

# Anitha Ramanna

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Current Position

**Lecturer**, Department of Politics and Public Administration, *University of Pune, India* (from March 2004)

### Current Research Interests

Political Economy of Development, Intellectual Property Rights and Agriculture, India's Policy on Agricultural Biotechnology and Biodiversity, WTO and India's Negotiating Strategy

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### Education

- 2001-02**      **Postdoctoral Fellowship**  
(under Capacity Building and Training Program)  
International Food Policy Research Institute  
Washington, D.C., USA
- 2000**        **PhD, International Studies**  
Centre for American Studies  
School of International Studies  
Jawaharlal Nehru University  
New Delhi, India
- 1994**        **MPhil, International Studies**  
Centre for American Studies  
School of International Studies  
Jawaharlal Nehru University  
New Delhi, India
- 1991**        **MA, Political Science**  
Department of Political Science  
Bangalore University, Bangalore, India
- 1989**        **BA, Political Science, Economics and Sociology**  
Mount Carmel College  
Bangalore, India

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## Experience

- 2004- Present** **Lecturer**, Dept. of Politics and Public Administration,  
University of Pune, India
- Visiting Research Associate**, Indira Gandhi Insitute of Development Research,  
Mumbai, India
- 1999** **Assistant Editor**, Economic and Political Weekly,  
Mumbai, India
- 1997** **Research Assistant**, National Working Group on Patent Laws,  
New Delhi, India
- 1997** **Editor**, IPRs Section, World Trade Scanner,  
New Delhi, India
- 1992** **Lecturer**, Political Science, St. Josephs College,  
Bangalore, India
- 1992** **Consultant**, Newspaper in Education, Times of India  
Bangalore, India

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## Fellowships

- 2005** **C.R. Parekh Fellow**, Asia Research Centre, LSE
- 1998-99** **Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Fellowship**, Affiliated with Department of Political  
Science, University of California, Berkeley and Kennedy School of  
Government, Harvard University
- 1992-98** **Junior and Senior Research Fellowship**, University Grants Commission, India

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## Teaching

### Post-graduate level Courses:

- Politics and Economics of Development (with special reference to India)
  - Political Economy of India
  - International Political Economy
  - Development Studies
  - Public Administration
  - Public Policy
  - U S Foreign Policy
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## **Publications**

### Refereed Journal Articles and Chapters

“Public Access to Seeds and the Human Right to Adequate Food” (with Marc Cohen) in George Kent, ed., Global Obligations for the Human Right to Food, (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield) 2008 Pp. 161-190.

“Global Convergence meets Local Divergence: Intellectual Property in Indian Seed Markets” with Jeroen van Wijk, Special Issue The Process of Innovation: The Asian Way, International Journal of Technology Management, vol. 39, no. 3/4, 2007 p. 264-78.

“Intellectual Property Rights, Agriculture and Rural Communities”, Journal of Agricultural Safety and Health 11 (4), November 2005, 423-430.

“Bt Cotton and India's Policy on IPRs” Asian Biotechnology and Development Review, Special Issue on Biotechnology and Intellectual Property Rights Vol. 7 No 2 March 2005

Intellectual Property Rights in South Asia: Opportunities and Constraints for Technology Transfer, with S. Udgaonkar in Babu S. and Gulati A. (eds), Economic Reforms and Food Security in South Asia: The Role of Trade and Technology, (New York: Haworth Press), 2005.

Shifts in India’s Policy on Intellectual Property: The Role of Ideas, Coercion and Changing Interests, in Peter Drahos and Uma Suthersenen, eds., Death of a Patent System, Perspectives in Intellectual Property (London), 2005.

“Rights and Access to Plant Genetic Resources Under India’s New Law” with Melinda Smale, Development Policy Review, 22, no. 4, 2004, p. 423-442.

“IPRs and Agriculture: South Asian Concerns”, South Asia Economic Journal, vol. 4 no. 1, June 2003.

### **Working Papers, Reports and Reviews**

“India’s Policy on Genetically Modified Crops” Working paper 15, Asia Research Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science 2006.

“The Farmers Rights Project—Background Study 4 Farmers Rights in India: A Case Study”, FNI Report 6/2006 Commissioned by The Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) Norway.

“India’s Patent Policy and Political Economy of Development” Radhakrishna and Parikh, eds, India Development Report, 2003-2004, Sage, India, 2005.

India’s Plant Variety and Farmer’s Rights Legislation: Potential Impact on Stakeholder Access to Genetic Resources, EPTD Discussion Paper, IFPRI, Washington, D.C. January 2003.

“Interest Groups and Patent Reform in India” IGIDR Working Paper WP-2003-06, March 2004.

“To Controversial Technology” Review of Seeds of Contention: World Hunger and the Global Controversy over GM Crops by Per Pinstrup-Anderson and Ebbe Schioler, 2000, Economic and Political Weekly, vol. 39, May 15-21, 2004 15-21, 2004.

Book Review, Ronald Cox and Daniel Skidmore-Hess, U S Politics and the Global Economy: Corporate Power, Conservative Shift (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1999), in Millennium Journal of International Studies, vol. 29, no. 1, 2000.

“India’s Policy on Genetically Modified Crops: Farmers Role in Policy Making” report under the BCUD funded research project 2008.

### **Work in Progress**

Access to and protection of marine (aquaculture) genetic resources

‘Facilitated Access’ to Seeds and the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food (with Marc Cohen)

Farmers’ Rights and Development in India

India’s Patent Regime and Development Strategy

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### **Selected Conference Presentations and Lectures**

“Public Access to Seeds and the Human Right to Adequate Food”, at the Toda Annual Conference, June 25-27, 2006, Vancouver, Canada.

“India’s Policy on IPRs and Plant Genetic Resources” presented at National Conference on Agrobiodiversity, National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, February 14, 2006

“India’s Policy on IPRs and Biodiversity” presented at the Symposium on National Biodiversity and Ecosystem Information Infrastructure: Challenges and Potentials, NCL, Pune Jan 30 – Feb 2, 2006.

“Plant genetic resources for food and agriculture: Effects of multilateral agreements in developing countries: India’s Policy on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture” in absentia at the the Diversitas International Conference in Mexico, November 2005, at the symposium Implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements on Biodiversity: Balancing Equity and Effectiveness

“India’s Experience with Establishing Farmers’ Rights” Presented in the International Conference on Measures to Protect and Promote Farmers Rights (Art. 9 ITPGRFA), IOA, Florence, Italy, October 25-27, 2004.

“Intellectual Property Rights, Agriculture and Rural Communities” presented at the Fifth International Symposium on the Future of Rural Peoples: Rural Economy, Healthy People, Environment, Rural Communities Saskatoon, Canada October 19-23, 2003.

“Global Political Economy of TRIPs Negotiations” presented at International Conference on “Moving Forward From Cancun: The Global Governance of Trade, Environment and Sustainable Development” Berlin, Germany 30-31 October 2003.

“Intellectual Property and Agriculture: India’s Law on Breeders’ and Farmers’ Rights” at the College of Biotechnology University of Saskatchewan, Canada October 21, 2003

“Intellectual Property and Agriculture: India’s Law on Breeders’ and Farmers’ Rights” at the German Institute for Economic Research, Berlin, Germany October 31, 2003

“Intellectual Property Rights and Agriculture: South Asian Concerns” presented and at the MoA, Bhutan-World Bank Institute-IFPRI workshop on "Trade Policy, WTO, and South Asian Agriculture". South Asia Initiative Paro, Bhutan, November 26-30, 2002

“IPRs and Agriculture: South Asian Concerns” presented at The Regional Conference on Globalisation and Agriculture: Challenges for South Asia New Delhi 4-5 December 2002 Organized jointly by Research and Information System for the Non-aligned and Other Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi and the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), Colombo, in collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, DC.

“India’s Patent Policy and Negotiations in TRIPs: Future Options for India and other Developing Countries”, presented at the National Conference on TRIPs: Next Agenda for Developing Countries, Hyderabad, India, October 11-12, 2002.

“Global Agribusiness and IPRs: Implications for India’s Policy” presented at the International Conference on Health Care and Food: Challenges of Intellectual Property Rights, Biosafety and Bioethics New Delhi, Organized by National Institute of Science Technology and Development Studies, Supported by Third World Academy of Sciences, Commonwealth Science Council and Food and Agricultural Organization, December 1-5, 2002.

## **REFeree AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Sage; International Journal of Intellectual Property Management; CAPRI (Programme on Collective Action and Property Rights)

Selected as a member of the Pro Bono Legal Expert Group for the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) and was part of the meetings of the GBIF held in Copenhagen, 18-19 September, 2006

Member, Programme, Planning and Policy Committee, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Authority, Government of India

Nominated by University of Pune to attend the Capacity Building Workshop on Human Rights Education for University/College Teachers, September 26-27, 2005, TISS, Mumbai