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Academic Qualifications: Ph.D. (Political Science) Syracuse University, New York; M.A. (Modern History), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India; B.Sc. Loyola College, Chennai, India.

Employment History:

1990 –present: Political Science, University of Hawai`i at Manoa.

1988-1990: Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Colgate University, NY.

Publications: Books:

Globalization and Postcolonialism: hegemony and resistance in the 21st century, Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2009.

Postcolonial Insecurities: India, Sri Lanka and the Question of Nationhood. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1999.

Publications: Edited Journal Issues

Guest Editor, Special Issue: Neoliberalism, Globalization and the Middle Class, Alternatives: 40, 1 (2015).

Co-Editor (along with Rob Walker), Special Issue: Partition: On the discriminations of modernity. Alternatives: 27, 2 (2002).

Publications: Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“China is China, not the Non-West: David Kang and the Problem of Eurocentrism,” Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies 77, 1 (2017): 93-109.

“Postcolonialism and International Political Sociology,” in Xavier Guillaume and Pinar Bilgin, eds., Handbook of International Political Sociology (London and New York: Routledge, 2017): 71-80.

“Queering the Pitch: race, class, gender and sexuality in the Indo-Australian cricketing encounter,” Postcolonial Studies, 2015. (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13688790.2015.1044486>).

“Colonial Legacies and Contemporary Destitution: race, law and the limits of human security,” Alternatives 40: 2 (2015).

“Number Fetish: middle class India’s obsession with the GDP,” Globalizations (Vol. 12, No. 6, December 2015, pp: 859-871):<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14747731.2015.1100854>).

“Notes on the Dramatic Career of a Concept: the Middle Class, Democracy and the Anthropocene,” Alternatives 40, 1 (2015): 1-12.

“A Postcolonial Racial/Spatial Order: Gandhi, Ambedkar and the Construction of the International,” in Robbie Shilliam, Alex Anievas and Nivi Manchanda (eds.) Confronting the Global Color Line (London and New York: Routledge, 2014): 139-156.

“How Does Colonialism Work?” in Jenny Edkins and Maja Zehfuss (eds.), Global Politics: A New Introduction, (London and New York: Routledge, 2013): 338-362.

“IR and the Postcolonial Novel: Nation and Subjectivity in India,” in Sanjay Seth (ed.), Postcolonial Theory and International Relations: A Critical Introduction, (London and New York: Routledge, 2013): 124-143.

“Sri Lanka: Challenges in State Consolidation and Minority Integration,” in T. V. Paul (ed.), Weak States and South Asia’s Insecurity Predicament, (Stanford University Press, 2010): 220-40.

“Comparative Assassinations: the changing moral economy of political killing in South Asia,” in Ted Newman and Meredith Weiss (edited) Political Violence in South and Southeast Asia, (Tokyo: United Nations University Press, 2010): 27-46.

“Forgetting Caste While Living It: The Privileges of Amnesia,” in D. Shyam Babu (ed.), Caste In Life: Experiencing Inequalities (New Delhi: Pearson Education, 2010): 7-19.

“The Social Life of a Bomb: India and the Ontology of an ‘Overpopulated’ Society,” in Itty Abraham (ed.) South Asian Cultures of the Bomb: Atomic Publics and the State in India and Pakistan, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, (2009): 68-88.

“The Bomb, Biography, and the Indian Middle Class,” Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. XLI, No. 23 (June 10, 2006), Mumbai, India.

“Race, Amnesia and the Education of International Relations,” in Branwen Gruffydd-Jones, edited, Decolonizing International Relations, (Rowman and Littlefield, 2006): 89-108. This essay was originally published in Alternatives 26, 4 (2001): 401-424.

“Maps,” in Ashis Nandy and Vinay Lal, eds. The Future of Knowledge and Culture: a

dictionary for the 21st century, New Delhi: Viking-Penguin (2005): 163-168.

“India: Globalization and Information Technology,” South Asian Journal (April, 2005): 146-158.

“An Inarticulate Imperialism: Dubya, Afghanistan and the American Century,” in Gokhan Bacik and Bulent Aras, eds., September 11 and World Politics: American Hegemony Reconsidered, (Istanbul: Fatih University, 2004): 145-154. This essay was originally published in Turkish Journal of International Relations, 1, 2 (2002): 69-80.

“Boundaries in Question,” in John Agnew, Katharyne Mitchell and Gerard Toal (eds.), A Companion to Political Geography London: Blackwell (2003): 302-314.

“Methodical Worlds: Partition, Secularism, and Communalism in India,” Alternatives 27, 2 (2002): 193-218.

“In One Inning: National Identity in Post-Colonial Times,” in S.Nair and G. Chowdhury (eds.), Power, Post-Colonialism and International Relations: Reading Race, Gender and Class New York: Routledge Press (2002): 170-183.

“The U.S. Response as Armed Struggle,” Theory and Event 5, 4 (2002). Co-authored with N.Milner and K. Ferguson. http://muse.jhu.edu/theory_and_event/v005/5.4ferguson_01.html

India's Role in Sri Lanka's Ethnic Crisis. Marga Monograph Series on Ethnic Reconciliation. Volume No. 3. Marga Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka (2001).

“Modulating History: Foreign Policy and the Narration of India,” in S.P. Udayakumar (ed.), Handcuffed to History: past and politics of South Asia, New York: Praeger. (2001): 41-60.

“Divergent Narratives: Dravidian and Tamil Eelamist Nationalisms,” in Michael Roberts (ed.), Collective Identities Revisited, Volume II. Colombo: Marga Press (1998): 315-346.

“Producing Sri Lanka: Jayewardene and Postcolonial Identity,” Alternatives 21, 3 (1996): 303-321.

“Cartographic Anxiety: Mapping the Body Politic in India.” In Hayward Alker, Jr., and Michael Shapiro, eds., Challenging Boundaries: Global Flows, Territorial Identities Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press (1996): 193-215. (An earlier version of this essay was published in Alternatives 19, 4 (1994): 507-21.)

“Constitutionalism and the Political Culture of Democracy in India,” in D. Franklin and Michael Baum, eds., Political Culture and Constitutionalism New York: M E Sharpe Inc., (1995): 161-183.

“Inscribing the Nation: Nehru and the Politics of Identity in India,” in Steve Rosow, Naeem Inayatullah & Mark Rupert (eds.), The Global Economy as Political Space Boulder: Lynne Rienner (1994): 189-202.

“The Importance of Being Ironic: A Postcolonial View on Critical International Relations,” in Alternatives 18, 3 (1993): 385-417.

“Transition in the Era of US Hegemony: India and World-Systems Analysis,” in Ravi Palat (ed.), Pacific-Asia and the Future of the World-System Newport, Greenwood Press (1993): 119-131.

“Oppressive Pasts and Desired Futures: Reimagining India,” in Futures 24, 9 (1992): 858-866.

“India and Sri Lanka: A Fatal Convergence,” Studies in Conflict and Terrorism 15 (1992): 267-281.

Other Publications: I have been active in the public domain in India, publishing extensively in recent years in Indian newspapers, news magazines and blogsites on contemporary political matters. I also publish a monthly column on cricket at its leading global website: ESPNcricinfo.com. My articles in all these areas can be accessed at my academia.edu website: <https://manoa-hawaii.academia.edu/SankaranKrishna>

Book Manuscript in Preparation: I am currently at work on a manuscript detailing what I call ‘Illusive Development: biopolitics and the failure of the Indian Middle Class’. I chart the changing nature of the biopolitical target of economic development in India: from a *subject* of state planning to a *consumer* in a globalizing world to an *entrepreneur* in the world of microfinance and risk capital. I look at a series of performative sites such as the Second Five Year Plan document; the Nuclear Bomb; the debate over the GDP growth rate number; and the biometric Unique Identity Card (Aadhaar) to chart the attempt by the Indian middle class to bridge the chasm between its developmental, democratic and egalitarian rhetoric and its institutional capabilities and record in terms of delivering on them.

Articles Forthcoming or in Preparation:

“Postcolonialism and Its Relevance for IR in a Globalized World,” forthcoming in Randolph Persaud and Alina Sajed (eds.), Race, Gender and Culture in International Relations (London: Routledge, 2018): forthcoming.

“Manhunt Presidency: Obama and the killing of brown-black people in the ‘Third World’” under review at Third World Quarterly.

Professional Service

Reviewed book manuscripts for, among others: University of Pennsylvania, Oxford, University of Minnesota, Routledge, Stanford University, Duke University, University of Hawai`i, Orient-

Longman, Palgrave-MacMillan, and Georgetown University Press.

Reviewed journal submissions for Journal of Asian Studies, Millennium: Journal of International Studies, Signs: journal of women in culture and society, Philosophy: East and West, Western Political Science Quarterly, Comparative Studies in International Development, European Journal of International Relations, International Political Sociology, Identities, and Nationalism and Ethnic Politics.

Teaching Awards

Chancellor's Citation for Meritorious Teaching, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 2008.

College of Social Sciences Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Hawai'i, 1996.

Mortar Board Society of the University of Hawai'i Excellence in Teaching Award, 1992.

Research Grants

National Endowment of Humanities (NEH), Washington D.C.: \$ 180,000. Summer Institute on "Religion and Politics in India: History, Culture and the Contemporary Experience" at UH-Manoa in collaboration with East West Center, Honolulu, HI, June 7- July 9, 2004.

Recent Presentations at Conferences and Invited Talks

"Manhunt Presidency: Obama and the killing of brown-black people in the Third World," paper presented at the annual meetings of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, February, 2017.

"Illusive Development: biometrics, Aadhaar, and the Indian Middle Class," paper presented at the annual South Asian Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October, 2016.

Inter-Asia V: Conference sponsored by the Social Science Research Council, Yale University, National University of Singapore and others held at Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea from April 26-30, 2016. I was one of two co-directors of a workshop "Genealogies of Financialization: Reframing Sovereignty in Asia (1600- present)." **Invited.**

Invited paper presentation at a conference on "Politics and Democracy in Our Time: technologies, genealogies, conjunctures," held at Emory University, April 15-16, 2016. **Invited.**

"Iconic Development: 'Aadhaar,' Postcoloniality and India's Middle Class," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, IL March 26-29, 2015.

"Desiring Whiteness in the Neoliberal Postcolony: India, Race and the Middle Class," paper

presented at International Studies Association meeting, New Orleans, February 18-21, 2015.

“China is China, Not the Non-West: David Kang and the Problem of Eurocentrism,” paper presented at a roundtable on David Kang’s East Asia Before the West: Five Centuries of Trade and Tribute (Columbia, 2012) held at the George Washington University, October 2014.

Invited.

“Spatializing the World: Foreign Policy and Middle Class Hegemony in India,” invited paper presentation at “Recalling Democracy: Lineages of the Present,” conference at the Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, September 5-6, 2014. **Invited.**

“Number Fetish: the obsession with GDP in contemporary India,” colloquium presented at the Yonsei International Summer School faculty series on July 22, 2014, at Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea.

“Cartographies,” workshop at the Migration Cluster, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. Invited to lead an all-day session on the “State” for this group of post-docs on July 21, 2014. **Invited.**

“Scientific Acumen, Middle-Classness, and Performing the Nation in India,” paper presented at the Association of Asian Studies –in- National University of Singapore (AAS-in-NUS) conference, July 19, 2014.

“Colonial Legacies and Contemporary Destitution: Law, Race and Human Security,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Toronto, Canada, March 26-29, 2014.

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Courses Taught in Last Three Years:

Fall 2017: POLS 390 and POLS 600

Spring 2017: POLS 110 and POLS 406

Fall 2016: POLS 390 and POLS 600

Spring 2016: POLS 120 and POLS 740

Fall 2015: POLS 110A and POLS 315

Spring 2015: POLS 740*

Fall 2014: POLS 406*

* In the academic year 2014-2015, I was Graduate Chair and hence a course-release for each semester.

During this same 3-year period, I have done 5-credits by way of 699s and 20 credits by way of 800s.