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**Date of Birth:** 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1979

**Age:** 40 years

**Nationality:** Indian

**Marital Status:** Married

**Languages:** Fluent in English, fair in Konkani, Hindi and Portuguese and some exposure in French.

## Current work

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(From May 2012 to date) Lecturer at the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Birla Institute of Technology & Science-Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus: As part of my teaching assignments I have handled courses in Political Theory, Development Studies and Technical Report Writing. I have also co-taught a course in Development Economics.

## Academics

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### PhD

University	Year
Birla Institute of Technology & Science - Pilani	2019

PhD dissertation titled *The Dynamics of Land-use Planning: A Case Study of Goa*

### M.Phil in Development Studies

University	Percentage	Year
University of Oxford, UK	67%	2008

The two-year programme had both a taught and research component. Taught courses included: Politics and History of development, Social Anthropology, A Core Course in Development Studies, Research Methods, and two electives: Economic Development and Indian Political Economy. I also did a non-credit course in the Philosophy of Social Science. As part of the degree, I also completed a thesis, under the supervision of Prof. Nandini Gooptu, on the post-liberalisation, urban transformation of the city of Mumbai titled *Making Mumbai a 'World Class' City*.

## Master of Arts in International Studies (M.A.)

University	Percentage	Year
Goa University	71.31%	2004

M.A. courses included: Political Theory, International Relations, Research Methodology, International Law, International Economics, International Political Economy, Statistics and Econometrics among others. As part of the course I also completed a dissertation on *Human Security and Contemporary Debates on Security*, which sought to locate the idea of Human Security vis-à-vis traditional and non-traditional conceptualisations of security.

## Bachelor of Arts in Economics (B.A.)

University	Percentage	Year
Goa University	72.85%	2001

Was educated at Dhempe College of Arts and Science and majored in Economics. Other courses included: Psychology, Philosophy, Mass Communication and English.

## Experience

### Research Projects

- **Land Dispossession for a Golf Course in Tiracol, Goa:** (Co-PI with Prof. Alito Siqueira, Prof. Peter R. deSouza) Oct 2015-2017. Funded by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi. Completed.
- (External expert) **Language of the Becoming City**, May 2015 - 2017, headed by Prof. Henrietta Palmer, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden and Funded by the Swedish Research Council. The project seeks to understand urban dynamics of conflict, networks, commons and hybridity in four urban locations of Sodertalje-Stockholm, Goa, Cape Town and Rio de Janeiro. Fieldwork and reports completed, publication is due in late 2018.
- **The Politics of India's SEZs**, Jan 2010 – Feb 2011: A research project headed by Prof. Rob Jenkins, City University New York and funded by the Ford Foundation. The project sought to understand the implementation of the SEZ Policy across various Indian states. I contributing to the study by undertaking a case study of SEZs in the state of Goa. Completed and research published.
- **Centre for the Study of Developing Studies (CSDS)**, May 2004 – Aug 2005: Worked as a Research Assistant at Lokniti, CSDS on a cross-country project titled *State of Democracy in South Asia* which sought to map the experience of democracy in five South Asian countries: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. In particular, I oversaw one component of the project called, Dialogues; which was an exercise that recognised and recovered conceptions and experiences of democracy from a range of democracy 'activists'. The Dialogues sought to complement the other components of the project: a cross-national Survey, Case Studies and Qualitative Assessment of democratic institutions. Apart from the above

responsibility I also designed the website for Lokniti, CSDS [www.lokniti.org](http://www.lokniti.org) and was in charge of updating it. I also overlooked the organization of a few seminars.

- **National Election Survey 2004**, April – May 2004:  
State supervisor of the Goa chapter of a nationwide post-poll survey titled *National Election Survey 2004 (NES 2004)* conducted by the CSDS on the 14<sup>th</sup> Indian Parliamentary Elections in May, 2004.
- **Measuring, Monitoring and Managing Sustainability: the Coastal Dimension**, November 2002  
Assisted in the capacity of a field-investigator in a survey conducted by Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI). The survey aimed at studying the perceptions and requirements of tourists when visiting a tourist destination (Goa). The information was to be used in formulating the state's tourism policy.

## Consultancies

- With Dr. Rayson K Alex, **Analysis of Stakeholders in Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary, Chorao, Goa**, for Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Aug 2014-Jan 2015. [Rs. 2,60,000/-]
- **Consultancy to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva**, May – June 2009: Study on mapping out the legal provisions through which political parties are able to revoke the parliamentary mandate in 29 countries from the Asia-Pacific region. [Rs. 1,50,000/-]
- **Women Aloud: Videoblogging for Empowerment (WAVE)**, Oct 2009 – Feb 2010: assisted in the implementation of a project which set up a network of young women journalists, one from every Indian state, who underwent training in community media; to create short videos about local issues and to upload them on a website (video blog) in order to reach a wide and global audience.

## Others

- **Visiting Scholar**: 10<sup>th</sup> May – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 at the School of the Built Environment at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK to research on the politics of land-use planning. Work has contributed to my PhD.
- **Academic Counsellor/Lecturer in Social Sciences**: to undergraduates studying at Pradeepa: Pallottine Institute of Philosophy & Religion which is a study centre of the National Open University (IGNOU).
- **Teaching Assistant**, from July – Dec 2010: to Asst. Prof. Alito Siqueira, Dept of Sociology, Goa University in designing and delivering a course on Globalisation & Development.
- **Critic at student's final exams and delivery of lecture on SEZs**, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011: Royal Institute of Art, Stockholm, Sweden.
- **General Electric (Capital)**, May 2001 – Jun 2002:  
Responsibilities included providing customer service to credit card clients. Besides receiving 5 certificates for excellence and being rated Top Quality Performer I assisted in projects relating to digitization of processes, contextual training and decreasing process defects.

## Publications and Honours

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### Journal Articles

- (2017) with Kenneth Bo Nielson & Heather P Bedi 'Enabling the Great Goan Land Grab' in *Economic & Political Weekly*, LII (41) 14 October, pp. 14-16.
- (2006) With deSouza, Peter R, Edzia Carvalho and Sushma Pawar, 'Dynamics of a Working Democracy: Representative Politics in a Goa Constituency' *Economic and Political Weekly*, 41(16), pp. 1547-1583
- (2005) With deSouza, Peter R., 'Dialogues – The Monarchy and Democracy in Nepal', *Seminar*, 548 (April), pp. 54-58.
- (2004) With Rodrigues, Maria do Ceau, Prabhat Kumar and William Joe, 'Goa Fractured Mandate', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 39(51), pp.5532-5535.

### Book Chapters

- (2017) with Kenneth Bo Nielson 'Golden or Green? Growth Infrastructures and Resistance in Goa', in Tereza Kuldova & Mathew Varghese, *Urban Utopias: Excess and Expulsion in Neoliberal South Asia*, Palgrave Macmillan, pgs. 53-73.
- (2014) 'Goa: The Politics of Reversal' in Jenkins, R., Kennedy, L & Mukhopadyay, P. (eds.) *Power, Policy and Protest: The Politics of India's Special Economic Zones*. New Delhi Oxford University Press.
- (2009) With Rodrigues, Maria do Ceau, 'Goa: A Fractured Mandate'. In Yadav, Y., Suri, K.C. & Shastri, S. (eds) *Electoral Politics in Indian States: Lok Sabha Elections in 2004 and Beyond*. New Delhi, Oxford University Press.

### Conference papers

- (2017) With Kenneth Bo Nielsen and Heather P. Bedi, 'The Unravelling of Regional Planning: Contested Land In Goa, India', paper presented at the *46th Annual Conference on South Asia*, 26-28 Oct, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA.
- (2016) With Palmer, Henrietta & Low, Iain 'Urban commons in the Neoliberal Global Order: Commoning as Counteraction' paper presented at the *17th N-AERUS Conference: Governing, Planning and Managing the City in an Uncertain World. Comparative Perspectives on Everyday Practices*, 17-19 Nov, at the School of Public Administration (SPA) at the University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- (2013) with Wayne Gonsalves and Sushobhan Parida, 'The Politics of Goa's Regional Plans', paper presented at National Conference on *India's Political Economy in Transition: The Crisis of Governance, Democracy and Development*, 21-22 Dec, organised by Indian Institute of Advanced Study and the Department of Political Science, Goa University, at Goa University, Taleigao, Goa.
- (2011) *Amka Naka SEZ: The Story of Special Economic Zones in Goa*, paper presented at *Aspects of Growth: Monsoon Asia and the Consequences of Desire*, 31<sup>st</sup> May, organised by Kungl. Konsthögskolan, Mejan Arc - Advanced Studies in Urbanism, at Royal Institute of Art, Stockholm.

### Research Reports

- (2017) With Alito Siqueira, Peter R deSouza and Neha Naik, *A Golf Course Resort in Agricultural Tenanted Land: The Case of the Village of Tiracol in Goa*, submitted to the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi\.
- (2014) With Rayson K Alex, Namrata N. Naik and Sushobhan Parida, *An Analysis of the Stakeholders in the Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary, Chorao, Goa, Contract No. : 83180575*

submitted to Indo-German Biodiversity Programme Conservation and Sustainable Management of Existing and Potential Coastal and Marine Protected Areas (CMPA)

- (2009) Da Silva, S., *A Compilation of Constitutional and other Legal Provisions that Enable Political Parties to Revoke the Parliamentary Mandate: A study of Twenty-Nine Countries from the Asia-Pacific Region*, submitted to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva.
- (Member of Research Team) SDSA Team 2007, *State of Democracy in South Asia: A Report*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.

### Awards/Honours

- 2015-date: Member of Board of Studies in Political Science, Goa University
- May 2005, Awarded the Felix Scholarship to pursue an M.Phil. in Development Studies at the University of Oxford, UK.
- November 2004: Selected by the Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), Colombo to participate in the winter workshop on ‘Sources of conflict in South Asia: Terrorism, Human security issues, Gender security and migration held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- June 2001: Certificate of merit for securing the highest percentage of marks at the Third Year Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) examination.
- June 2001: Certificate for securing the highest marks in Economics at the Third Year Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) examination in the academic year 2000 - 2001.

## Research Interests

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- Development theory; understanding social transformation.
- Issues of urban development especially urban marginality
- India’s Political Economy
- Economy and Politics of Goa
- Philosophy of Social Science

## Other Qualifications

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- Endnote: Creating bibliographical databases, 2006
  - Basic Course in Web Designing, 2004
  - Certificate in French, 2003
  - Certificate in Computers from NIIT, 1999
- Software packages studied: Unix, Sybase, HTML, Networking, Windows and Microsoft Office.

## Other Activities/Interests

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- **Goa Bachao Abiyan (GBA)**

Former-core member of the GBA; worked extensively during the opposition to the Goa Regional Plan 2011 and during the period immediate to the scrapping of the Plan.

- **Pilerne Citizens Forum (PCF)**

A founding member of the Forum, which perseveres to take up issues of social welfare in the villages of Pilerne and Marra, Goa.

- **The Arts**

Member of “**The Mustard Seed Art Company**”, an English theatre group located in Goa. Participated in a play at the International Peace Festival “*Oceans of Joy*”, held in Bangalore, India in December 2000. Represented Goa University at the “*Katha International Story festival*” in New Delhi in 2004.

## References

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