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KARUNA MANTENA

APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Yale University, 2011-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Yale University, 2005-2011

Visiting Assistant Professor, Government Department, Cornell University, 2004-2005

EDUCATION

Harvard University

- PhD in Political Theory, Department of Government, June 2004
- Dissertation: "Alibis of Empire: Social Theory and the Ideologies of Late Imperial Rule"
- Dissertation Committee: Richard Tuck (chair), Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Glyn Morgan
- Dissertation Prize: Senator Charles Sumner Prize, Department of Government

University of Essex

- MA (with distinction) Ideology and Discourse Analysis, Department of Government, 1996

London School of Economics

- BSc (Econ) First Class Honours, International Relations, 1995

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Alibis of Empire: Henry Maine and the Ends of Liberal Imperialism, Princeton University Press (2010).

- Co-published in South Asia by Permanent Black (2010).
- One of *Choice Magazine's* Outstanding Academic Titles of 2010
- Winner of Gaddis Smith Prize for best first book by Yale faculty (Macmillan Center)
- Reviews published in *London Review of Books*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *American Historical Review*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Radical History Review*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *The Book Review*, *Canadian Journal of History*, *Journal of Commonwealth and Imperial History*, *Law and Society Review*, *The Modern Law Review*

Gandhi's Realism: Means and Ends in Politics (book manuscript; in progress).

Means and Ends: Rethinking Political Realism (edited volume; in progress)

Articles and Essays

"On Gandhi's Critique of the State: Sources, Contexts, Conjunctures," *Modern Intellectual History* 9: 3 (2012).

"Another Realism: The Politics of Gandhian Nonviolence," *American Political Science Review* 106: 2 (2012).

"Social Theory in the Age of Empire," *Empire and Modern Political Thought*, edited by Sankar Muthu, Cambridge University Press (2012).

"Genealogies of Catastrophe: Arendt on the Logic and Legacy of Imperialism," *Politics in Dark Times: Encounters with Hannah Arendt*, edited by Seyla Benhabib, Roy T. Tsao, and Peter Verovsek, Cambridge University Press (2010).

- German translation in progress.

"The Crisis of Liberal Imperialism," *histoire@politique* n°11, Revue électronique du Centre d'histoire de Sciences Po (May-August, 2010).

"The Crisis of Liberal Imperialism," *Victorian Visions of Global Order: Empire and International Relations in Nineteenth-Century Political Thought* (Ideas in Context), edited by Duncan Bell, Cambridge University Press (2007).

"Mill and the Imperial Predicament," *J. S. Mill's Political Thought: A Bicentennial Reassessment*, edited by Nadia Urbinati and Alex Zakaras, Cambridge University Press (2007).

"Law and 'Tradition': Henry Maine and the Theoretical Origins of Indirect Rule," *Law and History*, edited by Andrew Lewis and Michael Lobban, Oxford University Press (2004).

Reviews and Review Essays

Review of *Democratic Piety: Complexity, Conflict and Violence*, by Adrian Little in *Perspectives on Politics* 8:3 (September 2010).

"Fragile Universals and the Politics of Empire," *Polity*, Volume 38, Issue 4 (October 2006).

Working Papers

"Marx, Maine, and the Nineteenth-Century Debate on Property"

"Gandhi and the Means-Ends Question in Politics"

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Gaddis Smith International Book Prize for best first book by a member of Yale faculty, Macmillan Center, Yale University, 2011

Institute for Advanced Study, Member, School of Social Science, 2011-2012

Junior Faculty Fellowship, Yale University, 2009

Faculty Research Grant, Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, 2008-2009

Visiting Professor/Research Scientist, École des Hautes Études de Sciences Sociales, December 2006

Research Fellow, Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, 2005-present

Senator Charles Sumner Prize for "the best dissertation from the legal, political, historical, economic, social, or ethnic approach, dealing with any means or measures tending toward the prevention of war and the establishment of universal peace," Harvard University, 2004

Eliot Fellowship for Dissertation Completion for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Harvard University, 2003-2004

Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, 2002-2003

Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, 2001-2002

Summer Travel Grant, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2001

Enlarging Competence Grant, Program on Constitutional Government, Harvard University, Summer 2000

Graduate Student Associate, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2000-2004

Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, 1998-1999

International Predissertation Fellowship, Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies, 1998-1999

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

"Action and Criticism in Gandhian *Satyagraha*," Unit for Criticism and Interpretative Theory, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (September 2012)

"Gandhi and the Means-Ends Question in Politics," Political Theory Workshop, Cornell University (May 2012)

"Rethinking Gandhi in Contemporary India," Nand & Jeet Khemka Distinguished Lecture Series Panel, Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania (April 2012).

"Another Realism: The Politics of Gandhian Nonviolence," General Aspects of Law (GALA) Workshop

- Series, University of California-Berkeley (February 2012)
- "Another Realism: The Politics of Gandhian Nonviolence," Program in Ethics and Public Affairs, Princeton University (February 2012)
- "Another Realism: The Politics of Gandhian Nonviolence," Seminar, Consortium for Intellectual and Cultural History, New York (December 2011)
- "Means and Ends: Gandhi's Principled Political Realism," Democracy in South Asia Forum, University of Utah (February 2011).
- "Why Gandhi Was Not a Moralist in Politics," South Asia Colloquium, Oxford University (November 2010).
- "On Gandhi's Critique of the State: Sources, Contexts, Conjectures," South Asia Colloquium, Yale University (November 2010).
- "Why Gandhi Was Not a Moralist in Politics," Political Theory Workshop, Yale University (October 2010).
- "Why Gandhi Was Not a Moralist in Politics," Political Theory Colloquium, Harvard University (October 2010).
- "Gandhi's Realism," Seminar in Political Thought and Intellectual History, University of Cambridge (May 2010).
- "The Social in Indian Political Thought: From Imperial Sociology to Gandhian Antistatism," South Asia Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania (February 2010).
- "Gandhi and Indian Pluralism: State and Sovereignty in Anti-colonial Political Thought," Political Theory Workshop, Yale University (November 2008).
- "Codification in the East and West: Henry Maine and Legal Reform in British India," Center for History and Economics, Harvard University (November 2008).
- "Anti-Statism in Indian Political Thought: The Village-Community from Maine to Gandhi," South Asia Seminar, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, DC (October 2008).
- "Social Theory in Age of Empire" Critical Perspectives on South Asia Seminar, New York University (February 2008).
- "Liberalism, 'culture,' and the logic of late imperialism," Whitman College, Walla Walla (January 2008).
- "Social Theory in Age of Empire," Faculty Seminar on Social and Political Thought, Columbia University (November 2007).
- "The Intellectual History of Empire," Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich (July 2007)
- "Alibis of Empire: Social theory and imperial ideology," Political Theory Colloquium, Concordia University, Montreal (February, 2007).
- "Henry Maine and the transformation of British imperial ideology," History of Political Ideas Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, University of London (March 2006).
- "Henry Maine and the transformation of British imperial ideology," British Historical Studies Colloquium, Yale University (December 2005).
- "The 'cultural' limits of politics: social theory in the age of empire," Political Theory Workshop, Yale University (November 2005).
- "John Stuart Mill and the Crisis of Liberal Imperialism," Political Theory Colloquium, Harvard University (October 2003).

Book talks and seminars

- Empires and Cultures, Faculty Reading Group, Brown University (February 2011)
- South Asia Graduate Student Colloquium, Yale University (January 2011)
- Modern Britain Reading Group, Yale University (January 2011)

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Papers

- “Teleology and Determinism: The Philosophical History of Property from the Four-Stage Theory to Modern Social Theory,” Conference on “Teleology and History,” Hambach, Germany (June 2012)
- “The Decline of the Political in British Imperial Ideology,” Annual Meeting of the North American Conference on British Studies, Denver (November 2011)
- “On Gandhi’s Critique of the State: Sources, Contexts, Conjunctures,” Workshop on “The Identity of Modern Indian Political Thought: Power, Politics and the Political,” Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study (September 2011)
- “Another Realism: The Logic of Gandhian Nonviolence,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle (September 2011)
- “As the Means so the End: Gandhi on the Problem of Political Action,” Conference on “Means and Ends: Rethinking Political Realism,” Yale University (April 2011)
- “Global History of Political Thought: Its Stakes and Scope,” Conference on “The History of Political Thought: Its State and Stakes,” Princeton University (April 2011).
- “On Gandhi’s Critique of the State: Sources, Contexts, Conjuncture,” Workshop on Rural Modernities, Yale University (February 2011).
- “On Gandhi’s Critique of the State: Sources, Contexts, Conjunctures,” Workshop on “Conceptions of Power and Its Limits,” Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (April 2010).
- “Empire and the Origins of Modern Social Theory,” Conference on “Empire, Modernity, and the British Social Sciences, 1700-1950,” University of Chicago (April 2009).
- “Antistatistism in Indian Political Thought,” Workshop on “Conceptions of Power and Its Limits,” Mellon Project on Indian Intellectual History, Kesroli/Delhi (January 2009).
- “Marx, Maine, and the Nineteenth-Century Debate on Property,” Conference on “Empire of Political Economy,” Yale University and New York University (November 2008).
- “Gandhi and Indian Pluralism: State and Sovereignty in Anti-colonial Political Thought,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston (August 2008).
- “Democracy and the Secular State,” India-Yale Parliamentary Leadership Program Conference, Yale University (October 2007).
- “Pluralism in the East and West,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago (September 2007).
- “Henry Maine, social theory, and the transformation of British imperial ideology,” Conference on “Imperial Models in the Early Modern Worlds: From Early-Modern to Modern Empire and from Empire to Nation-State,” Clark Memorial Library, UCLA (April 2007).
- “The Crisis of Liberal Imperialism,” Programme de Recherches Interdisciplinaires sur les Îles Britanniques, École des Hautes Études de Sciences Sociales, Paris (December 2006).
- “Genealogies of Catastrophe: Arendt on the logic and legacy of imperialism,” Conference on “Hannah Arendt at One Hundred: Crises of Our Republics,” Yale University (October 2006).
- “Empire and social theory,” British Academy Conference on “Lineages of Empire,” London (August 2006)
- “The ‘cultural’ limits of politics,” workshop on “The Idea of the Political in India,” Columbia University/Barnard College (May 2006).
- “‘Culture’ and ‘Civilization’ in the Nineteenth Century,” Workshop on “What is Civilization?,” United Nations (April 2006).
- “The Politics of Empire,” Workshop on “Democracy, Markets, and War,” United Nations (April 2006).

- "Liberalism, 'culture,' and the logic of late imperial rule, India 1857-1914," Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin (October 2005).
- "Empire and social theory in the nineteenth century," workshop on "Empire and Modern Political Thought," Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Italy (June 2005).
- "Conquest, Nation, Law: J.F. Stephen on the foundations of British rule in India," Conference on "The Work of Sir James Fitzjames Stephen, 1829-1894, Boston University (April 2006).
- "Alibis of Empire: Social Theory and the Ideologies of Late Imperialism," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago (September 2004).
- "The Crisis of Liberal Imperialism," workshop on "Victorian Visions of Global Order," at Cambridge University (July 2004).
- "Models of 'traditional society' and the ideologies of late imperial rule," Seventh Annual History and Theory Graduate Conference, University of California-Irvine (November 2003).
- "Conceptualizing 'custom' in late colonial India: Henry Maine and the theoretical origins of Indirect Rule," Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities, New York University (March 2003).
- "The Limits of Comparison: Conceptualizing Difference in Nineteenth-Century Social Thought," Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University (October 2002).
- "Modes of Comparison: Spatio-temporal dimensions of modern social theory," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, (September 2002).
- "Law and 'Tradition': Henry Maine and the Intellectual Origins of Indirect Rule," Law and History Colloquium, University College London, (July 2002).
- "Reconceptualizing 'Native Society': Henry Maine and the Intellectual Origins of Indirect Rule," graduate student workshop on "The Rise and Impact of the Social Sciences: Philosophical, Historical, and Institutional Perspectives," Harvard University (April 2002).
- "Legitimacy and Tradition: Henry Maine and the Intellectual Foundations of Indirect Rule," Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin (October 2001).
- "Custom vs. Contract: Henry Maine and the Post-colonial Predicament," Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University (April 2001).
- "Against Contract: Henry Maine and Transformations in Colonial Knowledge," graduate student conference on "South Asia: Histories of the Present," University of Michigan (March 2001).

Roundtable Participant

- Roundtable on "Imperialism/Colonialism and Political Theory: Taking Stock," Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, Seattle (September 2011)
- Panel on "European Ideas in Non-European Revolutions," Conference on "Rethinking European Revolutions," Yale University (April 2010)
- Roundtable on P.J. Marshall's *The Making and Unmaking of Empires: Britain, India, and America c.1750-1783*, North American Conference on British Studies, Boston (November 2006).

Discussant

- Panel on "Dominance without Hegemony," conference on "After Subaltern Studies: A Conference on South Asian Studies," Princeton University (April 2012).
- Panel on "Provisioning and Politics at the Margins," Yale Modern South Asia Workshop, Yale University (April 2011)
- Panel on "Politics, Empire, and Postcolonial Interventions," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. (September 2010).

Workshop on “Gandhi,” Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University (May 2009).

Panel on “The State System and Empire,” conference on “Republic and Empire: Rethinking the Categories,” Columbia University (April 2009).

Conference on “Varieties of Majority Rule,” Columbia University (November 2008).

Conference on “Economic Modernization in Britain,” Regional British Studies Conference, Yale University (September 2007).

Panel on “Modern State Practices in South Asia,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, San Francisco (April 2006).

Conference on “Law and Life in South Asia,” Yale University (May 2006).

Conference on “Statesmen and Demagogues: Democratic Leadership in Political Thought,” Yale University (March 2006).

Mellon Consortia Conference, Center for British Studies, University of California, Berkeley (September 2005).

Workshop on “Empire and Modern Political Thought,” Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Italy (June 2005).

Panel on “Sovereignty and Time,” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland (March 2005).

TEACHING

Yale University

Assistant Professor, Associate Professor

“Gandhi and the Politics of Nonviolence,” Fall 2012

“Directed Readings: Postcolonial Political Thought,” Spring 2012

“Empire and Modern Political Thought (Lecture Course),” Spring 2011

“Means and Ends in Politics,” Seminar, Fall 2010, Spring 2013

“Liberalism and the Politics of Empire,” Spring 2010

“Politics and the Postcolonial State in South Asia,” Fall 2008

“Empire and Modern Political Thought (Seminar),” Spring 2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008

“Democratic Politics and the Making of Modern India,” Fall 2007

“Research and Writing,” 2007-2008

“Politics in India,” Fall 2005, Fall 2006

“Directed Studies: History and Politics (Modern),” Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2011, Spring 2013

“Directed Studies: History and Politics (Ancient and Medieval),” Fall 2005

“Postcolonial Political Thought,” Fall 2006, Fall 2008

“Directed Readings: Indian Intellectual History” 2005-2006

Cornell University

Visiting Assistant Professor

“Power and Politics: Empire and Modern Political Thought,” Spring 2005

“Modern Social Theory,” Spring 2005

“Postcolonial Political Thought: Gandhi and Fanon,” Fall 2004

Harvard University

Assistant Course Head

“Introduction to Social Studies: Sophomore Tutorial,” 2001-2003

Instructor

“Introduction to Social Studies: Sophomore Tutorial,” 2000-2003

Head Teaching Fellow

"Politics and Society in the Making of Modern India," Fall 2000

"Introduction to Political Theory," Fall 1999

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

Association of Political Theory

Conference for the Study of Political Thought (Co-Director, 2011-present)

Foundations of Political Theory

South Asia Studies Association

North American Association of British Studies

Research Groups

Popular Sovereignty Project, Center for the Study of the History of Political Thought, Queen Mary

Indian Intellectual History group of the Indian-European Advanced Research Network

Working Group on South Asia and Political Theory (Co-Organizer)

Referee

Manuscripts: Princeton University Press, Penn State Press, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Yale University Press, Harvard University Press

Journals: *Polity*, *Journal of Politics*, *Victorian Studies*, *Constellations*, *History of the Present*

Conferences and Workshops

Conference Co-Organizer, "Popular Sovereignty and the Responsibility to Protect," Yale University, April 2012.

Conference Organizer, "Means and Ends: Rethinking Political Realism," Yale University, April 2011.

Faculty Coordinator, Yale Political Theory Workshop, 2007-2008.

Program Committee, North American Victorian Studies Association Annual Meeting, Yale University, November 2008.

Conference Co-organizer, "Vernacular Public Spheres in South Asia," Yale University, April 2007.

Conference Co-organizer, "Law and Life in South Asia," Yale University, May 2006.

Conference Co-organizer, "The Rise and Impact of the Social Sciences: Philosophical, Historical, and Institutional Perspectives," Harvard University, April 2002.

Coordinator of Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University, 2002-2003.