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Current Employment:

Associate Professor,
Department of Geography,
Delhi School of Economics (DSE),
University of Delhi,
Delhi-07.

Education:

PhD: National University of Singapore, Singapore, 2017
Department of Geography
Thesis title: 'More-than-closet' Geographies: exploring queer spaces through sexual lives of men in Delhi, India'.

M.Phil.: Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2006
Population Studies. First Class

M.A.: Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2003
Geography. First Class

B.A.: Lingaraj College Belgaum, Karnataka, 2001
History, Geography, Economics. First Class with Distinction
Karnatak University Dharwar, Karnataka

Employment:

Assistant Professor [Stage I], Dept of Geography, University of Delhi 2005-2010
Assistant Professor [Stage II], Dept of Geography, University of Delhi, 2010-2015
Assistant Professor [Stage III], Dept of Geography, University of Delhi, 2015-2021
Associate Professor, Dept of Geography, University of Delhi 2021-Present

Courses taught at the University of Delhi:

204 Spatial Economic Systems (M.A Semester II)
308 Cultural Geography (M.A Semester III)
401 Project Report (M.A Semester IV)
412 Geography of Energy (M.A Semester IV)
Course I: Research Methodology (MPhil/ PhD)
Course III: Spatial Dimension of Politics (MPhil/ PhD)
Course IV Ethics and Publication (M Phil/PhD)
GEOG1E03 Cultural Geography (M.A Semester I)
GEOG2E02 Everyday Geographies (Urban Methodology) (M.A. Semester II)
GEOG3E14 Sexuality and Space (M.A Semester III)
GEOG4E05 Energy Geographies (M.A Semester IV)
GEOG4E13 Trans Geographies (M.A Semester IV) [Offered]

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Research:

Research Interests:

Sexualities and Space; Queer Geographies
Urban Social and Cultural Geography
Alcohol and Drinking Geographies

Research Papers in Peer-reviewed Journals:

Dhanda, V., & Bhairannavar, K. (2024). Heteronormative geographies and other sexual practices in rural Haryana, India. *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 1-14.

Sengupta, A., & Bhairannavar, K. (2023). Understanding Loss of Cultural Practices in Tribal Communities: Observations from Hatkarra Village, Chhattisgarh, India. *Annals of the National Association of Geographers, India*, 43(2), 386–397

Sagolsem, S & Bhairannavar, K. (2021). Women and Alcohol in India: A Study of Women's Access to Drinking in Delhi. *Electronic Research Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities*, 3(1), 75-87.

Bhairannavar, K. (2021). Ethics in Geographical Research: Studying Male Homosexual Cruising Sites. *International Journal of English Literature and Social Sciences* 6(2), 142-146.

Bhairannavar, K. (2018). Women, Environment and Migration: A case study of Female construction workers in Delhi, *The Horizon: A Journal of Social Sciences*, 1(9), 16-27.

De Dios, A & Bhairannavar, K. (2012). In Conversation with Prof Mike Featherstone. *Asian Journal of Social Science*, 40 (5-6), 545-63.

Chapters in Edited book

Bhairannavar, K. (2024). Queer in Karnataka- Exploring Male Same-Sex Sexualities in the Non-Metropolitan. In: Chakraborty, K. & Chakraborty, A. (Eds). *The Queer and the Vernacular Languages in India*, Routledge. pp.48-63.

Conference Proceedings:

Bhairannavar, K. (2012). New spaces of intimacies: exploring changing nature of homosexual spaces in Delhi, India. In Asato, W. & Sakai Y., (ed) *The 5th Next-Generation Global Workshop 'Social Innovation and Sustainability for the Future: Recreating the Intimate and Public Spheres* (pp. 319-329), Kyoto University, Japan

Other Articles:

Bhairannavar, K. (2021 March 15). Where is the Village? www.kitaab.org , Kitaab International, Singapore.

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Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops:

Co-Convenor, International Conference on ‘**Geography & the Digital: Intersections and Conflations**’, Department of Geography, University of Delhi, India, Online, 23-25 May 2022 (Upcoming)

Convener, ‘**National Workshop on Teaching Geography**’, Department of Geography, University of Delhi in collaboration with Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur and National Association of Geographers, India, Online, 15-17 December 2021.

Invited Lectures/ Panel Discussions

‘Opening Up Space for Sexualities in Geography’ Invited lecture at the Two-Week Online Refresher Course titled, ‘Geography, Geographers and Geospatial Technologies: Impacting Physical, Social & Gendered Spaces 2021’ organized by **TLC, Ramanujan College in collaboration with Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi** from 22 November – 6 December 2021.

‘Human Rights, Space and LGBT Lives: A Queer perspective for an inclusive society’ at the ICSSR sponsored National Level Webinar on “Violation of Human Rights and related Social Stigma against LGBT in Indian Subcontinent”, 30 September, 2021 – 1 October, 2021 in the Department of Geography, **Vidyasagar College**, Kolkata.

‘Writing Social Stories, Thesis, Reports and Research Papers’ at the Research Methodology for Social Sciences Workshop organised by **Council for Social Development**, New Delhi, 14 May, 2021.

‘Careers in Geography’ at Department of Geography, **Indraprastha College for Women**, University of Delhi, Delhi. 30 April, 2021.

‘Social Media and Geographical Research’ [Key note address] at *The National Youth Conclave: Use of Social Media as a Research Tool in Geography* organised by Department of Geography, **Shaheed Bhagat Singh College**, University of Delhi, New Delhi, 28 Jan, 2021.

‘Unpacking Landscapes: Geographers’ Engagements with Culture’ at the *Contemporary Discourses on Geography: International Webinar Series* Organised by **Gangadhar Mehr University, Odhisha**, 6 Sept, 2020.

‘Lock-Down geographies: Unpacking Everyday Spaces in Times of Corona’ at the *Changing Geographies: Living with the Pandemic Lecture* organised by **St Xavier’s College, Burdwan West Bengal**, 8 June, 2020

‘Writing Social Stories, Thesis, Reports and Research Papers’ at the *Research Methodology for Social Sciences Workshop* organised by **Council for Social Development**, New Delhi, 19 December 2019.

‘The Role of Student’s Union in an Institution’ at Delhi School of Economics

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organised by **DSE Collective, University of Delhi**, Delhi, 30 September, 2019.

‘Open Spaces and Cityscape’ Panel Discussion by broadcasted on AIR FM Rainbow, Rajdhani Channel and National Network. Panelists: Pradeep Sachdev, renowned Architect and Writer; Ms. Swapna Liddle, Convener INTACH.; Dr. Kiran Bhairannavar, Assistant professor (Geography) DSE and Suchinto Chatterjee, media personality (Moderator), organized by **All India Radio (AIR)**, Delhi, 15 January 2019, 9.30 pm.

‘Qualitative Research in Social Sciences’ at the 10- Day Capacity Building Programme for Faculty and Research Scholars of Social Sciences organised by **Giri Institute of Development Studies**, Lucknow, 10-19 February 2018.

‘Sexuality, Identity and Pluralism’ at the 10- Day Capacity Building Programme for Faculty and Research Scholars of Social Sciences organised by **Giri Institute of Development Studies**, Lucknow, 10-19 February 2018

Conference Presentations:

‘Unfurling Agenda for Geographical Research on Sexualities in India: Some Reflections and Future Directions’ in ‘**40th Indian Geographers Meet, 2019 & International Conference on Water, Sustainability, Livelihood and Climate Change**’, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 14-16 March, 2019.

‘Uneasy relationships: Heritage landscapes and Community Identities in Delhi, India’ presented in ‘**Oral History Association of India Conference**’, Ambedkar University Delhi, 1-2 February 2019.

‘Contemporary Urban Landscapes and Heritage Gardens: The Case of Sundar Nursery’, Delhi’, **IGU Thematic Conference: Practical Geography and XII Century Challenges**, Moscow, Russia, 4-6 June 2018.

‘Research methods and urban queer subjectivities: studying men who practice same sex sexualities in Delhi’ presented in *Innovative methods in geographic research* session at the ‘**Annual International Conference 2017 of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)**’, London, United Kingdom, 29 August- 1 September, 2017.

‘Post-colonial sexualities and everyday sexual urbanisms: A case study of Delhi’ presented in *(Post) colonial knowledge and the making of Asian urbanism* session at the ‘**Annual International Conference 2017 of the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)**’, London, United Kingdom, 29 August- 1 September, 2017.

‘Transgendered in the city: Rethinking urban Inclusiveness and Policy’ in the ‘**XXII ISST-HBF Gender and Economic Policy Discussion Forum**’ on ‘Public Spaces and the Everyday Narratives of Violence amongst Vulnerable Gender Groups: Towards Inclusive Policy Frameworks’, India Habitat Centre, May 2, 2017.

Research Supervision (completed):

Sashi Sagolsem (M.Phil, Alcohol Geographies in Delhi)

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Research Supervision:

Vishavjeet Dhanda (Ph.D, Urban Informality in Delhi)
Debanjana Ghosh (Ph.D, Women's Sexuality and Urban space)
Vibhor Tak (Ph.D, Labour Geographies in Delhi)
Abhilash Kumar (Ph.D, Temple Corridor redevelopment of Kashi and Ujjain)
Kaushalendra Kumar Karvendu (Ph.D, Alcohol Prohibition in Bihar)
Sahil Joon (Ph.D, Intersectional Queer geographies in Small towns of Haryana, India)
Sayak Roy (PhD, Hill Cities and Assemblage Urbanism: Case study of Shimla- until October 2021)
Arnav Anshuman (PhD, Cities & Sports: Cricket Geographies in Delhi)
Sashi Sagolsem (M.Phil, Alcohol Geographies and Class in Delhi)
Prasun Bhoumik (M.Phil, Smoking cultures in small towns: A study of men who smoke in Cooch Behar)
Peeyus Raj (MPhil, Shadow Studentification in Urban Space of Delhi)

Member of MPhil/ PhD Advisory Board (completed/ongoing):

Dharmender Kr Yadav (New Tourism Geographies in Jaipur) [completed]
Aradhana Rai (Topophilia among Tibetan Refugees in India)
Ayushi Begani (Urban space and settlement in Mumbai)

MA Project Reports/ Dissertations Supervised (Last 3 years):

Dhanda, Vishavjeet (2022) 'Urban space and Footpath Tea Stalls on University Campus', Department of Geography, University of Delhi.

Singh, Nikita (2022) 'Youth, urban public space and the Coviid-19 Pandemic: Comparative study of young people's experiences in Howrah and Delhi', Department of Geography, University of Delhi.

Chaudhary, Donisha (2022) 'Street Art and Urban regeneration in Barmer, Rajasthan', Department of Geography, University of Delhi.

Chada, Akansha (2020) 'Mapping gender expressions: A case study of Delhi University campus', Department of Geography, University of Delhi.

Jangid, Bhoomika (2020) 'Young people's experiences in urban public space: A case study of Connaught Place, Delhi', Department of Geography, University of Delhi

Raghav, Meera (2020) 'Performative spaces of Religion: A case study of Hindu practices in Gurgaon', Department of Geography, University of Delhi.

Sharma, Mansi (2020) 'Spatial analysis of Women's participation in Sports in Meerut', Department of Geography, University of Delhi.