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## How Private Equity / Venture Capital Investors "partner" with Indian Entrepreneurs – Legal Challenges for Social Change



### SPEAKER

#### Professor Siddharth Raja

*Visiting Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School  
Founding Partner, Samvad Partners*

**Siddharth Raja** is a corporate and commercial lawyer with over seventeen years professional experience around the world. Siddharth is the Founder Partner of Samvad Partners, a pan-India law Firm, having offices in Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai and Bangalore, where he is based. Siddharth has extensive experience in advanced corporate and commercial law, with a focus on private equity (PE) and venture capital (VC) transactions as well as expertise in cross-border and domestic M&A, and corporate finance. He particularly focuses on the structuring of complicated transactions involving foreign investments into many regulated sectors in India, covering a web of domestic regulations at national, state and local levels.

Clients whom Siddharth has represented and advised, across the areas of PE / VC transactions as well as M&A, include several of the leading global private equity and venture capital funds, and many significant Indian and multinational corporations (especially in the IT, ITES, and healthcare & pharmaceutical sectors).

Siddharth began his career in 1998 as an Associate in Mumbai at one of India's leading law firms, Udhwadia, Udeshi & Berjis (as that firm was then known). He has also spent several years (2001 – 2004) handling cross-border M&A and investment matters at the international law firm, O'Melveny & Myers at its Hong Kong office, where he was a member of that firm's China team and practice. Upon his return to India in 2004, and prior to cofounding Samvad Partners in 2006, Siddharth was a partner for a few years at Udhwadia & Udeshi, heading that firm's Bangalore and Chennai teams and offices.

Siddharth is admitted to practice law in India and in England & Wales (currently not practising). His other interests include a huge love for history, which has lead him to found and run a successful historical walking tour company, with his wife, Priya, called "Nandi Valley Walks".

In this lecture, Prof Raja explains that the Private Equity and Venture Capital investor community is critical in enhancing India's entrepreneurial base. By lifting and deepening such base, India benefits, especially in terms of employment generation. This lecture will focus on how the investor eco-system can work (and must, indeed, be engendered to work) with Indian entrepreneurs to leverage their social and market capital for the greatest benefit of the community as a whole. This lecture will examine the challenges thrown-up by the existing legal and financial system while endeavouring to achieve this laudable objective.

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