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Dr. Meenal Shrivastava is Associate Dean and Professor of Political Economy and Global Studies. She earned her degrees in English Literature and Modern Indian History from Rajasthan University, and her M. Phil and Ph. D in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University. Subsequently, she spent nine eventful years teaching in South Africa at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and the University of Transkei. Since 2006, she has been teaching in the areas of Political Economy, Global Studies, and International Relations at Athabasca University. Dr. Shrivastava has served on more than one hundred committees at the centre, faculty, and university levels, including a three-year term as chair of the Centre for Social Sciences at Athabasca University. Currently, she is Associate Dean with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Externally, she serves on several editorial and governance boards and has been an invited speaker at various academic and literary events in Canada, India, South Africa, United States, and beyond.

Dr. Shrivastava's research broadly examines the drivers and manifestations of 'globalization', and their impact on the institutions and practices of democracy. She sees globalization as a contested description, an ideology, as well as a complex process along a historical continuum of global movement of humans, ideas, institutions, commodities, and technologies. Consequently, her publications, talks, and courses cover themes as varied as aspects of democracy, public policy, development studies, global history, women/gender studies, and disciplinary building blocks, connected to the central thread of the political economy of our relentlessly globalizing world.

Her academic citizenship, mentorship roles, and national and international networks are built on the principles of accessibility, diversity, equity, and reflexivity. Informed by these values, her academic research has so far led to the publication of three books: *Write in Power: An Anthology of the Personal and the Political* (The Hidden Pen Collective, 2021), *Amma's Daughters: A Memoir* (AUP, 2018) and *Alberta Oil and the Decline of Democracy in Canada* (AUP, 2015). She has also published more than one hundred and fifty articles, book chapters, papers, opinion pieces, and creative non-fiction narratives.