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Expert in constitutional law, the regulatory state, economic policy, democracy and foreign affairs.

Biography

Ganesh Sitaraman teaches and writes about constitutional law, the regulatory state, economic policy, democracy and foreign affairs. He joined the Vanderbilt Law faculty in 2011 and was named to the New York Alumni Chancellor's Chair in Law in 2021. He is the director of the Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator, which focuses on cutting-edge topics in political economy and regulation to swiftly bring research, education, and policy proposals from infancy to maturity. Sitaraman's most recent book is *The Great Democracy: How to Fix Our Politics, Unrig the Economy, and Unite America* (Basic Books, 2019). He is also the co-author, with Anne Alstott, of *The Public Option* (Harvard Univ. Press, 2019), and the author of *The Crisis of the Middle-Class Constitution: Why Economic Inequality Threatens Our Republic* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2017), which was one of *The New York Times*'s 100 notable books of 2017, and *The Counterinsurgent's Constitution: Law in the Age of Small Wars* (Oxford University Press, 2012), which won the 2013 Palmer Civil Liberties Prize. Sitaraman is a public member of the Administrative Conference of the United States, a member of the American Law Institute, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, and a co-founder of the Great Democracy Initiative. He serves on the boards of *The American Prospect*, the American Constitution Society, and Foreign Policy for America. Sitaraman was also a longtime adviser to Elizabeth Warren, including serving as a senior adviser on her 2020 presidential campaign, her senior counsel in the Senate, and her policy director during her 2012 Senate campaign. He has been profiled in *The New York Times* and *Politico* for his work at the nexus of politics and ideas. In 2018, Sitaraman was awarded an Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, and at Vanderbilt, he has been awarded a Chancellor's Award for Research and a Chancellor's Faculty Fellowship. In 2016, he was a visiting assistant professor at Yale Law School. Before joining Vanderbilt, Sitaraman was the Public Law Fellow and a lecturer at Harvard Law School, a research fellow at the Counterinsurgency Training Center in Afghanistan in Kabul, and a law clerk for Judge Stephen F. Williams on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Areas of Expertise

Public Option, Institutional Design, Regulation, Foreign Relations Law, Constitutional Law, Income Inequality, Constitutional theory, Administrative Law, Political Theory, International Law

Affiliations

The American Prospect, Massachusetts Bar, American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, Council on Foreign Relations

Education

Harvard Law School
J.D., Magna Cum Laude Law

University of Cambridge
M.Phil. Law

Harvard College
A.B., Magna Cum Laude

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