

EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

Amrita Vasudevan is a Research Assistant at IT for Change. Amrita is engaged in policy research on Internet-related public policy issues and inclusive e-governance. She is currently handling a regional research study on evaluating the effectiveness of existing legal-institutional response mechanisms to technology-mediated Violence Against Women in South Asia, focusing on two country-contexts: India and Bangladesh.

Amrita has previously worked with a Member of Parliament as part of the Legislative Assistance to a Member of Parliament Fellowship offered by PRS Legislative Research.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- Handling the Women's Rights Online- Phase 2 project, 'Online freedom for all = No unfreedom for women' a regional research study on evaluating the effectiveness of existing legal-institutional response mechanisms to technology-mediated Violence Against Women in South Asia, focusing on two country-contexts: India and Bangladesh.
- Drafting Advocacy Statements (National)
 - Supported the drafting of advocacy statements to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India on questions of Net Neutrality, cloud computing, deployment of public Wi-Fi
 - Provided research support in drafting 10 action plan to address Violence against Women, constituted by the Government of Karnataka, January 2017
- Drafting Advocacy Statements (International)
 - Provided research support in drafting comments the civil society organisation – Article 19 on the intersection of freedom of expression and the right to privacy
 - Provided research support in drafting comments to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on revisions to General Recommendation 19 on violence against women.
 - Provided research support in drafting comments to the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights on state obligations under the ICESCR in the context of business activities, January 2017

WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS

- Providing research support on a workshop, 'Democratic Accountability in the Digital Age age', November 2016
- Provided research support and was panelist for the workshop, 'The Gendered Digital in the Network Society', February 2017

- Conducted a master class for Srishti School of Design, Bangalore on 'Identity and Belonging in the Digital Space- Questions of data, ownership and privacy'

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Participate in stakeholder meetings on issues of governance of the Internet, particularly of the International Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers' Cross Country Working Group on Jurisdiction
- Aided in developing the curriculum for IT for Change's field staff on laws affecting women in India.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- LL.M (IPR) NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad (2014-15)
 - IPR Specialisation with additional credits in Public Law
 - CGPA 6.83/8
 - Dissertation Topic: *"Interface between Intellectual Property Law and Competition Law in the Pharmaceutical Sector: a Developing Country's Perspective"*
- B.A., LL.B (Hons.), School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore (2009-14)
 - CGPA: 3.36/4.
 - Dissertation Topic: *'Critical Analysis of Creative Commons Licensing and the Access to Knowledge'*

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

- Legislative Assistance to Member of Parliament (2015-16)
 - Prepare parliamentary interventions in the form of Questions, Zero Hour notices, special mentions, and debates
 - Drafted Private Member Bills
 - Prepared speeches on Bills for discussion in Parliament
 - Researched and made notes on Standing Committee Meetings

CERTIFICATE COURSES

- Attended the South-Asian Feminist Legal Training Programme conducted by Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development in December 2016
- Completed the online Certificate Course on Intellectual Property Laws conducted by FICCI. July – November, 2013.
- Participated in workshop on Alternative Dispute Resolution conducted by Options Inc on 21st September 2013.
- Completed a *Legal Writing* workshop organized by the Centre for Law and Policy Research, Bangalore.

INTERNSHIPS

- Luthra and Luthra Bangalore (Oct- Nov 2014)
- Banana IP , Bangalore (Oct 2014)
- K&S Partners, Bangalore (Oct - Nov ,2013).
- King and Partridge ,Bangalore (Jul 1st - Jul 27th ,2013)
- Centre For Law and Policy Research, Bangalore (Apr-May 2013)
- Indian Institute of Science, Intellectual Property Cell, Bangalore (Oct – Nov 2012).
- Justice N. Kumar, Judge, High Court Karnataka (Oct – Nov 2011).
- S.V Bhatt, Advocate, High Court, Karnataka (Oct- Nov 2010).
- Vimochana , Forum for Women’s Rights, Bangalore(April – May 2010)

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-authored a paper titled ‘*A Critical Analysis of the Anti-Majoritarian Bias in the Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence (Access to Justice and Reparations) Bill, 2011*’, published in the International Journal of Legal Studies and Research. ISSN NO. 2278-4764. West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (available at http://www.ijlsr.in/ijlsr_2012_vol_1_no_2).
- Co-authored a paper titled ‘ A Constitution Analysis of the Restrictions on Predictions of Voter’s Preferences by the Media’ published in the Comparative Constitutional Law and Administrative Law Quarterly, Vol. 1, Issue 3, National Law University, Jodhpur, ISSN: 2347-4351.

MEDIA

- Co-authored an article titled, ‘Privacy protection: India seems to be going the NSA-PRISM way, when it comes to surveillance’ Firstpost, 13 January, 2013 <http://tech.firstpost.com/news-analysis/privacy-protection-india-seems-to-be-going-the-nsa-prism-way-when-it-comes-to-surveillance-357390.html>

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- National Seminar on "Political and Judicial Perspective on Electoral Reforms in India" - ILS, Pune on the topic "Media vis-a-vis Exit Polls".

MOOTS

- Finalists at the M.P Law College, Aurangabad, XIII National Moot Court Competition 2013.

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

- Attended conference organized by Society for Technology Management (STEM) on Professional Development Program for Technology Managers from 19th to 20th August 2014
- Attended a seminar organized by Microsoft, India and Truth Labs on Cyber Security on 26th March 2015

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Guest Editor, Christ University Law Journal, School of Law Christ University, 2012.
- Member, Constitutional Law Committee, School of Law Christ University, Bangalore, 2012 -2013.
- Member, Human Rights Committee, School of Law Christ University, Bangalore, 2009 -2010.
- Volunteer, Christ University National Moot Court Competition 2010-2012.