

Sumitra Thoidingjam
(Assistant Professor)

Field of Research Interest/Area of Interest: Cultural Studies, Folklore Studies, Gender Studies, Postcolonial Studies

Work Experience

Position Held	From	To	Name of Institutes
Assistant Professor	Oct 2008	November 2021	Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi.
Assistant Professor	Jul 2007	Oct 2008	Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi.
Assistant Professor	Nov 2006	Apr 2007	Sri Venkateshwara College, University of Delhi.

Independent Projects

Name	Duration	Sponsor	Location Country
English for Politics for Members of Parliament	1-13 August 2012	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)	Yangon and Naypitaw Myanmar

Academic Qualifications:

Degree	Year	Name of Institutes
Ph. D. (thesis defense awaited - "Urban Folklore and the Culture of Resistance: A Study of Select Works of Aung San Suu Kyi and Irom Sharmila Chanu")	Dec 2010 -	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
M. Phil. in English (thesis: "Construction of Manipuri Identity: Folklore as Cultural Agent of Recovery, Stability and Change")	2007	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
M.A. in English Literature	2005	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
B. A. (Honors) English	2003	D. M. College of Arts, Manipur University.

Other Academic/Administrative Responsibilities

Position Held	From	To	Name of Institutes
Advisor, English Literary Association	2015	2016	Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia
Supervisor of M Phil dissertation "Genre of Women's Cinema in India" by Ms. Ranjeeta Datta	2011	2012	Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia

Co- convenor	2011	2012	Social Service Club, JamiaMillia Islamia
In-charge, Wall Journal	2009	2011	English Literary Association, JMI
Organized Annual North-East (India) Cultural Festival 2011 and 2012	2011	2012	Centre for North-east Studies, Jamia MilliaIslamia
Member Organizing Committee (JMI) Nongpokthong, Manipuri Film Festival	9/3/2011	13/03/11	JamiaMilliaIslamia, Jawaharlal Nehru University& Delhi University
Co-organizer of Seminar on Claude Levi Strauss	19/3/10	19/03/10	Dept. of English JamiaMilliaIslamia
Member Organizing Committee of Seminar on Film into Fiction	23/11/06	24/11/06	Dept. of English JamiaMilliaIslamia

Publications

Title	Vol.	Date	Journals/Book	Country
The Legacy of NupiLan as a Metaphor of Resistance in Contemporary Times		2015	'Koireng': BirTikendrajitand Little Known Fighters against the Raj -Figuresfrom Manipur	India
"Embodying Resistance – SabitriHeisnam in Conversation with SumitraThoidingjam"		2014	The Act of Becoming	India
"Beyond the Web of the Human World" - IromSharmila's poem trans. into English		2014	Explorations	Hawaii, USA
"Gateway to Southeast Asia: Is India getting serious about developing a route through Myanmar?"	Issue 35, Vol 1	August 30 2012	MZine+	Myanmar
"Taming 'KeibuKeioiba': The Act of Translation as Recovery"	Issue 1, Vol 4	April – June 2007	Eastern Quarterly	India

Invited Talks

Topic	Date	Name of Institutes
Discussant for panel on "Beyond Academic Polemics: The Activists Prescription" at the International Conference on Race and Caste: 'Intercontinental Experiences'	24-26th February 2016	Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, School of Social Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University
"Narrating the Past and Present of India and Myanmar"	04-06 February 2015	CNES, JamiaMilliaIslamia, Delhi
"Researching Resistance: Methodological Questions" - PhD Workshop	8 November 2014	Oldenburg University, Germany
Body as Battleground: Resistance Movements in Myanmar and Manipur	6 November 2014	Oldenburg University, Germany
"Investigating Human security, Conflict and Resistance in Manipur"	19-20 September 2014	APISA, Chiang Mai University, Thailand
"Hunger Games: Politics of the Ema Market, the Kitchen and Protest in Manipur"	18 April 2013	JamiaMilliaIslamia, Delhi
Discussant for panel on "Evolving Political Landscapes in Myanmar" in the International Conference on "Myanmar: Distant Neighbours"	5 December 2012	Centre for Policy Research (CPR), the Academy of International Studies. JMI, ANFREL Foundation, Bangkok with CNES, JMI

“Women's Movement in Manipur”	12 October 2012	The Sun Institute, Yangon, Myanmar
“Students and Teachers: Common or Competing Aims” Workshop on English Studies	5-6 April, 2012-14	Jawaharlal Nehru University, Open University, UK, Delhi University and JMI
The Legacy of NupiLan as a Metaphor of Resistance in Contemporary Times	March 12, 2012	CNES, JamiaMilliaIslamia, New Delhi
Cultural Imaginaire and Human Security in the North-east	March 2–3, 2012	IGNTU, Manipur (regional campus)
Lévis-Strauss and ‘Levi’s Jeans’ – and somewhere in between ...	19 March 2010	JamiaMilliaIslamia, New Delhi
Emergent Theatrical Practices in Manipur	7 February 2010	Badungduppa, Rampur in Assam.
Representations of Insurgency Movements and State Terror in Manipur	30 January 2009	Osmania University, Hyderabad
Body as Battleground: A Study of <i>Tales from the Margins</i> and <i>The Other Side of Silence</i>	29 January 2009	Hyderabad Central University and EFL, Hyderabad
Locating the Postcolonial in Kanhailal's Theatre	15 March 2008	MRF, JNU, Delhi
A Postcolonial Reading of Kanhailal's <i>Pebetas</i> a text of cultural Resistance	29 January 2008	MLS University, Udaipur, Rajasthan

Chaired Sessions

Topic	Date	Name of Institutes
Digital Films in Manipur – Nongpokthong, Manipuri Film Festival 9-13th March 2011	12th March 2011	CIT, JamiaMilliaIslamia, New Delhi
Meet the Directors and Panel Discussion	10th March 2011	CIT, JamiaMilliaIslamia, New Delhi
Screening of “Women and Political Violence” by ThingnamAnjulikaSamom and Discussion	26th August 2008	SSS II, JNU, New Delhi

Supplementary/Part-Time/Volunteer Work Experience

Position Held	From	To	Name of Institutes/Organizations
Teaching Assistant	10/3/2014	30/4/2014	Johns Hopkins’ International Center of Excellence, Yangon University
Consultant	2/1/2014	30/03/2014	UNFPA, Myanmar
English Teacher	01/5/2013	30/11/2013	SR Education, Yangon
Copy Editor	01/08/2013	30/09/2013	Mizzima Media
Academic Skills Instructor	1/06/2013	30/09/2013	Myanmar Imperial College, Yangon
Educational Consultant	02/01/ 2013	30/10/2013	Royal School of Myanmar, Yangon
English Language Teacher	Oct 2012	Mar 2013	The Sun Institute, Yangon