



Curriculum Vitae
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KEY EXPERIENCE

- Core research includes the politics and process of rule of law reform, particularly in fragile states; the politics of evidence in new approaches to law and governance; the role of law and governance in the extractives sector; and institutional design for corporate accountability, including multistakeholder initiatives and litigation processes.
 - Published broadly on these issues, including by Oxford University Press and Harvard University Press, and taught on them at Harvard, SOAS and the University of Manchester.
 - Extensive work on global policy on the rule of law, including advising UNDP on the rule of law in the post-2015 Agenda; establishing a justice and conflict program at the World Bank; and authoring the justice inputs to the 2011 *World Development Report*.
 - Extensive legal and advocacy work on corporate accountability, including as an attorney supporting the plaintiffs in the case of *Kiobel* before the US Supreme Court; and chairing the board of *MSI Integrity*, an NGO evaluating impacts of multistakeholder initiatives.
 - Currently research lead on a project by the World Bank to explore the politics of community-company relationships in mines across West Africa. Emphasis on the relationship between law, local administration, conflict and governance.
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QUALIFICATIONS

2016	S.J.D. (PhD-equivalent in law)
2009	LL.M. (6.84 GPA - equivalent to 3.95/4; A average) Harvard Law School, USA
2008	Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice (BVC) (Very Competent) BPP Law School, London, UK
2007	Postgraduate Diploma in Law (Commendation) City University, London, UK
2006	MA (Oxon), French and History (First with Distinction) Trinity College, University of Oxford, UK

CAREER/EXPERIENCE/POSITIONS HELD

Dec 2013-	Justice, Conflict & Governance Adviser, Governance Global Practice, World Bank, Washington, D.C.
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Sep 2012-Dec 2013	Consultant to the High-Level Panel on the post-2015 Agenda, United Nations Development Programme, New York
June 2012-	Law & Governance Consultant, Governance of Extractive Industries Team, World Bank Institute, Washington, D.C. and Cameroon
Oct 2011-Sep 2014	Research Associate, School of Law, SOAS, London; Honorary Research Fellow, School of Environment and Development, University of Manchester, Manchester
Oct 2011-June 2012	Access to Justice Consultant, Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Center, University of Manchester, Manchester
Oct 2009-Oct 2011	Junior Professional Associate, Justice Reform Unit, World Bank, Washington D.C. and Nigeria

SELECTION OF PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles, Policy Briefs, and Working Papers

Desai, D., 'Putting Culture into Context: Towards a View of Evidence from the Field of Justice and Security', 20 *Journal of Conflict & Security Law* (special issue, eds. M. Kaldor and C. Chinkin) (forthcoming 2015)

Desai, D., and Woolcock, M., 'Justice for the Poor: Lessons from the World Bank and Beyond', 11 *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* (solicited submission) (forthcoming 2015)

Desai, D. and Woolcock, M., 'The Missing Middle: Reconfiguring Rule of Law Reform as Politics and Process Mattered', 6 *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law*, pp. 230-253 (2014, peer-reviewed), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1876404514001109>

Gauri, V., Woolcock, M., and Desai, D., 'Intersubjective Meaning and Collective Action in Developing Societies: Theory, Evidence and Policy Implications', 49(1) *Journal of Development Studies*, pp. 160-172 (2013, peer-reviewed), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2012.700396>

Desai, D. and Jarvis, M., 'Governance and Accountability in Extractive Industries: Theory and Practice at the World Bank', 30 *Journal of Energy and Natural Resources Law*, pp. 101-128 (2012, peer-reviewed), http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2091000

Desai, D., Isser, D. and Woolcock, M., 'Rethinking Justice Reform in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States: Lessons for Enhancing the Capacity of Development Agencies', 4 *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law*, pp. 54-75 (2012, peer-reviewed), http://journals.cambridge.org/abstract_S1876404512000048

Berg, L-A. and Desai, D., 'Rule of Law and Development: Integrating Rule of Law in the Post-2015 Development Framework', Policy Brief for High-Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, http://issuu.com/undp/docs/issue_brief_-_rule_of_law_and_the_post-2015_develo (2013)

Desai, D., and Woolcock, M., 'The Politics of Rule of Law Systems in Developmental States: 'Political Settlements' as a Basis for Promoting Effective Justice Institutions for Marginalized Groups', Effective States and Inclusive Development Working Paper Series, <http://www.effective-states.org/publications/workingpapers/workingpaper8.htm> (2012)

Chiongson, R., Desai, D., Marchiori, T., and Woolcock, M., 'Role of Law and Justice in Achieving Gender Equality', Background Paper for the World Development Report 2012, <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/9194> (2011)

Desai, D. and Sage, C., 'Justice in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Contexts', Background Paper for the World Development Report 2011, <http://wdr2011.worldbank.org/justice> (2011)

Books, Reports and Chapters

Desai, D., and Woolcock, M., 'The Politics – and Process – of Rule of Law Systems in Developmental States', in Bukenya, B., Hickey, S. and Sen, K. (eds.), *The Politics of Inclusive Development: Interrogating the Evidence*, pp. 174-196. Oxford: OUP (2014)

Desai, D., 'In Search of "Hire" Knowledge: Hiring Practices and the Organization of Knowledge in a Rule of Law Field', in Marshall, D. (ed.), *The International Rule of Law Movement – A Crisis of Legitimacy and the Way Forward*, pp. 42-83. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press (Human Rights Program Series, 2014).

Desai, D., 'Text and Subtext in Agreements Between Mining Corporations and Indigenous Communities', in Perry-Kessaris, A. (ed.), *Socio-Legal Approaches to International Economic Law: Text, Context, Subtext*, pp. 153-166. London: Routledge (2013)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

Academic

Community Development Agreements and the Rule of Law: From Law to Governance of Extractive Industries, Workshop on the Rule of Law, Governance and Natural Resources, University of Amsterdam, 22-23 January 2015

Funded presentation, "There was a third man...": Measuring the Boundaries between Research, Policy, and Advocacy, Measurement and Data in the Governance of Illicit Activities, NYU Law School and United Nations University, 17-18 November 2014

The Context and the Rule of Law: The Process and Politics of Experimentalist Approaches to Rule of Law Reform, Speaker Series on Knowledge and Context in Rule of Law and Justice Reform, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 12 November 2014

Funded public event, Building the Rule of Law: In Search of Coherence or Case-Specificity?, London School of Economics, 10 November 2014

The politics of "context" as a mode of rule of law reform in fragile and conflict-affected contexts, Security in Transition: Law, Justice and the Security Gap, London School of Economics, 19-20 June 2014

Funded presentation, The Context of the Rule of Law, 10th Global Administrative Law Seminar, Viterbo, June 12-13 2014

Context as an Organizing Principle for the Rule of Law Field, Sociological Inquiries into International Law, London School of Economics, 16-17 May 2014

Panel chair, Friends or Foes: How Can Businesses Protect Human Rights Moving Forward?, Harvard Human Rights Journal Symposium: The Future of Business and Human Rights, Harvard Law School, 17 April 2014

Invited panelist, Knowledge and policy in development institutions, Sixth Annual Conference on Indicators in Development, Harvard Kennedy School, 3-5 October 2013

Funded presentation, The stakes of multi-stakeholder initiatives: thinking critically about MSIs as a tool of global governance, Workshop on International Law, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development, University of Warwick, 11-13 September 2013

Panel organizer and chair, Space, stories, and self-reflection: reconfigurations of the rule of law in development, IGLP Conference: New Directions in Global Thought, Harvard Law School, 3-4 June 2013

Funded presentation, 'Neither a borrower nor a lender be': The Anxiety of Influence, expert aesthetics and the quest for novelty in law and development, Institute for Global Law and Policy Workshop, Doha, 5-13 January 2013

Funded presentation, Is all the world its stage? The theatre of law and development, Institute for Global Law and Policy Workshop, Harvard Law School, 3-9 June 2012

Invited discussant, Hybrid justice, local accountability and international prosecutions, 20th Anniversary Conference of LSE International Development, London School of Economics, 7-10 September 2011

Policy

Invited speaker, plenary sessions, Changing Landscapes: Why Legal Empowerment Matters to Development, Overseas Development Institute, London, 2-3 November

Invited expert, The Internationalization of Rule of Law: Changing Contexts and New Challenges, University of Amsterdam/HIIL/WZB Workshop, The Hague, 14 February 2014

Invited speaker and trainer, Understanding and Enforcing Extractive Contracts, IMF/UN/World Bank/Revenue Watch Institute Global Conference on the Role of Parliaments and Extractive Industries, Vienna, 28-31 October 2013 (to parliamentarians from 20 countries)

Invited panelist, Reflections on Incorporating Rule of Law in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, UN Global Dialogue on Rule of Law and Post-2015 Development Agenda, New York, 26-27 September 2013 (alongside UN General Assembly)

Invited expert, Joint UN Agency Expert Consultation on Justice and Security in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, UN Office of Drugs and Crime, Vienna, 24-25 June 2013

Invited expert, Expert Workshop on the Justice-Security-Development Nexus: Theory and Practice in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Countries, World Bank, 15-16 November 2012

Invited discussant, Justice and security policy and programming in peacebuilding and statebuilding: policy assumptions, Overseas Development Institute/London School of Economics Expert Workshop on the Politics of Practice in Justice and Security Programming, 6-7 November 2012

Invited facilitator, Revenue Watch Institute/World Bank Workshop on Extractive Industries' Contract Monitoring, Yaoundé, Cameroon, 10-12 July 2012 (in French)

Invited presentation, Justice, conflict and development: toward a new framework, Workshop on Security Sector Reform and Rule of Law, Hague Institute for the Internationalization of Law, 28-29 April 2011

Invited participant, Roundtable on International Law, Norms and Standards in Post-Conflict and Fragile States, American Society of International Law, 22 January 2010

TEACHING

Lectured on the rule of law to graduate students at Harvard Law School, Harvard Kennedy School, School of Oriental and African Studies and the University of Manchester

Lectured on law and politics to undergraduates at Harvard College
