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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

July 2017- current      Assistant Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Management Indore, Indore

Dec. 2016- May 2017      Senior Lecturer, School of Policy & Governance, Azim Premji University, Bangalore

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## EDUCATION

2011- 2017      *Ph.D. in Public Policy*  
Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore, Bangalore  
Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship 2014-15 at Duke University

2005 - 07      *Post Graduate Diploma in Management (MBA) with First class*  
Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore

2000 – 04      *Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) Electrical Engineering with First class*  
Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay

## PUBLICATION

### Articles in refereed journals

Phadnis, A., & Bhaskara, M. (Forthcoming). Disruptions in the legislature: An insider's view from legislators in India. *India Review Journal* (SJR Rank Q2= ABDC 'B' Journal).

Phadnis, A. (2020). Party discipline and disruptions of legislative business: evidence from India, *The Journal of Legislative Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/13572334.2020.1829447 (SJR Rank Q1= ABDC 'A' Journal).

Phadnis, A., & Gupta, A. (2019). The Politics of Farm Loan Waivers. *Economic & Political Weekly*, 54(23), 51-56. (ABDC 'B' Journal) – Article cited in the Economic Survey of India 2019-20.

### Articles under review

Phadnis, A., & Khandelwal, A. (2020). *The Rise of Political Consultancy in India*. Revise and Resubmit decision by *India Review Journal* (SJR Rank Q2= ABDC 'B' Journal).

### Articles presented at Conferences

Phadnis, A., & Kashyap, A. (2019). *The politics of historical personalities: Textual analysis of speeches by the Indian Prime Minister* (Working Paper No. WP/02/2018-19/HSS). Retrieved from IIM Indore: <https://www.iimdr.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/WP022018-19HSS.pdf>

Phadnis, A., & Bhogale, S. (2019). *Explaining disruption in the legislature: Evidence from India*. Retrieved from ISI Delhi: <https://www.isid.ac.in/~epu/acegd2019/papers/AjitPhadnis.pdf>

### Work in progress

Hossain, A., & Phadnis, A. (2021) *Democracy in South Asia: A comparative study of oppositions' power in legislature*. Received Research Grant from the Nordic Centre in India.

Phadnis, A., & Kudligi, S. (2020) *How Context affects Policy Response to COVID-19* (Paper uploaded on SSRN: [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3596295](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3596295))

### Book chapter

Phadnis, A. (2019) Benefits from chaos: The political incentive behind the disruption of parliament, in *Constitutional and Democratic Institutions in India: A Critical Analysis*. eds. Sudha Pai. Orient Blackswan.

### Book review

Phadnis, A., & Pathak, M. (Forthcoming) [Review of the book *Election Commission of India: Institutionalising Democratic Uncertainties*. by Ujjwal Kumar Singh and Anupama Roy (Oxford University Press)]. *Economic & Political Weekly*.

Phadnis, A. (2019). [Review of the book *Dissent on Aadhar: Big Data Meets Big Brother*. eds. Reetika Khera (Orient Blackswan)]. *The Book Review Journal*,

Phadnis, A. (2019). [Review of the book *How India Votes: A State-by-State Look*. eds. Ashutosh Kumar and Yatindra Singh Sisodia (Orient BlackSwan)]. *The Book Review Journal*, 43(4), 16.

Phadnis, A. (2018). [Review of the book *The Indian Parliament and Democratic Transformation*. eds. Ajay. K. Mehra (Routledge)]. *The Book Review Journal*, 42(12), 10.

Phadnis, A. (2016). [Review of the book *Politics of Welfare - Comparisons across Indian States*. eds. Louise Tillin, Rajeshwari Deshpande, and K.K. Kailash (Oxford University Press)] *Studies in Indian Politics*, 4(2), 249–250.

Phadnis, A. (2013). [Review of the book *A Half-Century of Indian Higher Education: Essays* by Philip G Altbach. eds. Pawan Agarwal (Sage)], *IIMB Management Review*, 25(4), 257-258.

## **INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & SEMINARS**

2021 International Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Lisbon, Jul. 10-14 (invited)

2020 Indian School of Business (ISB), Conference on 'Indian Democracy at Work', Hyderabad, Jan. 9-10 (paper presenter)

Indore Management Association, Staff Development Program on 'Listening To People: How To Conduct Effective Surveys In Organizations', Dec. 4 (lecture).

2019 European Council of Political Research (ECPR), General Conference, Wroclaw, Sep. 4-7 (paper presenter)

Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science Research, Research Methodology Workshop, Jul. 22-26 (lecture)

University of Hyderabad, Conference on 'Indian democracy at Crossroads', Jan. 23-24 (Session Chair and paper presenter).

- 2018 ISI Delhi, Fourteenth Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Dec. 19-21 (paper presenter)  
Devi Ahilya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Workshop on Research Methodology: A Qualitative Approach, Indore, Sep. 24 (Guest of Honour)  
IIM Bangalore, Thirteenth International Conference on Public Policy and Management, Delhi, Aug. 23-25 (Session Chair and paper presenter)
- 2017 University of Hyderabad, Workshop on ‘Values, Ideas, and Party Systems: Indian Party Politics since Independence’: GIAN, Hyderabad, Nov. 20-25 (proposal presenter)  
European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Meeting, Milan, Jun. 22-24 (invited)  
Brown University, Brown International Advanced Research Institute (BIARI), Providence, Jun. 3-17. (paper presenter)  
Lokniti Seminar on Explorations in Indian Democracy, Delhi, Apr. 4-5 (paper presenter)  
Azim Premji University, International Conference on Regional Political Economy, Jan. 6-7 (paper presenter)
- 2016 ISI Delhi, Twelfth Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development, Dec. 19-21 (paper presenter)  
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Sep. 1-4 (e-poster presentation)  
European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Meeting, Brussels, Jun. 23-25 (paper presenter)  
IIM Bangalore, Brown Bag Series, May 18 (paper presenter)  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, Apr. 7-10 (invited)  
University of Hyderabad, Invited Research Scholar, Apr. 5-8 (paper presenter)

## **POLICY CONSULTING/ RESEARCH**

- 2020 Madhya Pradesh State Education department for designing ‘Video-based training modules’ for school teachers
- 2010 Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU): National Consultant for study on parliament and Millennium Development Goals
- 2009-10 Lok Sabha Secretariat: Research fellow under the Lok Sabha Internship Programme
- 2007-09 PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.: Social sector consultant with government division:
  - Karnataka State Planning Board: Vision document for Karnataka, position and strategy papers for education and skill development
  - Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development & Financing Corporation: Concept note for poverty alleviation in North Karnataka
  - Education Department, Government of Karnataka: Evaluation of mid-day meal programme
- 2007 Karnataka state education department: Evaluation study of Vocational education

## **TEACHING**

Research in public policy (Area Related course for doctoral students, IIM Indore)  
Introduction to the Constitution of India (Elective for Post graduate programme, IIM Indore)  
Business, government and society (Elective for Post graduate programme in Management, IIM Indore)  
Indian politics and public policy (Core for Integrated Programme in Management, IIM Indore)  
Research Methodology (Core for Integrated Programme in Management, IIM Indore)  
Negotiation (Core for Integrated Programme in Management, IIM Indore)

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Co-ordinator of the Rural Engagement Programme at IIM Indore between 2019 and 2021.  
Member of Integrated Programme in Management (IPM) Executive Committee between 2019 and 2021.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

2017 Brown University International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI) Fellowship  
2014 Fulbright- Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship 2014-15  
2011 Recognized '*Emerging Influential*' by Daily News & Analysis newspaper, Anniversary Issue.  
2009 Recognized '*IIM Alumni: Rocking to a different beat*' in IMPACT, IIM Alumni newsletter  
2007 'Community Service Award 2007' at IIM Bangalore  
2006 Elected member of Student Affairs Committee (SAC) of IIM Bangalore  
2005 Percentile of 99.63 in Common Admission Test (CAT) 2005 for admission to IIMs  
2004 Selected Best Office Bearer as General Secretary of Hostel at IIT Bombay  
2000 All India Rank (AIR) of 226 from over 120,000 candidates in IIT-JEE 2000  
1999 Best Outgoing student at Air Force School, Hebbal  
1997 Top 0.1% Certificate of Merit for Mathematics for Grade X<sup>th</sup> Examination of the Central Board of Secondary Education

## **MEDIA ARTICLES AND REFERENCES**

Himanshu Rai and Ajit Phadnis. July 28, 2020. 'Easing the policy uncertainty associated with lockdowns.' *Free Press Journal*.  
Ajit Phadnis. 2018. 'The roots of Parliamentary dysfunction in India.' *IIM-In-sights*. Vol. 1, May.  
Ajit Phadnis. August 13, 2013. 'Decoding Election Manifestos: What are the policies for the future?' *Oxford University India policy blog*.  
Ajit Phadnis. April 22, 2013. 'New parties can leverage clout for a larger agenda.' *Times of India*.  
Ajit Phadnis. April 10, 2011. 'The Fight for Lokpal brought us together.' *Deccan Chronicle*  
*Research cited in Media*  
Meenakshi Sharma. January 8, 2019. "Road flaws and lack of safety audit behind fatal accidents", *The Times of India*, Indore.

Soli Sorabjee. September 5, 2010. “Democracy triumphs and MPs fail”, *Indian Express*.

Aditi Tandon. August 31, 2010. “Parties gag MPs from speaking their mind ” *The Tribune, Chandigarh*.

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