

BIOGRAPHY

Arun Rai is Regents' Professor of the University System of Georgia and holds the Robinson Chair of IT-Enabled Supply Chains and Process Innovation and the Harkins Chair of Information Systems at the Robinson College of Business (RCB) at Georgia State University. He has served on the faculty at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and has held visiting appointments at universities in Australia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, and Slovenia. He co-founded RCB's Center for Process Innovation (CEPRIN), an interdisciplinary research center that leverages industry-university partnerships. He was appointed Regents' Professor in 2006 by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for outstanding contributions in research, teaching, and service. He was named Fellow of the Association for Information Systems in 2010 for outstanding contributions to the Information Systems discipline in research, teaching and service and received the INFORMS Information Systems Society Distinguished Fellow Award in 2014 for outstanding intellectual contributions to the Information Systems discipline.

Arun's research has examined how firms can leverage IT in strategies, inter-firm relationships, and processes, and how IT-enabled solutions can be developed, implemented, and assimilated in organizations and society. He has collaborated with major corporations across sectors (e.g., Apollo Hospitals, China Mobile, Daimler-Chrysler, Emory Healthcare, Gartner, Georgia-Pacific, Grady Hospital, IBM, Intel, Laureate Inc., SAP, SunTrust, United Parcel Service) on research projects, and his studies have been sponsored by government agencies, major corporations and their research labs and innovation centers, and thought leadership forums. He has published 200+ peer-reviewed articles that include 100+ refereed journal articles in prestigious journals such as *MIS Quarterly (MISQ)*, *Information Systems Research (ISR)*, *Journal of Management Information Systems*, *Management Science*, and *Journal of Operations Management*. He is ranked among the top scholars in the Information Systems discipline for publications in the field's elite journals. His work has received several best paper awards and has been extensively cited both in the leading journals in the Information Systems discipline and in leading journals in other disciplines (e.g., Accounting, Marketing, Operations Management, Strategic Management, Computer Science, Education, Healthcare, and Psychology).

Arun has played leadership roles in promoting interdisciplinary curriculum related to IT and its relationships with services, processes, individuals, organizations and interfirm networks. He has developed and taught courses on IT and strategy, supply chain management, technology and operations, theory development, and research methods across the BS, MBA, EMBA, MS, Executive Doctorate, and Ph.D. programs. He has chaired 30 Ph.D. dissertations and served as committee member on over thirty. Several of his former Ph.D. students are in senior leadership positions at their institutions (e.g., doctoral program directors, department chairs, associate deans) and in the profession (e.g., editors of major journals, officers of major professional organizations). He has also developed and delivered non-degree executive education programs for major corporations (e.g., the Global Supply Chain Solutions Program for UPS's senior and middle management during the company's transformation from providing transportation services to supply chain solutions).

In terms of internal service, Arun co-founded CEPRIN and serves as its Ph.D. Director. CEPRIN has developed to be a leading interdisciplinary research center focused on how digital innovation can address problems in business and society. He recently completed a third three-year term as RCB's Promotion and Tenure Committee Chair and has served on several key university, college and unit committees.

In terms of external service, he is serving as the Editor-in-Chief of *MIS Quarterly*, widely regarded as the premier journal in information systems. He has served as Senior Editor for *MIS Quarterly and Information Systems Research*, Associate Editor for several prestigious journals (*ISR*, *MISQ*, *Management Science*, *JMIS*, *JAIS*, *IEEE TEM*, *Decision Sciences*), Panelist for the National Science Foundation, Track Co-Chair for major conferences, counselor for doctoral/junior faculty/mid-career faculty consortia, and President of the Special Interest Group on the Adoption and Diffusion of Information Technology.