

RAJ M. DESAI

EDUCATION

Ph.D., 1996, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Political Science.

A.M., 1992, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Political Science.

A.B., *Magna Cum Laude*, 1988, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, Political Science.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Visiting Fellow 2006 to present
Wolfensohn Center for Development
BROOKINGS INSTITUTION, Washington, D.C.

Associate Professor of International Development 2006 to present
Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Washington, D.C.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of International Development 1999 to 2006
Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Washington, D.C.

Senior Private Sector Development Specialist 2003 to 2004
THE WORLD BANK, Washington, D.C. (on leave from Georgetown University)

Private Sector Development Specialist 1996 to 1999
THE WORLD BANK, Washington, D.C.

Teaching Fellow 1991 to 1996
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk Fellow 1991
CHARTER 77 FOUNDATION and CHARLES UNIVERSITY, Prague, Czech Republic.

Analyst 1988 to 1990
CACI, INC.—FEDERAL, Irvine, California.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2003-04 World Bank Research Preparation Grant

2001-02 Faculty Research Fellowship, Georgetown University.

1995-96 Alfred Krupp Foundation Fellowship

1994-95 Dissertation Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies—Social Science Research Council (Joint Committee on Eastern Europe).

1993-94 Professional Development Fellowship in Soviet and Eastern European Studies (U.S. Department of State Title VIII grant).

1992-93 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship.

1989-92 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship.

1987-88 University of California President's Undergraduate Fellowship.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Journal Articles (published or forthcoming)

- "Political Constraints and Popular Support for Market Reform" (with Anders Olofsgård). *IMF Staff Papers* 53 (2006): 92-114.
- "Political Competition and Financial Reform" (with Cevdet Denizer and Nikolay Gueorguiev). *Comparative Economic Studies*, forthcoming (2006).
- "Constitutionalism and Credibility in Reforming Economies" *Economics of Transition* 14, 3 (2006): 479-504 (with Anders Olofsgård).
- "The Political Advantage of Soft Budget Constraints." *European Journal of Political Economy* 22, 2 (June 2006): 370-387 (with Anders Olofsgård).
- "Fiscal Federalism in Rentier Regions: Evidence from Russia." *Journal of Comparative Economics* 33, 4 (December 2005): 814-834 (with Lev Freinkman and Itzhak Goldberg).
- "Inflation and Inequality: Does Political Structure Matter?" *Economics Letters* 87, 1 (April 2005): 41-46 (with Anders Olofsgård and Tarik Yousef).
- "Democracy, Inequality, and Inflation." *American Political Science Review* 97, 3 (August 2003): 391-406 (with Anders Olofsgård and Tarik Yousef).
- "The Politics of Russian Enterprise Reform: Insiders, Local Governments, and the Obstacles to Restructuring," *World Bank Research Observer* 16, 2 (Fall 2001): 219-240 (with Itzhak Goldberg).
- "State Power and Interest Formation in the Post-Communist Transition," *Problems of Post-Communism* 44, 6 (November-December 1997): 43-52 (with Mitchell Orenstein).
- "Reformed Banks and Corporate Governance in the Czech Republic, 1991-1996," *Post-Soviet Geography and Economics* 37, 8 (October 1996): 463-494.
- "Business Associations and the State in the Czech Republic," *Journal of Transforming Economies and Societies* 3, 2 (Spring 1996): 29-43 (with Mitchell Orenstein).
- "Insurgency: the Transformation of Peasant Rebellion," *World Politics* 42, 4 (July 1990): 441-65 (with Harry Eckstein).

Books and Book Chapters

- World Development Report 2005: A Better Investment Climate for Everyone* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004). (with World Bank team).
- Between State and Market: Mass Privatization in Transition Economies* (Washington, D.C./Paris: The World Bank/OECD, 1997). (ed. with Ira Lieberman and Stilpon Nestor).
- "Demographic Shifts, Public Sector Employment, and the Authoritarian Bargain," in Tarik Yousef, ed., *Labor Markets and Policy Reform in the Middle East and North Africa: The Unraveling of Social Contracts* (London: Routledge, forthcoming 2006). (with Anders Olofsgård and Tarik Yousef).
- "Corporate Governance in Russia," in Harry Broadman, ed., *Russian Enterprise Reforms: Policies to Further the Transition* (Washington, D.C.: The World Bank, 1998). (with Itzhak Goldberg).

"Financial Institutions and Corporate Governance," in Ira W. Lieberman, Stilpon S. Nestor, and Raj M. Desai, eds., *Between State and Market: Mass Privatization in Transition Economies* (Washington, D.C./Paris: The World Bank/OECD, 1997). (with Katharina Pistor).

"The Czech Republic," in Ira W. Lieberman, Stilpon S. Nestor, and Raj M. Desai, eds., *Between State and Market: Mass Privatization in Transition Economies* (Washington, D.C./Paris: The World Bank/OECD, 1997). (with Vladěna Plocková).

"Business Associations and the State in the Czech Republic and Poland," in Helmut Wiesenthal, ed., *Organized Business Interests as Outcomes and Agents of Socio-Economic Transformation in East and East Central Europe* (Berlin: Max-Planck Institute, 1996). (with Mitchell Orenstein).

Other Articles

"Governing the Investment Climate," *Development Outreach* (March 2005): 13-15. (with Sanjay Pradhan).

"Embedded Politics: Industrial Networks and Institutional Change in Postcommunism," *Economic Systems* 27, 4 (2004): 415-418.

"Out of the Red," *Finance and Development* 39, 1 (March 2002): 54.

"Property Rights, Stakeholders, and the Russian Enterprise Dilemma," *Finance and Development* 37, 2 (June 2000): 14-18. (with Itzhak Goldberg).

"Finanční Liberalizace a Finanční Represe v Bývalých Socialistických Ekonomikách," [Financial liberalization and financial repression in formerly socialist economies] *Finance a Úvěr* [Finance and Credit] 50, 1 (January 2000): 17-39 (with Cevdet Denizer and Nikolay Gueorguiev).

"Privatization and Entrepreneurship," *Finance and Development* 35, 4 (December 1998).

"Bude Vstup do EU pro Českou Ekonomiku Přínosný?" [Will EU Accession Benefit the Czech Economy?] *Ekonom* [The Economist] 2 (February 1998).

Policy Monographs and Reports

Moldova: Investment Climate Assessment (Washington, D.C.: World Bank, 2004). (With Alexandru Cojocaru, Carlo Segni, and Marius Vismantas).

Private Sector Development Assistance to the Transition Countries: A Decade of World Bank Lending, Operations Evaluation Department, World Bank (March 2003).

Public Sector Weaknesses and Private Sector Development. Issues and Options in the CIS-7 (Washington, D.C.: World Bank 2002).

Promoting Investment and Entrepreneurship in the Romanian Economy (Bucharest: United Nations Development Program 2001).

Redeploying Moldovan Assets: Creating New Enterprises From Old (Washington, D.C.: World Bank, 2001).

Program Performance Audit Report on the Industrial Sector Program in Mongolia (Manila: Asian Development Bank, 2000).

Enterprise Reform in CIS Countries: Issues And Options, Europe and Central Asia Finance and Private Sector Department, World Bank (March 2000)

Asset Management Regimes in Crisis Economies: Evidence from Eastern European and Latin American Financial Crises, Private Sector Development Corporate Governance Department, World Bank (June 1999).

"Inter-Company Financing and the *Grupos Industriales*," in *Mexico: Strengthening Enterprise Finance*, Mexico Country Department, World Bank (September 1998).

Financial Sector Reform in the Republic of Uzbekistan: Fiscal and Institutional Issues, Europe and Central Asia Finance and Private Sector Department, World Bank (July 1998).

Banks, Financial-Industrial Groups, and Corporate Governance in the Russian Federation, Private Sector Development Department, World Bank (June 1998).

SERVICE

Professional Memberships and Service

American Political Science Association, member	1994 to present
Bretton Woods Committee, member	1999 to present
Foreign Policy Discussion Group, board of directors	2001 to present
Pew Charitable Trusts Economic Freedom Fellows Program, advisor	1998 to 2000

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (2005, 2001, 2000, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994)
Midwest Political Science Association (2004, 2003, 2001)
American Economic Association (2003, 2002, 2001)
OECD Advisory Group on Privatization (1998, 1997, 1996)
Ford Foundation Conference on Transition Economies (1994)

Invited Presentations

Moscow State University; Center for Global Development; International Monetary Fund; University of Chicago; Inter-ministerial Forum (Maputo, Mozambique); Private Sector Development Steering Committee (Lusaka, Zambia); South African Investors' Forum; IFC Private Sector Regional Training Conference; *Internationale Weiterbildung und Entwicklung* (Berlin); Romanian Business Roundtable; Strategic Assessments Group; Woodrow Wilson School of Public Affairs; Max-Planck Institut; Harvard University Russian Research Center; Harvard University Center for European Studies.

Journal Referee

American Political Science Review; Economics and Politics; Economic Systems.

Advisory Work

Asian Development Bank; International Finance Corporation; LECG, LLC; United Nations Development Program; United States Department of State; World Bank Group.