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He has also done extensive public policy work. He is member of the National Security Advisory Board, Government of India. He was Member-Convenor of the Prime Minister of India's National Knowledge Commission. He was Member of the Supreme Court appointed committee on elections in Indian Universities. He has authored a number of papers and reports for leading Government of India and International Agencies, including the World Bank, UNRISD, DFID. He has been involved with several institutions of Higher Education. He is on the Board of Governors of International Development Research Council (IDRC), and numerous other academic institutions, including National Institute of Finance and Public Policy and NCAER. He was also a member and Vice-Chair of the World Economic Forums Global Governance Council.

Mehta has published extensively in several fields. He has published dozens of scholarly papers in important refereed journals and edited volumes in areas of political theory, constitutional law and political economy. His most recent books include, *The Burden of Democracy*, and two co edited volumes: *India's Public Institutions* and *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*.

He is a prolific participant in public policy debates and has been named as amongst India's leading opinion maker by several publications. He is editorial consultant to the Indian Express. His columns have also appeared in a number of national and international dailies including the Financial Times, Wall Street Journal, Telegraph, International Herald Tribune, etc. He is also on the Editorial Board of numerous journals including the American Political Science Review and Journal of Democracy.

Select Publications:

*The Burden of Democracy* (Penguin)

(Editor, with DeveshKapur) *India's Public Institutions* (Oxford)

(Editor) *Hindu Nationalism and Indian Politics* (Oxford)

*India's Parliament as an Institution of Accountability* (Inter Parliamentary Union, Geneva)

Editor (with NirajaJaya) *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*

*An Indian Social Democracy* (ed.) with Sunil Khilnani (forthcoming, 2011)

In Progress:

*Constitutionalism in Modern India* (forthcoming )

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Select Published Papers:

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Public Writing

In addition, prolific contributor to a wide variety of popular debates and publications including, *Financial Times*, *The Hindu*, *The Telegraph*, *The Indian Express*, *Outlook*, *Foreign Policy*, *New Republic*, *Yale Global Online*, etc. Published Over Four Hundred Articles.

Regular Book Reviews for American Political Science Review, Outlook, American Journal of Political Science etc