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### **PRESENT STATUS**

#### ***January 2009 – till today***

Assistant Professor (senior Scale) at the Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi – 110007.

### **PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES**

#### **January 2005 to December 2008**

Assistant Professor at the Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.

#### **2006-2008**

Guest Lecturer at the Centre for Environmental Studies, Delhi University.

#### **November 2002 – December 2004.**

Assistant Professor at the Centre for Social Studies, South Gujarat University Campus, Udhna Magdalla Road, Surat 395007.

#### **October 2002 – November 2002**

Guest lecturer at the Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo to conduct a course work on "Ethnic Segregation and Conflicts".

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS / SPECIALIZATION**

1. Urban Studies
2. Media studies
3. Historical Geography
4. Landscape studies

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### **Masters Courses**

1. Geography of Thought (2005-2011, 2017)
2. Human Geography (2006 onwards)
3. Geography of Settlement Systems (2006 onwards)
4. Geography of Landscape (2006 onwards)
5. Social Perspectives on Environment in M.A./M.Sc. programme in Environmental Studies, School of Environmental Studies, Delhi University. (2006-2008)

#### **M.Phil/PhD Courses**

6. Qualitative Methodologies (M.Phil Course 2: Research Methods, Geography; 2005 onwards)

7. Politics of space (M. Phil, Course 3, Geography; 2005 onwards)
8. Research Methodology (Ph.D. Coursework)
9. Interdisciplinary M.Phil Course on Caste (Popular Media and Caste, 2012 Delhi University)

## **SUPERVISION**

### **M.Phil Supervision**

- Degree awarded: Eight (8) scholars
- Currently supervising: Three (3) scholars

### **Ph.D. Supervision.**

- Degree awarded: Two (2) scholars
- Currently supervising: Three (3) Scholars

## **ACADEMIC**

- **2002 Ph.D.** from Department of Geography, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad. Ph.D. thesis was on "*Spatial Structure and Social Interaction in Core Areas of Indian Cities: A Case Study of Ahmedabad*".
- **1998 Masters** in Geography from Gujarat University, Ahmedabad. (Ranked First)
- **1996 Bachelors** of Sc. (with Honours) in Geography from Presidency College, Calcutta University, Kolkata.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Special Journal Issue**

- Guest editor of Special Issue on Conversations with the Modern Indian City: Questioning the Regimes of Modernity and Development Journal of Social Science and Humanity Research, An interdisciplinary Peer reviewed journal), Vol. 3 No. 1 January – June 2015 ISSN: 2321-8908

### **Books/Monographs**

- *Imagined Geographies: Geographical knowledge of self and others in everyday life, the case of Ahmedabad* – [Research Monograph] 2004 CSDS, Delhi and CSS, Surat.
- *Hindu Muslim Relations in Post Godhra Gujarat, A Case Study of Vadodara and Surat* – (Research Monograph; jointly with Dr. Kiran Desai) 2003 Centre for Studies in Secularism, Mumbai and CSS, Surat.

### **Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals**

- "*History at the margins: Koch-Rajbanshis and their politics of resistance and rewriting of the past*", *Bangabidya, International Journal of Bengal Studies* 10 (2018) 253 -256. (co-authored with R. Nandi)
- "*Spatialisation of selves: Religion and liveable spaces among Hindus and Muslims in the walled city of Ahmedabad, India*", *City Culture and Society* 7 (2016)149-154.
- "*Conversations with the Modern Indian City: An Introduction*", Special Issue on Conversations with the Modern Indian City: Questioning the Regimes of Modernity and Development. Journal of Social Science and Humanity Research, An interdisciplinary Peer reviewed

journal), Vol. 3 No. 1 January – June 2015, 1-4.

- *“Reimagining Impossible World: Beyond Circumcised Geographical Imaginations: A Play in Many Acts”*, *Progress in Human Geography* 2008, 32:603-612. (co-authored with A. Datta)
- *“Communal Confrontations and Changing Social Space in Indian Cities: Case of Ahmedabad”* – (co-authored with A. P. Desai) Published in *Ekistics*, Athens in the special issue on Architecture & Features II, 2002.

#### Articles in Edited Books

- *“Beyond Cinemas: Scripting the Indian Heroine in Bollywood and Popular Film Magazines”* (forthcoming, Primus Books)
- *“Negotiating Womanhood and South Asian Nationalisms: Blurring Borders and Identities in South Asia”* in May Friedman and Silvia Schultersmandl (eds) *Click and Kin: Transnational Identity and Quick Media*, University of Toronto Press, Toronto, 2016.
- *“Divisions of Space among Hindus and Muslims: Making of Everyday Borders and Identities in the World City of Ahmedabad”*, in Sanjay K Roy and R.S. Mukhopadhyay eds. *Ethnicity In The East And North-East India*, Gyan Publications, Delhi, 2015
- *“The Silence of the Lambs: Re-negotiating the Bollywood Heroine in Public”*, in Amitava Chatterjee ed. *Gender and Modernity*, Setu Publications, Kolkata 2014.
- *“Sex, Lies and Films: Desire and Erotica in Indian Films”* in Anindita Datta (ed) in *Reorienting gender: Geographies of Resistance, Agency, Violence and Desire in Asia*, R.K Books, Delhi, 2014.
- *“Encountering Reservation and The Reimagining of Caste”* (2011) in Ashok Dutt et. al. eds. *Facets of Social Geography: International and Indian Perspectives*, Cambridge University Press, U.K.
- *“Indian Cities In Cultural Perspective: Case of Ahmedabad”*, (Co Authored) Published In Ranjan Basu, Sukla Bhaduri (Eds.) *Society Development And Environment: Prof. Sunil Kumar Munsri Felicitation Volume*, Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2006.
- *“Spatial Structure and Migratory Social Space: Case of Ahmedabad City”*, (co authored) published in S. Banerjee-Guha (ed.) *Space, Society and Geography*, Jaipur: Rawat, 2004

#### Articles in other publications

- Tasting Home. *Art East Journal* (2017), 34-36.
- Religion as the Modern Other? In Exploring Development, (<https://expldev.wordpress.com/2016/02/25/religion-as-the-modern-other-aparajita-de/>), 2016
- Contributor in P.L. Knox and S.A. Marston, *Human Geography Places and Regions in Global Context*, Global Edition(7<sup>th</sup> Edition), Pearsons, Prentice Hall, 2015.

- *Bridging Texts and Experience - Of Mediated Knowledge and Use of Media as a Pedagogic Tool in School Education, Use of Media as a Pedagogic tool in School Education, OUP Newsletter, 2015*
- *Interpreting landscapes, Teacher Plus: Facets of Geography, 2014*

#### Other articles in journals

- *“Caste as Non-Western Civil Society: Narratives from Ahmedabad”, Occasional Papers, Bombay Geographical Association, Issue No. 3, 2008 Mumbai.*

#### Seminar/Conference Presentations

- Digital Cartographies and the Metaphysics of Encounter and Experience of the City, presented at City and Technology, UrbanARC2018, IIHS Bangalore, 11-13 January, 2018.
- *“Place-(in’) New Cultural Geographies in the Digital Age”,* presented at National Seminar on Contemporary Human Geography in Indian Context, Department of Geography, Savitribai Phule Pune University, 22 -24 September, 2017
- *“Post-Colonial Knowledge and City Building in Asia”,* presented at RGS – IBG Annual International Conference, 2017, held at Royal Geographical Society, London, 29 August, 2017- 1 September, 2017.
- *“Kolkata in Calcutta: The Post-colonial Knowing of the Colonial Past”,* presented at 6<sup>th</sup> French Network for Asian Studies International Conference, held at Sciences Po, 26 - 28 June, 2017, Paris France.
- *“Mapping Fear and Violence in Public Spaces”,* presented at Public Spaces and Everyday Narratives of Violence amongst Vulnerable Gender Groups: Towards Inclusive Policy Frameworks, Gender and Economic Policy Forum organized by ISST and Heinrich Boll Foundation held at India Habitat Centre, 2 May, 2017.
- *“Securing Food or (In)Securing Food? Understanding Issues of Food Security in India”,* lecture at UGC sponsored National Seminar on Spatio-food security vulnerability: Economics and Politics held at Panchakot Mahavidyalaya, Purulia, 16-17 March 2017.
- *Telling the Tale: The Use of Ethnographic Methods in Historical Research”,* presented at the Department of History, Kazi Nazrul University, 15 March, 2017
- *“Footprints of the Past: Reimagining Darjeeling through conversations with the Colonial Accounts”,* presented at the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Geographical Congress, Beijing, China on 21-25 August, 2016.
- *“History at the Margins: Koch-Rajbanshis and their politics of resistance and rewriting their history and identity”,* presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> European Conference on South Asian Studies, held at University of Warsaw, 27-30 July 2016.
- *“Writing the Life of Thakur Panchanan Barma and Memorializing the Struggles for a space and identity of a Marginalized community”,* presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> European Conference on South Asian Studies, held at University of Warsaw, 27-30 July 2016.
- *“Curating the Past: Social Media and the Emergence of New Public Histories”,* at Department of History, Kazi Nazrul University, 28 April 2016.
- *“Re-appropriating Urban Spaces: Colonial and Vernacular Darjeeling through Local Histories”,* at Department of History, Kazi Nazrul University, 27 April 2016.
- *“History at the margins: Koch-Rajbanshis and their politics of resistance and rewriting of the past”* at 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Bengal Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo organized by the International Society of Bengal Studies on Dec 12- 13, 2015.

- *"Filmy Gupsup and the Singling Out of Bollywood Heroines"*, at the Solo-Cities: Representations of the 'Single' in Urban Spaces, Goethe Institut, Max Mueller Bhavan, New Delhi organized by Humanities in European Research Area on 7 October, 2015.
- *"Dialogues between the Past and Present: The Reconstruction of Colonial and Local Darjeeling"* at the Histories of North East India: New Perspective Lecture series, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library on 26 October, 2015.
- *Mapping Fear and Violence in Public Spaces*, at Transnational Workshop on Women without Fear: Gender based Violence, Urban Transport and Public Space in Metropolitan India, at Monash Asia Institute, Monash University, Australia, June 2-4, 2015.
- *Reconstructing the Past: The Making of Darjeeling through Colonial and Local Narratives*, At the Colonial Northeast India: Local Histories, Regional Cultures, Global Connections Conference, Asia History Hub, School of Historical and Philosophical Studies at the University of Melbourne, Australia; University of Toronto; Delhi University, December 2014.
- *Re-Negotiating the Women in Public: Media and the Writing of the Actress in Hindi Film Industry beyond the Celluloid*, at GDS/SERD, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, 12 November, 2015.
- *Translating at the Margins: Colonial Ethnography and Revival of Ethnic Questions*, The Sixth Asian Translation Traditions Conference (ATT6), at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City, October 2014.
- *"In Search of Modern Indian City: Transformative Practices and Indigenous Urbanisms in the Walled City of Ahmedabad"*, paper presented in the National Seminar on Contemporary Urban System: Challenges and Opportunities, Organized by the Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Beneras Hindu University, Varanasi, 10-13 Feb. 2013.
- *"Divisions of Space among Hindus and Muslims: Making of Everyday Borders and Identities in the World City of Ahmedabad"*, paper presented in the National Seminar on Modes of Ethnic Identity Construction in India, organized by the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal. March 10-11, 2012.
- *"The Growth Story of Gurgaon: A Small City within the Millenium City"*, paper presented in the National Seminar on Small Cities and Towns in Global Era: Emerging Changes and Perspectives, organized by the /centre for Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. August 29-30, 2011.
- *"Reading Mumbai and Bollywood: The City of Films and the Filmy City Juxtaposed"* paper presented at the Workshop entitled, Reading City, held on 22 February, 2011 at University of Delhi.
- *"Bubbly, Sexy, Tragic: the Good girls and Bad girls in Bollywood"* paper presented at International Seminar on Contextualizing Geographical Approaches to Studying Gender in Asia, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Delhi University.
- *"De-politicizing Backwardness: Setting the Agenda for Discussion"* was jointly presented with H. Ramachandran at Round Table on "De-politicizing Backwardness – Alternative Approaches", Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. 29-30 August, 2006
- *"Reconceptualizing Civil Society in the Non-western Cultural Context: Narratives from Ahmedabad"*, – Paper presented at Second International Conference on State, Civil Society and Citizenship: Revisiting the Relationship, organized by PRIA at Hyderabad, 19-21 February, 2004.
- *"Religion and Culture: The Origin and Dynamics of Divided Space and People. The case of Gujarat"*- Paper presented at the International Seminar on Segregated City organized by Habitat, Norge, Oslo on October 7, 2002 and published by Habitat, Norge.
- *"Cultural Conflicts in the Process of Globalization: Role of Islamic Women in Changing Cultural World"* – Paper presented at the National Seminar Shakti on December 24, 2001 at Gujarat University.

- “*Spatial Structure and Migratory Social Space: Case of Ahmedabad City*” – Paper presented at the national seminar on Indian Social Geography in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century held on March 22-23, 2000 at Mumbai University.

#### **PUBLIC TALK / PANEL DISCUSSION**

- “How do I know my world? Ways of seeing in the sciences”, panel discussion at South Asian University, November, 2016.
- “‘Rav de Bana di Jodi’. Writing Methodology, your research and You”, lecture in Geo-Research Forum, Department of Geography, October, 2016.
- Participated at the academic symposium on “Social Transformations, Cultural Expressions, Cross-cultural Connections and Dialogues” organized by EU-India Platform for the Social Sciences and Humanities (EqUIP), the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) of the United Kingdom, held 28-29 June, 2016.
- Choice Based Credit System and Teaching-Learning Environments, conducted a workshop on CBCS with Principals and faculty members of Kazi Nazrul University, 29 April 2016.
- Panelist on the panel discussion on Development, at National Conference on ICSSR Research Survey and Explorations in Economic Geography, JNU, 22-23 March, 2016.
- “Students Demonstration and the Pinjra Tod Movement, Sverige Radio, Swedish Broadcasting, 2016.  
(<http://sverigesradio.se/sida/artikel.aspx?programid=1646&artikel=6384275>)
- “Global Village versus Desi Village”, participated at a Panel discussion on All India Radio, New Delhi, 13 January, 2016.
- “Transforming Information into Knowledge: Introducing Critical Thinking in Classroom Teaching” conducted a training session for the higher secondary teachers at Bal Bharati School Training Institute, Pitampura. Organized by Bal Bharati School, New Delhi on 31 August, 2013
- Participated as a presenter in a panel discussion on Future of Geography, organized by Kalindi College, Delhi University. March 2013.
- Participated as a presenter in a panel discussion on Contemporary Education System, organized by Hindu College, Delhi University. February 2013.
- “Bursting at the Seams: India’s Urbanization Story”, participated at a Panel discussion on All India Radio, New Delhi, 25 October, 2011.
- “*Reading Mumbai and Bollywood: The City of Films and the Filmy City Juxtaposed*” paper presented at the Workshop entitled, Reading City, held on 22 February, 2011 at University of Delhi

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE / UNIVERSITY SERVICE / CONSULTING ACTIVITY**

- Member of textbook development committee for textbook in Geography for Class X, NCERT, 2006
- Resident Tutor in Ambedkar Ganguly Hostel for Women, University of Delhi, May 2005 to June 2006
- Member, Board of Research Studies for Social Sciences, Delhi University, 2006-2009.

#### **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES MEMBERSHIPS**

- Life member of AGS (Delhi Geographical Association)
- Member of European Association for South Asian Studies
- Member of Asian Translation Tradition
- Member of International Geographical Union

### **PROJECTS /RESEARCH GRANTS**

- “Popular Imaginaries and Discourses on Politics in India: Exploring Cultural Narratives as Sites of Knowledge Construction” Research Grant Received from ICCSR from 2017 to 2019.
- “*The Spatial Politics of the Real and the Imagined: Studying Geographies of Mumbai through Media*” Research grant received in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-14 from Delhi University
- “*Culture, Space and Identity: A Geographical analysis of Bollywood through Media*” Research Grant received in 2009-10 and 2010-11 from Delhi University.
- “*Imagined Geographies*” Received CSDS-Sarai Independent Fellowship, 2004.
- “Hindu Muslim Relations in post-Godhra Gujarat” Research grant received from Centre for the Studies in Secularism, 2003.

### **OTHER**

- Principal Investigator to the collaborative project ‘Women without Fear: Gender based Violence, Urban Transport and Public Space in Metropolitan India’ with Monash Asia Institute, Monash University, Australia,
- Academic advisor to the project “Blended value? Negotiating social and commercial goals in India’s social economy” conducted by Shari Daya, Department of Environmental and Geographical Science, University of Cape Town
- Convener of Media Lab and Digital Library, Dept. of Geography, Delhi University.
- Editor of an academic blog page: Cultural Cartographies of Media: Exploring Media Spaces and Media Culture. ([www.mltspaces.blogpost.in](http://www.mltspaces.blogpost.in))
- Computer Skills: Proficient in Windows, Microsoft Office, web applications.
- Languages Known: English, Gujarati, Bengali, Hindi