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Affiliate Research Associate (unpaid affiliation) with the Geography Department at King's College London.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Academic

10/2018 – 08/2021	Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Geography, King's College London
10/2017 – 09/2018	Research Assistant, Department of Geography, King's College London
06/2008 – 07/2010	Lecturer, Environmental Studies, New Delhi Institute of Management, New Delhi, India
10/2007 – 05/2008	Guest Lecturer, Environmental Studies, New Delhi Institute of Management, New Delhi, India

EDUCATION

08/2012 – 09/2018	PhD: <i>Science and situated knowledge: coffee growers and adaptation strategies for climate change in South India</i> , Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi India (Professor Saradindu Bhaduri; Prof. Rohan D' Souza). Thesis submitted in July 2017 and degree awarded in September 2018. External examiner: Dr. Rajeswari S. Raina (Shiv Nadar University, India).
08/2010 – 07/2012	MPhil: <i>'Like I said, gods never get it right': weather experiences, weather forecasting and coffee growers in contemporary South India</i> . Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University (FGPA 7.17).
07/2005 – 06/2007	MSc Environment Management, Forest Research Institute Deemed University Dehradun, India. Pass with 72.3%.
07/2002 – 06/2005	BSc (Hons) Botany, Kirori Mal College, Delhi University. Pass with 64%.

PUBLICATIONS

Book chapter

Ogra, A. (20 Jul 2020). Rethinking Adaptation to Climate Change for the Policy Landscape of India. *Climate Change Governance in Asia*. Chou, K-T., Hasegawa, K., Ku, D. & Kao, S-F. (eds.). Oxon (UK) & New York (US): Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, p. 207-231, (Routledge Contemporary Asia Series). doi: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429276453>

Papers

- **Published**

- Ogra, A., Donovan, A., Adamson, G. Viswanathan, K.R., Budimir, M. (25 June 2021). Exploring the gap between policy and action in Disaster Risk Reduction: a case study from India, *International Journal for Disaster Risk Reduction*. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2212420921003897>
- Ogra, A. (4 Aug 2018) Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme: a strategy for adapting to climate change, *Economic and Political Weekly*. LIII, 31, p. 95-103.
- Pelling, M., Adams, H., Adamson, A., Barcena, A., Blackburn, S., Borie, M., Donovan, A., Lu, Y., Ogra, A., Taylor, F. (16 December 2021) Knowledge, Emergence and Social

Contracts: Building Back Better from COVID-19, *Progress in Human Geography*. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/03091325211059569>

- Ogra, A. (Forthcoming). National Disaster management Plan: A Commentary on National Disaster Management Plan, Commentary in *Economic and Political Weekly*.
- **In review**
 - Ogra, A. Situating climate change narrative for conceptualizing adaptation strategies: a case study of coffee growers in South India in *Regional Environmental Change Journal*.
- **In progress**
 - Ogra, A., Pelling, M., Donovan, A., Maud, B., Upadhyaya, R. Disaster Risk Reduction and Knowledge institutionalization in Scientific Administrative Organizations (SAO): a case study of Department of Hydrology and Metrology (DHM) in Kathmandu, Nepal in *Science and Public Policy Journal*.
 - Ogra, A., Donovan, A., Adamson, G. Scientific Administrative Organizations in the National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP): a case study of Geological Survey of India (GSI) and LANDSLIP project in *Science and Public Policy Journal*.
 - Ogra, A., Pelling, M., Donovan, A., Maud, B., Upadhyaya, R. (in progress). Disaster Risk Reduction and knowledge institutionalization: a case study of National Building Codes (NBC) and Land Use Planning in Kathmandu, Nepal in *Science and Public Policy Journal*.
 - Ogra, A., Donovan, A., Adamson, G. (in progress). Knowledge co-production in an international consortium: the role of STS in interdisciplinary projects In *Progress in Human Geography*.

Book review

Ogra, A. (16 May 2017). Book review. A World to Live In: An ecologist's vision for a plundered planet, Edited by George M. Woodwell. *Science and Public Policy*. doi: 10.1093/scipol/scx023.

Others

- **Magazine articles**
 - Ogra, A. (April – June 2015). Experiencing the change: climate change and everyday life in coffee plantations of South India. *Mausam: talking climate in public spaces*.
Link: http://www.thecornerhouse.org.uk/sites/thecornerhouse.org.uk/files/Mausam%204_0.pdf
 - Ogra, A. (November-December 2014). Problems faced by coffee growers due to climate variation: A research enquiry. *Krushika* magazine.
 - Ogra, A. (2013). Climate change, weather experiences and coffee growers in South India: a research enquiry. *Karnataka Growers Federation Souvenir*.
- **Background study**
 - Ogra, A. (2013). A study of climate policy integration in the State Action Plans on Climate Change. Background study done for Centre for Policy Research.
- **Conference proceedings**
 - Ogra, A. (2015). "Decision-making" in the anthropocene: adaptation, coffee growers and climate change in South India. Conference paper, Resource Politics 2015 Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK. Link: <https://resourcepolitics2015.files.wordpress.com/2015/09/ogra.pdf>

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Research Associate in two projects (*LANDSLIP* and *Tomorrow's Cities*) at King's College London (KCL), UK

- **LANDSLIP** is a Natural Environment and Research Council (NERC), UK and Department for International Development (DFID), UK funded project aimed at developing Landside Early Warning System in collaboration with British Geological Survey (BGS), Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) Italy and Geological Survey of India (GSI) for two study sites (Darjeeling and the Nilgiris) in India. More about the project here: www.landslip.org. As a Postdoc researcher in the project, I have:

- Mapped the institutional and knowledge landscape of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in India based on field interviews and review of policy and procedure documents. Conducted over 36 interviews with government officials, NGO members and local community.
 - Planned, designed, organized, and conducted fieldwork and stakeholder meetings with disaster management officials at the national, state and district level.
 - Designed and delivered webinars on a) institutional mapping of DRR in India and b) challenges of knowledge co-production in interdisciplinary projects with international consortiums.
 - **Tomorrow's Cities** is the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) Urban Disaster Risk Hub- a five-year global interdisciplinary research hub. The research hub aims to catalyze a transition from crisis management to multi-hazard risk-informed planning and decision-making in four cities: Kathmandu (Nepal), Nairobi (Kenya), Quito (Ecuador) and Istanbul (Turkey). More about the project here: <https://tomorrowscities.org/>. As a Postdoc researcher in the project, I am engaged in:
 - Mapping knowledge landscape of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Kathmandu and Nairobi. Understanding how DRR knowledge is institutionalized in the two cities along with capturing how disaster risk narratives are shaped by respective national government's planning policies.
 - Conducted interviews of government officials, NGO workers and other local stakeholders in Kathmandu and Nairobi.
 - **For PhD field work** carried out detailed ethnographic fieldwork over a period of 7 months spanning from 2011-2015 (this includes the field work carried out for MPhil). Visited 2 states, 4 districts, 8 taluks and 41 villages. Interviewed 82 coffee growers and 26 climate scientists and meteorologists. Conducted 54 other interviews with Coffee Board officials, coffee scientists, Coffee Board extension officers, insurance officials, coffee traders & roasters and others.
 - **Reviewed** National Action Plan and five State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCC) and produced a background paper titled *A study of climate policy integration in the State Action Plans on Climate Change* for Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi between May-July 2013. Presented this work at Fourth National Research Conference on Climate Change, at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, October 2013.
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At King's College London

- Conducted seminars for 7SSG5210 Climate: Science and History (20~21 SEM1) and 6SSG3083 Policy and Application of Geography Research (20~21 SEM1).
- Currently developing a course for M.Sc students titled *Finding a soul for science: a new-sense for Disaster Risk Reduction*. This course will focus on the development of research tools to capture situated and lived narratives of disaster risk and climate change. Using the outline of this course I have conducted a reading group with M.Sc students in the Geography department at KCL between October- November 2019. I was also invited to talk on this subject at the University of East Anglia (UEA) in October 2019 and later at EASST conference 2020 (virtual).

June 2008-July 2010: Lecturer at New Delhi Institute of Management (NDIM), New Delhi

- Taught two modules ESL 1- Environmental Studies I to undergraduate second year students and ESL 2- Environmental Studies II to undergraduate third year students.
- Designed and delivered lectures, developed semester outlines and instructional plans for each class session to comply with the stated course objectives.
- Tracked student assignments, attendance, and test score along with organizing fieldtrips and marking field reports.
- My work also included invigilating examinations, attending, and contributing to staff meetings, supporting senior faculties in managing class timetables, covering for planned absences, and working as a team with other staff members in organising events, trips, and other activities.
- Guided students for organising college events, helping them seek funding for such events, lead the ecological club (eco-club) and entrepreneurship cell (E-cell) as a faculty mentor.

October 2007- May 2008: Visiting Lecturer at New Delhi Institute of Management (NDIM), New Delhi

- Taught one module ESL 1- Environmental Studies I to undergraduate second year students.
- Designed and delivered lectures, tracked student assignments, and test to comply with the stated course objectives.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 *Disaster Risk Reduction and knowledge institutionalisation in scientific-administrative organizations: a case study of Department of Hydrology and Metrology (DHM) in Kathmandu, Nepal*, RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2021.
- 2020 *Knowledge co-production in an interdisciplinary consortium: the role of STS in interdisciplinary projects*, EASST 2020 [virtual].
'What can I do to address climate change': a new-sense for guiding action, EASST 2020 [virtual].
- 2019 *Rethinking the engagement between physical and social sciences in developing an EWS: a case study from the LANDSLIP project*, European Geoscience Union (EGU) Conference Vienna, Austria, April 2019.
- 2018 *Science and situated knowledge: coffee growers and policy response to climate change in South India*. United Kingdom Alliance for Disaster reduction (UKADR) conference, University of Bristol, UK, March 2018.
- 2017 *Science and situated knowledge: coffee growers and adaptation strategies for coffee growers in South India*. 10th International Convention of Asia Scholars, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July 2017.
Fixing soil to make the weather work: science, situated knowledge and coffee growers in South India paper presented at the International Conference on India's Soils: science- policy-practice interfaces for sustainable futures, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, February 2017.
- 2016 *Making weather work: climate science, situated knowledge and coffee growers in South India*. Anthropology, Weather and Climate Change conference, Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI), London, United Kingdom, May 2016.
Problems of local experience, high science and coffee growing in South India. Princeton South Asia Conference, Princeton University, United States, April 2016.
- 2015 *'Decision-making' in the Anthropocene: adaptation, coffee growers and climate change in South India*. Resource Politics: Transforming pathways to sustainability at Social, Technological and Environmental Pathways to Sustainability (STEPS), University of Sussex, United Kingdom, September 2015.
- 2014 *Adaptation and politics of climate change: RISC for coffee growers in South India* paper presented at the Fifth National Research Conference on Climate Change, at IIT Delhi, December 2014.

Invited talks

- 2019 *Mapping the knowledge landscape: rethinking adaptation to climate change in the Western Ghats*, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, UK, January 2019.
Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: the evolving relationship between science and society, Department of International Development, University of East Anglia, UK, October 2019.
- 2018 *Everyday politics of climate change: adaptation strategies for coffee growers in South India*, National Taiwan University, Taipei, August 2018.
- 2017 *'Decision making' in Anthropocene: coffee and climate change in South India*. International Conference on Agriculture in Anthropocene, University of Cambridge, October 2017.
- 2015 *Everyday politics of climate change: RISC for coffee growers in South India* at Department of Geography, Strand Campus, King's College, London, United Kingdom, September 2015.
Experiencing the change: climate change and everyday life in coffee plantations of South India, at 122 Annual United Planters Association of South India conference, Connor, Tamil Nadu, India, September 2015.
Coffee Growers' experiences of variation in rainfall pattern Karnataka, Karnataka Growers Federation, Town hall, Somwarpet, North Kodagu, India, January 2015.
Coffee Growers' experiences of variation in rainfall pattern in Karnataka, Black Gold League event, Mudigere, Chikmagalur taluk, Karnataka, India, January 2015.
Adaptation and politics of climate change: RISC for coffee growers in South India, 6 February 2015, Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP), Bengaluru.

RISC and climate change for coffee growers, Agriculture Insurance Company, Head office, Bengaluru, India, March 2015.

Adaptation and politics of climate change: RISC for coffee growers in South India, Indian Institute of Plantation Management (IIPM), Bengaluru, India, March 2015.

Adaptation and everyday politics of climate change: RISC for coffee growers in South India, Central Coffee Research Institute, Balehonnur, Chikmagalur, Karnataka, India, February 2015.

2012 *Weather experiences, weather forecasting and coffee growers in contemporary South India*, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Bangalore, India, September 2012.

Workshops Organised

2019 *Gathering bulletin feedback for LANDSLIP proposed LEWS*, workshop participants included District Disaster Management Officials and LANDSLIP consortium members, Darjeeling, India, November 2019.

Gathering bulletin feedback for LANDSLIP proposed LEWS, workshop participants included District Collector, other officers, and LANDSLIP consortium members, the Nilgiris, December 2019.

2009 *Opportunities and Challenges presented by Globalization for Indian Economy*, New Delhi Institute of Management in collaboration with Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

OUTREACH AND ESTEEM

Esteem

Received second best discussant award in a group discussion at Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi, 2011.

Received *Chairman's Appreciation Award for Excellence* at New Delhi Institute of Management, 2008.

Received first prize in extempore intercollegiate debate competition at Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, 2004.

Received first prize in intercollegiate paper presentation competition on *Interlinking of Rivers in India* at University of Delhi, 2004.

Received award for outstanding performance in academic field from *Bharat Vikas Parishad*, 2001.

Podcast

Keep calm and follow science

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/new-podcast-on-science-policy-and-culture-in-climate-change>

Inaction on climate change

<https://shows.acast.com/worldwegotthis/episodes/inaction-on-climate-change>

Society Membership

Centre for Integrated Research on Risk and Resilience (CIRRR at KCL)

Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)

Reviews Conducted

Journals:

The Cordillera Review Journal

African Journal of Science, Technology, Innovation and Development

Climate and Development

Environment Management