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Academic Qualification

Ph.D., 1999, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

M.Phil., 1992, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

M.A., 1990, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Research and Teaching Experience

2016 Onwards	Dr. K.R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
2016 – 2014	Post-Doctoral Fellow, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi
2014 – 2007	Dr. K.R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
2007 – 2006	S.A. Jaipuria College, Kolkata
2006 – 2004	Fellow, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta
2004 – 1999	S.A. Jaipuria College, Kolkata
1999 – 1998	Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Areas of Research Interest

Concept of caste

Colonial ethnography in the 19th century and social categories: caste, Hindu, tribe

Caste movements, Nationalism, Communalism in colonial and postcolonial India

Publication

- 2016 'Religion and Schedule Caste Status', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LI, No. 31, pp. 13-16.
- 2016 'Local *jatis* and pan-Indian caste: The unresolved dilemma of M.N. Srinivas', *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, Vol. 50, No. 2, pp. 214-239.
- 2016 'Concept of caste and practices of *jati*: Exploring roots of incomparability', in Ravi Kumar, ed., *Contemporary Readings in Marxism: A Critical Introduction*, Delhi: Aakar Books.
- 2016 'Religion, caste and conversion: Membership of a scheduled caste and judicial deliberations', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LI, No. 4, pp. 38-48.
- 2015 *Caste* by Surinder S. Jodhka. Oxford India Short Introductions. Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2014 (2012), in the *Seminar*, No. 672.
- 2014 'Census in colonial India and the birth of caste', in Satish Deshpande, ed., *The Problem of Caste*, Delhi: Orient Blackswan.
- 2013 'Anthropological knowledge and statistical frame: Caste in the census in colonial India', in Sumit Sarkar and Tanika Sarkar, eds., *Caste in Modern India: A Reader*, Vol I, Ranikhet: Permanent Black.
- 2011 'Census in colonial India and the birth of caste', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLVI, No. 33, pp. 51-58.
- 2008 'Between number and knowledge: Career of caste in colonial census', in Ishita Dube, ed., *Caste in History*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- 2003 'Classifying caste: Census surveys in India in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century', *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, N.S., Vol. XXVI, no. 2, pp. 141-164.
- 2002 'Chandal theke Namashudra: rajnitir itibritta' (in Bengali), *Aitihāsik*, Vol. 10, No. 1/2.
- 1997 Review of Walter Hauser, edited and translated, *Sahajanand on Agricultural Labour and the Rural Poor*, New Delhi: Manohar, 1994 and *Swami Sahajanand and the Peasants of Jharkhand: A View from 1941*, New Delhi: Manohar, Seminar, No. 50, pp. 65-66.

FELLOWSHIP / AWARD / PROJECTS

- 2014 Two-year post-doctoral fellowship by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) to work on a project titled 'Caste, *varna* and *jati* in Indian society and polity'.
- 2012 Charles Wallace India Trust (CWIT) Research Grant to visit UK to undertake research on a project titled 'Caste, colonial ethnography and the creation of disciplinary boundaries'.
- 2010 'Roadside Vendors of Traditional Medicine: Profile, Problem, Prospect (An Ethnographic Study in Delhi / NCR)', Dr KR Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
- 2007 Charles Wallace India Trust (CWIT) Research Grant to visit UK to undertake research on a project titled 'Anthropological Knowledge in a Statistical Frame: Caste in the Colonial Census in India'.
- 2004 Ford Foundation Fellowship offered by the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, for the years 2004-06 to undertake research on backward caste movements in modern Bihar.
- 2002 UK Visiting Fellowship for three months, awarded by the Nehru Trust for the Indian Collections at the Victoria and Albert Museum, to undertake research on 'Science, colonial state and indigenous opinion: Enumeration of caste by H.H. Risley'.
- 1991 Junior Research Fellowship, awarded by the University Grants Commission, India, for the years 1990-95.

MISCELLANEOUS

Refereed for the journals *Contemporary Perspectives: History and Sociology of South Asia*, *Studies in History* and also for the proposals submitted to the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi and Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.