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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

January 1, 2017 Faculty, Claremont Graduate University, Extended Graduate Faculty.

Summer 2017 Visiting Fellow, Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses, IDSA, Delhi, India

April 2017- Full Professor, Department of Government, Claremont McKenna College, USA.

Spring 2016 Visiting Fellow, Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses, IDSA, Delhi, India

2011-2017 Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Government, Claremont McKenna College. Wagener Chair in South Asian Politics and George R. Roberts Fellow.

2006-2011 Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

2000-2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin Madison.

2004-2005 Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Washington DC).

2002 Visiting Kellogg Fellow, University of Notre Dame, Spring 2002.

EDUCATION

2000 Cornell University, Department of Government
Degree: Ph.D.

1997 Cornell University, Department of Government (Political Science)
Degree: Master of Arts, (M.A)

1992 Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
Degree: M. Phil, (Master of Philosophy) in Political Science

1989 Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
Degree: Master of Arts (M.A), Political Science

1987 Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi, India,
Degree: Bachelor of Arts (Honors)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2016-2017 Fulbright Academic and Professional Excellence Award (External grant).

- 2008-2011 Three year WAGE Collaborative award for “Remaking the Developmental State,” with Professor Gay Seidman (Sociology), and John Ohnesorge (Law).
- 2005-2006 Center for World Affairs and the Global Economy (WAGE) at the University Of Wisconsin-Madison, Research Support Award for 2005-2006.
- 2002-2003 Center for World Affairs and the Global Economy (WAGE) at the University Of Wisconsin-Madison, Research Support Award for 2002-2003.
- 2004-2005 Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Fellowship. (External grant)
- 2003-2004 American Institute of Indian Studies, Senior Research Grant. (External grant)
- 2010, 2006, 2003, 20002 University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School, Summer Research Funding
- 1999-2000 Institute for the Study of World Politics, Writing Fellowship. (External grant)
- 1996-1997 American Institute of Indian Studies, Dissertation Fellowship. (External grant)
- 1996 Summer Travel Grant, South Asia Program, Cornell University
- 1993-1999 Mellon Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University (6 years of guaranteed support which included two and half fellowship years +Teaching assistantship)
- 1989-1992 Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, Government of India (External grant)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2003 Awarded a book manuscript prize titled, “The Joseph W. Elder Prize in the Indian Social Sciences,” by the American Institute of Indian Studies.
- 2002-2004 Invited to be a Core Member of NETSAPPE, Network on South Asian Politics and Political Economy, Ford Foundation.
- 2001 Honorary Mention for the G. Almond Award for the Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics.
- 2001 Nominated for the G. Almond Award for the Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics by Department of Government, Cornell University, January 2001.
- 2000 The Janice N. and Milton J. Esman Annual Prize for Distinguished Scholarship, Department of Government, Cornell University, May 2000.

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 Sinha, Aseema. *Globalizing India: How Global Rules and Markets Are Shaping India’s Rise to Power* (Cambridge University Press, 2016). [Cloth and Paperback]
- Book Review, *International Affairs*, January 2017.
- Book Review, *The Pioneer*, June 25, 2016.
- Book Review, *Perspectives on Politics*, September 2018.

Review Article on book, "India's Search for Economic Prosperity and Global Power," *Indian Politics and Policy*, Vol 1, Number 2, Fall 2018.
Book Review in *The Book Review*, October 2018.
Book Review in *India Quarterly*, October 2019.

2017. *Globalizing India*. Cambridge University Press, South Asia Edition.

2005 Sinha, Aseema. 2005. *The Regional Roots of Developmental Politics in India: A Divided Leviathan* (Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2005). [Cloth and Paperback].

*The book manuscript received an award titled "Joseph Elder Book Manuscript Prize for Indian Social Sciences" by the American Institute of Indian Studies.

2006. South Asia Edition. *The Regional Roots of Developmental Politics in India: A Divided Leviathan* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press).

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

(20) 2020. BOOK CHAPTER. Aseema Sinha, 2020. "How Should We Study Institutions in India?" In *Constitutional and Democratic Institutions in India: A Critical Analysis*, edited by Sudha Pai. Orient Blackswan. **Refereed.**

(19) 2019. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha, and Andrew Wyatt, "The Spectral Presence of Business in India's 2019 Election," *Studies in Indian Politics*, Special Issue on Indian 2019 Elections, Volume 7, Issue 2. **Refereed.**

(18) 2019. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha. "A Theory of Reform Consolidation in India: From Crisis-Induced Reforms to Strategic Internationalization," *India Review*, 18 (1): 54-87 (33 pages). **Refereed.**

(17) 2019. BOOK CHAPTER. Aseema Sinha, "India's Porous State: Blurred Boundaries and the Evolving Business-State Relationship in India," In Christophe Jaffrelot, Atul Kohli, and Kanta Murali eds., *Business and Politics in India*, Modern South Asia Series, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019). **Refereed.**

2017. ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY. Aseema Sinha. "Political Economy of India." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. Ed. Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017. [Peer Reviewed]. See at: <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199756223/obo-9780199756223-0230.xml>

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(16) 2018. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha. "Building a Theory of Change in International Relations: Pathways of Disruptive and Incremental Change in World Politics." *International Studies Review*, 20 (2): 195-203, June 2018. E version: <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viy031>. **Refereed.**

2017. ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha, "Understanding India as a Rising Power: An Open Economy and Interdependence Framework," *The World Financial Review*, January-February 2017.

- (15) 2016. BOOK CHAPTER. Aseema Sinha, "Partial Accommodation Without Conflict: India as a Rising Link Power," In T.V. Paul, ed., *Accommodating Rising Powers: Past, Present, and Future*, 222-245 (24 pages), Cambridge University Press. Refereed.
- (14) 2015. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Gregory Shaffer, James Nedumpara, and Aseema Sinha, "State Transformation and the Rise of Lawyers: The WTO, India, and Transnational Legal Ordering," *Law and Society Review*, Vol. 49, Issue 3, September 2015: 595-629 (35 pages). Refereed
- (14a) Reprinted as Revised: 2017. BOOK CHAPTER. Greg Shaffer, James Nedumpara, Aseema Sinha, and Amrita Bahri, "Equalizing Access to the WTO: How Indian Trade Lawyers Build State Capacity," In David Wilkins, V. S. Khanna and David Trubek, *The Indian Legal Profession in the Age of Globalization*. Cambridge University Press, 2017, 631-671.
- (13) 2013. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Tricia Olsen and Aseema Sinha. "Linkage Politics and the Persistence of National Policy Autonomy in Emerging Powers: Patents, Profits, and Patients in the Context of TRIPS Compliance," *Business and Politics*, Volume 15, issue 3, 323-356 (33 pages). Refereed
- (12) 2012. BOOK CHAPTER. Aseema Sinha, 2012. "Biography of a Commodity and a Policy: A Product in Search of a Market," in Mario Shapiro and David Trubek ed., *Law and Development: A Dialogue Between BRICs* (Brazil, Russia, China, India), Brazil: Saraiva Press, 2012, 247-256 (10 pages). (In Portuguese. My Chapter was translated into Portuguese). Refereed
- (11) 2011. BOOK CHAPTER. Aseema Sinha, 2011. "An Institutional Perspective on the Post-Liberalization State in India," In Akhil Gupta and K. Sivaramakrishnan, ed., *The State in India after Liberalization: Inter-disciplinary Perspectives*, New York: Routledge: 2011, 49-68 (20 pages). Refereed
- (10) 2011. JOURNAL ARTICLE. John Gerring, Peter Kingstone, Mathew Lange, and Aseema Sinha, "Democracy, History, and Economic Performance: A Case-Study Approach," *World Development*, Vol. 39, No. 10 (October 2011): 1735-1748 (14 pages). Refereed
- (9) 2010. BOOK CHAPTER. Aseema Sinha, 2010. "Reforming Public Services in a High Growth State: The Case of Gujarat," In Vikram Chand, ed. *Public Service Delivery in India: Understanding the Reform Process*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 126-176. (51 pages) Refereed
- (8) 2010. BOOK CHAPTER. Aseema Sinha, 2010. "Business and Politics," In Niraja Gopal-Jayal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta, *Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010, 459-476 (18 pages). Refereed
- (7) 2010. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Lawrence Saez, and Aseema Sinha, 2010. "Political Cycles, Political Institutions, and Public Expenditure in India, 1980-2000," *British Journal of Political Science* 40, Issue 1: 91-113 (23 pages). Refereed.
- (6) 2007. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha. 2007. "Global Linkages and Domestic Politics: Trade Reform and Institution Building in India in Comparative Perspective," *Comparative Political Studies*, Volume 40, Issue 10, October 2007, 1183-1210 (28 pages). Refereed
- (5) 2005. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha. 2005. "Understanding the Rise and Transformation of Business Collective Action in India," *Business and Politics*, Vol. 7: Issue 2, August 2005. Refereed
- (4) 2005. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha. 2005 "Political Foundations of Market-Enhancing Federalism: Theoretical Lessons from India and China," *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 37, No. 2 (April 2005). Refereed

(4a) REPRINTED AS BOOK CHAPTER. Aseema Sinha, 2005. "The Political Basis of Decentralization," In Edward Friedman and Bruce Gilley edited, *Asia's Giants: Comparing China and India*, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2005.

(3) 2004. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha, 2004. "The Changing Political Economy of Federalism in India: A Historical Institutional Approach," *India Review*, Volume 3, Issue 1 (January 04): 25-63. Refereed

(3a) REPRINTED AS BOOK CHAPTER. Aseema Sinha, 2007. "The Changing Political Economy of Federalism in India: A Historical Institutional Approach," In *Globalization and Politics in India* edited, Baldev Raj Nayar, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2007.

(2) 2004. BOOK CHAPTER. Aseema Sinha. 2004. "Ideas, Interests and Institutions in Policy Change in India: A Comparison of West Bengal and Gujarat," in *Regional Reflections: Case Studies of Democracy in Practice*, Edited by Rob Jenkins, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2004. Refereed

(1) 2003. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha, 2003. "Rethinking The Developmental State Model: Divided Leviathan and Subnational Comparisons In India." *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 35, No. 4. Refereed

(1a) REPRINTED AS BOOK CHAPTER. Aseema Sinha, 2009. "Rethinking the Developmental State Model: Divided Leviathan and Subnational Comparisons in India," In Subrata K. Mitra (ed), *Politics of Modern South Asia, Vol. 1-5*, London, New York: Routledge, 2009, (Series: Critical Issues in Modern Politics).

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(11) 2017. REVIEW ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha, "Understanding Change and Continuity in India's Foreign Policy," *International Affairs*, 93 (1) January 2017, pp., 189-198 [Impact factor 1.532/ranking 18/86].

(10) 2016. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha, "Why Has "Development" Become a Political Issue in Indian Politics?" *Brown Journal of World Affairs*, Vol. XXIII (1), 189-203, Fall-Winter 2016.

(9) 2016. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha, "A Distinctive Indian Political Economy: New Concepts and a Synthesizing Framework," *Studies in Indian Politics*, 4(2), pp., 266-273 (7 pages), December 2016.

(8) 2015. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha. "Scaling Up: Beyond the Subnational Comparative Method for India," *Studies in Indian Politics*, 3 (1), 128-133 (5 pages), June 2015.

(7) 2012. COMMENT ON BOOK. Aseema Sinha, "A Story of Four Revolutions: Mechanisms of Change in India," *Asia Policy*, July 2012, 122-126 (5 pages).

(6) 2012. NEWSLETTER ENTRY. "Aseema Sinha, Scaling Down and Up: Can Subnational Analysis Contribute to a Better Understanding of Micro-level and National Level Phenomena? *APSA-Democratization Newsletter*, Symposium on Subnational Democracy, Volume 10, No. 1, January 2012.

(5) 2010. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha and Jon P. Dorschner, 2010. "India: Rising Power or a Mere Revolution of Rising Expectations?" *Polity*, January 2010, Vol. 42, Issue 1: 74-99 (26 pages).

(4) 2011. NEWSLETTER ENTRY. Aseema Sinha, "Market Reform," *APSA-CP Newsletter for Comparative Politics*, 2011.

(3) 2007. JOURNAL ARTICLE. Aseema Sinha, 2007. "India's Unlikely Democracy: Economic Growth and Political Accommodation," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 18, Number 2, April 2007, 41-54 (14 pages).

(3a) REPRINTED AS BOOK CHAPTER. Aseema Sinha, 2007. "Economic Growth and Political Accommodation," In *The State of India's Democracy*, Edited by Sumit Ganguly, Larry Diamond, and Marc Plattner, Washington DC: The Johns Hopkins Press, 2007.

(2) 2005. Aseema Sinha. 2005. "Developmental Politics," In Stanley Wolpert and Raju G. C. Thomas, (ed.), *Encyclopedia of India, Four Volumes* (Macmillan-Scribners-Gale).

(1) 2005. Aseema Sinha. 2005. "Federalism and Center-State Relations," in Stanley Wolpert and Raju G. C. Thomas, (ed.), *Encyclopedia of India, 4 Volumes* (Macmillan-Scribners-Gale).

BOOK REVIEWS

(7) 2015. John Harriss, Aseema Sinha, Andrew Wyatt, and Sinderpal Singh," Indian Political Studies: In Search of Distinctiveness," *Pacific Affairs*, March 2015, Vol. 88, No. 1.

(6) Aseema Sinha, Book Review, POLITICAL SCIENCE. VOL.1, THE INDIAN STATE. ICSSR Research Surveys and Explorations. Edited by Samir Kumar Das, 2013. *Pacific Affairs*, March 2015 (Volume 88, No. 1).

(5) Aseema Sinha, Book Review, POWER, PROTEST AND POLICY, Edited by Rob Jenkins, L. Kennedy, and Partha Mukhapadhyay, *Studies in Indian Politics*, June 2015.

(4)Aseema Sinha, Book Review of Vivek Chibber. 2007. LOCKED IN PLACE: STATE BUILDING AND LATE INDUSTRIALIZATION IN INDIA, In *Perspectives on Politics*, 5 (2): (June 2007): 384-385.

(3)Aseema Sinha, Book Review, Richard Crook and James Manor, DEMOCRACY AND DECENTRALIZATION IN SOUTH ASIA AND WEST AFRICA: PARTICIPATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE. *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 1, February 2000.

(2) Aseema Sinha, Book Review, Maya Chadda, BUILDING DEMOCRACY IN INDIA, NEPAL, AND PAKISTAN, In *Journal of Asian Studies*, May 2001, Vol. 60 No. 2.

(1) Aseema Sinha, Book Review, Raka Ray, FIELDS OF PROTEST: WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS IN INDIA, In *Mobilization*, Spring 2001, Vol. 6, No. 1.

TASKFORCE REPORT

2008 Aseema Sinha, co-authored with Leslie Armijo, Marc Blecher, Valerie Bunce, Kiren Chaudhry, John Echeverri-Gent, John Harbeson, Evelyne Huber, Bronwyn Leebaw; Susanne Rudolph, Robert Vitalis, and Susan Woodward. 2008. APSA Taskforce Report entitled, "The Persistent Problem: Inequality, Difference, and the Challenge of Development."

POPULAR MEDIA/BLOGS

2019

CNBC, Panelist on TV show Debate on Pompeo's visit to India, June 26, 2019.

<https://twitter.com/CNBCTV18News/status/1143881531028414466>

Aseema Sinha, "How business and politics intersect in India's Porous State," *The Wire, India*, January 17, 2019, at: <https://thewire.in/books/book-excerpt-business-politics-india>

Interview with Alyssa Ayres, CFR. <https://www.cfr.org/blog/development-and-indian-elections>

Aseema Sinha, "Voters want India to be recognized as a Global Force," *East Asia Forum*, <https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2019/06/28/voters-want-india-to-be-recognised-as-a-global-force/>, June 27, 2019.

2017

Aditi Phadnis, Interview with Aseema Sinha, "Modi's "Diaspora nationalism is not anti-globalization," *Business Standard*, October 8, 2017.

2016

Aseema Sinha, How Global Rules and Markets are Shaping India's Rise on the international Stage, LSE Blogs

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/southasia/2016/07/07/how-global-rules-and-markets-are-shaping-indias-rise-on-the-international-stage/>

Reprinted at: <http://theindianeconomist.com/how-indias-private-sector-is-growing-like-never-before/>

2014:

Aseema Sinha, Diverse Development Narratives in the Indian Elections of 2014, Ballots and Bullets, University of Nottingham, UK
<http://nottspolitics.org/2014/05/06/diverse-development-narratives-in-the-indian-elections-of-2014/>

<http://nottspolitics.org/2014/04/08/the-making-of-narendra-modi/>

Times of India is India's prominent daily newspaper, with the largest circulation across India.

Aseema Sinha, The Rising: How Modi Carefully crafted the wave," *Times of India*, April 27, 2014

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/stoi/all-that-matters/The-Rising-How-Modi-carefully-crafted-the-wave/articleshow/34269813.cms>

2012:

Aseema Sinha, “Solutions to Improve Centre-state Relations.”

Forbes India online: <http://forbesindia.com/article/reimagining-india/solutions-to-improve-centrestate-relations/32136/1>

SELECT CONFERENCES, INVITED SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Aseema Sinha, A Global Design-in-Motion Framework to Understand India’s Trajectory,” Seminar Presentation at Temple University, October 28th, 2019.
2019. Aseema Sinha, “Political Economy of India at 70,” APSA Roundtable Panelist, APSA Annual meeting, DC, Sept. 2019.
2019. Aseema Sinha, Bureaucratic Coalitions, Causal Mechanisms, and Realism: Understanding the Foreign Policy Process Through the Lens of US-India Foreign Relations, Paper Presented at APSA Annual meeting in DC, September 3rd, 2019.
2018. Discussant for a Book Workshop, UC-Merced, October 12, 2018.
2018. Aseema Sinha, Seminar Presentation, “Sino-Indian Rivalry and Authoritarian Resilience in China,” June 5th, 2018, “Oxford China Center.
2018. Discussant, Workshop, “Interpretive Approaches to Political Economy: Political Science, India and the Rudolph Legacy,” UVA, February 2-3, 2018.
2017. Business and Indian Democracy, Presentation to India at 70: Building an Inclusive democracy, Caly Poly, Pomona, November 3-5, 2017.
2017. “India’s New Porous State: Blurred Boundaries and the Evolving Business-State Relationship in India,” Paper presented at Annual conference on South Asia, Madison, October 27, 2017.
2017. Seminar Presentation, Faculty of the Social Sciences, Delhi University, August 16, 2017.
2017. Seminar Presentation, Centre for Law and Governance, JNU, August 18, 2017.
2017. IDSA seminar, August 25, 2017 on India as a Link Power.
2017. India-China Roundtable, ISA Hong Kong, June 15, 2017.
2017. Organizer of a Conference on India at 70; CMC.
2017. Presented paper at India at 70 Conference.
- 2017 Moderated Presidential panel on Uniform Civil Code, SASA Conference, CMC, March 25, 2017

2017. Roundtable, presented at International Studies Association, Baltimore, February
2016. Seminar Talk at University of Chicago, October 27, 2016.
- 2016 Participation in Roundtable, Author Meets Critics, Globalizing India, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2016. A Roundtable on my book.
- 2016 Participation in Roundtable, Author Meets Critics: Fuller's Paper Tigers, Hidden Dragons, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), September 2016.
- 2016 Paper presented at Conference on "Securing the Future of Freedom: Rethinking Corporate Freedom," Cal Poly Pomona, August 1-2, 2016.
2016. Paper Presented at Conference on "From Identity to Interests: Quantitative and Qualitative Explanations of Electoral Change in Rural and Urban India, London School of Economics, London, 7-8 June 2016.
- 2016 "India's New Rent-Seeking Society: Blurred Boundaries and the Evolving Business-State Relationship in Liberalizing India," Paper Presented at Princeton University, May 6-7 2016.
2016. "Scaling Up," presented a paper at a Conference on Regional Political Economy, Azem Premji University, January 8-9, 2016, Bangalore, India.

TEACHING (Claremont McKenna College Courses)

PPE Seminar and Tutorial

Gov. 60: Introduction to Comparative Politics

Gov 139C: International Relations of South Asia

Co-Director of International Journalism Lab, Fall 2015. Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies

Gov. 139: Development, Power and Globalization

Gov. 144b: Comparing Social Movements Across the World

FHS10: Economic Development.

Gov. 133: India in Asia.