



CURRICULUM VITAE

Overview

Dr. Mihir Kanade (India) is the Academic Director of the University for Peace (established by the UN General Assembly), the Head of its Department of International Law, and the Director of the UPEACE Human Rights Centre. He is also an adjunct faculty at Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio (Spain), Cheikh Anta Diop University (Senegal), Long Island University (United States), and Universidad de Los Andes (Colombia). Dr. Kanade serves as the academic co-coordinator of the LLM programme in Transnational Crime and Justice offered at the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, Turin, Italy. His principal area of academic research and study is Public International Law, Human Rights and Globalization, covering several themes within that interface including trade, business and investment, sustainable development, forced displacement of people, indigenous peoples' rights, public health, amongst others. He conducts several trainings for staff of intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as professionals, in the field of international law and human rights. He serves on the International Advisory Board of the International Bar Association on the topic of Business and Human Rights. He has conducted extensive trainings for several business corporations on mainstreaming ISO 26000 and UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in their corporate activities, including the conduct of due diligence, human rights impact assessments, and setting up of operational level grievance mechanisms. He co-leads an elearning project in partnership with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and UNU-IIGH for training UN staff and diplomats of permanent missions of States on operationalizing the Right to Development in Implementation of the SDGs. He also chairs the United Nations drafting group of international experts on an international treaty on the right to development. Prior to academia, Dr. Kanade practiced for several years as a lawyer at the Bombay High Court (Nagpur and Bombay benches) and at the Supreme Court of India. He holds a LL.B from Nagpur University (India) and a Master degree and Doctorate from UPEACE.

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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B. CURRENT PROFESSIONAL WORK

- Academic Director, University for Peace (Established Pursuant to UN General Assembly Resolution 35/55), Costa Rica (2016-present)
- Head of Department, International Law and Human Rights, University for Peace (Established Pursuant to UN General Assembly Resolution 35/55), Costa Rica (2014-2015; 2016-present).



- Director, Human Rights Centre, University for Peace (Established Pursuant to UN General Assembly Resolution 35/55), Costa Rica (2009-present).
- Adjunct Faculty
 - a. Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio, Madrid, Spain (2012-present)
 - b. Pan-Africa Centre of Femme Africa Solidarite and Chaikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal (2013-present)
 - c. Long Island University, New York, United States (2014-present)
 - d. Los Andes University, Bogota, Colombia (2019)
- Board Member, International Advisory Board for ‘Business and Human Rights’, International Bar Association (2016 - present).
- Chair, United Nations Drafting Group on a Legally Binding Instrument on the Right to Development (2019).

C. PAST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, Department of International Law and Human Rights, University for Peace (Established Pursuant to UN General Assembly Resolution 35/55), Costa Rica (2009-2014).
- Consultant, United Nations University, Tokyo, Japan (on trade and human rights)
- Practicing Lawyer at the Supreme Court of India and the Bombay High Court (2003-2008).

D. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

- Doctor in Peace and Conflict Studies, University for Peace (Established Pursuant to UN General Assembly Resolution 35/55), Costa Rica (2015). Dissertation: The Multilateral Trading System and Human Rights: A Governance Space Theory on Linkages.
- Master in International law and the Settlement of Disputes, University for Peace (Established Pursuant to UN General Assembly Resolution 35/55), Costa Rica (2009).
- LL.B. (Professional), Nagpur University’s Dr. B.R. Ambedkar College of Law, Nagpur, India (2003).

F. COURSES TAUGHT:

I. *As Professor at the University for Peace*

- a. As Professor in the Masters programmes in ‘International Law & Human Rights’ and ‘International Law and the Settlement of Disputes’ at UPEACE:

- ✦ Public International Law
- ✦ Law Related to Armed Conflict
- ✦ International Human Rights Law



- ✦ Legal Research and Writing
- ✦ Globalization and Human Rights

- ✦ Indigenous Peoples' Rights
- ✦ Health and Human Rights
- ✦ International Economic Law
- ✦ International Environmental Law

b. As Professor in the Masters programme in 'Responsible Management and Sustainable Economic Development':

- ✦ International Trade, Business and Human Rights

c. As Professor in the Online Masters programme in 'Sustainable Peace in the Contemporary World':

- ✦ International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- ✦ Globalization and Human Rights
- ✦ International Law Dimensions of Peace and Security
- ✦ Sustainable Development Goals
- ✦ Global Governance
- ✦ United Nations System

II. Director, Human Rights Centre, UN mandated University for Peace, Costa Rica

a. Professional Development Online Courses on Human Rights:

- ✦ Development and Human Rights
- ✦ Health and Human Rights
- ✦ Business and Human Rights
- ✦ Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Development
- ✦ Protection of Refugees
- ✦ Protection of Stateless Persons
- ✦ International Trade, Development and Human Rights
- ✦ Environment, Development and Human Rights
- ✦ Corporate Social Responsibility
- ✦ Protection of Human Rights in the Contemporary World: Practices, Challenges and Prospects
- ✦ Operationalizing the Right to Development for Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (offered jointly with OHCHR and the UNU-IIGH)



b. Human Rights Capacity Building:

- ✦ Lead Facilitator, Capacity Building Workshop for 20 members of trade ministries and lawyers from the DR-CAFTA countries on CAFTA and Human Rights (December 2010)
- ✦ Project Director, Capacity Building Workshop for 50 Costa Rican youth on building sustainable NGOs for promoting human security in Costa Rica (December 2011)
- ✦ Lead Facilitator, Capacity Building Workshop for 30 African experts, on 'Gender mainstreaming in Conflict Early Warning Systems in Africa', Dakar, Senegal (November/December 2011)
- ✦ Project Director, Advanced Capacity Building Workshop for 50 Costa Rican youth on building sustainable NGOs for promoting human security in Costa Rica (February, 2013)
- ✦ Facilitator, Workshop on Development and Human Rights, Pace University, USA (February, 2013)
- ✦ Facilitator, Year-long training on 'Mainstreaming Human Rights in Corporate Activities, for 150 participants (mostly including corporations, but also NGOs and municipalities) in Costa Rica, Panama, and Nicaragua (2014).

c. Field Analysis and Education:

- ✦ Lead Facilitator, Indigenous Peoples' Rights in the Field, in Amubri Indigenous Reserve, Costa Rica (August 2011-2016)

III. Adjunct Faculty

a. Chaikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal (2013-2017)

- ✦ Gender Mainstreaming in Peacekeeping Operations

b. Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio, Madrid, Spain (2012-present)

- ✦ Economic Globalization and Human Rights
- ✦ Development and Human Rights (Online)

c. Long Island University, New York, United States (2014-present)

- ✦ Introduction to Global Studies: Global Governance



d. Los Andes University, Bogota, Colombia (2019)

✦ Public International Law

G. RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Kanade, Mihir. Forthcoming, September 2019. “Role of International Adjudication in Conflict Resolution and Transformation” in Francisco Rojas (ed.) *The Difficult Task of Peace: Crisis, Fragility & Conflict in an Uncertain World*, Palgrave MacMillan, pp.131-170.
- Kanade, Mihir. 2019. “Don’t Ask Me Who I Am: The Deaf Ear and the Blind Eye of Maritime Law on Disembarkation of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers Rescued at Sea”, 16 *ISIL Yearbook of International Humanitarian and Refugee Law*, pp.1-42.
- Kanade, Mihir. 2018. *The Multilateral Trading System and Human Rights: A Governance Space Theory on Linkages*, London and New Delhi: Routledge.
- Kanade, Mihir and Puvimanasinghe, Shyami (eds.). 2017. *Operationalizing the Right to Development for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals*, Geneva: United Nations and UPEACE.
- Whelan, Daniel, Kanade, Mihir, and Puvimanasinghe Shyami. 2018. “The Right to Development: Origins, History and Institutional Development”, in Kanade and Puvimanasinghe (eds.) *Operationalizing the Right to Development for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals*, Geneva: United Nations and UPEACE, Chapter 1.
- Kanade, Mihir, 2018. “The Right to Development Framework for Sustaining Peace and Sustainable Development”, in Kanade and Puvimanasinghe (eds.) *Operationalizing the Right to Development for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals*, Geneva: United Nations and UPEACE, Chapter 10.
- Kanade, Mihir. 2018. “The Right to Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in Kanade and Puvimanasinghe (eds.) *Operationalizing the Right to Development for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals*, Geneva: United Nations and UPEACE, Chapter 3.
- Sainz-Borgo, J.C.; Gudmundsdottir, H; Gudmundsdottir, G; Amaya-Castro, J; Kanade, M; Saab, Y; and Sipalla, H. 2017. *Liber Amicorum: In Honour of a Modern Renaissance Man – His Excellency Gudmundur Eiriksson*, Ciudad Colon and Sonipat: UPEACE Press and O.P. Jindal Global University.
- Kanade, Mihir, 2017. “Technology and the Sustainable Development Goals: A Right to



Development Approach”, in Mariateresa Garrido (ed.) *Human Rights and Technology: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*, Ciudad Colon: UPEACE Press, Chapter 1, pp. 7–30.

- Kanade, Mihir. 2016. ‘Chronicles of the Doha Wars: The battle of Nairobi – Appraisal of the Tenth WTO Ministerial’, *Strathmore Law Journal*, 2(1): 155–164.
- Kanade, Mihir. 2014. ‘UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Presenting the Problem as the Solution’, in Laura Westra and Mirian Villela (eds), *The Earth Charter, Ecological Integrity, and Social Movements*, pp. 39–49. New York: Routledge.
- Kanade, Mihir. 2012. ‘Human Rights and Multilateral Trade: A Pragmatic Approach to Understanding the Linkages’, *Journal Jurisprudence* 15(1):389–418.

H. RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- Kanade, Mihir. 2019. "The Formulation of the Right to Development and the Nature of Obligations of State Parties to a Legally Binding Instrument on the Right to Development", 20th Session of the UN Open-Ended InterGovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development, Available at <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Development/Pages/PresentationsLBI20Session.aspx>
- Kanade, Mihir. 2017. ‘Judicial Instruments in Conflict Resolution’. Presentation made at the conference ‘Global Perspectives on Conflict Resolution: Emerging Conflicts and Rethinking Innovative Solutions’, San Jose, Costa Rica, University for Peace, 21 September.
- Kanade, Mihir. 2017. ‘United Nations and Contemporary Challenges’. Lecture delivered to the Sri Lankan Army on the occasion of their Annual Training Day, Colombo, 12 June.
- Kanade, Mihir. 2016. ‘Advancing Peace, Rights and Well-being: A Right to Development Approach to SDGs as the Way Forward’. Speech delivered at the event ‘In Search of Dignity and Sustainable Development for All’, Geneva, United Nations, 29 February.
- Kanade, Mihir. 2016. ‘Multilateral Trade and Human Rights: A Governance Space Theory on Linages’. Presentation made at the World Trade Organization at the WTO’s LAD Speaker Series, Geneva, United Nations, 1 March.
- Kanade, Mihir. 2016. ‘Operationalizing the Right to Development for Implementing the SDGs’. Presentation made at the 32nd session of the UN Human Rights Council at the event ‘Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Right to Development’, Geneva, United Nations, 15 June.

I. REPORTED JUDGEMENTS CERTIFIED BY SUPREME COURT OF INDIA AND BOMBAY HIGH COURT FOR PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:

- Digamber Watane vs. Agricultural Market Produce Committee, Achalpur – 2004 (6) Bombay Case Reports 678 - (Arguing Counsel)



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- Sheshrao Wankhede's 56th Birthday Foundation vs. Pratibha Uttamrao Gadwe – 2005 (8) Service Law Reporter (Bombay) 446 - (Arguing Counsel)
- Education Society, Yavatmal vs. Narayan Deshpande – 2005 Maharashtra Law Journal 417 – (Arguing Counsel)
- B.S.N. Joshi & Sons Ltd. vs. Naircoal Services Ltd. – (2006) 11 SCC 548. (Assisting Counsel)
- State of Maharashtra vs. Madhukar Smarth – (2008) 5 SCC 721. (Assisting and Arguing Counsel)

