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### EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

# **PhD** (pursuing) in **Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law** at the **University of Aberdeen, UK**  
[My thesis titled '*Subaltern Agency and the remaking of Political Society among the Valmikis in Delhi*' looks into the ways in which the emergence of Resident Welfare Associations in marginalized *dalit* neighborhoods of Delhi influence the discourse of community development and political mobilization.]

[Tentative Date of Thesis Submission: December 2020]

# **MBA** (pursuing) from Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning, Pune (Batch 2020-2022)

# **MA** (First class with a CGPA of 7.5 out of 9) in **Sociology** from **Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India** (Batch 2003-2005)

# **BA** (First Class Honors with Distinction 72.50%) in **Sociology and Geography** from **Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, India** (Batch 2000-2003)

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Academic

#### Institutional Affiliation

#### Designation

#### Duration

#### Discipline

Central University of

Assistant Professor

August 2012 onwards

Development

Studies

South Bihar, Patna

#### **Job Responsibilities**

- Prepared and taught numerous postgraduate courses in the Department of Development Studies viz., NGO Management, Corporate Social Responsibility, Urban Planning, and the Political Economy of Development
- Worked as the Member of the university's *Ek Bharath Shrestha Bharat* Cell from 2019 onwards
- Worked as the Coordinator of the university's Cultural Activities Committee (2014-16)
- Was on a Sabbatical to pursue a 3-year (2016-19) Doctoral Scholarship at the University of Aberdeen, UK

University College

Visiting Research Scholar

August 2011 – July 2012

Urban

Geography

London

#### **Job Responsibilities**

- Audited the core papers of the MSc Urban Studies Programme
- Published a research paper on urban governance viz., '*From Bhagidari to Moballa Sabhas: When participation trumps governance!*' in the journal *Economic and Political Weekly* Volume 49 No.14, April 2014, (Print ISSN: 0012-9976, e-ISSN 23498846)

Indian Institute of

Graduate Teaching Assistant

July 2009 -- July 2011

Sociology

Technology, Kanpur

#### **Job Responsibilities**

- Worked as a Teaching Assistant in three courses a) Contemporary Sociological Theory b) Political Sociology c) Economy and Society
- Published an article titled '*The Production of Governmentality in the Postcolonial Megalopolis of Delhi*' in the e- journal *CEScontextio* Volume No. 2, June 2013

## NGOs

<u>Institutional Affiliation Area</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Thrust</u>
PAHAL, New Delhi	Research Intern	January 2009 -- June 2009	School Education

### **Job Responsibilities**

- Worked as the Lead of the School Education wing of the organization
- Collaborated with other NGOs on a project funded by the Government of Delhi

NAVH, Lucknow	Senior Research Associate	June 2007 -- Dec 2008	Disability Studies
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### **Job Responsibilities**

- Worked as the Lead of the PR and Campaigns Team
- Prepared booklets in Hindi and English for sensitization drives about the disability sector

ODC, Bhubaneswar	Research Analyst	September 2005 -- April 2007	Self Help Groups
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### **Job Responsibilities**

- Conducted baseline survey among Self Help Groups in the districts covered by the Microfinance Unit of the organization
- Prepared Working Papers and Funding Proposals

Social Watch India, Delhi	Intern	June 2005 -- Aug 2005	Decentralization
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### **Job Responsibilities**

- Prepared News Briefs for the Press
- Designed News Letter of the organization
- Assisted the Secretary in preparing presentations for funding agencies

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Postcolonial Futures, Comparative Urbanism, Participatory Governance and Development Management

## **MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC/ PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

1. Indian Sociological Society (ISS) (#LMI 3317) (Lifetime Membership)  
[Member: RC 03 Economy & Society, RC 19 Urban Studies]
2. International Sociological Association (ISA) (#4013) (Member till December 2020)  
[Member: RC 21 Sociology of Urban and Regional Development (ID 26848797)]
3. Development Studies Association (DSA) (#M26585) (Member till December 2020)
4. International Public Policy Association (IPPA) (#M26585) (Member till December 2020)

## **PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOPS/ TRAINING PROGRAMMES**

1. Represented the Central University of South Bihar, Gaya, at the 2-day *National Workshop* held under the auspices of the *Unnat Bharat Abhiyan* Cell of the University Grants Commission (UGC) at ISID, Delhi during 21-22 January 2020
2. 6<sup>th</sup> *Refresher Course in Global Studies (Interdisciplinary)* held under the auspices of the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi during 18-30 November 2019
3. 6<sup>th</sup> Winter School on Research Methodology in Social Sciences themed *Urban Studies and Spatial Planning: Research Approaches and Methods* organized by the Gran Sasso Science Institute and held at the University of Florence during 17-18 January 2019

4. *Taking practice seriously – Theoretical and methodological challenges of studying social practices* organized by and held at the University of Tampere, Finland during 29-30 September 2016
5. *Legal Theory* organized by and held at the Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh during 30 May – 02 June 2016
6. *Women's Empowerment Programs: Experimental evidence from JEEViKA in Bihar* organized by the International Growth Centre, India-Bihar Programme and held at the Asian Development Research Institute, Patna on 03 April 2015
7. *Best Practices in Infant and Young Child Feeding* organized by the Aga Khan Foundation and held at Hotel Maurya, Patna on 17 March 2015
8. *Sustainability: Concepts and Materials* organized by and held at the UCL Environment Institute at University College London (UCL), London on 18 May 2012
9. *Stadtcolloquium*, the Annual Postgraduate Workshop organized by and held at the Department of Geography, University College London from 26-27 March 2012
10. *Locating Internets: Histories of the Internet(s) in India* organized by and held at the Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore at CEPT University, Ahmedabad during 19-22 August 2011
11. *Young Sociologists' Workshop 2010* organized by the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), New Delhi and held at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack during 25-26 December 2010
12. *Building Livable Cities* organized by the Urban Vision, Mumbai and held at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 19 October 2010
13. *CSR Essentials* organized by the Global Gandhian Trusteeship and CSR Foundation, Noida and held at Bhubaneswar during 14-15 January 2010

#### **ACADEMIC ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Research Associate in the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Funded Project titled 'Trend Report of the Sixth Round of ICSSR Research Survey and Explorations in Sociology and Social Anthropology (2003-09)' during January to February 2011

#### **BURSARIES AND CONFERENCE GRANTS**

1. Conference Bursary by The Sociological Review Foundation to participate in the Early Career Researchers Day and the Conference themed '*(Un)disciplining: Conversations from the Edges*' held at the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, from 17-21 June 2018
2. Conference Bursary by the Development Studies Association to participate in their Annual Conference 2018 themed '*Global Inequalities*' held at the University of Manchester from 27-29 June 2018
3. Conference Travel Grant by the Research Committee 21 (RC21) of the International Sociology Association, the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR) and the Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies (FURS) to participate in the Third Summer School on Comparative Urban Studies, held at Humboldt University, Berlin from 17 August 2013 to 03 September 2013
4. Conference Travel Grant by the Frankfurt Research Center for Postcolonial Studies to present a paper in the International Graduate Conference held at the Goethe University, Frankfurt in June 2011
5. Conference Travel Grant by the Swiss National Fund (SNF) to present a paper in the International Conference held at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich in November 2009

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

1. Graduate Scholar Award at the 2016 International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, 2-4 August 2016, London organized by Common Ground publishers, USA and held at Imperial College London
2. Doctoral Scholarship (2016-19) by the Centre for Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law, University of Aberdeen, UK
3. Commonwealth Scholarship for spending a year (2011-12) as a Visiting Researcher at the Department of Geography, University College London (UCL)
4. UGC National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lectureship in Sociology twice in December 2005 and June 2006

## **RESEARCH GUIDANCE**

### **Doctoral Thesis Supervision**

None

### **Masters' Thesis Supervision**

#### **Batch of 2018-20**

1. Perna Priya: *Economic Empowerment and Social Vulnerability: A Case Study of Self-Help Groups among the Scheduled Tribes in Purnea, Bihar*
2. Babu Singh: *Public Health and Service Delivery in Bihar: A Case Study of Ambulance Services in Patna*

#### **Batch of 2013-15**

1. Anand Kashyap: *Living in an Informal Economy: The Case of Street Vendors in Muzaffarpur*
2. Steve Curtis: *Migration and Urban Settlement: The Case of Slums in Muzaffarpur*
3. Pradeep Kumar: *Disparities of Urban Schooling systems in the city of Muzaffarpur*
4. Kishan Gupta: *Educational Disparities in Rural India: A comparative study of Public versus Private Schooling patterns in Muzaffarpur*

#### **Batch of 2012-14**

1. Kanchan Lala: *Social Capital and the magic bullet of Digital Media: The Case of Social Networking among the youth at IIT Kharagpur*
2. Vishwesh Kumar: *Governance, IT and Inclusion: Evaluating the Case of e-Shakti in Patna*
3. Swarna Yadav: *(En)gendering Development: Evaluating MGNREGA through the lenses of Capabilities Approach*

#### **Batch of 2011-13**

1. Thakur Prem Kumar: *Slums as Nodes of Urbanization: A Case Study of Select Slum(s) in Nalanda District, Bihar*
2. Rumi Mukherjee: *Female Agency and Family Planning: Narratives from Households in Silao Block, Bihar*
3. Ganesh Kumar: *Civil Society and Rural Sanitation: A Comparative Study of Village Health and Sanitation Committee(s) in Nalanda District, Bihar*

## **SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS/ CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

1. Convened a Stream titled 'Re-imagining Urban Politics through a Comparative Lens' at the Bi-Annual Conference of Research Committee 21 on the Sociology of Urban and Regional Development of the International Sociological Association held at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi from 18-21 September 2019

## **PAPER PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

### **INTERNATIONAL (Abroad)**

Presented

1. *Participatory Governance and the making of brokerage among Dalits in Delhi* in the Conference themed 'Anthropology and Geography: Dialogues Past, Present and Future' held under the auspices of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Royal Geographical Society, the British Academy and the British Museum's Department for Africa, Oceania and the Americas, during 14-18 September 2020 (conducted in online mode due to COVID-19)
2. *Civil Society Activism and New Subaltern Urban Futures in Delhi* in the Annual Conference of the Development Studies Association 2020 themed 'New Leadership for Global Challenges' held during 16-19 June 2020 (conducted in online mode due to COVID-19)
3. *Neighbourhood Associations and the making of a Topological Urban Citizenship among the Valmikis in Delhi* in the session themed 'Civic engagement and local leadership and contested spaces' in the Bi-Annual Conference 2019 of the Research Committee 21 Urban and Regional Development of the International Sociological Association, held under the auspices of the Centre for Policy Research and Ambedkar University, New Delhi during 18-21 September 2019.
4. *Patronage or Brokerage? Civil Society and the new idiom of Subaltern mobilization among the Valmikis in Delhi* in the Annual Conference of the Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth 2018 held at the University of Oxford from 18-21 September 2018
5. *Urban Neighbourhood Associations and the (re)making of Political Community in Delhi* in the Conference themed 'Rethinking Development' organized by and held at the University of Gothenburg from 22-23 August 2018
6. *Engendering Local Governance through Para-Legality* in the Annual Conference 2018 of the Development Studies Association, themed 'Global Inequalities' held at the University of Manchester from 27-29 June 2018
7. *RWAs and New Urban Politics in Delhi* in the Conference themed 'People, Place and Policy' organized by and held at Sheffield Hallam University on 27 June 2018
8. *We were never Subalterns! Valmikis in Delhi and the quest for Urban Revanchism* in the Annual Early Career Researchers' Conference 2018 organized by and held at the Centre for the Study of South Asia and the Indian Ocean World, University College London from 07-08 June 2018
9. *Doing Multi-Case Ethnography in the Global South* in the Conference themed 'Adaptive Ethnographies for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Sociology' organized by the British Sociological Association held at Royal Holloway, University of London on 01 June 2018
10. *Southern Theory and the Conceits of Planetary Urbanization: Lessons from a Neighborhood Association in the Global South* in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Sheffield Institute for International Development (SIID) organized by and held at the University of Sheffield from 08-09 May 2018
11. *New Urban Politics and the re-imagining of Subaltern Identity in the Global South* in the Conference themed "Ambiguity" organized by the Czech Association for Social Anthropology and held at the Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague from 30 September 2016 to 01 October 2016
12. *Is Social Democracy a Myth? Interrogating the Valmiki Movement in neoliberal Delhi* in the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences International Conference 2016 organized by and held at Imperial College London from 02 – 05 August 2016
13. *Civil Society, Planetary Urbanization and the Postcolonial Predicament* in the Annual International Conference 2016 of the Royal Geographical Society, UK held at Imperial College London from 30 August – 02 September 2016
14. *Negotiating Liminality in a Megalopolis* in the 22<sup>nd</sup> European Conference on South Asian Studies of the European Association of South Asian Studies (ECSAS) held at Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (ISCTE), Lisbon from 25-28 July 2012
15. *Civilizing the Political or Politicizing the Civil: The Enigma of Bhagidari in Delhi* in the Annual International Conference 2012 of the Royal Geographical Society, UK held at the University of Edinburgh from 03-05 July 2012
16. *Moving beyond the Civil versus Political Society Dichotomy in Neoliberal Delhi* in the Annual Conference of the British Association of South Asian Studies 2012 held at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London from 12-14 April 2012

17. *'Urban (Re)newal and Megalopolises in the Global South'* in the 40<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology (IIS) held in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi from 16-19 February 2012
18. *'Musings on Delhi's New Urban Imagery Conundrum'* in an International Workshop themed 'Political Textures of the City: Word and Bricks in the Global South' organized by the Manchester Architecture Research Centre (MARC) and the cities@manchester initiative and held at the University of Manchester, UK on 23 November 2011
19. *'Negotiating Hybridity in the 'New' Indian City'* in the International Graduate Conference themed 'Colonial Legacies, Postcolonial Contestations: Decolonizing the Social Sciences and the Humanities' held at Goethe University, Frankfurt from 16-18 June 2011
20. *'Civil Society and the Glocalism discourse in Postcolonial Urban Spaces'* in the World Congress of Asian Studies held at Kolkata under the aegis of the Society for Indian Culture & Heritage and the Pandit Solanki Institute for Oriental Studies & Institute of Civilization Studies from 02-06 February 2011
21. *'The Emergence of India's Knowledge Economy and the Homogenization of Urban Spaces'*, in the International Conference on Urban Research and Architecture: Beyond Henri Lefebvre, held at and organized by the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich from 24-26 November 2009

#### **NATIONAL**

1. *'Theorizing Civil Society in an age of neo-liberal urbanism'* in the 41<sup>st</sup> All India Sociological Conference Indian Sociological Society conference organized by the Indian Sociological Society held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar from 27-29 December 2015
2. *'Seeing through the State: Ethnographic Vignettes from RWAs in Delhi'* in the National Conference on Politics & Governance 2013 held at India International Centre, New Delhi on 5 May 2013
3. *'Participatory Governance and the Specter of Citizenship in the Global South'* in the Annual International Studies Convention 2013 organized by and held at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi from 10-12 January 2013
4. *'Squinting at New Urbanism in the Tropics'* in the 37<sup>th</sup> All India Sociological Conference organized by the Indian Sociological Society held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi from 11-13 December 2011
5. *'Is Sanskritization the chronotope of change in Indian Society?'* in the 36<sup>th</sup> All India Sociological Conference organized by the Indian Sociological Society held at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack from 27-29 December 2010
6. *'Engaging Civil Society in Urban Governance'* in the National Seminar themed 'Ethical Dimensions of Governance', organized by the University of Delhi in association with India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi at IIC from February 15-16, 2010
7. *'Ethnographic Research and the adoption of Mixed Methods in India's Post-Liberalization era: Option or Compulsion?'* in the 35<sup>th</sup> All India Sociological Conference organized by the Indian Sociological Society held at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar from 10-12 October 2009

#### **INVITED TALKS**

1. Delivered a talk 'Doing Research in a Foreign University' as a Resource Person in the 15-day Research Development Programme *'Developing Research Ecosystem: An Interface between Researchers and Experts'*, convened by the School of Women's Studies, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar held online due to COVID-19 on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020
2. Resource Person in the Two-day workshop *'Aao Aao Khelein Khel'* held under the aegis of the Youth for Change programme of PARIVARTAN, a leading NGO working in the Siwan District of Bihar, on 12-13 April 2014

3. *Doing Fieldwork in a Global Village* in a Workshop organized by the Cultural Education Centre, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh on 03 October 2017

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Journal Article(s)**

#### **Under Review**

#### **UGC-CARE List Group. I Journal(s)**

1. *(En)gendering Inclusive Development via Social Capital: The Case of Mission Shakti in Odisha* in the journal *The Eastern Anthropologist* (Print ISSN 0012-8686), H Index 3
2. *Is Sanskritization the chronotope of change in Indian Society?* in the journal *LASSI Quarterly: Contributions to Indian Social Science* (Print ISSN 0970-906, e-ISSN 0974-018X), H Index 1

#### **UGC-CARE List Group. II Journal(s)**

3. *Urban Aspirations and the Subaltern Question: The Case of Valmiki in Delhi* in the journal *Sociology* (Print ISSN 0038-0385, e-ISSN 1469-8684), H Index 102
4. *Urban Subaltern Communities or Re-territorialized Identities? Seeing through Populism in a Dalit neighbourhood in Central Delhi* in the journal *Space and Polity* (Print ISSN 1470-1235, e-ISSN 13562576), H Index 32
5. *Cultural Marginality or Economic Precarity? Mapping the rise of Topological Brokerage in Postcolonial Urban Spaces* in the journal *Regional Studies* (Print ISSN 0034-3404, e-ISSN 1360-0591), H Index 111

#### **Published**

6. *Gully Boy and its Silent Mutinies*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 54, Issue No. 8, Feb 2019, (Print ISSN 0012-9976, e-ISSN 23498846), H-index 48, <https://www.epw.in/engage/article/gully-boy-and-its-silent-mutinies>
7. *From Bhagidari to Mohalla Sabhas: When participation trumps governance?* in the journal *Economic and Political Weekly* Volume 49 No.14, April 2014, (Print ISSN 0012-9976, e-ISSN 23498846), <https://www.epw.in/journal/2014/14/commentary/bhagidari-mohalla-sabhas-delhi.html>
8. *Differential Spaces of Globalisation* in the journal *Economic and Political Weekly* Volume 47 No.1, December 2011, (Print ISSN 0012-9976, e-ISSN 23498846), <https://www.epw.in/journal/2012/01/discussion/differential-spaces-globalised-era.html>

#### **Conference Proceedings**

9. *The Production of Governmentality in the Postcolonial Megalopolis of Delhi* presented in the International conference themed 'Rethinking Urban Inclusion: Spaces, Mobilizations, Interventions' held at the University of Coimbra, Portugal from 28-30 June 2012 and published in the e-journal *CEScontextio* Volume No. 2, June 2013, [https://www.ces.uc.pt/publicacoes/cescontexto/ficheiros/cescontexto\\_debates\\_ii.pdf](https://www.ces.uc.pt/publicacoes/cescontexto/ficheiros/cescontexto_debates_ii.pdf)

#### **Book Review(s)**

#### **Under Review**

1. Partha Chatterjee (2020) *I am the People: Reflections on Popular Sovereignty Today* in the journal *South Asia: Journal of South Asia Studies* (Print ISSN 1479-0270; e-ISSN 00856401), H Index 15

#### **Published**

2. Hank Johnston (2011) *States and Social Movements* in the journal *International Sociology* Volume 27 No. 6, (Print ISSN 0268-5809; e-ISSN 1461-7242), H Index 53, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0268580912452372e>
3. Ugo Rossi and Alberto Vanolo (2012) *Urban Political Geographies: A Global Perspective* in the journal *Urban Policy and Research* Volume 30(2), (Print ISSN 0811-1146, e-ISSN 1476-7244), H Index 37, <https://doi.org/10.1080/08111146.2012.674475>
4. Avijit Pathak (2009) *Re-calling the Forgotten: Education and Moral Quest* in the journal *Asian Journal of Social Science* Volume 39 No. 1, (Print ISSN 1568-4849, e-ISSN 1568-5314), H Index 19, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/43500543>

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