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EDUCATION

Applied Data Science Program: Leveraging AI for Effective Decision-Making

MIT Professional Education 📅 01/2025 - 03/2025 📍 Online

- Machine Learning
- Decision Trees
- Networks

PhD in Law

University of Münster 📅 01/2019 - 05/2023 📍 Germany

- Towards An Integrated Framework of Compliance: When Do People Obey Laws
- Summa Cum Laude (University Best Dissertation Prize)
- Year of Defense: May, 2023

LLM (Focused on Law and Economics)

University of Chicago Law School 📅 01/2016 - 01/2017 📍 Chicago, USA

B.A. LL.B.

Gujarat National Law University 📅 01/2011 - 01/2016 📍 Gandhinagar, India

- High Honours
- Major in Law, Minor in Economics and Political Science

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Hamburg Post-Doctoral Fellow under the University of Excellence Program

Institute of Law and Economics, University of Hamburg 📅 01/2024 📍 Hamburg

- Independent Research Project titled 'Role of law in changing behaviors when law has low salience'.
- 40 Teaching Hours/Semester
- Courses Taught: Law and Behaviour, International Environment Law, Law and Sustainable Development, Law and Development

Research Associate

Westfälische Wilhelms- Universität 📅 09/2019 - 12/2023 📍 Münster (Germany)

- European Research Council Project on "Equality through Courts: Measuring the Impact of Judicial pronouncement on meaning of Equality in comparative constitutional analysis" under Prof. Dr. Niels Petersen

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law

OP Jindal Global University 📅 07/2017 - 07/2019 📍 India

- 100 Teaching Hours/Semester
- Courses Taught: Environment Law, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Corporate Governance

SUMMARY

I am a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Law and Economics at the University of Hamburg, specializing in socio-legal research, empirical legal studies, and law and economics. My work focuses on legal compliance, regulatory design, and the relationship between law, behaviour, and social norms, especially in contexts where legal rules have low social salience, and their effectiveness depends on broader social and institutional conditions. My research uses quantitative and mixed-methods approaches, including NLP-based large-scale judgment analysis and experimental methods such as vignette studies. Alongside my research, I teach undergraduate and master's students on topics such as law and behaviour, law and development, sustainable development, and international environmental law. Trained in law, economics, and the social sciences, with an LL.M. from the University of Chicago and a PhD from the University of Münster, I bring an interdisciplinary perspective on how law and institutions influence social, economic, and environmental outcomes in comparative contexts.

RESEARCH METHODS

Empirical Legal Studies

Natural Language Processing

Experimental Quantitative Method

Python for Social Sciences

COURSES TAUGHT

Law and Behaviour, Law and Development, Sustainable Development and Law, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Corporate Governance, International Environment Law

REFERENCES

Prof. Tom Ginsburg
University of Chicago
tginsburg@uchicago.edu

Prof. Niels Petersen
University of Münster
niels.petersen@uni-muenster.de

PUBLICATIONS

Can Laws send the right message: Understanding the assumptions and costs associated with using Legal Expression as a tool for social change

[Asian Journal of Law and Economics \(2025\)](#)

Journal Article

📅 2025

🔗 <https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/ajle-2024-0102/html>

A quantitative analysis of Equal Protection Clause and its Application by the Indian Supreme Court

[Oxford University Press](#)

Niels Petersen, ed. (Book Chapter)

📅 2025

When Do People Obey Laws: Towards an Integrated Approach to Compliance

[Springer Publications](#)

Book Monograph

📅 2024

When Law Defeats It's Purpose: How Anti-Dowry Legislations (Fail To) Address the Norms that Motivate Dowry Payments In India

[13 Journal of Indian Law and Society 1](#)

Journal Article

📅 2022

Identifying the 'People in 'What will people say': Incorporating social identity within law and norms disclosure

[4 GNLU Journal of Law and Economics 2](#)

Journal Article

📅 2022

Theory of Social Proof and Legal Compliance: A Socio-Cognitive Explanation for Regulatory (Non) Compliance

[22 German Law Journal 2, 238-255](#)

Journal Article

📅 2021

CONFERENCES

Presented project titled 'Role of Law when Law has low salience'

📅 2024

Institutional and Organizational Economics Academy, France

Presented article titled 'Can Laws send the right message: Understanding the assumptions and costs associated with using Legal Expression as a tool for social change'

📅 2023

Conference on The Political Economy of Knowledge and Ignorance
King's College, London

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDINGS

Hamburg University of Excellence
Fellowship Award 2024-27

📅 2024 - 2027 📍 Hamburg

Covers the post-doctoral salary at TVL 14 level (senior post-Doc) as well as an additional Independent Research Fund of 60,000 Euros for three years

University of Münster
Dissertationpreis, 2023

📅 2024 📍 Münster, Germany

Adam Smith Fellow in Political
Economy, George Mason University

📅 2020 - 2022

📍 Virginia, United States of America

LANGUAGES

English Native ●●●●●

Hindi Native ●●●●●

French Advanced ●●●●●

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Crossing the Institutional Threshold:
When dowry disputes become visible
in Indian High Courts 1988-2024

*Independent research project funded by the
University of Excellence Fund*

📅 2024 - Present

Can legal changes overcome
conservative customs and
institutions? Understanding
whether and when Reforms can
improve opportunities, Access to
Justice and health for women

*Project coordinated by Dr. Maëlys de la
Rupelle, CY Cergy Paris Université*

📅 2025 - Present

What families consider dowry: A
vignette experiment in Bihar

*Independent research project funded the
University of Excellence Fund*

📅 2024 - Present

Court v. government: does the
source of law matter for
people's perception of its
effectiveness?

*With Katharina Luckner, Betul Simsek and
Abhishek Chotougunta*

📅 2026

CONFERENCES

Presented paper titled 'Approaching International Law as if Context Matters: Towards an Integrated Framework of Compliance'

📅 2022

European Society of International Law Interest Group on Social Sciences, and International Law, Utrecht

Presented book chapter on India for the panel titled 'Correcting Inequality through Law'

📅 2022

International Society of Public law Annual Conference
Wroclaw, Poland

Presented paper titled 'Identifying the ‘people’ in ‘What will people say’: Incorporating social identity within Law and Norms discourse'

📅 2021

Cornell Law School Graduate Workshop
Legal Scholarship Workshop at University of Chicago

EDITORIAL ROLES

Associate Editor

[Berkley Centre for Comparative Equality e-journal](#)

📅 2025

Reviewer

[Scandinavian Political Studies](#)

📅 2025

CONSULTANCIES

LEGAL POLICY CONSULTANT

📅 2021

World Health Organization and GRAAM

POLICY ADVISOR

📅 2018 - 2019

Bhajan Global Impact Foundation

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

Master's Dissertation Examiner

[European Masters in Law and Economics](#)

📅 2025- 2026

Master's Dissertation Supervision - 6
students

[Jindal Global Law School](#)

📅 2017 - 2019

Faculty Director, ADR Society

[Jindal Global Law School](#)

📅 2017 - 2019

Adjudicator, Stetson International
Moot Court Competition

[Asia-Pacific Rounds](#)

📅 2018