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Professional Experience

- 05/2019 – present **Research Fellow**, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law, Department of International Law and Dispute Resolution.
- 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

- LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement, MIDS Program jointly offered by the Geneva University Law School & Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland.
- Integrated Bachelor of Arts & Law (B.A., LL.B. Hons.) with Specialization in Energy Laws, University of Petroleum & Energy Studies, India.

Publications

Book Chapter & Max Planck Encyclopedia Entry

- Somesh Dutta, 'The Quest for "Consistency in International Investment Jurisprudence" and the Idea of a Multilateral Investment Court' in P Galvao-Teles and M Almeida Ribeiro (eds), *Case-Law and the Development of International Law: Contributions by International Courts and Tribunals* (*Brill Nijhoff*, 21 October 2021) 230-245 <<https://brill.com/view/book/edcoll/9789004467668/BP000024.xml>>.
- Somesh Dutta, 'Preliminary Proceedings: United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)' (April 2020) in Helene Ruiz-Fabri (ed), *Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law* (Oxford University Press, 2019-) <<https://opil.ouplaw.com/view/10.1093/law-mpeipro/e2364.013.2364/law-mpeipro-e2364?rskey=YvCaC7&result=1&prd=MPIL>>.

Blogposts, Book Reviews & Editorials

- S. Dutta (2022, forthcoming) "New Frontiers in Asia-Pacific International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution – Book Review" (TDM, ISSN 1875-4120) July 2022, <www.transnational-dispute-management.com>.
- S. Dutta (2022, forthcoming) "Forming Transnational Dispute Settlement Norms: Soft Law and the Role of UNCITRAL's Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific - Book Review" (TDM, ISSN 1875-4120) July 2022, <www.transnational-dispute-management.com>.
- Somesh Dutta, 'Will "Investor-State Arbitration" Survive the COVID-19 Crisis?' (*OpinioJuris*, 7 May 2020) <<https://perma.cc/G552-3CDH>>.

- Somesh Dutta, '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>>.
- Somesh Dutta, 'How to Make Legal Education in India "Meaningful"' (*Livelaw.in*, 1 September 2018) <<https://perma.cc/582E-6V8S>>.
- Somesh Dutta, 'How Realistic is India's Dream of Becoming a Global Arbitration Hub?' (*The Wire*, 30 April 2018) <<https://perma.cc/4HWZ-35VN>>.
- Somesh Dutta, 'A case to relax advertising restrictions for legal practitioners' (*The Hindu*, 9 July 2018) <<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/a-case-to-relax-advertising-restrictions-for-legal-practitioners/article24372921.ece>>.
- Somesh Dutta, '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) (since May 2019).

Scholarships and Prizes

- Scholarship from The Hague Academy of International Law – Courses on Public International Law (The Hague, 2022).
- 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, 1st WBNUJS Model United Nations (India, 2013).
- Winner of the 6th and 7th UPES (Intra University) Moot Court Competition (India, 2011 & 2012) (more than 70 teams).
- Best speaker, 7th UPES (Intra University) Moot Court Competition (India, 2012).

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 (Geneva - Online, 2011).

Conferences Attended & Papers Presented

- International Law Association Regional Conference on The contribution of the case-law of international courts and tribunals to the development of international law, Braga (Portugal, 2019). Presented the research paper – 'The Future of International Investment Adjudication: Will the Investment Court System Ensure a Consistent International Investment Jurisprudence.'
- Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy & Centre for International Dispute Settlement (FIAA-CIDS) Conference on Advocacy in Different International Fora: Innovation through Cross-Fertilization? (Geneva, 2017).

- Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA) Conference on Shaping Arbitral Proceedings to Best Examine Quantum (Geneva, 2016).
- 4th Global Arbitration Review (GAR) Live (Paris, 2016).
- Indian Council of Arbitration Conference on Arbitration in the Era of Globalization (New Delhi, 2015). Conference rapporteur and member of the background paper drafting team. Each technical session of the conference was chaired by a sitting judge of the Supreme Court of India.
- Amity Law School National Conference of All India Law Teachers Congress on Private International Law (India, 2012). Presented the research paper – ‘Gift of Life: Reorienting the Laws of Transnational Surrogacy.’
- 1st State of Uttarakhand Renewable Energy Summit (India, 2011). Presented the research paper – ‘Renewable Energy in India & FDI Policies.’

Professional Affiliations

- Admitted to the Bar Council of Chhattisgarh, India (2015).
- Member of the Young ICCA (International Council for Commercial Arbitration).