

ARUDRA VENKATA BURRA

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

- January 2011 **Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ
PhD (Philosophy)
Thesis: *Coercion, Deception, Consent: Essays in Moral Explanation*
Advisors: Gideon Rosen, Philip Pettit, K. Anthony Appiah
- May 2007 **Yale Law School**, New Haven, CT
JD
- May 2000 **Brandeis University**, Waltham, MA
BA, *summa cum laude*
Concentrations in Philosophy, Mathematics (High Honors),
and Computer Science (Honors)
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WORK EXPERIENCE

- December 2012-present **Indian Institute of Technology Delhi**
Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
- July-December 2012 **Centre for the Study of Developing Societies**
Visiting Associate Fellow
- July 2010-June 2012 **School of Law, University of California-Los Angeles**
Postdoctoral Fellow, Program in Law and Philosophy
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ACADEMIC HONOURS

- 2009 **Princeton University**
Graduate Fellow, Fellowship of the Woodrow Wilson Society

- 2008 Graduate Prize Fellow, University Center for Human Values
Brandeis University
- 2000 Arnold Shapiro prize in Mathematics
 Philosophy Faculty prize
 Award for excellence in Computer Science

OTHER AWARDS

- 2019 Anil Divan Visiting Scholar, School of Law, Governance and Citizenship, Ambedkar University-Delhi
- 2016 Teaching Excellence Award, IIT Delhi

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 “Colonial Constitutionalism”
 Forthcoming in the *Cambridge Companion to the Constitution of India* (Cambridge University Press)
- “Institutional Imperfections, Arbitrariness, and the Death Penalty”
 Forthcoming in the *Cambridge Companion to the Death Penalty in India* (Cambridge University Press)
- 2023 “What is ‘Indian’ about Indian Political Thought?”
 In Jyotish Chandra Basak and Anureema Bhattacharyya, eds., *Essays on Ethics and Politics* (University of North Bengal Press)
- 2021 “Reading Rawls in India”
Sambhasan 2:4, 23-53
- 2019 “Civil Liberties in the Early Constitution: the *CrossRoads* and *Organiser* cases”
 In Satvinder Juss, ed., *Human Rights in India* (London: Routledge).
- 2017 “Freedom of Speech in the Early Constitution: A Study of the Constitution (First Amendment) Bill, 1951”
 In Udit Bhatia, ed., *Deliberations on Democracy: The Indian Constituent Assembly Debates* (London: Routledge).
- 2016 “Another Look at the Revisionist Challenge to Liberty”
Jerusalem Review of Legal Studies 14:1 (December 2016)

- “What is “Colonial” About Colonial Laws?”
American University International Law Review, 31(2), 137-69.
- 2010 “The Indian Civil Service and the Nationalist Movement: Neutrality, Politics, and Continuity”
Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics, 48:4, 404-32.
- 2006 “The Folk Concepts of Intention and Intentional Action: A Cross-cultural Study” (with Joshua Knobe)
Journal of Culture and Cognition, 6, 113-132.
- “Experimental Philosophy and Folk Concepts: Methodological Considerations” (with Joshua Knobe)
Journal of Culture and Cognition, 6, 331-342.
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ESSAYS AND ACADEMIC REVIEWS

- 2024 “‘Decolonising’ the Law: The Wrong Answer to the Wrong Question”
 Contribution to an online symposium on *Decolonisation and the Law* hosted by the Socio-Legal Review, Bengaluru
- 2021 “The Lamps in our House: Reflections on Postcolonial Pedagogy”
 Contribution to the inaugural *Philosophy Forum*, Miami Institute for the Social Sciences
- “Constitutionalism without Sovereignty?”
 Comment on *Norms and Politics: Sir Benegal Narsing Rau in the Making of the Indian Constitution, 1935-50* by Arvind Elangovan, *Law and Other Things*
- 2020 Review of *Wrongs and Crimes* by Victor Tadros
Law and Philosophy, 40:4, 455-462
- Review of *Art Attacks* by Malvika Maheshwari
Contributions to Indian Sociology, 54:3, 466-69
- 2019 Review of *Sedition in Liberal Democracies* by Anushka Singh
Socio-Legal Review 15(1), 66-74
- 2017 “Freedom of Speech and Constitutional Nostalgia”
Seminar 697, September 2017, 50-55.
- 2010 “The Cobwebs of Imperial Rule”
Seminar 615, November 2010, 79-83.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

International

Indiana University, University of Pennsylvania, Miami Institute for Social Sciences, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Yale University, Georgetown University, Institute for Human Sciences (Vienna), UCLA, Wharton Business School, Northwestern University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Münster (Germany)

National

Ashoka University, Jindal Global Law School, Azim Premji University, University of North Bengal, Delhi University, Ambedkar University-Delhi, JNU, National Judicial Academy-Bhopal, India International Centre, Manipal Centre for Philosophy and Humanities, CSDS, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, IIT Delhi

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

HSS Department

Coordinator, HSS Tuesday Seminar Series; Coordinator, Indian and Foreign Language Learning Programme; DRC Secretary; DFB Secretary

IIT Delhi

Committee on Professional Ethics and Social Responsibility (PESR); National Education Policy Committee; Internal Complaints Committee; Faculty Advisor, Indradhanu; Faculty Advisory Committee, Office of Diversity and Inclusion; BAP Representative

External service

2020-24	Trustee, Legal Observer Trust (Supreme Court Observer)
2018-present	Member, Board of Studies, School of Law Governance and Citizenship, Ambedkar University Delhi (Karampura Campus)
2017	External consultant, Curriculum Review Committee, Department of Philosophy, Ashoka University