

CURRICULUM VITAE



BRIEF BIO

VARADA SAMBHUS

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Varada specializes in Political Studies and teaches Political Theory, Political Ideologies and International Politics to undergraduate students. Her areas of interest include Western and Indian Modern Political Thought, Gender Studies, Religion and Politics, and Political Theory.

EDUCATION

B.A., Political Science, University of Pune, Pune

M.A., Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

M/Phil, Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

LL.B., Mumbai University

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai – 2015 till date

South Indian Education Society's College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai – 2014

PES Law College, Mumbai – 2013 – 14

Fergusson College – 2012 - 13

CERTIFICATES, PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Participated as a Resource Person at the workshop on 'Legal and Political Aspects of Policy Formulation' conducted by Center for Policy Research and Governance, New Delhi between 6th to 14th February, 2020

Presented a research paper titled "Vari Pilgrimage: Challenging Feminist Essentialism" at National Conference at Banaras Hindu University, organized by Bharat Adhyayan Kendra, BHU, Varanasi

between 15th to 17th November, 2019. Presentation available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IgL383gI4Gc>

Presented a Research Paper Titled "Gender Perspective Through the Lenses of Women Poet-Saints in Maharashtra" at a National Seminar on Indian Perspective on Women held on 23rd and 24th March 2019 at New Delhi.

Presented a Research Paper Titled "Vari: Political Aspects" at a Two Day International Seminar on Sacred Geography of Maharashtra held on 9th and 10th March 2019, organised by the Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, Mumbai University

Presented a paper titled "Making of Bhakti Public and Pilgrimage" at a Global Conference "Sacred Journeys 5" held at Indiana University Europe Gateway, Berlin, Germany held between 5th and 6th July, 2018

Participated and presented a research paper at Interdisciplinary, international conference organized by Inter-Disciplinary. Net on *Sacred Journeys* held at Mansfield College, Oxford from 2-4 July, 2015 titled 'Pilgrimage as Public Performance of Bhakti: A Study of Maharashtrian Vari'

PUBLICATIONS

Chapters in Edited Books

Building Community Through Pilgrimage: The Pandharpur Vari Pilgrimage in Maharashtra, India in *Peace Journeys: A New Direction in Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Research* ed. McIntosh, Ian S., Haddad, Nour Farra and Munro, Dane. UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2020, 141-151.

"Pilgrimage, Bhakti and Identity: A Study Maharashtrian Vari." In *The Many Voices of Pilgrimage and Reconciliation*, ed. McIntosh Ian, Harman Lesley D., 66-76. London: CABI International, 2017. ISBN: 1-978-78639-326-5.

'Pilgrimage, Literature and Identity' in *Redefining Identities, Cultures and Literatures: Vol III*, ed. Wamankumar Wani, (PP)Aurangabad: Creative Books, 2016 ISBN: 978-81-8043-132-6.

Articles

Lagnavay aani 'Tee' chya Asha-Aakanksha, *Sakal*, 13th November 2020. (Marathi) <https://www.esakal.com/sampadakiya/varada-sambhus-write-article-about-marriage-age-dreams-and-aspirations-372001>

“Increasing age of marriage for Women” published by Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation on 5th October 2020. <https://www.spmrf.org/increasing-age-of-marriage-for-women/>

“Grounding Knowledge Through Language: NEP’s emphasis on Indian Languages and Multilingualism” in *Organiser*, 6th August 2020. <https://www.organiser.org/Encyc/2020/8/6/Grounding-Knowledge-Through-Language.html>

“Samajrachanevishayiche Pashchyattya Chintan” in *Vimarsh*, Samajrachana Visheshank, January – March 2020, 44-50. (Marathi)

“Affirmative Action and Dual Benefits.” *Vimarsha* Constitution Special Issue – 3, Jan – March 2018, 24 – 27.

Research Projects

Successfully completed and submitted the Research Project titled ‘*Making the Lifeline Safe for Women in Mumbai*’ conducted between September 2018 to March 2019 as the Project Director, funded by Maharashtra State Commission for Women.

Successfully completed and discharged duties as Project Director for the Research Project titled ‘*Need for Social Security Measures for Women Domestic Workers*’ between January to May 2018. The project was funded by Maharashtra State Commission for Women.