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## **Curriculum Vita of Arjun Makhijani**

Arjun Makhijani is President of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research in Takoma Park, Maryland. He earned his Ph.D. from the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences at the University of California, Berkeley in 1972, specializing in nuclear fusion.

Dr. Makhijani has done extensive work on the health and environmental impacts of nuclear weapons production and testing, including U.S. testing in the Marshall Islands. He is a co-author of a comprehensive work on nuclear weapons testing, *Radioactive Heaven and Earth: The Health and Environmental Effects of Nuclear Weapons Testing In, On, and Above the Earth* (1991). From 2004 to 2018, he served on a team to provide scientific support to the presidentially-appointed Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health. He has served on the Radiation Advisory Committee of the Environmental Protection Agency, among other official bodies. He is currently one of the members of the Expert Panel of scientists appointed by the Pacific Islands Forum to advise it on the proposed discharge of post-treatment radioactively contaminated water from the 2011 Fukushima to the Pacific Ocean.

He is author or co-author of many books, reports, and analyses of radionuclides emissions from nuclear weapons facilities, radiological conditions at nuclear production and testing sites, worker exposures, and the risks of radiation exposure. He is principal editor and co-author of *Nuclear Wastelands: A Global Guide to Nuclear Weapons Production and Its Health and Environmental Effects*, (MIT Press, 1995 and 2000), which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize by MIT Press in 1995. He has authored and co-authored articles in journals as varied as the *Journal of Geophysical Research*, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, *Environment*, and *Physics of Fluids*, as well as in newspapers and magazines, including the *Washington Post*.

In 2007, he was elected Fellow of the American Physical Society, an honor granted each year to at most half-a-percent of the Society's members. He was named a Ploughshares Hero, by the Ploughshares Fund (2006); was awarded the Jane Bagley Lehman Award of the Tides Foundation in 2008 and the Josephine Butler Nuclear Free Future Award in 2001; and in 1989 he received The John Bartlow Martin Award for Public Interest Magazine Journalism of the Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, with Robert Alvarez.

Dr. Makhijani has testified before Congress, and has appeared on ABC World News Tonight, the CBS Evening News, CBS 60 Minutes, NPR, CNN, and BBC, among others. He has served as a consultant on energy issues to utilities, including the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Edison Electric Institute, the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, and several agencies of the United Nations.

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## Education

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, 1972, from the Department of Electrical Engineering. Area of specialization: plasma physics as applied to controlled nuclear fusion. Dissertation topic: multiple mirror confinement of plasmas. Minor fields of doctoral study: statistics and physics.
- M.S. (Electrical Engineering) Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, 1967. Thesis topic: electromagnetic wave propagation in the ionosphere.
- Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical), University of Bombay, Bombay, India, 1965.

## Current Employment

- 1987-present: President, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, Takoma Park, Maryland (part-time in 1987).

## Other Long-term Employment

- 2004-18: Associate, SC&A, Inc., one of the principal members of an SC&A team providing technical support to the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health regarding the reconstruction of worker radiation doses under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- 1984-88: Associate Professor, Capitol College, Laurel, Maryland (part-time in 1988).
- 1983-84: Assistant Professor, Capitol College, Laurel, Maryland.
- 1977-79: Visiting Professor, National Institute of Bank Management, Bombay, India. Principal responsibility: evaluation of the Institute's extensive pilot rural development program.
- 1975-87: Independent consultant (see page 3 for details)
- 1972-74: Project Specialist, Ford Foundation Energy Policy Project. Responsibilities included research and writing on the technical and economic aspects of energy conservation and supply in the U.S.; analysis of Third World rural energy problems; preparation of requests for proposals; evaluation of proposals; and the management of grants made by the Project to other institutions.
- 1969-70: Assistant Electrical Engineer, Kaiser Engineers, Oakland California. Responsibilities included the design and checking of the electrical aspects of mineral industries such as cement plants, and plants for processing mineral ores such as lead and uranium ores. Pioneered the use of the desk-top computer at Kaiser Engineers for performing electrical design calculations.

## Professional Societies

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and its Power Engineering Society
- American Physical Society (Elected a Fellow in 2007)
- Health Physics Society
- American Association for the Advancement of Science

## Awards and Honors

- The John Bartlow Martin Award for Public Interest Magazine Journalism of the Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, 1989, with Robert Alvarez
- The Josephine Butler Nuclear Free Future Award, 2001
- Ploughshares Hero, Ploughshares Fund, 2006

- Elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society, 2007, *“For his tireless efforts to provide the public with accurate and understandable information on energy and environmental issues”*
- Jane Bagley Lehman Award of the Tides Foundation, 2007/2000

### Advisory Groups and Committees

- December 2021-December 2023: Member of the Panel of Independent Global Experts on Nuclear Issues appointed by the Pacific Islands Forum.
- 2015-present: Member, Mitigation Working Group of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change
- 2013-present: Member, Advisory Council, Maryland Clean Energy Center, 2013-2015
- 1992-1994: Committee Member, Radiation Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 2006: Invited Faculty Member, Center for Health and the Global Environment, Harvard Medical School: Annual Congressional Course, Environmental Change: The Science and Human Health Impacts, April 18-19, 2006, Lecture Topic: An Update on Nuclear Power - Is it Safe?

### Consulting Experience, 1975-1987

Consultant on a wide variety of issues relating to technical and economic analyses of alternative energy sources; electric utility rates and investment planning; energy conservation; analysis of energy use in agriculture; US energy policy; energy policy for the Third World; evaluations of portions of the nuclear fuel cycle.

Partial list of institutions to which Arjun Makhijani was a consultant in the 1975-87 period:

- Tennessee Valley Authority
- Lower Colorado River Authority
- Federation of Rocky Mountain States
- Environmental Policy Institute
- Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- International Labour Office of the United Nations
- United Nations Environment Programme
- United Nations Center on Transnational Corporations
- The Ford Foundation
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- United Nations Development Programme

### Languages

- English, French, Hindi, Sindhi, and Marathi

### Publications -- Reports, Books, and Articles (Partial list)

(Newsletter articles, most newspaper articles, excerpts from publications reprinted in books and magazines or adapted therein, and other similar publications are not listed below. Numerous reports

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