

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Information

- **D.o.B:** 12 March 1996 (29 years)
- **Sex:** Male
- **Hometown:** Benaulim, Goa (403716)
- **Current Residence:** Andheri West, Mumbai (400058)
- **Category:** General
- **Language:** Hindi and English
- **Religion:** Hindu

Research Areas: Political Science; Political Theory; Western Political Thought (Hobbes-Locke-Rousseau-Mill-Nietzsche-Foucault); Phenomenological Ethnographic Methods; Queer Studies; Religion and Sexuality. Alternatively: Security Studies; Defence Studies.

1. Education

- **PhD (13 January 2020 to 01 February 2025)**

Thesis: “*Heteronormative Regimes of Morality: A Phenomenological Ethnography of Queer Experiences*”

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS-Pilani, KK Birla Goa Campus

Status: **Degree Awarded on 01 February 2025**

- **MA Political Science (July 2017 – June 2019)**

Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi

- **BA Political Science Honours (July 2014 – June 2017)**

Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi

2. Experience

- April 2025 (Current Employment)

Assistant Professor: Political Science

KPMSOL, NMIMS University, Mumbai

- February – March 2025

Guest Faculty: Political Analysis

TISS Tuljapur, Maharashtra

November – December 2024

- **Visiting Fellow at the Forum Internationale Wissenschaft,
University of Bonn, Germany**

- January 2020 – January 2025

Teaching Assistant (TA) at Dept. HSS, BITS-Pilani Goa

Courses: Writing Practice, Dynamics of Social Change, Business Communication,
Technical Report Writing, Symbolic Logic.

3. Award and Certification

- **Awarded and Qualified UGC NET JRF in Political Science** (December 2019)
- Commenced UGC JRF (January 2020)
- Commenced UGC SRF (January 2022)

4. Publication

a) Published Research Papers

- i) Sharma, Karan. 2025. Navigating Queerness and Religion in India: A Phenomenological Queer Ethnography. *Religion*, 1–26.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/0048721X.2025.2472744>. [Q1, H index = 37]
- ii) Sharma, Karan. 2024. ‘I Thought They Would at Least Love Me’: The Gay Experiences of Heteronormative Regimentation in Indian Families, a Phenomenological Ethnography.” *LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 20 (2): 122–39.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/27703371.2024.2304743>. [Q1, 3.4 IF, H Index = 38]
- iii) Sharma, Karan, and Reena Cheruvalath. 2024. “An Inquiry into Queer Experiences of Regimes of Morality in Indian Schools: A Phenomenological Institutional Ethnography.” *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*, 38 (6): 840–60. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09518398.2024.2416711>. [Q2, H Index = 70]

b) Working Papers

- i) Sharma, Karan and David Kaldeway. 2025. "Higher Education in India: Beyond Institutes of National Importance." Forum Internationale Wissenschaft. Working Paper No. 23, Bonn. ISBN 978-3-946306-23-8
<https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11811/13105>

c) Book Chapter

- i) Sharma, Karan. (2022). A Diatribe on Morality: Understanding Nietzsche's Transvaluation of Moral Values. In G. N. Shinde & L. V. P. Rao (Eds.), *Ethics and Human Values through Literature* (pp. 189–198). Parikalpana: New Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-95104-10-4 <https://amzn.in/d/2NdZTEI>

d) Articles/ OPEDS

- i) Sharma, K. (2024, May 24). Chabahar Port: Why US may 'Secretly Support' India-Iran Connectivity Deal despite threatening sanctions. The Eurasian Times. <https://www.eurasiantimes.com/chabahar-port-why-us-may-secretly-support-india-ira/?amp>
- ii) Sharma, K. (2024, May 13). China Threatens India's Hold Over Siachen, Kashmir As Beijing 'Creeps Into' Shaksgam Valley Using CPEC. The Eurasian Times. <https://www.eurasiantimes.com/n-china-threatens-indias-hold-over-siachen/>
- iii) Sharma, K. (2024, June 18). The J-20 Challenge: Can India Bridge the Fighter Jet Gap With China? The Diplomat. <https://thediplomat.com/2024/06/the-j-20-challenge-can-india-bridge-the-fighter-jet-gap-with-china/>
- iv) Sharma, K. (2024, June 17). India "Bets Big" On Russia Despite US Lure & Chinese Fear; Here Is Why Delhi & Moscow Remain 'Trusted Pals'. The Eurasian Times. <https://www.eurasiantimes.com/with-brics-sco-karan-sharma-unpacking/?amp>
- v) Sharma, K and Ankit Kumar. (2025, June 9). "Natural Allies" Against China, Why World's 2 Largest Democracies, U.S. & India Are No Longer The Best Buddies.

The Eurasian Times. <https://www.eurasiantimes.com/natural-allies-against-china-why-worlds/>

e) Research Papers Under Review

- i) Sharma, Karan. Strategic Implications of the Chengdu J-20 Deployment in Tibet and Pakistan's Planned Stealth Aircraft Acquisition: A Critical Challenge for the Indian Airforce. Asian Security. [Q2, IF 2.1]
- ii) Sharma, Karan. Strategic Bombers for the Indian Airforce: balancing Power Projection and Regional Security Dynamics. Journal of Strategic Studies. [Q1, H index = 40]
- iii) Sharma, Karan. and Hajara A. Hameed. Heteronormative Regimes of Sexual Morality in India: Scale Development and Analysis. Quality & Quantity. [Q1, H Index = 71]
- iv) Sharma, Karan. and Reena Cheruvalath. The intersection between law and morality and its impacts on queer community in India. Journal of Homosexuality. [Q1, H index = 70]

5. Conference

- Sharma, Karan. “*Higher Education in India: Scrutinizing Institutes of National Importance,*” Kolloquium, Forum Internationale Wissenschaft, University of Bonn. 15 January 2025. (Published as a Working Paper)
- Sharma, Karan. 2022. “*A Diatribe on Morality: Understanding Nietzsche’s Transvaluation of Moral Values*” at Ethics and Human Values Through Literature, an international conference organized by the Yeshwant Mahavidyalaya, Nanded, Maharashtra. (Published as a book chapter)

6. Research Projects

- **July 2023 – July 2025**

SPARC Project on '*Public Humanities and Pedagogy in the Global South: Challenges and Directions*' Indo- German Collaborative Project on Public Humanities. PI and Collaborators - Prof. Geetha Bakilapadavu, Prof. Reena Cheruvalath, and Dr. Karan Sharma from BITS- Pilani Goa, India, and Prof. David Kaldewey, University of Bonn, Germany
(Sanctioned Amount: INR 48,94,000)

- **2024**

Visiting Fellow, Forum Internationale Wissenschaft, University of Bonn, Bonn, North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany. (November 2024 – January 2025) Worked under Prof. David Kaldewey, FIW, University of Bonn.

7. Professional Services

a) *Moderated and Organized International Guest Lectures*

- i) **21 APRIL 2023** Prof Colin Koopman, University of Oregon Guest Lecture '*Artificial Intelligence: A Genealogy of Intelligence Testing in Artificial Intelligence*' HSS Research Forum, BITS-Pilani Goa
- ii) **14 APRIL 2023** Prof Maurice Hamington, University of Oregon, Guest Lecture '*Care Ethics and Social Science Research*' HSS Research Forum, BITS-Pilani Goa
- iii) **30 MARCH 2023** Prof Lynne Huffer, Emory University, Atlanta, Guest Lecture '*Foucault and the Ethics of Extinction*' HSS Research Forum, BITS Pilani Goa

b) *Peer Review Activity*

- i) Review Activity for Journal, Archives of Sexual Behavior. ISSN: Activity 0004-0002
 - ii) Review activity for Journal, Social Sciences & Humanities open. ISSN: 2590-2911
 - iii) Review Activity for Journal, Journal of Homosexuality.
- (For authentic details please refer to my Web of Science ID)

8. References

- a) Prof. Reena Cheruvalath, HSS, BITS-Pilani, KK Birla Goa Campus

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- b) Prof. Prabhu Venkataraman, HSS, IIT Guwahati

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- c) Prof. Sailaja Nandigrama, HSS, BITS-Pilani, Pilani Campus

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