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Academic Qualifications

PhD in Sociology, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

‘Local Contexts of Caste Relations – Changing Modes of Hierarchies, Rituals and Power in Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh’/Thesis

MPhil in Sociology, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

‘Rethinking Development: A Sociological Perspective of the Narmada Movement’/Dissertation

MA in Sociology, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

BA (H) in History, St. Stephen’s College, Delhi University, Delhi, India.

Awards Received

Editor, Journal of Dalit Studies, Dignity Initiative, Nepal (2018-).

Baden Württemberg Professorial Fellow, South Asia Institute, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany, (2010).

National Research Fellowship, Ministry of Tribal Development, Government of India, (2001).

National Eligibility Certificate for Lectureship in Sociology, University Grants Commission, Government of India, (1999).

Himachal Pradesh Board for Secondary Education Scholarship for Meritorious Students, Government of Himachal Pradesh, (1994-1997).

Work Experience

Member, Advisory Editorial Board, Journal of Dalit Studies, Dignity Initiative, Nepal (2018-).

Assistant Professor (Stage III), Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (February 2017-).

Syndicated Columnist, Himachalscape, www.himachalscape.com, (October 2017-).

Syndicated Columnist, Bargad, bargad.wordpress.com, (January 2014-).

Editor, Issue Briefs, Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (May 2016-).

Managing and Permanent Trustee, Centre for Development Studies, Shimla, (September 2014-)

Co-Convenor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Lecture Series, Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (May 2016-).

Staff Secretary, Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (May 2016-).

Nodal Officer NAAC, Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (May 2016-).

Nodal Officer Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (May 2016-).

Founding Member, Himachal Forum, (November 2012-).

Hony. Officiating Director, Centre for Distance and Online Education, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (February 2016- October 2018).

Public Information Officer, Centre for Distance and Online Education, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (January 2016- July 2017).

Nodal Officer Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Centre for Distance and Online Education, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (January 2016- October 2018).

First Appellate Authority, Right to Information Office, Centre for Distance and Online Education, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (August 2017-October 2018).

Hony. Joint Director (Administration), Centre for Distance and Online Education, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (January 2016- October 2018).

Assistant Professor (Stage II), Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (February 2012-January 2017).

Assistant Professor (Stage I), Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (February 2007-February 2012).

Referee, Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group, India.

Referee, Oxford India Publications.

Member, Core Coordination Committee India Chapter, Heidelberg Alumni South Asia, India.

Treasurer and Media Coordinator, XXXVII All India Sociological Conference, Indian Sociological Society, Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, (November 2013).

Student Faculty Advisor, Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (2008-2010).

Visiting Faculty and Consulting Editor, Indian Institute for Dalit Studies, New Delhi, India, (March 2007-March 2008).

Editor and Associate Fellow, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, India, (March 2006-January 2007).

Assistant Fellow, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, India, (October 2004-February 2006).

Lecturer in Sociology, Government College for Women, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India, (July 2002-March 2004).

Project Coordinator, Support Initiatives in Development (SIDT) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India and International Institute for Environment & Development (IIED), London, United Kingdom, (February-June 2002).

Social Development Volunteer, Support Initiatives in Development (SIDT), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India, (June 1997-June 2000).

Projects

‘Lived Experiences and Host Perceptions of African Student Migrants in India’, with Department of Geography, Heidelberg University and National Geographic Society, Ongoing.

‘Institutional Arrangements for Minorities and Special Categories’, Politics in India: Political Institutions, Production of Courseware, E-Content for Post Graduate Subjects, E-PG Pathshala, Project funded by Ministry of Human Resource Development under the NME-ICT, University Grants Commission, Government of India, New Delhi, India, (May 2013).

‘Upgradation of the Merit of SC/ST Students: An Impact Assessment’, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, India, (2010).

‘Scheduled Castes: A Profile 2004 – Status of the Scheduled Castes in India’, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, India, (2004-2006).

Select Publications

Books

Translated from Hindi ‘Meri Katha: Dalit Yatna, Sangharsh aur Bhavishya’ by Martin Macwan to English as ‘My Story: Dalit Atrocities, Struggles and Future’, Forthcoming.

‘Dalits in India: A Search for Common Destiny’, with Sukhadeo Thorat et. al., Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2009.

Reprinted in Marathi as ‘Bharata Mem Dalita: Samanya Lakshya Ki Khoja’, Seja, 2011. Reprinted in Hindi as ‘Bharat Mein Dalit: Samanya Lakshya Ki Khoj’, Sage and Rawat Publications, 2011.

‘Reservation and Private Sector: Quest for Equal Opportunity and Growth’, with Sukhadeo Thorat and Aryama, Rawat Publications, New Delhi and Jaipur, 2005.

Translated into Marathi as ‘Khazgi Kshetratil Arakshan: Charchetil Prashan, Garaj Ani Apeksha’ by Nandkumar Purohit, Sugava Prakashan, Pune.

Working/Occasional Papers

‘A Tale Begun in Other Days: Understanding Caste as Social Exclusion in India’, Heidelberg Papers in South Asian and Comparative Politics, Politische Wissenschaft, Südasiainstitut, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Number 62, May 2011, ISSN 1617-5069.

‘Fragmented Identities Polarized Futures: Conceptualizing Caste as Social Exclusion’, CSSSC-UNICEF Social Inclusion Cell, Occasional Paper Series, Number 03, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India, 2011.

‘Exclusion and Discrimination: Civil Rights Violations and Atrocities in Maharashtra’, Working Paper Series, Volume II, Number 02, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, India, 2007.

‘Reservations in the Private Sector: Issues, Concerns and Prospects’, Working Paper Series, Volume I, Number 01, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, India, 2006.

Articles

‘Social Policies and Institutional Arrangements for Minorities and Special Categories in India: An Overview and the Way Forward’ in Social Welfare in India and China: A Comparative Perspective, Gao, J., Baikady, R., Govindappa, L. and Cheng, S., Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.

‘The Conundrum of Reservations’, Himachalscape.com, March 4 2019.

‘A Quantitative Assessment of Affirmative Action for Scheduled Castes in India’, Research Directions, September 2018.

‘Equalizing Access Ensuring Equality: Assessment of the Scheme for Upgradation of Merit of Scheduled Caste Students’, Research Directions, March 2018.

‘Hydropower and Himachal Pradesh: The Twain Shall Never Meet’, Himachalscape.com, March 10 2018.

‘Mandate 2017: Mapping Electoral Trends in Himachal Pradesh’, Bragad.org, November 7 2017.

‘HP Elections: Mapping Trends of Continuity and Change’, Himachalscape.com, October 15 2017.

‘Identities and Local Orders: Kinnaur in the Higher Himalayas’, Research Directions, October 2017.

‘Social Exclusion: Incorporating Themes, Building Theory’, Research Directions, March 2017.

‘Cast(e)ing the Die: OBC Reservations and the Patels’, Lokmarg.com, November 4 2016.

‘Marginal Identities Mainstream Institutions: Caste and the Academia’, Bragad.org, May 21 2016.

‘Cast(e) in Iron’, Bragad.org, October 25 2015.

‘Contested Waters, Shrinking Livelihoods: People’s Vision on Transboundary River Sharing in South Asia’, Bragad.org, October 18 2015.

‘From a Common Man to Another: Critical Issues Before the Aam Admi Party (AAP)’, Bragad.org, March 26 2015.

‘Exclusion and Discrimination: The Contemporary Scenario’ with Sukhadeo Thorat in Sukhadeo Thorat and Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal (ed.) Bridging the Social Gap: Perspectives on Dalit Empowerment, Sage Publications, New Delhi, June 2014.

‘The AAP(rising): The Changing Contours of Politics in India’, Bragad.org, January 31 2014.

‘Include Me Out: Muslims in India’, Heinrich Böll Foundation, India Country Office, October 7 2008.

‘The Arrow and the Olive Branch: Conceptualizing Social Exclusion in Tibet’, World Focus, Volume XXIX, No. 4, April 2008, pp. 158-162.

‘Caste Discrimination and Food Security Programmes’, Dalit International Newsletter, Volume 1, Number 2, June 2006, Waterford, CT, USA.

‘Affirmative Action: Diverging Perspectives’, www.esocialsciences.com and ideas.repec.org, 2006.

‘Small Hydro Power: Himachal Pradesh’, Planning Commission, Government of India and Lokayan, New Delhi, India., 2010, pp. 91-120.

‘Sounds of Silence: A Sterile Promontory of Development and Displacement in the Narmada Valley’ in S.N. Tripathy (ed.) ‘Economic Development and Problem of Displacement’, Anmol Publishers, New Delhi, 2003.

Book Reviews

‘Sharma Hemant, Dwitiyonasti – Kailash Parvat Ik Akela, New Delhi, Prabhat Prakashan, 2013’, Bhartiya Samajshastra Samiksha, 1(1) January-June 2014, Bhartiya Samajshastra Parishad, pp. 145-148.

Talks Delivered

‘Tibet and Kinnaur Relations’, Expert Panel I, Tibet and Western Himalayas, 4th Young Indians Research Scholars Conference Tibet and the Himalaya, Tibet Policy Institute, Dharamshala (17 October 2022).

‘Subaltern Studies in India: Possibility and Prospects’, UGC-HRDC, University of Calicut, Kerala, Faculty Induction Programme, (7 December 2021).

‘Dalit Studies in India: Historicity, Scope and Future’, UGC-HRDC, University of Calicut, Kerala, Faculty Induction Programme, (14 September 2021).

‘Social Inclusion, Entrepreneurship and Marginalized Social Groups in India’, UGCHRDC The Business School and Baderwah Campus, University of Jammu Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on ‘Entrepreneurship Development’, (19 February 2021).

‘Methodological Inquiries into Caste: Portrayal, Reality and Future’, UGC- HRDC JMI Course in English Literature and Language on ‘Reimagining the Margins: Perspectives from Literature, Culture and Society’, (27 November 2020).

‘The Problem of Caste among the Kshatriyas’, Dialogics by Suraj Yengde, Harvard University, USA, (20 November 2020).

‘Ambedkar and His Legacy’, Invited Lecture, Indigenous Television, Social Justice Lecture Series, Nepal, (9 September 2018).

‘Subaltern Studies, Editorial Practices and Scope’, Journal on Dalit Studies and Dignity, Initiative, Nepal, (16 February 2018).

‘In between Borderlands: A Case Study of Kinnaur’, International Conference on Borders in a Globalized World, Centre for International Politics, Organization & Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, (11 October 2017).

‘Relevance of Lenoir in Understanding Inclusion’ International Conference on Equity and Inclusion: Locating French Traditions, Centre for French and Francophone Studies, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (19 August 2017).

‘Marginalized Communities in Majha, (27 February 2017), Session One: Cultural Heritage of Ravi, Marginal Communities, Gender and Water Diplomacy, National Workshop on Water Governance and Water Diplomacy, South Asian University, New Delhi, Chandigarh (27-28 February 2017).

‘The Dalit Movement in India: Lessons for Nepal’, Invited Lecture to Presidential Board, Dignity Initiative, Anamnagar, Kathmandu, Nepal (16 December 2016).

‘If Only My Caste Was Different: Social Categorizations, Attitudes and Prejudices in India’, Invited Lecture, Professional Development and Research Centre, Kalanki, Kathmandu, Nepal (14 December 2016).

‘Public Enterprises for Private Purposes: Dams, Development and Corruption in Himachal Pradesh, India’, International Conference on Dynamic Borderlands: Livelihoods, Communities and Flows, Social Science Baha, International Institute for Asian Studies and Asian Borderlands Research Network, Kathmandu, Nepal (13 December 2016).

‘Durable Inequalities: Contextualizing Exclusion and Caste in India’, National Seminar on Thoughts and Ideologies of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar: Acceptance, Deviation and Relevance, India 2025, Indira Gandhi Centre for Freedom Struggle Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, (17 November 2016).

‘Intersecting Caste and Social Exclusion in India’, Plenary Speaker, International Seminar on Social Stratification and Political Transformation: Rethinking Indian Democracy, Department of Political Science, Bankura University, West Bengal, (10 November 2016).

‘Theorizing Distress and Discrimination in Higher Education’, Workshop on Discrimination, Distress and Higher Education in India, University College of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom and Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, (12 September 2016).

‘Frameworks to Understand and Identify Stakeholders around Hydrological Issues in Himachal Pradesh’, Round Table, Inception Workshop, South Asian University, New Delhi and World Wildlife Fund, India and Pakistan, (31 August 2016).

‘Telling Stories of Caste, Ethnic Exclusion and Education in India’, Keynote Address, National Seminar on Education of Socially Disadvantaged Groups, Regional Institute of Education, National Council for Educational Research and Training, Bhopal, (5 March 2016).

‘Social Exclusion and Research Design’, Lecture to SAARC-SAF, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, (27 February 2016).

‘Borders, Identities and Local Orders: Kinnaur in the Himalayas’, Workshop on Borders in the Global South, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, (19 February 2016).

‘Limitations of Scientific Method in Social Sciences’, Lecture to SAARC-SAF, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, (5 February 2016).

‘Theory and Politics of Research Methodology’, Lecture to SAARC-SAF, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, (4 February 2016).

‘Scientific Method in Social Sciences’, Lecture to SAARC-SAF, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, (3 February 2016), II Sessions.

‘Methodological Orientations in Social Sciences’, Lecture to SAARC-SAF, UGC Human Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, (1 February 2016).

'Combating Caste-Stigma at University: A Tribute to Rohith Vemula', Skype Lecture to the Presidential Board, Dignity Initiative, Anamnagar, Kathmandu, Nepal (29 January 2016).

'Caste in India', Equal Opportunity Cell Lecture Series, Gargi College, Delhi University, New Delhi, India, (12 January 2016).

'Public Enterprises for Private Purposes: Dams and Development in Himachal Pradesh', Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Lecture Series, Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (4 December 2014).

'Liberalization and Caste', two sessions, 109 (4 Week) Orientation Programme, UGC Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 5 August-3 September 2014, (22 August 2014).

'Issues of Exclusion and Inclusive Policies', 7 (4 Week) Orientation Programme for Academic Administrators, UGC-Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 6 August-4 September 2014, (20 August 2014).

'Social Exclusion: Issues and Concerns', 10 (3 Week) Refresher Course in Human Rights and Social Inclusion (Interdisciplinary), UGC-Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 11 August-2 September 2014, (11 August 2014).

'Reservation in the Private Sector: Issues, Concerns and Prospects', National Seminar on India between Caste and Casteless-ness in the Era of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization, Session I, Changing Profile of Caste and Castelessness in the Era of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 25-27 July 2014, (25 July 2014).

'Social Exclusion: Epistemology and Relevance', two sessions, 3 (3 Week) Special Summer School, UGC-Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 16 May-05 June 2014, (17 May 2014).

'Social Exclusion: Issues, Concerns and Debates', two sessions, 108 (4 Week) Orientation Programme, UGC-Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 9 April-9 May 2014, (1 May 2014).

'Affirmative Action: Diverging Perspectives', Equal Opportunity Cell Lecture Series, Gargi College, Delhi University, New Delhi, India, (19 February 2014).

'Social Exclusion: Issues and Concerns', 107 (4 Week) Orientation Programme, UGC Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 13 January 2013- 10 February 2014, (17 January 2014).

'Social Exclusion: Methodological Issues', 2 (3 Week) Special Winter School, UGC Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 24 December 2013-14 January 2014, (30 December 2013).

'Methodology in Social Exclusion', 1 (3 Week) Interaction Programme for PhD Scholars, UGC-Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 23 December 2013-13 January 2014, (28 December 2013).

'Social Exclusion: Concept, Approaches and Debates', 4 (1 Week) Professional Development Programme for Senior Faculty, UGC-Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 16 December 2013-21 December 2013, (18 December 2013).

'The Promise of Equality: Quantitative Assessment of Affirmative Action for the Scheduled Castes', Two Day National Conference on Caste, Religion and Reservation with a special focus on Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians, Academic Session III, Caste and Entitlements, Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (19-20 November 2013).

'Understanding Social Exclusion', 106 (4 Week) Orientation Programme, UGC Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 21 October-20 November 2013, (24 October 2013).

'Conceptualization Social Exclusion: Issues, Concerns and Debates', 9 (3 Week) Refresher Course in Human Rights and Social Inclusion (Interdisciplinary), UGC Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 20 August-10 September 2013, (23 August 2013).

'Text, Sub-text and the Context: Caste and Exclusion in India', Equal Opportunity Cell Lecture Series, Gargi College, Delhi University, New Delhi, India, (4 November 2011).

'Changes in Caste and Kinship', International Workshop on 'Epistemological Effects of Development: A Case of Kinnaur', Second Session, Internationales Wissenschaftsforum Heidelberg, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany, (19 July 2011).

'The Sociology of Caste', Geschichte Südasiens, Südasieninstitut, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany, (7 December 2010).

'A Tale Begun in Other Days: Understanding Caste as Social Exclusion in India', Tuesday Kolloquium, Politische Wissenschaft, Südasieninstitut, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany, (30 November 2010).

'Theorizing Social Exclusion and Understanding its Inclusionary Semantics', Key Note Address, Regional Partners Meet, ActionAid India, Jaipur, India, (10 July 2010).

'Fragmented Identities, Polarized Futures: Caste as Social Exclusion', Centre for the Study of Social Sciences, Calcutta, India, (19 April 2010).

'Social Exclusion: Incorporating Themes Building Theory', International Conference on Understanding Social Exclusion: South Asian Context, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (3-4 March 2010).

'Dalits in India', Dr. K. R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India, (2 February 2010).

'The Status of Scheduled Castes in India', Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, India, (16 January 2007).

Courses Taught (At PhD and Masters levels)

Social Exclusion: Concept, Approaches and Forms

Understanding Society and Social Change

Prejudice, Discrimination and Marginality: Critical Issues

Interviews

Interviewed by Anuja for the article, 'Under Fire, NDA Bats for Dalit Entrepreneurs' Live Mint, (28th January 2016).

<http://www.livemint.com/Politics/QF3wLA2iKXz4Lae027pCnJ/Govt-takes-steps-to-provide-more-job-opportunities-to-Dalits.html>

Interviewed by Rup Sunar for the Indigenous Television, Social Justice Lecture Series, Nepal on 'Ambedkar and His Legacy', (09.09.2018/uploaded on 18 April 2021).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcTWwJ1SYyA>

Membership of Professional Bodies

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society

PhD Supervision

Co-Supervisor. (2016) Mishra, Supriti, 'The Impact of NREGA on Economic Conditions of Dalits: A Comparative Study of Mahendragarh (Haryana) and Ajmer (Rajasthan)'.

Co-Supervisor. (2016) Zaidi, Sabiha Anjum, 'Literature and Empowerment: A Study of Select Tribal Women Writings'.

Supervisor. (2020-ongoing) Mishra, Sakshi, 'Social Media and Gendered Ostracism: A Study of College going Students in Delhi'.

Supervisor. (2020-ongoing) Rawat, Anchal, 'Treating Dalits Differently: The Continuing of Ill Treatment of Dalits in Uttarakhand'.

Supervisor. (2020-ongoing) Beg, Mirza Ayaz, 'Dalit Identity and Assertion in the Context of Popular Cinema'.

References

References and recommendations available on request.

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