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DATE OF BIRTH : June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1968  
CURRENT POSITION : Professor, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, India.  
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### RESEARCH EXPERTISE AND INTERESTS

Gender and feminist geographies, indigenous feminisms, spaces of resistance, gendered and epistemic violence, everyday geographies, geographies of care, decolonizing research, qualitative methods.

### EDUCATION.

- **Ph.D** ( 2000) Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.  
*THESIS TITLE: Inter Regional Gender Disparities in the Levels of Social Well Being: A Comparative Study of Uttarakhand Region and Awadh Plains*
- **M.A** in Geography (1992) Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- **B.A (Hons)** in Geography (1989) St Mary's College, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong [First Rank in First Class with University Gold Medal]
- **B.A Degree** (1988) St Mary's College, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong [First Rank in First Division]
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### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD IN INDIA.

- **University of Delhi**  
**Dept of Geography** : Professor (January 2014 onwards)  
**Delhi School of Economics** : Associate Prof. (January 2011 to January 2014)  
Reader (January 2008 to January 2011)  
Assistant Professor (September 13 2002 to January 2008)
- **Panjab University, Chandigarh** : Lecturer (January 1999 up to September 12 2002)  
**Dept. of Geography.**

### AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS.

- JAN MONK SERVICE AWARD 2023 Awarded by the Association of American Geographers (AAG) **Feminist Geography Specialty Group** for outstanding service contribution to women in geography and/or feminist geography.
- CHAIR Commission for Gender and Geography, International Geographical Union (from Aug 2020-2024)
- STANDING COMMITTEE ON GENDER EQUALITY IN SCIENCES (SCGES): **Deputy Representative of the International Geographical Union** (from June 2023)
- SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE **Swedish South Asian Studies Network (SASNET)** in October 2017.
- STEERING COMMITTEE **International Geographical Union Commission on Gender and Geography** (2012 -2020).
- CONTACT PERSON & COORDINATOR (India) **Linnaeus Palme Programme of the Swedish Council for Higher Education** for teaching and student exchange with Dept. of Gender Studies, Lund University, Sweden 2013 -2016.
- INTERNATIONAL EDITORIAL BOARDS
  - ◆ **Gender Place and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography**, Taylor and Francis (2011 to 2016).
  - ◆ **Social and Cultural Geography**, Taylor and Francis (2020 onwards)

- ◆ **Geojournal Library Book Series, Geojournal**, University of Kansas (2020 onwards)
- ◆ **Spaces and Practices of Justice**, Bristol University Press, UK (2018 onwards)
- ERASMUS MUNDUS Visiting Professor under **Erasmus Mundus fellowship** for Academic Mobility to the **Dept. of Gender Studies, Lund University**, Sweden, 2012.
- NORAD Fellow at **Centre for Feminist and Gender Studies, NTNU, Norway**, 2002.

## PUBLICATIONS.

### EDITED BOOKS

1. *Bridging Worlds-Building Feminist Geographies: Essays in Honour of Janice Monk* Edited by Anindita Datta, Janet Momsen and Ann M Oberhauser, Routledge International Studies of Women and Place, Routledge, Oxon , New York ISBN 9781032275628 <https://www.routledge.com/Bridging-Worlds---Building-Feminist-Geographies-Essays-in-Honour-of-Janice/Datta-Momsen-Oberhauser/p/book/9781032275628>
2. *Gender, Space and Agency in India: Exploring Regional Genderscapes* (2020) , Routledge, Oxon , New York, ISBN 978-0-367-82080-0 <https://www.routledge.com/Gender-Space-and-Agency-in-India-Exploring-Regional-Genderscapes/Datta/p/book/9780367820800>
3. *Routledge Handbook of Gender and Feminist Geographies* (2020) Edited by Anindita Datta, Peter Hopkins, Lynda Johnston, Elizabeth Olson and Joseli Maria Silva, Routledge, London and New York, ISBN 978- 1- 138- 05768- 5 <https://www.routledge.com/Routledge-Handbook-of-Gender-and-Feminist-Geographies/Datta-Hopkins-Johnston-Olson-Silva/p/book/9781138057685>
4. *Proceedings International Conference Reorienting Gender: Geographies of Resistance Agency Violence and Desire in Asia*, (2015) RK Books, Delhi ISBN 978-93-82847-41-0

### RESEARCH PAPERS

5. *Everyday urbanisms in the pandemic city: a feminist comparative study of the gendered experiences of Covid-19 in Southern cities*, **Social & Cultural Geography** (2022), [co authored with Nasya S. Razavi, Grace Adeniyi-Ogunyankin, Swagata Basu, Karen de Souza, Penn Tsz Ting Ip, Elsa Koleth, Joy Marcus, Faranak Miraftab, Beverley Mullings, Sylvester Nmormah, Bukola Odunola, Sonia Pardo Burgoa & Linda Peake ] DOI: 10.1080/14649365.2022.2104355 <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2022.2104355>
6. *On the move? Exploring constraints to accessing urban mobility infrastructures*, **Transport Policy** (2021), Volume 102, pp 61-74. ISSN: 0967-070X ; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tranpol.2020.11.005> [ co authored with Joshi, Saakshi, Ajay Bailey]
7. 'But this is not geography...! of ontological circumcisions and writing feminist geographies from India' in **Gender, Place & Culture** (2019) pp1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2019.1609428>
8. 'Why so Many Rapes? Sexual Violence against Women in India' in **Geography and You**, (2018), Vol 18 , Number 11) , pp: 38-42. ISSN 2347884-5
9. 'Mothering, mentoring and journeys towards inspiring spaces' in **Emotion, Space and Society**, (2018) Vol 26 , <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.emospa.2017.08.004> (co authored with Ragnhild Lund)
10. 'The genderscapes of hate: On violence against women in India', in **Dialogues in Human Geography** (2016), Volume 6, Number 2, <https://doi.org/10.1177/2043820616655016>
11. *Yeh Bhoogol shastra nahi hai : on (in)visibilizing gendered geographies of resistance and agency in India*, in **Social & Cultural Geography** (2016), Volume 17, Number 6, pp 768-772, <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2015.1129434>
12. 'Natural Landscapes and Regional Constructs of Gender: Theorizing Linkages in the Indian Context', in **Gender Technology and Development**, (2011) Special Issue on Gender and Space: Themes from Asia , Volume 15, number 3, Sage Publications, London, Thousand Oaks, New Delhi. pp: 345-362. <https://doi.org/10.1177/097185241101500302>
13. *Gender and Space: Themes from Asia*, **Gender Technology and Development**, (2011) Special Issue Volume 15, number 3, Sage Publications, London, Thousand Oaks, New Delhi. (Guest Editor). <https://doi.org/10.1177/097185241101500301>
14. 'Re imagining Impossible Worlds: Beyond Circumcised Geographical Imaginations'. In **Progress in Human Geography** (2008), Vol 32, Number 5, October 2008, Sage Publications, London, Thousand Oaks, New Delhi. (co authored with Aparajita De) pp: 603-612. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0309132508089824>
15. 'MacDonaldisation of Gender in Urban India: A Tentative Exploration', in **Gender, Technology and Development** (2005), Vol 9 Number 1, Jan-Apr 2005, Sage Publications, London, Thousand Oaks, New Delhi pp: 125-135. <https://doi.org/10.1177/097185240500900107>

16. 'Articulation of an Integrated Women's Health Policy Using the Life Cycle Approach', in **Indian Journal of Gender Studies**, (2003), Vol 10 Number 1, Sage Publications, London, Thousand Oaks, New Delhi. pp: 25-43.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/097152150301000103>
17. 'Our Worlds, Our Lives: Gender Equality and Governance in the Indian and Norwegian Contexts', Skriftserie 3/2002; Senter for Kvinne og Kjønnforskning, Working paper published by the Centre for Feminist and Gender Studies; Department of Inter Disciplinary Studies of Culture; Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, 2002.
18. 'Gender Disparities in Social Well Being: An Overview', in **Indian Journal of Gender Studies** (1997) Volume 4, Number 1, Sage Publications, London, Thousand Oaks, New Delhi. pp:51-65 (co authored with Sachidanand Sinha).  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/097152159700400104>

#### CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

19. *Gender, Urban Spaces and Gendered Resistances: Towards Inclusive and Fear Free Cities in India*. In: Jaglan M.S., Rajeshwari (eds) *Reflections on 21st Century Human Habitats in India*. Advances in 21st Century Human Settlements (2021). Springer, Singapore. Print ISBN 978-981-16-3099-6 Online ISBN 978-981-16-3100-9 pp 327-346  
[https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-3100-9\\_13](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-3100-9_13)
20. *Patriarchal Bargains and a Triple Bind: On Writing Geographies of Gender in India* in Shirlena Huang and Kanchana N Ruwanpura (eds) **Handbook on Gender in Asia** (2020) Edward Elgar, Cheltenham UK and Northampton, MA USA ISBN 978-178811 2901 <https://www.elgaronline.com/display/edcoll/9781788112901/9781788112901.00008.xml>
21. *Contextualizing Elder Abuse and Neglect in Institutional and Home Settings: Case Studies from India* in Mala Kapur Shankardass and S. Irudaya Rajan (eds.), **Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly in India**, (2018), Springer, ISBN 978-981-10-6115-8, pp: 175-188 [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-10-6116-5\\_11](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-10-6116-5_11) (co authored with Jahangir S , Nikhil PNN, A Bailey )
22. 'Re Assessing Gender, Gender Disparities and Gender Issues in North East India: A Socio Geographic Perspective' in Sengupta S et al (eds) **Dynamics of Gender Disparity- North East India lens** (2015), EBH Publishers, Guwahati, ISBN 978-93-8325, pp: 31- 41.
23. 'Wildflowers on the Margins of the Field: On the Geography of Gender in India' in Qureshi M.H (ed) 2013, **Paradigm Shift in Geography**, Manak Publications, Delhi, ISBN 978-93-7831-325-7, pp 234-249.
24. 'Work, Gender and Social Value: Conceptual Links and Field Insights' in Dutta Mondira (ed) 2013, **Gender and Human Development in Central and South Asia**, Pentagon Press, New Delhi, ISBN 978-8274-716-6, pp 26-31.
25. 'Space, Gender and Social Value: Analyzing Gender Inequalities in Relation to Space' in Dutt A.K, Vandana Wadhwa, B. Thakur and F.J Costa (eds) **Facets of Social Geography: International and Indian Perspectives**, Cambridge University Press, New Delhi, 2012, ISBN 978-81-7596 -801-1, pp 382-399.

#### COUNTRY REPORTS GEOGRAPHY OF GENDER.

26. *Geography of Gender, 2016-2020* in Rai SC. (ed.) **Progress in Indian Geography. A Country Report, 2016-2020**, Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi
27. *Geography of Gender, 2012-16*; in Singh, R.B. (ed.) **Progress in Indian Geography. A Country Report, 2012-2016**. The 33rd International Geographical Congress, Beijing, China (August 21-25, 2016). Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi: pp. 141-148.
28. 'Geography of Gender, India', 2008-12'; in Singh, R.B. (ed.) **Progress in Indian Geography. A Country Report, 2008-2012**, 32nd International Geographical Congress, Cologne, Germany (August 26-30, 2012). Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi: 97-108.
29. 'Claiming the Dawn Sky: Gender Issues in Indian Geography' in Nayak D (ed). **Progress in Indian Geography, 2004- 2008**, Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi, pp: 77- 79.
30. 'On Not Holding Half the Sky: Gender in Indian Geography', in H.N Sharma (ed) **Progress in Indian Geography, 2000-2004: A Country Report**, 30th International Geographical Congress, Glasgow, Indian National Science Academy 2004, Delhi. Pp: 131-134, (co authored with Saraswati Raju).

#### SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS

- (i) *Resources and Development* (2007) Class VIII Geography textbook , National Council of Educational Research and Training (member, textbook writing committee).
- (ii) *Fundamentals of Human Geography* (2006) Class XII Geography textbook National Council of Educational Research and

Training (member, textbook writing committee).

#### CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, TEACHING, PREPARATION OF PEDAGOGIC MATERIALS AND RESEARCH SUPERVISION.

- **MA COURSES:** Gender and Space with special reference to India; Geographies of Gender and Development in South Asia; Gender, Space and Society in India, Social Geography of India, Modern Geographical Thought
- **MPHIL & PhD COURSES:** Gender and Development, Research Methods and Techniques, Research and Publication Ethics.
- **National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT)** : I have been associated with NCERT as a subject expert, text book writer and Resource Person for teacher training since 2004-5. In this capacity I have contributed to the development of pedagogic materials including two text books, video lessons and teacher trainings for school teachers.
- **State Councils of Education Research and Training (SCERT):** Various State Councils of Education Research and Training as well as Regional Institute of Education have invited me to assess the content of their social science text book and conduct teacher trainings since 2006
- **Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU):** I have been involved in developing content for distance education in Social and Cultural Geography
- **Research Supervision:** includes 5 PhD, 18 MPhil and over 45 MA dissertations in the fields of feminist geographies and social and cultural geographies of India

#### SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH PROJECTS.

- **EQUIMOB: Inclusive Cities through Equitable Urban Mobility Infrastructures for India and Bangladesh NWO Joint SDG research initiative - Tackling Global Challenges through Use-Inspired Research** led by Dr Ajay Bailey, Chair Social Urban Transitions, International Development Studies, Department of Human Geography and Spatial Planning, Faculty of Geosciences, University of Utrecht. (2019-2021)
- **GENURB: Urbanization, Gender, and the Global South: a transformative knowledge network Social Sciences and the Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)** funded comparative research and public education project led by Prof Linda Peake Director of the City Institute and Professor in the Urban Studies Program in the Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University and hosted at York University, Toronto, ON, Canada
- *Gendered Cartographies, Governance and Sustainability of Cantonment Towns in India: A Study of Wellington, Ranikhet, Pune and Meerut, Institute of Eminence, University of Delhi, 2022-23*
- *Women, Public Spaces and Urban Design: Gendered Cartographies and Corporealities in Pre-Colonial To Post Colonial Cities, Institute of Eminence, University of Delhi, 2021- 2022*
- *Mapping Violence, Hunger, Care Networks and Feminist Solidarities: Narratives of Precarious Women from Metro and Non-Metro Locations' Institute of Eminence, University of Delhi, 2020-21*
- *Voices from the Disciplinary Edge: Mapping the Development of Feminist Geographies in India, University of Delhi Research and Development Grant 2015-16*
- *Genderscapes of Violence, Genderscapes of Fear: Mapping Women's Fear of Sexual Violence in Accessing Public Spaces In Delhi University of Delhi Research and Development Grant 2013-14*

#### INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED.

- **Pushing Boundaries Feminist Geography Conference** , June 15-17 2022 [<https://www.femgeographyconference.org/about-2>] and co-organizer of the India sited **Pushing Boundaries- Holding Space: Feminist Mentoring and Writing Workshop, Sambhaavna Institute, Kandbari, HP**
- Conference session '*Rethinking Asymmetries—Building Global Solidarity: Feminist Collaboration, Conceptualization, and Decolonization* in International Conference 'g 19: Rethinking Knowledge Regimes: Solidarities and Contestations' October 7-8, 2019, organized by the Swedish Secretariat for Gender Research and University of Gottenburg, Sweden (in collaboration with Prof Helle Rydstrom, Lund University, Sweden)
- International Seminar '**Gendering Qualitative Methods- People, Power and Place**' organized at Manipal University December 12-13, 2016 in collaboration with University of Groningen, PHESA and Dr. TMA Pai Endowed Chair in Qualitative Methods, Manipal University and endorsed by IGU Commission for Gender and Geography.
- Conference session '*Staging Marriage and Modernity among the Middle classes in South Asia*' in International Conference '**Modern Matters: Negotiating the Future of Everyday Life in South Asia on 20-22 September 20-22, 2016, Swedish South Asian**

**Studies Network, SASNET**, Lund University, Sweden (in collaboration with Dr A. Bailey, University of Groningen, The Netherlands).

- International conference **'Re Orienting Gender: Geographies of Resistance, Agency, Violence and Desire in Asia'**, organized at University of Delhi, November 19-21, 2014, with support from ICSSR, INSA, SASNET and endorsed by IGU Commission for Gender and Geography.
- Session on *'The Hometown in the Everyday: Geographies of Nostalgia among Diasporic Populations'* co organized at the **4th international and interdisciplinary conference on Emotional Geographies**, University of Groningen, the Netherlands with Dr Ajay Bailey, University of Groningen, July 1-3 2013.
- International Seminar **'Contextualizing Geographical Approaches to Studying Gender in Asia'**, organized at University of Delhi March 3-5, 2010, in collaboration with the Australian National University, with support from Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt of India, Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) and endorsed by IGU Commission for Gender and Geography.

#### KEYNOTES AND PLENARY PRESENTATIONS (INTERNATIONAL)

- **"Feminist dissidence and counterspaces of indigenous feminisms"** Keynote at the **Illrd Conference on Feminist Geographies**, November 10 and 11, 2022, Segovia campus, University of Valladolid, Spain
- **"On Doing feminisms and speaking from the margins"** Keynote at the **Vth Latin American Seminar on Geography, Gender and Sexualities**, September 7, 2021
- **"Genderscapes of Hate: Contextualizing Gender, Space and Harm in India"** Keynote at the **12th World Congress of Regional Science Association, International (RSAI)**, BITS Goa Campus on June 1 2018.
- **"Provocations of the Present: What Culture for What Geography?"** **6th Doreen Massey Annual Event** organized by the Departments of Geography, Open University and Royal Holloway, University of London at Open University, Milton Keynes on June 6 2014.
- **"Of Frontiers and Fault lines: On Gender and Geography in India"** **Plenary paper** at the **Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference 2013**, 100+ Gendered Frontiers plenary events Aug 29 and 30, 2013.
- **"Youth, Risk and Sexuality in India"** **Keynote** at **International Workshop on Youth, Risk, and Sexuality in Vietnam and India: Educational Concerns**, Department of Gender Studies, Lund University Sweden and the Vietnam Institute of Educational sciences, Hanoi, July 5 2011.
- **"Reinterpreting Power and Agency within Indigenous Feminisms: An Exploration"** Plenary Paper at **International Seminar Masculine Feminine: New Issues in Geography**, University of Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France, September 18 2010
- **"Contextualizing Asian Feminisms"** Keynote at **4th Gendering Asia Conference**, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies and the University of Copenhagen on November 13 2010

#### SELECTED INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (INTERNATIONAL)

- **Rethinking Asymmetries – Forging solidarities: Feminist collaborations in a neo liberal world** in **g-19 conference** in session co-organized with Helle Rydstrom 'Rethinking asymmetries –Building Global Solidarity: Feminist Collaboration, Conceptualization, and Decolonization, Gottenburg, Sweden, October 8 2019.
- **Conversations, Collaborations and Care– Feminist solidarities in a neo liberal world** **Public Seminar, SASNET and Department of Gender Studies**, Lund University, Sweden, October 3 2019.
- **Misogyny, Media and Resistances to Genderscapes of Online Hate: Of Bharat Mata and Bharat ki Mata'** **Global Gender Matters-** Dept of Gender Studies and SASNET scholar in Residence, Lund University, Sweden, October 4 2017.
- **Genderscapes of Hate: On violence against Women in India** invited talk at **International Seminar Modernity Women and Gender in a Rising Asia** Department of Social Work, University, of Gottenburg, Sweden, September 23 2016.
- **Reframing Resistance: Bodies, Gendered Activism and Counterspaces in the Everyday and the Emergent** **IGU Regional Conference**, Lomonosov State University, Moscow, Russia August 20 2015.
- **Crayons, Cartographies, Maps and Mothering: Notes from an Indian Feminist- Geographer- Mother**, **IGU Regional Conference**, Jaggiellonian University, Krakow, Poland August 20 2014.
- **India's Vanishing Women, NIAS Lecture Tour, Centre** for Women's and Gender Research Centre for Women's and Gender Research, EDDA - Centre of Excellence University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland, October 9 2012.
- **Genderscapes and their Link to Natural Landscapes in India** **SASNET/ACE Invited Lecture**, Swedish South Asian Studies Network, SASNET, Lund University, Sweden International September 21 2012.
- **Post-Colonial Spaces and Gender: Excavating Counterspaces** **Global Gender Matters**, Fall Seminar' Dept of Gender Studies, Lund Univ, Sweden September 19 2012.
- **Natural Landscapes and Gender Roles**, **NTNU India week** invited lecture Dept of Geography, NTNU, Norway International October 3 2011.

- *Declining Sex Ratio in India: Why are there more boys than girls?* **NTNU India Week** invited lecture, Centre for Feminist and Gender Studies, NTNU, Norway October 5 2011.
- *'Indigenous Feminisms'* **New India Program** invited Lecture, PRC, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, September 29 2011
- *Natural Landscape and Regional Variations in Gender Roles in India*, **New India Program** invited lecture, PRC, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen, The Netherlands September 27 2011

#### **MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.**

- **Life Member:** Institute of Indian Geographers; National Association of Geographers, India; Association of Population Geographers, India:
- **Member and Current Chair:** IGU Commission for Gender and Geography
- **Corresponding Member:** Society for Women Geographers, USA

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