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Mar 2004–Oct 2007 Melbourne, Australia	La Trobe University Doctor of Philosophy, Politics (University Merit Citation)
Sep 1999–Sep. 2000 Norwich, U.K.	University of East Anglia Master of Arts with Distinction in International Relations (DFID-Commonwealth scholar)
July 1996–July 1999 Delhi, India	University of Delhi Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Journalism

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2012	Awarded National University Singapore (Office of Deputy President Research & Technology and Asia Research Institute) grant for a project on ‘The Changing State in Asia’, with Prof. Prasenjit Duara, \$30,000.
2010	Awarded Government of Australia’s Excellence in Media and Entertainment Alumni Award
2009	Awarded Asian Multimedia Publishing Award 2009 by the Asian Publishing Convention, Manila, for Best Book/Best Writer on Asian Media (for <i>India on Television</i> : New Delhi, Harper Collins, 2008) Honorary Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore.
2009-10	Honorary Research Fellow, School of Social Sciences, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia. Member, Honorary International Board of Scholars, International Football Institute, University of Central Lancashire
2008-09	Visiting Fellow, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra
2008-10	Research Fellow (Awarded Solidarity Grant from International Olympic Committee), International Olympic Museum, Lausanne, Switzerland.
2009	Awarded Cross-Sectoral Linkage Grant (‘Television in Asia: The Political Present’, project with Robin Jeffrey and Stephanie Donald), Australian Research Council & International Centre for Excellence in Asia-Pacific Studies, Australian National University, \$30,000.
2007	La Trobe University Post Graduate Research Scholarship, Overseas Research scholarship and full fee waiver for doctoral thesis.
2005-06	Commonwealth Scholarship Award under the DFID-Association of Commonwealth Universities Shared Scheme.
2004-07	
1999-2000	

PUBLICATIONS

Books (Monographs):

2015	<i>Behind a Billion Screens: What Television Tells Us About Modern India</i> (New Delhi: HarperCollins, 2015), longlisted: Business Book of the Year, Tata Literary Live 2015.
2010	<i>Sellotape Legacy: Delhi and the Commonwealth Games 2010</i> , with Boria Majumdar (New Delhi: Harper Collins).
2008	<i>India on Television: How Satellite TV Has Changed the Way We Think and Act</i> (New Delhi: Harper Collins), winner of Asian Publishing Award for Best Book 2009.
2012/2008	<i>Olympics: The India Story</i> , with Boria Majumdar (New Delhi: Harper Collins, 2012, 3 rd revised edition, first published 2008). Second edition published as <i>India and the Olympics</i> , (London, New York: Routledge, 2009).

Books (Edited)/Special Collections:

2011	<i>Gujarat Beyond Gandhi: Politics, Conflict and Society</i> , with Mona G. Mehta (London, New York: Routledge. Second edition), first published New Delhi: Routledge, 2010.
2010	<i>The Changing Face of Cricket: From Imperial to Global Game</i> , with Dominic Malcolm & Jon Gemell (London: Routledge, 2010)
2010	‘Special issue on 60 years of Gujarat’, with Mona G. Mehta, <i>South Asian History and Culture</i> , Vol. 1, Issue 4., Oct. 2010.
2008	<i>Television in India: Satellites, Politics and Cultural Change</i> (New Delhi: Routledge, 2 nd edition). First published London, New York: Routledge, 2008.
2009	‘Cricket: International and Interdisciplinary Approaches’, with Dominic Malcolm & Jon Gemell, special issue of <i>Sport and Society: Culture, Commerce, Media, Politics</i> May-June, 2009, Vol. 12, No. 4/5.

2005 'Television in Asia', special issue of *Biblio: A Review of Books*, with Robin Jeffrey, Vol. XI, Nos. 9-10,

Refereed Journal Articles:

- Mar 2016 'Redefining 'Azadi' in India: The Prose of Anti-Sedition', *South Asian History and Culture* (Routledge: UK, US), Volume 7, No. 3,
- Jan. 2016 'Watching, Streaming, and Other Things to Do with TV"', 'Technology and South Asia' special issue, *Harvard South Asia Review*, Vol. 3
- March, 2015 'Revising History: How a New Archive Changes our Understanding of the Past and the Present', *South Asian History and Culture* (Routledge: UK, US), Vol. 6, Issue 2
- Jan. 2015 'India and Its Television: Ownership, Democracy and the Media', *Emerging Economy Studies*, Vol. 1, Issue 1,
- Feb. 2015 'Modi's Media', in 'Periscope' special issue dossier on 'Indian Politics Under Modi', *Social Text*, http://socialtextjournal.org/periscope_article/modis-media/
- Oct. 2012 'Ravana's Air Force: A Report on the Status of Indian Television', in Aswin Punathambekar, Shanti Kumar (eds.), 'Television at Large', special issue, *South Asian History and Culture*, Vol. 3, Issue 4.
- June 2012 'Hybridity and Subversion: The Olympic Flame in India', *Sport in Society: Cultures, Commerce, Media, Politics*, Vol. 15, Issue 5, 2012 (Routledge: UK, US).
- Oct. 2010 'Ashis Nandy Versus Narendra Modi: Authoritarian Developmentalism, Democracy and Moditva', in Nalin Mehta, Mona Mehta (eds.), special issue on 60 years of Gujarat, *South Asian History and Culture*, Vol. 1, Issue 4 (Routledge: UK, US).
- Mar. 2010 'HIV and the Gurus: Religiosity, Plurality and the Challenge of Hindu Response to AIDS' in Assa Doron and Alex Broom, (eds.), special issue on 'Health, Culture, and Religion in South Asia', *South Asian History and Culture*, Vol. 1, Issue 2 (Routledge: UK, US).
- Jan. 2010 'It's Not Just Sport: Delhi and the Olympic Torch Relay', with Boria Majumdar, *Sport in Society: Culture, Commerce, Media*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (Routledge: UK, US).
- May-June 2009. 'Cricket and Modernity: International and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Study of the Imperial Game', with Dominic Malcolm and Jon Gemmell, in Nalin Mehta, Dominic Malcolm and Jon Gemmell (Eds.) 'Cricket: International and Interdisciplinary Approaches', special issue of *Sport in Society: Culture, Commerce, Media*, Vol. 12, No. 4/5 (Routledge: UK, US).
- May-June 2009 'Batting for the Flag: Cricket, Television and Globalisation in India', in Nalin Mehta, Dominic Malcolm and Jon Gemmell (Eds.) 'Cricket: International and Interdisciplinary Approaches', special issue of *Sport and Society: Culture, Commerce, Media*, Vol. 12, No. 4/5 (Routledge: UK, US).
- May-June 2009 'Bombay Sport Exchange': Cricket, Globalization and the Future', with Jon Gemmell and Dominic Malcolm, in Nalin Mehta, Dominic Malcolm and Jon Gemmell (Eds.) 'Cricket: International and Interdisciplinary Approaches', special issue of *Sport and Society: Culture, Commerce, Media*, Vol. 12, No. 4/5 (Routledge: UK, US).
- 2008 'Negotiating 24-Hour News: Satellite Television, Democratic Politics and Globalization in Contemporary India', *Asia Annual*, 2008.
- Dec. 2006 'Modi and the Camera: The Politics of Television in the 2002 Gujarat Riots', *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Affairs* (Vol. 29, No. 3).[rated among the 10 ten downloaded articles in the journal].
- Sep. 2007 'The Great Indian Willow Trick: Cricket, Nationalism and India's TV News Revolution, 1998–2005', *The International Journal of the History of Sport* (Volume 24 Issue 9) (Routledge: UK, US).

Book chapters

- 2016, forthcoming 'Encounter: Its Indian Journey', *English Keywords in India*, Craig Jeffrey and Assa Doron (eds.), Routledge
- 2015 'India on Television: Owners, Politicians and Debate in a Democracy' in Robin Jeffrey, Ronojoy Sen (eds.), *Media at Work in India and China* (New Delhi: Sage, 2015)
- 2012 'When Live News Was Too Dangerous: The Early History of Satellite TV in India', in Bish Sen, Abhijeet Roy (eds.), *Channeling Cultures, Television Studies from India* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press).
- 2011 'For an Indian Wedding: The Economics and Politics of the Delhi Commonwealth Games 2010', in Andrew Zimbalist, Wolfgang Maennig (eds.), *Handbook of Economics of Major Sporting Events* (Cheltenham, UK, Northampton, US: Edward Elgar).
- 2010 'Notes on Identity, Conflict and Society', with Mona G. Mehta, in Nalin Mehta, Mona G. Mehta (eds.), *Gujarat Beyond Gandhi: Politics, Conflict and Society*, (New Delhi: Routledge, 2010, 2nd edition London, New York: Routledge).
- 2009 'India as a New Media Capital: The Political Impact of India's Satellite TV News Revolution' Stephen Cushion, Justin Lewis (eds.), *Has 24 Hour News Changed the World?* (London: Peter Lang).
- 2009 'Breaking News, Indian Style': Politics, Democracy and Indian News Television', in K. Moti Gokul Singh & Wimal Dissanayake (eds.) *Popular Culture in a Globalised India* (London: Routledge)
- 2008 'Modi and the Camera: The Politics of Television in the 2002 Gujarat Riots', republished in Knut A.

- Jacobsen (Ed.), *Modern Indian Culture and Society*. 4 vols. (London: Routledge)
- 2008 'Satellite Television, Identity and Globalisation in Contemporary India', in Nalin Mehta (Ed.), *Television in India: Satellites, Politics and Cultural Change* (London: Routledge)
- 2008 'Games of Self-Respect: A Colony at the Olympics', with Boria Majumdar in Christopher Hallinan & Steve J. Jackson (Eds.), *Social and Cultural Diversity in a Sporting World* (London: Emerald)
- 2008 'India Talking: Politics, Democracy and News Television', in Nalin Mehta (Ed.), *Television in India: Satellites, Politics and Cultural Change* (London: Routledge)
- 2007 'The Amar Chitra Katha of 1857: The Nation in the Comic', in Boria Majumdar, Sharmishtha Gooptu (Eds.), *Revisiting 1857: History, Myth, Memory* (New Delhi: Roli Books).

POLICY PAPERS/ INSTITUTIONALLY COMMISSIONED PAPERS

- 2015 Co-authored 'National Education Policy and integration of sport into higher education', as part of Justice Mukul Mudgal panel appointed by Ministry of Human Resources and Development.
- 2008 *Leading the HIV Response: Toolkit for Parliamentarians on HIV and AIDS* (New Delhi: UNAIDS: Joint UN Program on HIV/AIDS), lead author.
- 2008 *Press Council of India Revised Guidelines on HIV and AIDS Reporting* (New Delhi: PCI), convener, consultative drafting group.

SELECT INVITED LECTURES/CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 10 Nov. 2016 Keynote Speech on 'Indian Media: Challenges for the Fourth Estate' at Australian National University 'Ideas from India's Conference, Canberra (forthcoming)
- 19 Jan 2016 'Television and Solving the Funding Conundrum'. SatCab Symposium: with Mr. Avinash Panday, COO, ABP News; Gurdeep Singh, MD, Fastway; Pradeep Parameswaran, CEO, DEN; V.D. Wadhwa, President, All India Digital Operators Association
- 30 Sep. 2015 'Cleaning Up IPL and Indian Sport', 42nd All India Management Association Convention (AIMA)
- 22 Sep. 2015 'Popular Culture and Democracy', Jamia Milia Islamia conference on Democracy in Indus: Challenges & Prospects.
- 28 Sep., 2015 'The Political Economy of the Indian Media', Invited Lecture at Indian Institute of Mass Communication
- 27 May 2015 Invited presentation on 'Behind a Billion Screens: What Television Tells Us About Modern India' at 16th FICCI-Frames 2015 summit 'Making India the Global Entertainment Superpower', with Uday Shankar, CEO, Star India
- 28 May 2015 Are we Finally on the Last Mile to Global Sports Leagues?' 16th FICCI-Frames 2015 summit 'Making India the Global Entertainment Superpower'.
- 13 Nov. 2014 "Masculinities and Gender Justice: Role of the Public and Private Sector", 2nd MenEngage Global Symposium (organised by Centre for Health and Social Justice)
- 20 Jan. 2015 UNICEF global 'Activate' Talks on "Innovations to support ending open defecation in India"
- 18 Dec. 2014 'Compelling Business Models with New Technologies', panel at SatCab Symposium 2014
- 12 Mar 2014 'Electronic News Media: The Big Fight for Prime Time', Invited panel expert at FICCI-Frames Media Industry Summit 2014, Mumbai.
- 13 Mar 2013 'Innovation, Planning and Regulation for a Robust Media and Entertainment Industry', Invited panel expert FICCI-Frames Media Industry Summit 2013, Mumbai.
- 18 Dec 2013 'Fault-lines, Institutional Gaps and Reconfiguring the Indian State: What Broadcasting Tells us About Post-Reform India', The Changing State in Asia conference, National University of Singapore.
- 'Indian Media: Myths and Realities', Invited Paper at 'Argumentative Indian' Conference, Australia-India Institute, University of Melbourne, Australia.
- 2 Nov 2009 'Ownership Patterns in the Indian Television Industry', Special Invited Public Lecture at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia.
- 5 Nov 2012 'Regulation, Content and Business: The Case of Indian Television', Invited Lecture at Australian National University, Canberra.
- 7 Nov 2012 'The Problem of Politics and Business Models in Indian Television', Invited Panel Expert at Confederation of Indian Industries-Ministry of Information and Broadcasting high-level closed door meeting of Media and Entertainment Industry CEO's: 'India: The Big Picture Summit'.
- 29-30 Oct 2012 'A Turning Point in Indian Sport: The Media Business and Sporting Cultures', 'The Olympics Games: Meeting New Challenges' conference, University of Oxford, jointly with London 2012 Organizing Committee.
- 13-14 Aug 2012 'The State of Indian Television: A Report', 'India-China Media Dialogue' conference, National University of Singapore.
- 2-3 June 2012 'The Role of Emerging Economies in Global Health Funding', 'Thinking Politically About AIDS' conference, organized by United Nations Joint Program on HIV and International AIDS Society, Bangkok.
- 27-28 Apr 2011

28 Mar 2010	'Anatomy of a Monsoon Wedding: The Politics of Delhi 2010', The Commonwealth Games and the Commonwealth conference, Times of India-South Asia Research Foundation, New Delhi..
24 July 2009	'Bombay Sports Exchange: IPL, Globalisation and the Future', ICC Centenary History Conference, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford.
29 Mar 2008	"'The Big Brother of Asia": Olympism', Asian Games, GANEFO and Nehruvian India', 'Olympic Legacies' Conference, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford.
6-7 Nov. 2008	'The Indian TV Revolution and Perceptions of Australia', India Update conference, ANU College of Asia-Pacific and University of Canberra.
2 Mar 2007	'Cricket as Catalyst: The Game, Globalisation and Indian Television', Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London.
26 Sep. 2006	'India as a New Media Capital: The Global and Regional Impact of Indian Television', AusAID and A.R.C. Asia Pacific Futures Research Network Conference, Australian National University, Canberra.
27 June 2006	'Creating and Contesting a New Public Sphere: Television, Capitalism and the Indian State', 16th Biennial Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Australia, University of Wollongong.
2 Nov 2005	'Bunty aur Babli or McLuhan? Do TV Channels Create Markets or Public?' National University Singapore.
23 Aug 2005	'The Illegal Revolution: Broadcast Law and the Indian State', 4th International Convention of Asia Scholars, Shanghai Academy for Social Sciences
2004	'From Arkansas to Ahmedabad: Situating the Politics of Television in the 2002 Gujarat Riots', Asia Examined: Proceedings of the 15th Biennial Conference of the ASAA (Canberra: ANU, 2004). ISBN 0-9580837-1-1. http://coombs.anu.edu.au/ASAA/conference/proceedings/Mehta-N-ASAA2004.pdf

WORK EXPERIENCE

CONSULTING

Academia, public policy and media industry

- **Aug. 2014-present, Consultant (Editorial), Times of India**
 - o Currently leading a pilot project for a new 'Media Lab' vertical for greater utilisation of print output for online audiences (with Facebook and online videos, motion graphics, data journalism)
 - o Monthly op-ed column on public affairs
 - o Regular analysis on politics and political economy for the Times of India editorial pages.
 - o Lead Q&A section on Times of India editorial page
 - o Weekly blog on TOI Online on politics and current affairs: most-read writer on TOI Online- Sep. 2015-August 2016)
- **June 2016-present, Advisor, DW TV (German public broadcaster)**
Commissioned by DW to advise on the English news TV sector in India, study its Asia broadcast offerings and assess DW's positioning position and opportunities in India
- **2014-2017, Governing Board Member, University Grants Commission CEC**
 - o Appointed member of Governing Board and Governing Council of University Grants Commission Consortium for Education Communication, which oversees the work of 21 university centre nationwide.
 - o Nominated by University Grants Commission for 3-year term
- **2016: Ministry of Human Resource Development, Committee for setting up Jai Prakash Narayan National Centre for Excellence in Humanities in Madhya Pradesh**
 - o Nominated member on advisory committee, with Indian Council of Social Science Research
- **2015: Ministry of Human Resource Development, National Education Policy**
 - o Invited member of MHRD special committee on National Education Policy, headed by Justice Mukul Mudgal, to incorporate sports in national education policy framework
 - o Co-authored Mudgal panel report to MHRD.
- **2015: UGC CV Raman fellowship committee:**
 - o Nominated member of UGC committee for CV Raman Fellowship, to nominate 1000 Indian academics for research work in the United States.

- **2015: UGC committee member**
 - Appointed member of University Grants Commission committee to evaluate MES Mampad College, Mallapuram, Kerala, for performance and academic attainments for conferment of fresh Autonomous Status.
- **2015-present, Co-Director, Times Literary Festival Delhi**
 - Invited by Times of India to co-create TLF Delhi, with Sagarika Ghose
 - Successfully delivered inaugural edition with over 200 leading authors, thinkers, intellectuals and leaders including Amitav Ghosh, Sunil Khilnani, Wendy Doniger, Niall Ferguson, Arun Jaitley, P. Chidambaram, Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev etc. <http://bit.ly/2agPp1z>
 - Currently working on 2016 edition of TLF Delhi: 150 authors already signed up including Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Subramanian, Nandan Nilekani, Ramachandra Guha, Devdutt Pattanaik, Subramanian Swamy, Baba Ramdev etc.
- **Jan 2013-2014: Adjunct Faculty, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore.**
 - Created the first course at a major Indian management university focused exclusively on the business of the Indian media, its politics and public policy challenges: with special emphasis on key debates around content regulation, telecommunications, digital media and emerging trends.
 - The course received excellent student ratings and is now on the IIM-B curriculum for second year management students.
- **2012-2014, Prasar Bharti**
 - Consulting expert and permanent special invitee to Government of India committee for revamping public broadcasting, chaired by Prime Minister's special advisor Sam Pitroda; heading group of experts with Prasar Bharti for international benchmarking and ongoing restructuring
- **2013, Star TV**
 - Advised Star TV on group strategy and expansion: for sports channels
- **2009-12: UNAIDS, Geneva**
 - Member, special consultative group of experts at United Nations Joint Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) on international political changes and impact on public health policies
- **2009-present: Routledge**
 - Editor, South Asian History and Culture (Routledge) book series
 - Editor, South Asian History and Culture (Routledge) international journal
 - Member Advisory Board, South Asia Archive (Routledge)
 - Member, Editorial Board, Sport and Society (Routledge)
- **Editorial and Commentary**
 - **2015-16:** Contracted political expert, NewsX (state assembly elections in Bihar, Kashmir and Delhi)
 - **2012-13** Regular expert commentator on Indian affairs for Australian Broadcasting Corporation (TV and radio) and Channel News Asia
 - **2008/2012** Consulting editorial expert and commentator for Headlines Today's Olympics coverage
 - **2010-12** Weekly columnist on politics and public culture for Mumbai Mirror (and other Mirror editions in Ahmedabad, Pune, Bangalore and Kolkata), <http://bit.ly/1uZistM>
 - **2008-12** Written invited op-ed columns for The Financial Times (<http://on.ft.com/2aM28ZK>), Straits Times, The Indian Express (2008-09) (<http://www.indianexpress.com/columnist/nalinmehta/>), The Financial Express, Outlook (<http://bit.ly/2aA6Fva>), and The Times of India (<http://bit.ly/YCwcO>)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2015-present

Associate Professor, Shiv Nadar University

- Created and taught two new courses: 'Media and Politics' and the 'The Indian Polity: Democracy and the State' in the Department of Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Currently being tasked to set up a cross-functional School of Communications and Media
- Special mention by the University Chancellor for exceptional research output at inaugural Shiv Nadar University convocation 2015
- Consistently exceptional student feedback rating on teaching.

2013- 2014

Managing Editor, India Today Group (English news channel), New Delhi, India

- Channel head for Headlines Today, one of India's biggest 24-hour satellite TV news networks, with a team of over 300 employees across the country.
- Job responsibilities included managing channel's editorial agenda and business needs in the year leading up to the 2014 general election.
- Responsible for integrating and synergizing English TV news with other online and print initiatives of the India Today Group.

March 2012-Sep 2013

Visiting Senior Research Fellow, National University of Singapore (Asia Research Institute, Institute of South Asian Studies)

- Concluded a major book on emerging trends in Indian broadcasting and its political, social and economic impact, subsequently published by HarperCollins in 2015.
- Co-convenor for two major international research projects: one on India-China bilateral relations and comparative media systems (with Prof. Robin Jeffrey) and the other on the changing role of the state in Asia (with Prof. Prasenjit Duara) in collaboration with the Harvard-Yenching Institute.
- The India-China media project included organizing two major international conferences and has led to the commissioning of an edited book, *Mughals Mandarins and Messengers: Media at Work in India and China*, to be co-edited with Prof. Jeffrey and with over 20 contributors from both countries.
- The state in Asia project (focusing on India, China, Thailand, South Korea, Malaysia and Sri Lanka in particular) included organizing a major conference which brought together 15 leading economists, social scientists and historians to focus on the evolution of governance patterns. A second leg of the conference will be held in 2014 in partnership with the Harvard-Yenching Institute, followed by an edited book collection (co-awarded special grant of S\$30,000 from NUS).

Aug. 2009-March 2012

Senior Communications Specialist, The Global Fund, Geneva, Switzerland

- Responsible for external communications strategy with donor countries and grant implementers in Asia, Africa and the Pacific for the world's largest multilateral mechanism for international health funding.
- Jointly coordinated policy research and strategic resource mobilization efforts that successfully raised \$13 billion from major donor countries for international health spending as part of an initiative chaired by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in New York, Oct. 2010.
- Policy advisor and focal point for research in special theme group tracking political and health trends in South and South West Asia (nine countries).
- Jointly organized high-level dialogue on the economic crisis and global development spending with several Ministers of Health and heads of UN agencies at the World Economic Forum, Davos; World Health Assembly, Geneva; International AIDS Conference, Vienna; European Development Days Summit, Stockholm; and United Nations General Assembly, New York
- International spokesperson on Global Fund grants. Responsible for authoring policy statements, briefs and detailed reports on Global Fund grants in several countries.
- Part of core team for the largest digital media campaign of its kind in Europe: 'Born HIV Free', in partnership with Google, Facebook, Twitter, Orange and more than a 100 media organizations -- to raise awareness around Southern health issues in 10 European countries and operating in five languages.

- Mar 2008-July 2009 **UNAIDS (Joint UN Programme on HIV & AIDS), Adviser**
- Led UNAIDS public policy work with government, Parliamentarians and state legislators on key health issues
 - Lead author for several UNAIDS reports and toolkits on health trends in South Asia.
 - Responsible for identifying and sharing of best practices between countries: organized inter- country ministerial dialogue between Brazil, Thailand and India on health policies in Mexico City, Aug. 2008
- Aug. 2007-Mar. 2008 **Deputy News Editor and News Anchor, Times Now**
- Responsible for setting editorial policy, daily news operations and overall editorial quality.
 - Anchored daily news bulletins and three daily news programmes: Live Report, Newshour and Snapshots.
 - Responsible for project research, design and execution of a new initiative on quality coverage of social issues: a half-hour weekly programme called 'Heart of the Matter'
 - Successfully led special coverage of assembly elections in Gujarat, with Prof. Mahesh Rangarajan of Delhi University: including special shows, coordinating exclusive surveys, reportage and editorial framework.
 - Coordinated efforts for brand integration within the Times of India Group by co-branding and coordinating Times Now news coverage with The Times of India and its other publications like *Mumbai Mirror*, *Femina*, *Bangalore Mirror* etc.
- Sep. 2004-Mar. 2007 **Sessional Tutor, La Trobe University, Melbourne**
- Taught two undergraduate courses: 'Politics and Media' for social science students and 'States, Nations and Security' for International Relations students.
 - Raised funding, planned and jointly organized research on mapping Asian television through 'Television in Asia' -- joint research project with International Centre for Excellence in Asia Pacific Studies and Australian Research Council -- 2005- 06.
 - As part of 'TV in Asia' project, co-organized three separate international conferences, in Shanghai 2005 and Melbourne 2005-06, to bring together television practitioners and academic experts from all over Asia. It has resulted in the publication of a collection of articles in *Biblio: A Review of Books*, and an edited book collection on Indian television that was published in 2008 under Routledge's 'Media, Culture and Society' series.
 - Organized international conference on 'Contemporary Asia: Mapping Popular Culture' at La Trobe Institute of India and South Asia (2006).
- Sep. 2000-Dec. 2004 **Correspondent and Anchor, New Delhi Television**
- Political Correspondent for Star News, NDTV 24/7 and NDTV India. 2000-04.
 - Anchored morning and afternoon news bulletins on a daily basis.
 - Editor's special commendation for coverage of 2002 Gujarat riots and assembly election (reporting and research).
 - Special assignments included the Gujarat earthquake of 2001 that claimed nearly 10,000 lives; the assassination of the Nepalese Royal family in 2002; state assembly elections in Punjab (2001), Uttar Pradesh (2001) and Chhattisgarh (2003); the Indo-Pak Agra summit (2001) and military operations in Kashmir.
 - Daily beats included, at various times, Congress, BJP and Defence Ministry.
- 1997-1999 **Reporter, Zee Television Network**
- Part of the editorial creative team for Zee News Plus, a special daily features series, and Beech Shahar [Centre of the City], a city-based weekly news show.
 - Conceptualized and implemented production of two weekly shows -- Zee World and The Entertainment Show.
 - Oversaw English News editorial/ production and directed news bulletins.
 - Researcher and production assistant for Insight, a weekly news magazine.