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I received my first degree in Economics in 1990 from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina and a D.Phil in Economics from Oxford University in 1996. After a short stay in Argentina I joined Harvard Business School in July 1997, where I have taught Business History and courses on the business environment in the first year required curriculum, as well as an elective course on Institutions and Macroeconomics in the second year.

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**FEATURED WORK**

**INFOSYS IN INDIA: BUILDING A SOFTWARE GIANT IN A CORRUPT ENVIRONMENT**  
 BY RAWI ABDELAL, RAFAEL DI TELLA, AND PRABAKAR KOTHANDARAMAN,  
 HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL PUBLISHING CASE, DEC 1, 2006

Shortly after Infosys was founded in 1981, its managers faced a major turning point when they made a decision to operate without giving in to the petty corruption rife in the Indian economy. Within just a few years, that decision had truly defined the company. Over the next 25 years, Infosys managers went to extraordinary lengths to avoid even the most modest of practices that they considered inappropriate. Explores the practices and methods that Infosys adopted instead, considers their costs, benefits, and generalizability, and contextualizes the problem within Indian political and economic institutions that continue to evolve.

- RESOURCES :**
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