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### Professional Experience

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| 05/2019 – present | Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law, Department of International Law and Dispute Resolution (Luxembourg). |
| 03/2018 – 09/2018 | Foreign Lawyer, Shearman & Sterling LLP (Paris).  |
| 09/2015 – 12/2015 | Associate Fellow, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy (New Delhi).  |
| 01/2015 – 03/2015 | Trainee Lawyer, International Court of Justice (The Hague).   |

### Education

- LLM in International Dispute Settlement, MIDS Program jointly offered by the Geneva University Law School & Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland (2017).
- Integrated Bachelor of Arts & Law (BA, LLB Hons.), University of Petroleum & Energy Studies, India (2015).

### Publications

#### Blogposts

- 'Will "Investor-State Arbitration" Survive the COVID-19 Crisis?' (OpinioJuris, 7 May 2020) <<https://perma.cc/G552-3CDH>>.
- 'Restrictions on Extrajudicial Activities by the Members of the International Court of Justice: A New Beginning in International Adjudication?' (Blog of Jus Mundi, 2 November 2018) <<https://perma.cc/C8CV-Z24G>>.
- 'How to Make Legal Education in India "Meaningful"' (Livelaw.in, 1 September 2018) <<https://perma.cc/582E-6V8S>>.
- 'How Realistic is India's Dream of Becoming a Global Arbitration Hub?' (The Wire, 30 April 2018) <<https://perma.cc/4HWZ-35VN>>.

#### Newspaper Editorials

- 'A case to relax advertising restrictions for legal practitioners' (The Hindu, 9 July 2018) <<https://perma.cc/6GZ6-LNGM>>.
- 'If India wants to address issue of unemployment, revision of model BIT is a must' (Financial Express, 19 December 2017) <<https://perma.cc/9REG-X65Z>>.

### Editorship

- Associate Editor, *Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law* ([mpeipro.com](http://mpeipro.com)) (since May 2019).

### Professional Affiliations

- Admitted to the Bar Council of Chhattisgarh, India (2015).

### Scholarships and Prizes

- Certificate of Honors in International Law, Xiamen Academy of International Law (China, 2014).

- University Scholarship for Best Academic Performance, University of Petroleum & Energy Studies (India, 2014).
- Special Mention Award, 1<sup>st</sup> WBNUJS Model United Nations (India, 2013).

### **Additional Certifications**

- International Arbitration, International Academy for Arbitration Law (Paris, 2017).
- Questioning of Expert Witnesses in International Arbitration, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (Geneva, 2017).
- Mediation, Association of Indian Mediators (Dehradun, 2014).
- International Trade Law, Indian Society of International Law (New Delhi, 2012).
- Intellectual Property Law, World Intellectual Property Organization (Online, 2011).