

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Present Position : Professor, Department of History, Faculty of Social
Sciences , University of Delhi.

Academic Record:

Degree	Institution	Year	Grades/Research Topic	Remarks
PhD	Centre for Historical Studies/JNU	1990	<i>Aspects of Agrarian Economy of Chhotanagpur , 1880-1950</i>	Supervisor -Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya
MPhil	CHS/JNU	1982	"Labour Migration from Chhotanagpur 1880-1920" Promoted to PhD on the basis of Coursework "A" grade(7.5GPA)	Supervisor -Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya
M.A	University of Delhi	1980	First Class (4.53 GPA/6.0).	Modern Indian History(8 Papers), History of China (6 Papers), Political Thought (2 Papers
BSc(Honours)	University of Delhi	1978	First Class . (65 percent)	Physics(Honours),Chemistry and Mathematics(Subsidiary)

Academic Appointments:

- 1) July 2009- Present. Professor , Department of History, University of Delhi.
- 2) Feb 2002-July2009- Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi.
- 3) 2010- 2011- Visiting Professor, Centre for Modern Indian Studies, (CeMis) University of Goettingen , Germany.
- 4) Feb- August 2011- Visiting Senior Research Fellow, International Centre for History of Work and Lifecycle in Global Perspective, (IGK Re: Work) Humboldt University, Berlin.Germany
- 5) (June 2009 -July 2009) Visiting Fellow MSH, Paris June-July 2009
- 6) (October – November 2008) Visiting Professor , Ecole Normale Superiore, Cachan
- 7) (May 2006-August 2006) L.M Singhvi Senior Fellow, at the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge.
- 8) (July 1998- March 2002) Visiting Faculty, Archives of Indian Labour and Integrated Labour History Research Programme, V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA
- 9)(1997-1998)CLARA Post Doctoral Fellowship, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam on “ Industrialisation and Work Culture : A History of Industrial Relations in India “
- 10) (Nov 1994-Dec 1996) Post Doctoral Research Fellowship at the International Institute of Asian Studies in Leiden and Research Centre Religion and Society, University of Amsterdam, On Indian Labour Diaspora in the West Indies.
- 11)(June-September 1994) Charles Wallace Fellow at the Centre for South Asian Studies, School of Asian and African Studies, London.
- 9) (September 1993- June 1994) Research Fellow in the Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University on a project on "Comparative History of Indentured Labour Systems in Assam and the West Indies, 1840- 1920.
- 12) (July1989- July 1993) Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Fellowship in July 1989 on a project entitled "Industrialisation and Consciousness".

Teaching and Research Supervision: At Delhi University and other universities I have taught a wide range of courses on Economic and Social History of India and Global History . Currently I teach Masters level courses on Economic History of Modern India 1850-1950 and Labour History of Modern India and a Global history

course on “ Slaves ,Coolies and “Free” Labor” A History of Servitude 1500-2000” since 2011.

I took active part in curricular revision and redesigning of courses at the undergraduate and and Post graduate level in 2004, 2010, 2016, 2019 . I designed the undergraduate Environmental History Course, and the post graduate Global History of Servitude Course.

I have supervised 15 PhD and 25 MPhil students `dissertations on topics including themes in Economic History of Artisanal production, Labour History, Migration history and Education history . Currently Six PhD students and 4 MPhil students are doing re- search under my supervision.

Research area and Consultancy:

My research has been on Transnational Labour History, History of Labour Market formation, History of Labour Regulation in South Asia , Global Migration History, History of Indian Labor Diaspora, Economic and Social History of Modern South Asia, Digital Archiving and Documentation of Social movements.

I have done consultancy work related to Labour market and forced labour with Asian Development Bank(2005) , the Ministry of Labour in India (2005-2010) and ILO (2014, 2017, 2018,2019)and World Bank(2015) on Industrial Relations, International Migration, Employment Policy, Technology and Impact on world of work etc.

I was invited to consult on historical documentation project and author the Centenary Volume on ILO and India Cooperation in 2019 entitled “ India and ILO: Chronicle of a Shared Journey 1919-2019”(ILO, Geneva 2019)

Academic organizational activities and membership of academic bodies:

Founder member and Secretary Association of Indian Labour Historians since 1996. In that capacity organised 12 International Conferences on Labour History at New Delhi/ Noida , VVGiri National Labour Institute, since 1998.

Member Joint Advisory Committee, Integrated Labour History Research Programme and Archives of Indian Labour, 1998-present. Organised and setup the first fully digital labour history archives in India at VVG NLI since 2002.

Member,(Delhi University Representative) Inter-university Global History Network (with Harvard University, University of Sao Paulo, IISH Amsterdam, East China Normal University Sanghai and Cheikh Anton Diop University of Dakar, Senegal) hosted by the Weatherhead Initiative on Global History(WIGH), Harvard University Organized at Delhi University International Conference in 2017 December

Member, Labour Module of the R. N. Tagore- Merian Centre of Advanced Studies, (ICAS), Delhi.

Contributing Editor “ Labour: Studies in Working Class Histories” , Duke University Press, NC. 2017-present

Contributing Editor: “International Review of Social History”, Cambridge University Press 2010-2013

Publications:

Books

1. ***India and The ILO: Chronicle of a Shared Journey,1919-2019, Geneva, 2019***

2.(Coedited with Marcel van der Linden) ***Labour Matters: Towards Global Histories, Tulika Books, New Delhi 2009***

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(Forthcoming)

3)" ***Ecology, Economy and Migration: A History of the Jharkhand region 1880-1950***" for publication with Primus Books, New Delhi

Research Publications:

- 1) “Evolution of Labour Laws” in A,V Jose (ed) *Labour Regulations in India, GIFT, Trivandrum* October 2020.
- 2) “On Home ,Work and Personhood” ,in Felicitas Henstchke (ed)*To be at Home:House, Work and Self, De Gruyter, Oldenberg.*2018
- 3) “Dialogues Across Borders”(co authored with Chitra Joshi and Rana P Behal) in *On the Road to Global Labour History*(ed)_Karl Heinz Roth ,Brill, Leiden and Boston, 2018
- 4) “Some Notes on Technology and its impact on the World of Work” in “ A Reflection on the Future of Work and Society”, ILO, Geneva, 2017.
- 5) “Regulated Informality:Legal Construction of Labour Relations in Colonial India 1814-1926” in Andreas Eckert (ed)Global Histories of Work, De Gruyter,Oldenberg. September 2016,
- 6) “Unravelling the Puzzle”, Seminar, No 669, ,Special Issue on “Re-forming Labour Laws”, May 1,2015.
- 7) ”Les contradictions des contrats”. Les origines des relations du travail dans l’Inde Coloniale du XIXe siècle in Alessandro Stanziani (ed) Le travail contraint. Europe Asie.XVIIe-XXe siècles , MSH, Paris, 2010
- 8) ” Introduction” in Marcel van der Linden and P.Mohapatra (ed) *Labour Matters: Towards Global Histories* , Tulika Books, New Delhi 2009

- 9) "From Contract to Status? Or How Law Shaped Labour Relations in Colonial India 1770-1880" in Breman, Jan, Isabelle Guerin and Aseem Prakash (ed) India's Unfree Labourforce, OUP, New Delhi 2009.
- 10) "Eurocentrism, Forced Labour and Global Migration. A Critical Assessment" International Review of Social History, CUP, No 1, Vol52, 2007
- 11) "Following Custom? : Representations of Community among Indian Immigrant Labour in the West Indies, 1880-1920" in International Review of Social History, No 4, Vol51, 2006
- 12)(Co authored with T.C.A Anant, R.Hasan, R Nagraj and S.Sasikumar)
"Labor Markets in India: Issues and Perspectives" (Author of the Section on Labour Law and Trends in Industrial Relations) in Labor Markets in Asia : Issues and Perspectives (ed) Jesus Felipe and Rana Hasan, Palgrave MacMillan, New York, 2006.)
- 13)"Regulated Informality: Legal Construction of Labour Relations in Colonial India 1814-1926" in Workers in Informal Sector: Studies in Labour History 1800-2000 (ed Sabyasachi Bhattacharya and Jan Lucassen), Macmillan 2005
- 14)" Assam and the West Indies: 1860-1920 : Immobilising Plantation Labour" in D.Hay and P.Craven (ed) Masters, Servants and Magistrates in British Empire: Criminalisation of Free Labour 16th-20th Century, University of North Carolina Press (American Law Library Series) 2004.
- 15)" A Short Note on a Long View on Labour Mobility in India 1880-1990" in Labour and Development, NOIDA, July, 2004.
- 16) " The Hosay Massacre of 1884: Class and Community among Indian Labourers in Trinidad" in Marcel van der Linden and A.N Das (ed) Work and Social Change in South Asia Festschrift volume for Professor Jan Breman, Manohar New Delhi 2002.
- 17)"Situating the Renewal: Reflections on Labour Studies in India" in Labour and Development, NOIDA, Dec 1999.
- 18) "Longing and Belonging":The Dilemma of Return among Indian Immigrants in the West Indies 1860-1940" in International Institute of Asian Studies Year Book 1995 Leiden 1995.
- 19)"Restoring the Family: Wife Murders and the Making of a Sexual Contract for Indian Indentured Labourers in the British Caribbean Colonies" in Studies in History, Vol. 10, No 2, 1995, Sage New Delhi.
- 20)(Coauthored with Rana P. Behal) "Tea and Money versus Human Lives: The Rise and Fall of Indentured system in Assam Tea Plantations 1840-1908. "in Journal of Peasant Studies, Vol, No2 1992, Frank Cass, London. The same article has been published in Plantations, Peasants and Proletarians in Colonial Asia ed) E. Valentine Daniel, Henry Bernstein, and Tom Brass 1992, Frank Cass, London.

21) "Agricultural Production in Chotanagpur 1890-1950" in Sumit Guha (ed) Agricultural Productivity in Colonial India 1992, OUP, New Delhi .

22)"Some Aspects of Expansion of the Arable in Chotanagpur 1880- 1950" in Economic and Political Weekly, April 1991.

23)"Land and Credit Market in Chotanagpur1880-1940" in Studies in History, NS, Vol 7, No1, ,Sage, New Delhi, 1991.

24)"Class Conflict and Agrarian Regimes in Chotanagpur 1860-1950" in Indian Economic and Social History Review, Vol. No. 1991 Sage, New Delhi.

25) "Village Communities in Jharkhand" (Tr in Hindi) in Jharkhand Darshan, Vol1 No 5,, Chaibasa, 1990.

26)"Forests of Chotanagpur" in Frontier, Calcutta. April 1990.

27)"Coolies and Colliers: The Agrarian Context of Labour Migration from Chotanagpur 1880-1920 "in Studies in History, New series, vol. 1, No.2, Sage, New Delhi 1985.

Working Papers(Selected)

1) "Global History of Informality: An Outline" (For Global History Network, WIGH, Harvard University, August 2020.

2) Politics of Representation In the Indian Labour Diaspora: West Indies 1860-1920", Working Paper Series No 38, V. V. Giri National Labour Institute,2004.

3) "Migration and the Formation of Labour Market in Colonial India 1830-1940", in the Writing Labour History program at the VVGIRI National Labour Institute, 2000.

4) "Asian Labour: Culture, Consciousness and Representations- Notes for Possible Research" Working Paper Series I of the International Collaborative Project at the IISH, Amsterdam October 1997.

5) " Changing Labour Relations in Contemporary Asia: Towards a Research Agenda." Status Paper of International Collaborative Project at the International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam. October 1996.

Lectures and Presentations (Selected)

1) " On Genealogy of Labour Law in India". Lecture at German Historical Institute, London , July 12, 2022.

2)"Displaced Destinies: Tales and Travails of Indian Labour Migration" Inaugural address at the Winter School, GRS, Delhi University, February 22 , 2021.(Webinar)

- 3) "Global History of Informality: An Outline" Paper presented at the "Global History Globally" Web Seminar August 16 2020."
- 4) "Evolution of Labour Law in India" in Webinar on " Labour Regulations in India organized by Gulati Institute of Finance and Trade, (GIFT), Trivandrum, June 2020. .
- 5) 'Informal Labour: A Global History', in Perspectives on Labour Course, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, IIT Madras, 14 February 2020.
- 6) Notes on Technology and its impact on the World of Work: A View from India", presented at the " Future of Work" Seminar , ILo, Turin. Septembet 17-22 Turin.
- 7) " Indian Labour Migration in Global History Perspective: Coolie and Kangany Migration Compared 1840-1940" at WIGH seminar Harvard University, April 27 2015.
- 8) "Social History in India :Changing Contours" at the First Conference of International Social History Group, Vitznau, Switzerland. June 21-25, 2013.
- 9) "State, Labor Movement and Labor Law in India" in the Conference on " Agenda of Transformative Politics: Indian and Scandinavian Perspective" , Oslo, May 5-9, 2013
- 10) "A Moving Target: The Worker in the Mirror of Law in India" presented at the conference " Thinking Through Law: South Asian Histories and Legal Archives" at NMML, New Delhi April 2013.
- 11) "Shifting Boundaries of Freedom: Genealogies of Informalisation and Informal Labor in India" at the Conference on Free and Forced Labor In Global History held at Re Work , Humboldt University ,Berlin March 2012.
- 12) " Antinomies of Contract" Genealogies of Labour Relations in Colonial India" presented at the 7th International Conference on Labour History ,VVGiri National Labour Institute, NOIDA, India March 27-29 2008.
- 13) " From Contract to Status? Or How Law shaped Labour Relations in Colonial India 1800-1920? Presented at the Law and Society Annual Conference, 2007 Berlin
- 14) " Labour Law and the Question of Labour Market Rigidity in India: 1970-2000" presented at the 6th International Conference on Labour History ,Association of Indian Labour Historians , New Delhi India , November 1-3 2006
- 15) " What is Colonial about Colonial Labour Law"? at the Round Table on Colonial Law in India at Annual Conference of Law and Society Association , Baltimore July 2006.
- 16) " Forging Identity: Representation of Community among Indian Labourers in the West Indies 1860-1920 " at the SEPHIS Conference on Labour Migration an Earlier phase of Globalisation, Xiamen University April 2004.

17)" Regulated Informality: Legal Construction of Labour Relations in Colonial India" in SEPHIS Conference on "Return of the Marginals" held at El Colegio De Mexico in June 2001

18)"All Our Fleece was Dry: the 1958 TISCO Strike", Paper presented at the Second International Conference of Association of Indian Labour Historians. March 2000

19)" Asian Labour: Culture Consciousness and Representations" in the 2nd Workshop on " Changing Labour Relations in Contemporary Asia" held at Manila in October 23-25 1997 by the International Collaborative project of the International Institute of Social History

20)" Muharram in the Indian Diaspora- Evolution and Decline of a Community Festival among Indian Immigrants 1850-1940" in the International Conference on "Communalism and Migration " at University of Edinburgh in June 19-21 1997.

21)Research Agenda and Status paper for the Collaborative International Project on "Changing Labour Relations in Contemporary Asia" at a Workshop held in the International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam on October 15 1996.

22)Research paper "Immobilising Labour: Evolution and Enforcement of Indenture Laws in Assam and the West Indies" at the International conference on "Masters and Servants Law in the British Empire" held at the University of Toronto in April 1996.

23)Research paper " Longing and Belonging: The Dilemma of Returnees from the West Indies 1880-1947" at the International Conference on "Challenges of Indian Diaspora" held at University of West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad in August 1995.

24)Research paper "The Muharram Massacre of 1884: Class and Community among Indian Immigrant Labour in Trinidad" at a Conference on Indian Labour History organised by International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam in September 1995 and the Centre of South Asian Studies and Wolfson College, Cambridge University in May 1995.

25)Research paper on the " Indian Labour Diaspora to the West Indies" at a Conference on " Indian Diaspora in the West" at Department of South Asian Studies, University Of California, Los Angeles in June 1994.

26) Research paper entitled " The Crime of Wife Murders among Indian Immigrant labour in Trinidad and British Guyana" at a conference on "Crime and Labour" at Founders College, York University ,Toronto, organised by Prof Douglas Hay of Osgoode Hall Law School in April 1994.

27) Research paper on Family Formation among Indian Immigrant labour in the West Indies at the Annual Conference on Labour Law and Family held at the Pembroke Centre for Women's Studies, Brown University on March 18, 1994.

28) Presented, at the Colloquium of Program In Agrarian Studies, Yale University in March 1994 a paper entitled "Restoring the Family: Evolution of Marriage Laws for Indian Immigrant Labour in the British West Indies"

29) Presented a paper at the conference on Capitalist Plantations in Colonial Asia organised by the Centre for Asian Studies in Amsterdam (CASA) and SSRC New York at Amsterdam in September 1990 "Rise and Fall of Free Emigration in Assam 1880-1908"

Grants and Awards:

Received the ICAS Senior Researcher Award for Research at German Historical Research Institute, London . June-August 2022.

Received the National Science Foundation Travel Grant for participation at the Conference of Law and Society Association in 2006, July Baltimore, 2008 May , Montreal and Berlin July 2009.

L.M Singhvi Senior Fellowship , Cambridge University, UK, 2006 May

Received the British Council visitors grant in 1993 and 2001 for research in the UK Archives and Libraries

Received the Wenner Gren Foundation in Anthropology Post Doctoral Grant to conduct Field work in Trinidad and Guyana in 1994.

Dame Lillian Penson Fellowship at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London Dec94-Feb 95 to conduct research on the Voyages of the Coolie Ships to the West Indies 1850-1917.

