond aiming to bridge the gap between the region's thriving economies and the millions of poor people being left behind.

Ms. Nishtha Satyam, Deputy Representative, UN Women, India



Ms. Nishtha Satyam was appointed as the Deputy Country Representative for UN Women, the entity of the United Nations that is dedicated to working towards Gender Equality and Woman's Empowerment, in India in January 2018. She formerly managed Strategic Partnerships, Policy Impact and Public Relations for the UN Women Multi Country Office for India, Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka. Nishtha has also served as the Private Sector Partnerships Specialist with the Office of the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations and UNDP.

Prior to her career with the UN, Nishtha worked with leading firms such as KPMG and American Express as an Economist. As a futurist and feminist, she is an advocate of the urgency to mainstream women across the marketplace, workplace and community. Nishtha has authored a number of studies on the business value of inclusion and continues to be excited about using her multi-sectoral experience to inform the interplay of policy, politics and people to foster lasting change for the most marginalized.

Nishtha holds a Master's Degree in International Business from the University of Nottingham, UK and a Bachelors in Economics from Delhi University.

Mr. Deepankar Tiwari, Managing Director, India and South East Asia, Area9 Lyceum



Mr. Deepankar Tiwari, has over 24 years of experience in the Automotive / Mobility space. He is currently the Managing Director, India & South East Asia, for Area9 Lyceum, a company building Artificial Intelligence Induced Adaptive Learning platform headquartered at New York & Copenhagen. He is also an investor and is on the Board of Zoomcar Inc, India's largest self-drive mobility platform and BYD India JV, which has a play in the Electric Vehicles manufacturing & retail.

He spent 22 years with the Tata Group. Post acquiring his Engineering degree in Metallurgy & Material Science, in 1995, he began his career with the Tata Group joining as a management trainee with Tata Motors Limited at their commercial vehicle division. In 1999, when Tata Motors was setting-up its passenger car business, Deepankar was selected to be a part of the founding team. In this capacity, he played a key role in the introduction of some of Tata's popular car brands including Tata Indica, Tata Indigo and Tata Safari. He was also part of the team which negotiated the architecture of Tata Motors - FIAT Group JV where in a JV was set up in India to produce Tata / Fiat products and retail them using the established Tata Motors retail network.

In 2012, Deepankar was drafted into the Office of Tata Sons Chairman Cyrus Mistry, as a Vice President to lead globally the Business Development Initiatives & Policy narrative of Tata Group, supporting the Groups Operating Companies from Tata Sons Group Centre. In 2017, Deepankar moved to Uber Technologies Limited as the Asia-Pacific Head for Vehicle Solutions & Business Development.

Ms. Dagmar Walter, Director, International Labour Organisation (ILO)



Ms. Dagmar Walter Director ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team for South Asia and Country Office for India Ms Dagmar Walter has over the 20 years of her career with the ILO worked in several regions and duty stations across Africa, Europe, Americas and now Asia. Contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, she strives to foster office efficiency and team spirit for integrated technical assistance to ILO constituents in collaboration with stakeholders and development partners. Key areas include tackling employment and social protection challenges from an international labour rights perspective, shaping the "future of work we want" through effective social dialogue. Prior to her ILO career, Ms Walter worked with international development and human rights, as Consultant and Deputy Representative to the various UN human rights bodies in Geneva. Ms Walter holds a Master of Public Administration from the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP).