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Education

Columbia University, New York, USA (Current)

PhD, Socio-Cultural Anthropology

Tentative project title – *“Liquid Infrastructure: Tracking Petroleum as Fluvial Government in India”*

Committee: Professor Brian Larkin (Chair), Professor Partha Chatterjee, Professor Elizabeth Povinelli.

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (2012-14)

M.Phil, Studies in Science Policy (STS)

Thesis – *“The Elephant’s Feet: A Study of Oil as Infrastructure in India”*

Advisor: Professor Rohan D’Souza

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India (2006-08)

M.A, Social Work

Thesis – *“Commodification of Rivers in Global Cities: A Case of Yamuna in Delhi”*

Advisor: Professor Amita Bhide

Lady Shri Ram College for Women, Delhi University, New Delhi, India (2002-05)

B.A, Sociology (Hons.)

Research Project – *“Commercialization of Craft: Evolving Motifs, Evolving Identities”*

Advisor: Professor Gopa Sabharwal

Publications

Academic

2015. “Oil and the Everyday in Colonial and Independent India (1880–1975)”. *NMML Occasional Paper, Perspectives in Indian Development*, New Series #61.

Forthcoming. “From Battlefields to Homes: Oil’s Imperial and Quotidian Life in Colonised and Independent India”. In *HISTEM in India: Essays in Honour of Deepak Kumar*. Edited by Suvabrata Sarkar.

Non-Academic

2013. “Formula 1 Schizophrenia”. *Countercurrents.org*.

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2012. With Narain, Sunita et al. *Excreta Matters (Vol. 1 & 2): State of India’s Environment*. Delhi: Centre for Science and Environment.

2011. “Drought Proof Village in Bone-Dry District”. *Down to Earth*.

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2011. *"In Search of Yamuna: Reflections on a River Lost"*. Delhi: Vitasta Publishing.

2009. "Dal Lake: Looking Beyond Pollution". *Dams, Rivers & People* 7(9-10) Oct-Nov: 4-5.

2009. "Opening up Pandora's Box!". *Dams, Rivers & People* 7(9-10) Oct-Nov: 6-7.

2009. "Between Kosi and Bihar: 'Trapped! Between the Devil and Deep Waters' by D.K. Mishra". *Himal SouthAsian*. http://himalmag.com/Between-Kosi-and-Bihar-Trapped!-Between-the-Devil-and-Deep-Waters-by-D-K-Mishra_nw2774.html. January 2009.

2008. "What do Rivers mean to us as a Society?". *The Hindu*, September 21, 2008.

2008. "'Jamna Maiyya': Commodified in a World Class City". *Countercurrents.org*, <http://www.countercurrents.org/sarandha310808.htm>. 08/31/08.

Presentations

2018. "Liquid Infrastructure: Tracking Petroleum as Fluvial Government in India". *Infrareg (Infrastructure as Regulation)*, New York University, New York.

2018. "Building 'Oil' in British Colonial India: a Category, an Infrastructure". *Petrocultures 2018*, University of Glasgow, Glasgow.

2015. "Oil and the Everyday in Colonial and Independent India (1880–1975)". *Ecology and Society*, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi.

2013. (Speaker and Participant). *Yamuna Future Workshop*. Goethe Institute. New Delhi.

2013 and 2011. "Yamuna River's Cultures and Ecologies". *Lewis & Clark College Study Group*. Study Tour, New Delhi.

2011. (Discussant for paper by Ramya Swayamprakash titled-) "National Natures for Development: Rivers and Engineers in Independent India". *Environmental Transformations and the Politics of Place*, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi.

2011. "Yamuna River's Cultures and Ecologies". *Harvard-India Initiative*. Amity University, NOIDA.

2011. "Yamuna River's Cultures and Ecologies". *The New York State Independent College Consortium for Study in India (NYSICCSI)*. Study Tour, New Delhi.

2011. "Yamuna River's Cultures and Ecologies". *Ambedkar University*, New Delhi.

2011. "In Search of Yamuna: Reflections on a River Lost". *Book Discussion*. India International Centre, New Delhi.

Fellowships

2009. **Scholar Programme on Best Practices of Sustainable Development**: Jal Bhagirathi Foundation (NGO), Rajasthan.

Teaching Assistantship

Introduction to Language and Culture, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University (Spring 2018)

Nationalism, Populism, Democracy, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University (Fall 2017)

Interpretation of Culture, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University (Spring 2017)

Interpretation of Culture, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University (Fall 2016)

Work Experience

Independent Researcher (July 2008 – Nov. 2009; July 2011 – July 2012)

Centre for Science & Environment, New Delhi: Research Associate, (Nov. 2009 – May 2011)

Citizen's Research Collective, New Delhi: Research Assistance Internship (April – May 2008)

Goonj (NGO), New Delhi: Programme Co-ordinator, Researcher (Sept. 2005 – May 2006)

Languages

Hindi-Urdu – Native

English – Fluent

Punjabi – Basic Conversational

Bengali – Basic Conversational