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EDUCATION

1992 Ph.D. (Development Sociology), Cornell University
1988 M.A. (Sociology), University of Delhi
1986 B.A. (Economics), University of Delhi

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

* Teaching interests: graduate and undergraduate courses in environment and development studies, economic anthropology, political sociology, urban anthropology, anthropology of food

* Research interests: cultural politics of environment and development, with a focus on social inequality and natural resource conflicts, environmental and indigenous social movements, urban environmental politics, food and agrarian environments, and the anthropology of development

Professor, Sociology Unit, Institute of Economic Growth (1/2017 to (1/2020)

Associate Professor, Sociology Unit, Institute of Economic Growth (6/2006 to 12/2016)

Reader in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, India (5/2002 to 7/2003)

Lecturer in Sociology (Senior Scale), Department of Sociology, University of Delhi (1/1999-4/2002)

Lecturer in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi (1/1994-1/1999)

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

ICCR-Chanel Chair of Contemporary Indian Studies, Sciences Po (Aug-Dec. 2012)

Visiting Associate Professor, Departments of Geography and South Asian Studies, University of Washington, Seattle (March-June 2011)

Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Yale University (Jan-May 2009)

Visiting Associate Professor, Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University (Sep. 2004 to June 2005)

Visiting Associate Professor, Polson Institute for Global Development, Cornell University (Fall 2001)

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022 Radhakrishnan Memorial Lectures at All Souls College, Oxford University

- 2022 Simon and Hallworth Visitor at the University of Manchester
- 2021 IMéRA-IRD Fellowship at Aix-Marseille Université
- 2019 International Visitor, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University
- 2018 Hughes Fellow, Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2017 Visiting Fellow, Oxford India Centre for Sustainable Development
- 2014 AW Mellon Visiting Fellow, University of Cape Town
- 2012 Indo-US Community Chair, University of California at Berkeley
- 2010 Infosys Prize for Social Sciences
- 2008 VKRV Rao Prize for Social Science Research
- 2008 STICERD Visiting Fellowship at the London School of Economics
- 2005 Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for Distinguished Contributions to Development Studies
- 2004 M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize
- 2002-4 S. V. Ciriacy-Wantrup Fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley
- 2000 Residential Fellowship Program in Environment and Culture, Berkeley Workshop on Environmental Politics, University of California, Berkeley
- 1992 Beatrice Brown Award, Cornell University
- 1988 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
- 1988 Kunda Datar Gold Medal for First in Sociology, University of Delhi
- 1986 National Scholarship: Centre for Advanced Study in Sociology, University of Delhi
- 1981 National Talent Search Scholarship, National Council for Educational Research and Training.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2024 Cornell University's Global Center for Household Energy and Thermal Resilience (HEaTR) grant.
- 2020 Research Council of Norway grant for research on 'Transcendence and Sustainability: Asian Visions with Global Promise?'
- 2018 UK Medical Research Council-Arts and Humanities Research Council grant for the 'Public Health Initiative on LMIC Air Pollution' (PHILAP), a joint project of the University of Edinburgh, IEG, IIT-Bombay and Centre for Chronic Disease Control, Delhi
- 2017 ICSSR grant for research on 'Risks, Returns and Resilience: A Multi-disciplinary Approach to Climate Change and Agriculture'
- 2007 Ford Foundation grant for research on 'The Middle Classes in India: Identity, Citizenship and the Public Sphere'
- 2001 Winrock International grant to organize a conference on 'The Cultural Politics of Water'
- 1998 Ford Foundation grant for research on 'Water, Social Stratification and the State'
- 1990 Research grant for pre-dissertation fieldwork: Institute for Intercultural Studies

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- 2020 *Uncivil City: Ecology, Equity and the Commons in Delhi*. New Delhi: Yoda Press and Sage Publications.
- 2016 *First Garden of the Republic: Nature on the President's Estate*. New Delhi: Publications Division, Government of India. Edited.
- 2011 *Elite and Everyman: The Cultural Politics of the Indian Middle Classes* (with Raka Ray). New Delhi: Routledge. Edited.
- 2008 *Contested Grounds: Essays on Nature, Culture and Power*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. Edited.
- 2007 *Waterscapes: The Cultural Politics of a Natural Resource*. Delhi: Permanent Black. Edited.
- 2006 *Untouchability in Rural India* (with Ghanshyam Shah, Harsh Mander, Sukhdeo Thorat, and Satish Deshpande). New Delhi: Sage Publications. (Second edition in 2023)
- 2004 *In the Belly of the River: Tribal Conflicts over Development in the Narmada Valley*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Revised edition)
- 2003 *Waterlines: The Penguin Book of River Writings*. New Delhi: Penguin Books. Edited.
- 1995 *In the Belly of the River: Tribal Conflicts over Development in the Narmada Valley*. Oxford University Press: Delhi.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2025 'The Purest Food: Cowmilk, Transcendent Claims, and Ecological Sustainability in India' in Mette Hansen and Kenneth Bo N (eds), *Religion and Climate Change in Asia: Spiritual Responses to Environmental Crises*. Amsterdam: University of Amsterdam Press.
- 2025 'The Wood for the Trees: Conflicts over Value in a Forest in India' in *Current Anthropologist*, 66 (S27): S13-21. DOI: 10.1086/733476
- 2023 'Decolonizing a Discipline in Distress: Anthropology's Pasts, Present, and Futures in India' in *American Ethnologist*, 50 (3): 387-395. DOI: 10.1111/amet.13197
- 2021 (with Michael Levien) 'Farmers' Protest in India: Introduction to the JPS Forum' in *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 48 (7): 1341-55. DOI: 10.1080/03066150.2021.1998002

- 2021 (with S.M. Borrás Jr et al.) 'Climate Change and Agrarian Struggles: A Review Essay' in *Journal of Peasant Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/03066150.2021.1956473
- 2021 'Street Food and the Art of Survival: Migrants and Places in Delhi, India' in *Food, Culture & Society*, 24 (1): 142-155. DOI: 10.1080/15528014.2020.1859903
- 2021 'Nation's Body, River's Pulse: Narratives of Anti-dam Politics in India' in Srinath Raghavan and Nandini Sundar (eds), *A Functioning Anarchy? Essays for Ramachandra Guha*, pp. 55-71. Gurgaon: Allen Lane.
- 2021 'An Uncivil City' in Suryakant Waghmore and Hugo Gorringer (eds), *Civility in Crisis: Democracy, Equality and the Majoritarian Challenge in India*, pp. 149-168. London: Routledge. (reprint)
- 2020 'COVID at Home: Gender, Class, and the Domestic Economy in India' in *Feminist Studies*. 36 (3): 561-571. (with Raka Ray)
- 2019 'Nation's Body, River's Pulse: Narratives of Anti-dam Politics in India' in *Thesis Eleven*. 150 (1): 26-41.
- 2019 'Between Violence and Desire: Space, Power, and Identity in the Making of Metropolitan Delhi' in *International Social Science Journal*. Special issue: '70 Years of *International Social Science Journal*'. 68 (227-228): 199-208. (reprint)
- 2019 'Shades of Green: Remaking Urban Nature and its Publics in Delhi, India' in Henrik Ernstson and Sverker Sorlin (eds), *Grounding Urban Natures: Histories and Futures of Urban Political Ecologies*, pp. 223-246. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2018 'New Cultures of Food Studies' in Sanjay Srivastava, Janaki Abraham and Yasmeen Arif (eds), *Critical Themes in Indian Sociology: Essays in Celebration of 50 Years of Contributions to Indian Sociology*, pp. 361-374. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- 2018 'City Limits: Looking for Environment and Justice in the Urban Context' in Sharachchandra Lele, Eduardo S. Brondizio, John Byrne, Georgina M. Mace, and Joan Martinez-Alier (eds), *Rethinking Environmentalism: Linking Justice, Sustainability, and Diversity*, pp. 85-97. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2018 'Consumer Citizenship: Instant Noodles in India' in *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies*. 18 (2): 1-10.
- 2018 'Urban Jungles: Wilderness, Parks and their Publics in Delhi' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 53 (2): 46-54.

- 2017 'What the Eye Does Not See: The Yamuna in the Imagination of Delhi' in Suzanne Hall and Ricky Burdett (eds), *The Sage Handbook of the 21st Century City*, pp. 298-313. London: Sage Publications. (reprint)
- 2015 'Regional Dimensions of Social Movements in India' in *India Rural Development Report 2013-14*, pp. 145-161. Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan.
- 2015 'Ecology and Development in India: A Field and its Future' in Sukant K. Chaudhury (ed.), *Sociology of Environment*, pp. 42-55. New Delhi: Sage Publications. (reprint)
- 2014 (with Marc Edelman et al.) 'Introduction: Critical Perspectives on Food Sovereignty' in *Journal of Peasant Studies* (Special issue on Global Agrarian Transformations Volume 2). 41 (6): 911-931.
- 2014 'Dreaming Big: Spectacular Events and the 'World-Class' City: The Commonwealth Games in Delhi' in Jonathan Grix (ed.), *Leveraging Legacies from Sports Mega-Events: Concepts and Cases*, pp. 130-141. Houndsmill: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2012 'Public Interest and Private Compromises: The Politics of Environmental Negotiation in Delhi, India' in Julia Eckert, Brian Donahue, Christian Strümpell and Zerrin Özlem Biner (eds), *Law Against the State: Ethnographic Forays into Law's Transformations*, pp. 171-201. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2012 'Extraordinary Violence and Everyday Welfare: The State and Development in Rural and Urban India' in Soumhya Venkatesan and Thomas Yarrow (eds), *Differentiating Development: Beyond an Anthropology of Critique*, pp. 126-44. New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2012 'Food and Agriculture' in Vasudha Dalmia and Rashmi Sadana (eds), *The Cambridge Companion to Contemporary Indian Culture*, pp. 49-66. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2012 'Cultural Politics of Environment and Development: The Indian Experience' in R. Maria Saleth (ed.) *From Individual to Community: Issues in Development Studies*, pp. 86-101. New Delhi: Sage Publications. (reprint)
- 2012 'India's Changing Political Economy and its Implications for Forest Users' in Rights and Resources Initiative (ed.) *Deeper Roots of Historical Injustice: Trends and Challenges in the Forests of India*, pp. 33-46. Washington, DC: Rights and Resources Initiative.
- 2012 'Fate of the Forest: Conservation and Tribal Rights' in Indra Munshi (ed.) *The Adivasi Question: Issues of Land, Forest and Livelihood*, pp. 385-406. Orient Longman and Economic and Political Weekly. (reprint)

- 2012 'Indono shutoniokeru tairitu: toshikeikaku to suramu [Conflicts in the Capital of India: Urban Planning and Slums]' in Haruka Yanagisawa and Yosiko Kurita (eds) *Ajia, Chuto: kyodotai, kankyo, gendaino hinkon* [Asia and Middle East: Community, Environment and Contemporary Poverty]. Tokyo: Keiso Shobo.
- 2011 'What the Eye Does Not See: River Yamuna in the Imagination of Delhi' in *Economic and Political Weekly* (Review of Urban Affairs). 46 (50): 45-53.
- 2011 (with Raka Ray) 'Introduction' in Amita Baviskar and Raka Ray (eds), *Elite and Everyman: The Cultural Politics of the Indian Middle Classes*, pp. 1-23. New Delhi: Routledge.
- 2011 'Cows, Cars and Cycle-rickshaws: Bourgeois Environmentalism and the Battle for Delhi's Streets' in Amita Baviskar and Raka Ray (eds), *Elite and Everyman: The Cultural Politics of the Indian Middle Classes*, pp. 391-418. New Delhi: Routledge.
- 2011 'Written on the Body, Written on the Land: Violence and Environmental Struggles in Central India' in Mahesh Rangarajan and K. Sivaramakrishnan (eds) *India's Environmental History: Colonialism, Modernity, and the Nation*, pp. 517-49. New Delhi: Permanent Black. (reprint)
- 2010 'Spectacular Events, City Spaces and Citizenship: The Commonwealth Games in Delhi' in Jonathan Shapiro Anjaria and Colin McFarlane (eds), *Urban Navigations: Politics, Space and the City in South Asia*, pp. 138-161. New Delhi: Routledge.
- 2010 'Urban Exclusions: Public Spaces and the Poor in Delhi' in Bharati Chaturvedi (ed.) *Finding Delhi: Loss and Renewal in a Megacity*, pp. 3-15. New Delhi: Penguin.
- 2009 'Social Movements in India' in Niraja Gopal Jayal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta (eds), *Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, pp. 381-90. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- 2009 'Is Knowledge Power?: The Right to Information Campaign in India' in John Gaventa and Rosemary McGee (eds), *Citizen Action and National Policy*, pp. 130-52. London: Zed Books.
- 2009 'Breaking Homes, Making Cities: Class and Gender in the Politics of Urban Displacement' in Lyla Mehta (ed.), *Displaced by Development: Confronting Marginalisation and Gender Injustice*, pp. 59-81. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- 2009 'Demolishing Delhi: World-Class City in the Making' in Josephine B. Slater and Pauline van Mourik Broekman (eds), *Proud to be Flesh: A Mute Magazine Anthology of Cultural Politics after the Net*, pp. 399-403. London: Mute Publishing and Autonomedia. (reprint)
- 2008 'Environmental History in India' in Bharati Ray (ed.), *Different Types of History*, pp. 147-62. New Delhi: Pearson Educational Publishing.

- 2008 'Culture and Power in the Commons Debate' in Isha Ray and Pranab Bardhan (eds), *The Contested Commons: Conversations between Economists and Anthropologists*, pp. 107-24. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing and New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- 2008 'Dillīchyā Suśobhikaranāchā Bourgeois Dhāchā' [The Bourgeois Basis of Delhi's Beautification] in *Samaj Prabodhan Patrika*. 46 (181): 97-104.
- 2007 'The Dream Machine: The Model Development Project and the Remaking of the State' in K. Chopra and C. H. Hanumantha Rao (eds), *Growth, Equity, Environment and Population: Economic and Sociological Perspectives*, pp. 287-310. New Delhi: Sage Publications. (reprint)
- 2007 'Indian Indigeneities: Adivasi Engagements with Hindu Nationalism in India' in Marisol de la Cadena and Orin Starn (eds), *Indigenous Experience Today*, pp. 275-304. Oxford: Berg Publishers.
- 2007 'The Dream Machine: The Model Development Project and the Remaking of the State' in Amita Baviskar (ed.), *Waterscapes: The Cultural Politics of a Natural Resource*, pp. 281-313. Delhi: Permanent Black.
- 2007 'Demolishing Delhi: World-Class City in the Making' in Lalit Batra (ed.), *The Urban Poor in Globalising India: Dispossession and Marginalisation*, pp. 39-44. Delhi: South Asian Dialogues on Ecological Democracy and Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam Publications. (reprint)
- 2007 'Cultural Politics of Environment and Development: The Indian Experience' in *Review of Development and Change*. 11 (1): 1-14.
- 2006 'Demolishing Delhi: World-Class City in the Making' in *Mute*. 2 (3): 88-95.
- 2006 'The Politics of Being "Indigenous"' in Bengt G. Karlsson and Tanka B. Subba (eds), *Indigeneity in India*. London: Kegan Paul.
- 2006 'Rethinking Indian Environmentalism: Industrial Pollution in Delhi and Fisheries in Kerala' (with Subir Sinha and Kavita Philip) in Joanne Bauer (ed.), *Forging Environmentalism: Justice, Livelihood and Contested Environments*, pp. 189-256. New York: ME Sharpe.
- 2006 'Bhāratātīl Paryāvaran va Vikās yanché Sānskritik Rājkāran' [The Cultural Politics of Environment and Development in India] in *Samaj Prabodhan Patrika*. 44 (176): 425-30.
- 2005 'Adivasi Encounters with Hindu Nationalism in MP' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 40 (48): 5105-13.

- 2005 'Between Micro-politics and Administrative Imperatives: Decentralization and the Watershed Mission in Madhya Pradesh, India' in Jesse Ribot and Anne Larson (eds), *Democratic Decentralisation through a Natural Resource Lens*, pp. 26-40. London: Routledge.
- 2005 'Red in Tooth and Claw?: Searching for Class in Struggles over Nature' in Raka Ray and Mary Katzenstein (eds), *Social Movements in India: Poverty, Power, and Politics*, pp. 161-78. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.
- 2004 'Between Micro-politics and Administrative Imperatives: Decentralization and the Watershed Mission in Madhya Pradesh, India' in *European Journal of Development Research*. 16 (1): 26-40.
- 2003 'For a Cultural Politics of Natural Resources'. Introduction to an edited issue on 'Natural Resources: Conceptions and Contestations' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 38 (48): 5051-55.
- 2003 'Tribal Politics and Discourses of Environmentalism' in Paul Greenough and Anna Tsing (eds), *Nature in the Global South: Environmental Projects in South and Southeast Asia*, pp. 289-318. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- 2003 'Between Violence and Desire: Space, Power and Identity in the Making of Metropolitan Delhi' in *International Social Science Journal*. 175: 89-98.
- 2002 'States, Communities and Conservation: The Practice of Ecodevelopment in the Great Himalayan National Park' in Vasant Saberwal and Mahesh Rangarajan (eds), *Battles over Nature: Science and the Politics of Wildlife Conservation*, pp. 267-99. Delhi: Permanent Black.
- 2002 'Community and the Politics of Honour' in Vandana Madan (ed.), *The Village in India*, pp. 252-66. Delhi: Oxford University Press. Book extract.
- 2002 'Kaihatu wo meguru Narmada kyokoku niokeru Toraibu no tatakai' (Tribal Conflicts over Development in the Narmada Valley) in Haruka Yanagisawa (ed.), *Gendai Minami Ajia 4: Kaihatu to Kankyo (Contemporary South Asia, 4: Economic Development and Environmental Change)*, pp. 263-80. Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press.
- 2001 'Forest Management as Political Practice: Indian Experiences with the Accommodation of Multiple Interests' in *International Journal of Agricultural Resources, Governance and Ecology*. 1 (3/4): 243-263.
- 2001 'Environmental Movements in India: The South Forges its own Discourse' in James Nickum and Kenji Oya (eds), *New Regional Paradigms: Environmental Management, Poverty Reduction, and Sustainable Regional Development*, pp. 93-107. London: Greenwood Press.

- 2001 'Written on the Body, Written on the Land: Violence and Environmental Struggles in Central India' in Nancy Peluso and Michael Watts (eds), *Violent Environments*, pp. 354-79. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- 2000 'Claims to Knowledge, Claims to Control: Environmental Conflict in the Great Himalayan National Park, India' in Roy Ellen, Peter Parkes and Alan Bicker (eds), *Indigenous Environmental Knowledge and its Transformations: Critical Anthropological Perspectives*, pp. 101-19. Amsterdam: Harwood Academic Press.
- 1999 'Vanishing Forests, Sacred Trees: A Hindu Perspective on Eco-consciousness' in *Asian Geographer*. 18 (1-2): 21-31.
- 1999 'Participating in Ecodevelopment: The Case of the Great Himalayan National Park' in R. Jeffery and N. Sundar (eds), *A New Moral Economy for India's Forests?: Discourses of Community and Participation*, pp. 109-29. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- 1998 'Tribal Communities and Conservation in India' in A. Kothari et al. (eds), *Communities and Conservation: Natural Resource Management in South and Central Asia*, pp. 252-69. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- 1997 'Ecology and Development in India: A Field and its Future' in *Sociological Bulletin*. 46 (2): 193-207.
- 1997 'Tribal Politics and Discourses of Environmentalism' in *Contributions to Indian Sociology*. 31 (2): 195-223.
- 1997 'Displacement and the Bhilala Tribals of the Narmada Valley' in Jean Dreze, Meera Samson and Satyajit Singh (eds), *The Dam and the Nation: Displacement and Resettlement in the Narmada Valley*, pp. 103-35. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- 1997 'Women and Forests: Dependence without Control' in N. Rao and L. Rurup (eds), 1997. *A Just Right: Women's Ownership of Natural Resources and Livelihood Security*, pp. 347-52. New Delhi: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.
- 1996 'Reverence is Not Enough: Ecological Marxism and India's Adivasis' in E. M. DuPuis and P. Vandergeest (eds), *Creating the Countryside: The Politics of Rural and Environmental Discourse*, pp. 204-24. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
- 1996 'The Administration and Human Rights in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh' in V. K. Gupta (ed.) *Perspectives on Human Rights*. Delhi: Vikas Publishing House.

- 1996 'Carrying Capacity and Usufruct Rights' in W. Fernandes (ed.) *Drafting a People's Forest Bill: The Forest-dweller - Social Activist Alternative*. Delhi: Indian Social Institute.
- 1996 'The Cooperative Movement in India before Independence' in L. C. Jain and Karen Coelho *In the Wake of Freedom: India's Tryst with Cooperatives*. New Delhi: Concept Publishing.
- 1994 'The Fate of the Forest: Conservation and Tribal Rights' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 29 (38): 2493-501.
- 1994 (with A. K. Singh) 'The Sardar Sarovar Dam and its Impact on Public Health' in *Environmental Impact Assessment Review*. 14 (5-6): 349-58.

OTHER JOURNAL ARTICLES AND SHORT ESSAYS

- 2025 (with Ankur Writers Collective) '[Behind the Purdah](https://doi.org/10.70312/LIMN.12)' in *Limn*. Issue 12: Climate's Interiors. <https://doi.org/10.70312/LIMN.12>. June.
- 2024 '[A Season Unsettled: The Monsoon on the Indian Subcontinent](#)' in *Thinking Sustainability*. Louis Roederer Foundation. November.
- 2024 Commentary on Guérin and Venkatasubramanian's 'Debt and the Politics of Numbers' in *Review of Political Economy*. 36 (2): 500-503.
- 2022 '[The Social Experience of Heat: Urban Life in the Indian Anthropocene](#)' in *The India Forum*. June 13.
- 2019 (with Vinay Gidwani) 'The Lives of Waste and Pollution', Introduction to a special issue of Review of Urban Affairs, in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 54 (47): 33-35.
- 2017 'Mood' in issue on 'Indian Keywords' in *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*. 40 (2): 361-2.
- 2016 'Fighting for their Lives: Human Rights and Adivasis' in *NHRC: Journal of the National Human Rights Commission, India*. 15: 113-138.
- 2016 'The Politics of Protest' in M. Bhat (ed) *Unsung: Extraordinary Lives*. Bengaluru: Mahesh Bhat Publishing.
- 2016 (with Simone Abram et al.) 'Debate: Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds' in *Anthropological Forum*. 26 (1): 74-95.
- 2013 'Coda: Protest and Participation in the City' in Karen Coelho, L. Kamath and M. Vijayabaskar (eds), *Participolis: Consent and Contention in Neoliberal India*, pp. 306-9. New Delhi: Routledge.

- 2011 (with Vinay Gidwani) 'Urban Commons', Introduction to a special issue of Review of Urban Affairs, in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 46 (50): .
- 2011 'For a Cultural Politics of Water' in *Cairo Papers in Social Sciences* (Special issue on The Burden of Resources: Oil and Water in the Gulf and the Nile Basin). 30 (4): 9-19.
- 2010 'Resisting Distorted Readings' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 45 (41): 78-79.
- 2010 'The Unquiet Woods and Indian Environmental History' in Ramachandra Guha's *The Unquiet Woods: Ecological Change and Peasant Resistance in the Himalaya*, pp. 213-221. Twentieth anniversary edition. New Delhi and Ranikhet: Permanent Black.
- 2010 Comment on Tania M. Li's 'Indigeneity, Capitalism, and the Management of Dispossession' in *Current Anthropology*. 51 (3): 400-01.
- 2010 'Between Reason and Resistance' in *Seminar*. Annual issue. 605: 82-85.
- 2008 (with Nandini Sundar) Comment on Partha Chatterjee's 'Democracy and Economic Transformation in India' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 43 (46): 87-89.
- 2008 'Contract Killings: Silicosis among Adivasi Migrant Workers' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 43 (25): 8-10.
- 2008 'Pedagogy, Public Sociology and Politics in India: What is to be Done' in *Current Sociology*. 56 (3): 425-33.
- 2007 'For a Cultural Politics of Natural Resources' in *Maitrayee*. 8: 10-13.
- 2006 'Foreword' to Ranjit Dwivedi *Conflict and Collective Action: The Sardar Sarovar Project in India*, pp. xi-xxvi. New Delhi and London: Routledge.
- 2006 'Water Follies and Frauds' in *Seminar*. 557: 93-96.
- 2004 'Aliens' in Bregje van Eekelen, Jennifer González, Bettina Stötzer and Anna Tsing (eds), *Shock and Awe: War on Words*. Santa Cruz, CA: New Pacific Press.
- 2002 'The Politics of the City' in *Seminar*. 516: 40-42.
- 1999 'A Grain of Sand on the Bank of the Narmada' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 34 (32): 2213-4.
- 1999 Comment on P. Brosius, 'Analyses and Interventions: Anthropological Engagements with Environmentalism' in *Current Anthropology*. 40 (3): 288-89.

- 1998 'Nature at Stake' in *Seminar*. 466: 74-78.
- 1998 'Towards a Sociology of Delhi' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 33 (49): 3101-02.
- 1997 'Who Speaks for the Victims?' in *Seminar*. 451: 59-61.
- 1995 'The Political Uses of Sociology: Tribes and the Sardar Sarovar Project' in *Sociological Bulletin*. 44 (1): 89-96.
- 1994 'The Administration and Human Rights in Jhabua, MP' in *The Administrator*. 34 (2): 63-70.
- 1994 'Negotiating with Hinduism' in *Lokayan Bulletin*. 11 (1): 25-32.
- 1991 'Narmada "Sangharsh Yatra": State Response and its Consequences' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 26 (9-10): 477-478.
- 1991 'Creation Myth of the Bhilalas' in *Lokayan Bulletin*. 9 (3-4): 11-20.
- 1991 'The Researcher as Pilgrim' in *Lokayan Bulletin*. 9 (3-4): 91-97.

BOOK REVIEWS AND ARTICLES FOR A GENERAL READERSHIP

More than two hundred book reviews and articles published in journals including *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, *Indian Social and Economic History Review*, *Indian Review of Books*, *Biblio*, *The Book Review*, *Himal*, *Frontline*, *The Indian Quarterly*, *The India Magazine*, *The Hindu*, *Indian Express*, *Mint*, *Outlook*, *India Today*, *The Telegraph*, *Geo*, *Outlook Traveller*, *City Limits*, *Timeout*, *The Illustrated Weekly of India*, *Dainik Bhaskar*, *Sandarbh*, *Prabhat Khabar*, *Amar Ujala*, *The Wire*.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (SELECTED)

- Member, Editorial Collective, *Journal of Peasant Studies* (since 2008)
- Member, Editorial Collective, *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies* (since 2018)
- Member, Editorial Board, *American Anthropologist* (since 2016)
- Member, Editorial Board, *Open Encyclopaedia of Anthropology* (since 2022)
- Consulting Deputy Editor, *Biblio* (since 1996)
- Member, Advisory Board, *Food, Culture and Society* (since 2017)
- Member, Advisory Board, *Contributions to Indian Sociology* (since 2012)
- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Oxford Development Studies* (since 2019)

Member, Advisory Council, India International Centre (since 2023)

Member, Research and Advisory Committee, Prayas Energy Group (since 2016)

Member, General Body, Greenpeace India Society (since 2020)

Member, Advisory Committee, Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India (since 2012)

Member of the Jury for the *Bhagirath Prayas Samman* (since 2014)

Member, Editorial Team, Review of Urban Affairs, *Economic and Political Weekly* (2010-22)

Member, Editorial Board, *India International Centre Quarterly* (2021-23)

Member, Board of Studies, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati (2017-22)

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (2011-2021)

Co-Editor, *Contributions to Indian Sociology* (2007-11)

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *World Development* (2012-2017)

Member, Editorial Board, *Antipode* (2011-14)

Member, Editorial Board, *Global Environmental Politics* (2007-2010)

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Ethnographic Theory* (2011-2017)

Member, Governing Board, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore (2012-2017)

Member, Executive Committee, Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (2013-2020)

Vice-President, SRUTI (Society for Rural, Urban and Tribal Initiatives) (2008-2011)

Member, Forest Advisory Committee, Government of India (2010-12)

Member of the Jury for the Infosys Prize for the Social Sciences (2017, 2019, 2021)

Member of the Jury for the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award (2020)

Affiliate, Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan

Visiting Fellow (non-resident), Center for the Advanced Study of India, UPenn (July 2024-June 2026)

Founding Member, *Conservation and Society* (2003)

Founding Member, Kalpavriksh, Environmental Action Group (1980)

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society

REFeree FOR JOURNALS: *American Anthropologist, Antipode, Contributions to Indian Sociology, Critical Asian Studies, Current Anthropology, Development and Change, Economic and Political Weekly, Environment and Planning C, Environment and Planning E, Ethnography, Gender, Place and Culture, Geoforum, Indian Economic and Social History Review, Indian Social Science Review, Modern Asian Studies, Oxford Development Studies, Society and Natural Resources, Sociological Bulletin, Urban Studies, Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology*

REFeree FOR BOOK PUBLISHERS: Berghahn Books; Duke University Press; New Text; Oxford University Press; Penguin Books; Pluto Press; Routledge; Sage Publications; University of Toronto Press; Yale University Press; Harvard University Press; Stanford University Press

REFeree FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS: Indian Council of Social Science Research; Social Science Research Council (New York); Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada); National Research Foundation (South Africa); Japan Foundation; Fritz Thyssen Stiftung (Switzerland); Nehru-Fulbright Fellowships; Wenner-Gren Foundation (USA)

RESEARCH PROJECTS, CONSULTANCIES AND OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

2014-2016 Designed, co-ordinated and led a research project on the social history of the flora and fauna of the Rashtrapati Bhavan estate, New Delhi, with financial support from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. An edited volume entitled *First Garden of the Republic: Nature on the President's Estate* was published in July 2016.

2007-2009 Designed, co-ordinated and administered a research project entitled 'The Middle Classes in India: Identity, Citizenship and the Public Sphere' with financial support from the Ford Foundation. Organized an international conference on this theme; an edited volume entitled *Elite and Everyman: The Cultural Politics of the Indian Middle Classes* was published in 2011 by Routledge India. Also organized a dissertation workshop for PhD researchers from across the country, and a dialogue between academics and activists to discuss the findings from the project.

1998-2002 Designed, co-ordinated and administered a research project entitled 'Water, Social Stratification and the State' with financial support from the Ford Foundation. Organized an international conference on 'The Cultural Politics of Water' in Delhi in March 2001 with support from Winrock International. An edited volume of the conference papers entitled *Waterscapes: The Cultural Politics of a Natural Resource* was published in 2007.

1995-2001 Consultant to: Ford Foundation (researching and writing an institutional history of the Foundation's programme for agricultural and water resources development in India); Wildlife Institute of India (for project on 'Natural Resource Use and Conflict Management in the Great Himalayan National Park' and for training officers of the Indian Forest Service); Overseas Economic Co-operation

Fund, Government of Japan (to advise on a programme for supporting forest-based tussar sericulture as a poverty-alleviation strategy); Swedish International Development Agency (to advise on future water resources-related programmes); and the International Labour Organization (to write a status report on 'Women's Access to Wastelands').

1992-1993 Worked with Khedut Mazdoor Chetna Sangath, a trade union of tribal peasants in Jhabua district, Madhya Pradesh (Oct. 1992 to Dec. 1993). Responsibilities included grassroots organizing of villagers around issues of forest rights, dam-induced displacement, and education, as well as managing public relations, networking for joint campaigns, public interest litigation, and fund-raising.

PH.D. CANDIDATES SUPERVISED

1. **R. Savithri:** Property, kinship and gender: A study of Tamils in an urban context
2. **Jyoti Dalal:** Delineating identity: Reflections on its construction and articulation in the school (joint supervision with Poonam Batra, Faculty of Education, University of Delhi)
3. **Sakshi Khurana:** Work, community and neighbourhood: Lives of informal women workers (joint supervision with Rajni Palriwala, University of Delhi)
4. **Minati Dash:** Ideology in Social Movements: A Case Study of the Anti-Utkal Movement in Kashipur, Rayagada, Odisha (joint supervision with Nandini Sundar, University of Delhi)

PH.D. CANDIDATES' ADVISORY COMMITTEES SERVED

1. **Alka Sabharwal:** The cultural politics of nomadic pastoralism in contested territory: The case of Changthang, Ladakh (University of Western Australia)
2. **Venkat Ramanujam Ramani:** Shifting human-nature interactions in the Maikal hills of Madhya Pradesh (Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment)
3. **Daniel John Read:** Pugmarks and footprints: Human-wildlife encounters and the legitimacy of conservation in central India (University of Georgia, USA)

RECENT KEYNOTE LECTURES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- * Delivered the Annual Lecture of the Consortium for the Global South at Cambridge University. April 2023.
- * Delivered the Radhakrishnan Memorial Lectures at All Souls College, Oxford. May-June 2022.
- * Delivered a keynote address on 'Indigenous Peoples and Food Equity' at the Food Systems Summit Dialogues Sweden: 'Towards Equitable Food Systems' organised by the Swedish Development Agency (Sida). 29 March 2021.
- * Delivered a keynote address titled 'Always Uncertain: Precarity and the Path to Justice' at the annual meeting of the Swiss Sociological Association. 29 June 2021.
- * Delivered the M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture on 'Consumer Citizenship: The Social Life of Industrial Foods in India' at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore. January 2, 2019.

- * Delivered a keynote address entitled ‘Consumer Citizenship and Social Inclusion’ at the XIII Conference on Public Policy and Management organized by the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. August 23, 2018.
- * Delivered a keynote address titled ‘Anthropology in the Anthropocene: Making Sense of Unstable Worlds’ at the 18th World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences at Florianopolis, Brazil. July 17, 2018.
- * Delivered the Soli Sorabjee Lecture in South Asian Studies on “‘We Are Enjoying Only’: Food and Fun in Liberalizing India’ at Brandeis University, Boston. March 22, 2018.
- * Gave a keynote address titled ‘Waterscapes: The Shifting Streams of Indian Environmental Politics’ at a conference on ‘Watersheds’ organised by the Centre for the Study of the Inland, La Trobe University, and Thesis 11, at Melbourne. November 28, 2017.
- * Participated in a keynote conversation on ‘Culture, Food and Health’ at the Environmental Justice Conference 2017 organised by the Sydney Environment Institute, University of Sydney. November 8, 2017.
- * Delivered a keynote address titled ‘Agrarian Distress and Environmental Risk’ at the workshop on ‘Cauvery Delta: Investigating the Vulnerability of Land, Water and People’ at the Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai. July 11, 2017.
- * Gave the Annual Distinguished Lecture entitled ‘Consumer Citizenship: The Social Life of Industrial Foods in India’ at the Food Studies Centre, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. March 16, 2017.
- * Delivered the inaugural address at the Fifth Northern Regional Social Science Congress organised by Mohanlal Sukhadia University and ICSSR at Udaipur. February 24, 2017.
- * Gave a talk titled ‘Which Humans: The Anthropocene and its Publics’ at the plenary panel on ‘Who Counts in the “Age of Humans”? Locating Gender, Ethnicity and Class in the Anthropocene’ at the ‘Crossroads in Cultural Studies’ conference at the University of Sydney, December 14, 2016.
- * Delivered the annual lecture of the Network for Asian Studies and the Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo on ‘Consumer Citizenship: Food Practices and Social Aspirations in India’. October 13, 2016.
- * Gave a plenary lecture entitled ‘Conservation Research and Politics in the Anthropocene’ at the Student Conference on Conservation Science’ in Bengaluru. September 24, 2016.
- * Made a presentation in the plenary panel on ‘City Food: Lessons from People on the Move’ at the conference on ‘Scarborough Fare: Global Foodways and Local Foods in a Transnational City’, University of Toronto, June 24, 2016.