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Current Designation: Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi

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ACADEMIC RECORD

- 2008 Ph.D., Columbia University (New York)
- 2004 M.Phil., Columbia University (New York)
- 2003 M.A., Columbia University (New York)
- 2001 M.A., St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi
- 1999 B.A. (Hons.), St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi

EMPLOYMENT

- 2021 – present Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi
- 2009 – 2021 Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi
- 2008 -- 2009 Visiting Associate Fellow, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi
- 2007 -- 2008 Lecturer at New School of Social Research and New York University
- 2002 – 2008 Teaching and Research Fellow, Columbia University (New York)

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

The King's Plunder, The King's Bodies: Prize Laws, The British Empire and the Modern Legal Order (New Delhi: Tulika Books 2023; Distributed internationally by Columbia University Press)

The Infinite Double: Persons/Things: Empire/Economy (Shimla: Indian Institute of Advanced Study 2015)

Research Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

2023 "The Haunting Image of the Frozen Jew (in Christian Self-Understanding), the Self-Determining Universality of Human Reason, and Anticipating the Secular-Nation-State: From Hobbes to Kant and Beyond" *CULTURAL CRITIQUE*, Number 122, Winter 2024, pp. 162-197 (University of Minnesota Press)

2023 "The Constitutionality and Rationality of the Secular Imperative" *SOCIAL SCIENTIST* Vol. 51 September-October 2023 (Indian School of Social Sciences and Tulika Books)

2023 "Anticipating the Threat of Democratic Majoritarianism: Ambedkar on Constitutional Design and Ideology Critique, 1941–1948" *STUDIES IN INDIAN POLITICS* Vol. 11 (1) (Sage Publications)

2021 "Criminalizing unto Death as Act of Judgment and Act of War: The Suicidal Rationality of the Death Penalty" *LAW, CULTURE AND HUMANITIES*, [Online-first] Published 1 October 2021. ISSN: 1743-8721 (print); 1743-9752 (web) (SAGE Publications)

2021 "On the Deity as Juristic Personality" *NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA REVIEW* 33(1), pp. 150-180 (Student Advocate Committee, National Law School of India University, Bangalore)

2021 "Imperialism, the Organization of Knowledge and Marx" *SOCIAL SCIENTIST*, Vol. 47, pp. 17-47 (Indian School of Social Sciences and Tulika Books)

2020 "The Ethical Stakes of Critique" *CULTURAL CRITIQUE*, Vol. 107, pp. 151-165 (University of Minnesota Press)

2019 "Sovereignty, Religion and Law in the British Empire: Raja Rammohan Roy's Public Hermeneutics in His Times" *STUDIES IN HISTORY*. Vol. 32 (2) pp. 218-249 (SAGE publications)

2018 "Ambedkar's Lessons, Ambedkar's Challenges: Hinduism, Hindutva and the Indian Nation" [Special Article] *ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WEEKLY*, Vol LIII No. 4, pp. 80-92. (Sameeksha Trust, Mumbai)

2017 "The King's Plunder, The King's Justice: Sovereignty in British India 1756-1774" *STUDIES IN HISTORY*, Vol. 33 (2), pp. 151-186 (SAGE Publications)

2016 “The Amplitude of the Will and the Ruin of Culture: Peasant Insurgency and Post-Colonialism” JESUS AND MARY COLLEGE REVIEW, Vol. 1, pp. 1-37

2014 “Imagination and Freedom: Bhattacharayya, Heidegger and the Kantian Inheritance” STUDIES IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES Vol. 20, No. 1. (Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla)

2013 “Nation-State in the Age of Imperialism” ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WEEKLY (Special Article) (Sameeksha Trust; Mumbai)

2013 “The Fadeout of the Political Subject: From Locke to Mill” TELOS 162 (TELOS Press; New York)

2011 “Equality, Right and Identity: Rethinking the Contract through Hobbes and Marx” in TELOS 154 (TELOS Press; New York)

2011 “Revenue, Rent...Profit? Early British Imperialism, Political Economy and the Search for a *Differentia Specifica (inter se)*” in INDIAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY REVIEW (SAGE publications)

2011 “Time, Freedom and Mechanism in Gandhi’s *Hind Swaraj*” in JOURNAL OF INDIAN COUNCIL OF PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH (ICPR/Brill)

Chapters in Anthologies

2023 “From Carl Schmitt to Walter Benjamin: Sovereignty, Mythic-Fate and the Dialectical Leap”, Prasanta Chakravarty, Ed. *Assured Self Restive Self: Encounters with Crisis* (Bloomsbury)

2023 “Method Object Praxis: Marx and the Historians of Science” in Renny Thomas and Gita Chadha Ed. *Mapping Scientific Method: Disciplinary Narrations* (Routledge 2022)

2010 “Just Fear, Not Just Reason” *Sarai Reader* 08 (CSDS; Delhi)

Journals Edited

Editor for a Special Issue of *Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences* No. 20 No. 1 (Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla)

Selected Book Reviews

2018 Review of Rudrangshu Mukherjee’s *Twilight of Liberalism*, *The Book Review*

2018 Review of A.S.Rathore and R. Mohapatra’s *Hegel’s India*, *The Economic and Political Weekly*

2017 Review of Jakob De Roover’s *Europe India and the Limits to Secularism*, *The Economic and Political Weekly*

- 2016 Review of J. Eacott's *Selling Empire*, *The Book Review*
- 2016 Review of Shahid Amin's *Conquest and Community*, *The Book Review*
- 2015 Review of Rosalind O Hanlond's *At the Edges of Empire*, *The Book Review*
- 2013 Review of Daud Ali and Pandian Ed. *Ethical Life in South Asia, Contributions to Indian Sociology*
- 2013 Review of Manu Bhagwan Ed. *Heterotopias*, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*
- 2011 Review of Nancy Gardner Cassel's *Social Legislation of the East India Company*, *The Book Review*
- 2010 Review of Madhushree Mukerjee's *Churchill's Secret War*, *Biblio*
- 2010 Review of Kumkum Chatterjee's *Cultures of History in Early Modern India*, *The Book Review*
- 2010 Review of Shruti Kapila Ed. *An Intellectual History for India*, *The Book Review*
- 2013 Review of Sanjay Subrahmanyam's *Is Indian Civilization a Myth?*, *The Book Review*

SELECTED SEMINARS AND LECTURES

- 2021 "Ambedkar on Method: History and the Question of Experience", Invited Lecture in the K.R.Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minority Studies, December 15, 2021
- 2019 "Universal History: Subject and Event in Aristotle, Kant and Badiou" in an International Conference of the Goethe Society of India titled 'The Universal and the Particular: Contemporary perspectives on an old dispute' Jawaharlal Nehru University, 14 – 16 November 2019
- 2020 "Carl Schmitt and Walter Benjamin: Political Dictation, Aesthetic Hieroglyphics and the Adventitious Roots of Aesthetic Authority" in a National Seminar on Intersection of Verbal and Visual Arts, Centre for German Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- 2020 "Between History and Literature", Invited lecture on 15 February 2020, Hansraj College, University of Delhi
- 2019 "Between the Jewish Question and the Global Question: Kant, Hume and characterizing the moral and the legal in the 18th century" Invited Public Lecture on "Philosophy and the Public Sphere", in Smith College, Massachusetts, United States of America on 18 April, 2018
- 2019 "Empire: Sketching the Epistemic and Political Implications of an Event", Centre for Comparative Politics and Political Theory, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

2017 “Revisiting Gandhi”, Panel Discussion, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, 30 January 2017.

2016 “Criminalizing Unto Death, as Act of Judgment, Act of War“ in “Religion and Law: Colonial and Post Colonial Encounters”, International Conference at Jamia Millia Islamia.

2016 “Right, Democracy and Law”, Invited Lecture at Ambedkar University, 18 March, 2016.

2015 ‘Historical and Archival Research Methods’, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, October 19, 2015

2015 “Academic writing”, Invited Lecture in the V.V. Giri Institute National Labour Institute, 19 February, 2015.

2013 “From Thralldom to Wonder: Ranajit Guha and the Insurgent’s Manual” in Celebrating 30 Years of Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency, Workshop at Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi.

2011 Invited Presenter/Commentator for Cultural Studies Workshop on “Empire, Nation, Cosmopolitanism” (CSSSC, Calcutta, Ford Foundation and SEPHIS)

2009 Participant at the “Global Conversation for Democracy” (CSDS and Ford Foundation)

2009 “Political-Economy and Imperialism”, Part of a Panel Discussion on “The Political-Economy of Globalizing India”, Indian Social Institute, Delhi

2009 “Distinguishing between the Political and the Economic: Rethinking Imperialism in India”, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

2009 “Time, Freedom and Mechanism in Gandhi’s *Hind Swaraj*”, Centre for Zakir Hussain and Gandhi Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi

2009 “Equality, Right, Identity: Rethinking the Contract Through Hobbes and Marx”, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi (in Association with The Centre for Transcultural Studies, University of Chicago)

2009 “Natural Law and Sentiment in the European Enlightenment”, Philosophy Department, St. Stephen’s College

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2017 Cambridge-Hamied Fellow, University of Cambridge

2016 Indian Council of Social Science Research Data Collection Grant

2014 Indian Council of Historical Research Foreign Travel Grant

2013 Fellowship at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

2008-9 Visiting Associate Fellowship at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

2002 – 2008 Richard Hofstadter Fellow, History Department, Columbia University, New York

Summer 2007 Shawn Fellow, History Department, Columbia University, New York

2000 St. Stephen's College Centenary Gold Medal, St. Stephen's College, Delhi

1998 Savitri Prasada Memorial Prize ("For Regularity and the Highest Standard in Tutorial Work").

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Referee for the Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, *Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient*.

Chapters on Colonial Ideology (Modern India) in 2009 for undergraduate students for the Institute of Life Long Learning, University of Delhi