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Designation		Assistant Professor				
Department		SOCIOLOGY				
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Education						
Subject		Institution		Year	Details	
Economics (Honours)		BJB college, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar		1994 - 1997	B.A	
Political Science (Pass)						
Sociology		Department of Sociology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar		1997-1999	M. A Specialization: Sociology of Development and Modernization	

Sociology	CSSS/SSS, JNU, New Delhi	2000 - 2001	M. Phil Dissertation on: Dalit Protest Movement(s): A Study in Hegemony, Equality and Identity
Sociology	Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi	pursuing	Ph. D Thesis Working on: Koshal Movement in Western Odisha: A Sociological Analysis

Career Profile

Organisation / Institution	Designation	Duration	Role
Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007	Permanent Lecturer (Currently designated as Assistant Professor)	since July 15, 2002 till date	Teaching and Research at Post-Graduation level

Research Interests / Specialization

- History, Politics and Sociology of (Indian) Sociology/Social Anthropology
- Social Stratification with special interests on Indian Caste System and Afro-American Racism
- Dalit Culture, Literature and Movement(s)
- Exclusion, Discrimination, Marginality and Subaltern Studies
- Rural Sociology, Economy, Culture and Polity
- Sociology of Poverty, Development and Democracy
- Sociology of Colonialism, Modernization and Globalization

Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught)

Since July 2002 till date, I have offered the following courses at the Post-Graduate (MA)

level in the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi:

- Sociology of India
- Social Stratification
- Sociology of Development
- Sociological Theories
- Political Sociology
- Economic Sociology
- Sociology of Organizations

In addition to teaching these courses, I've tutored different groups of students (both M.A Previous as well as M.A Final) over the period in various other courses including Religion and society, Sociology of Family, Kinship and Marriage, Gender and Society, Urban Sociology, Population and Society, Industrial Sociology, Sociology of Education etc.

Honors & Awards

- National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lectureship in Sociology under University Grants Commission (UGC), Government of India, December 1999.
- Doctoral Fellowship by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Govt. of India, 2002.

Books / Monographs

Publications

Co-Author

Currently
working for
three books to
be published
soon:

1) *Hundred
Years of Indian
Sociology
(1914-2014):
Looking Back,
Looking
Forward*

2) Decasting

Dalits:

*Hegemony,
Equality and
Identity*

3) Decoding

Development:

*Discourses,
Dynamics and
Dilemmas*

In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals

<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Journal</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>
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Articles

- “Cultural Politics in Hindu Society and Identity Crisis among Educated Dalits”, *Mainstream*, New Delhi, April, 17, 1999, pp. 9-13.
- “Revamping Panchayati Raj Institutions: Towards an Alternative Development Paradigm”, *The Fourth World*, NISWASS, Bhubaneswar, Number 9, April 1999.
- “The People, the Panchayat and the Perplexity: A Report from the Field”, *The Fourth World*, NISWASS, Bhubaneswar, No. 11, April 2000.
- “Tryst with Poverty: Saga of Kalahandi”, *Mainstream*, New Delhi, April 21, 2001, pp. 11-13.
- “Between Two Worlds: The Popular Culture of Bajnias”, *Smaranika*, 2002, LokMahotsav, Department of Tourism and Culture, Govt. of Orissa and District Council of Culture, Sambalpur, pp. 146-49.
- “Jagannath Revisited: Studying Society, Religion and the State in Orissa” (Book Review) *Social Scientist* (376-377), Vol.33, No.9-10, September-October 2004, pp. 84-87.
- “Globalization and its Impact on Dalits”, in Tapan Biswal (ed), *Human Rights, Gender and Environment*, Viva Books, New Delhi, 2006, pp. 21-39.
- “Caste, Class, Gender and Ethnicity as Distinct Categories and their Interconnections” (with Hemanta Kumar Bhattu), in Tapan Biswal (ed). *Human Rights, Gender and*

Environment, Viva Books, New Delhi, 2006, pp. 3 -19.

- “Globalization and its Impact on Dalits” (in **Hindi**), in Tapan Biswal (ed) *Human Rights, Gender and Environment*, Viva Books, New Delhi, 2008, pp. 21-36.
- “Caste, Class, Gender and Ethnicity as Distinct Categories and their Interconnections” (in **Hindi**) (with Hemanta Kumar Bhattu), in Tapan Biswal (ed). *Human Rights, Gender and Environment*, Viva Books, New Delhi, 2008, pp. 3 -19.

Conference Presentations

- Organized and co-ordinated the seminar on behalf of Orissa Sanskrutika Parishad (OSP), J.N.U., New Delhi, and presented a paper entitled “Orissa 2000: Development and Discontents”, 1st April, 2000 on the auspices of *Utkal Divas*, the State Foundation Day.
- Presented a paper “Politics of Globalism: A Hegemonic Discourse on Nation, Community and Humanity”, in an International collaborative Conference on “Limits of Cultural Globalization” held in Institute for Sociology, University of Freiburg, Germany during 26th June- 3rd July 2000.
- Presented a paper “Between Two Worlds: Indian *Dalits* in Global Era” organized by Departments of Politics and Indology, University of Leipzig, Germany 13th July 2000.
- Acted as a volunteer and actively participated in the week-long Indo-German workshop on “Society and Culture in the Era of Globalization” organized by Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, J.N.U., New Delhi and Albert Ludwig University, Freiburg, Germany during 6th -12th October, 2000.
- Presented a paper “Panchayati Raj and Participatory Development” in a National seminar on “Development Interventions”, organized by Odisha Gabeshana Chakra (OGC), Khariar Chapter and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) during 12th -14th January 2002.
- Presented a paper “Rethinking Globalization: A Perspective from Below’ in an International Conference on “Rethinking Sociology: The Indian Context”, in Honour of Prof. T.K. Oommen, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, J.N.U., New Delhi, 21st -23rd October, 2002.
- Presented a paper “Between Two Worlds: The Popular Culture of Bajnias”, in a workshop on ‘Fieldwork Methodology and Ethnographic Writing’, organized by Ph. D Study Group, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, 7th March 2003.
- Participated as a discussant in the Symposium on “Role of Casteism in Indian Politics”, organized by Diwan Chand Institute of National Affairs, LalaDiwan Chand Trust in collaboration with India International Centre, Delhi, 27th March 2004

- Presented a paper “From Promises to Performance: The Common and the Minimum for United Progressive Alliance (UPA) Government” in a workshop on “Common Minimum Programme”, organized by Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), Delhi on the auspices of their Golden Jubilee celebrations on 3rd September 2004.
- Presented a paper “Dalitizing Development: A Plea for Contextualization”, in a National Convention on *Wada Na Todo Abhiyan* held in Indian Social Institute, New Delhi on 4th-5th November 2004.
- Participated in the two-day seminar on “Dynamics of Indian Society: Stratification and Change” felicitating Prof. K.L. Sharma, organized by the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, J.N.U., New Delhi on 19th-20th November 2004.
- Presented a paper “Recasting Rendo: History, Society and Politics (1803-2003)”, in the UGC sponsored National seminar on Society, Culture and Ideology: Perspectives from History and Literature, organized by Apeejay Saraswati P.G. College for Girls, Charkhi Dadri, District Bhiwani, Haryana on 29th – 30th November 2004.
- Participated in a Digital Video Conference on the issue of “Affirmative Action in India and in the United States” organized by Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi and Prof. William A. Darity Jr. (Sandy), Cary C. Boshamer Professor of Economics and Adjunct Faculty in Sociology at UNC, Chapel Hill which was held at the American Centre, 24 Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi on 9th February 2005 during 6.00-8.00 P.M.
- Participated in a National seminar on “Globalization, Socio-Economic Changes and Empowerment of the Marginalized: Issues, Strategies and Prospects”, organized by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, J.N.U., New Delhi on 29th -30th March 2005.
- Participated in an International conference on “The Distinctiveness of Indian Democracy”, organized by Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi on 8th – 9th April 2005.
- Participated in an international workshop on “Impact of Globalization on National Firms: The case of India and China in a Comparative Perspective”, organized by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi, Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi, CERNA, Paris, London School of Economics (LSE), London and India International Centre, New Delhi on 12th-13th December 2005.
- Presented a paper “Whose State? Whose Development?: Rethinking “Development” from People’s Perspective” in the Delhi School of Economics-London School of Economics collaborative workshop on ‘The State and Society’, organized by Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi during 14th- 16th December 2005.
- Participated as a discussant in a workshop on “The Development of Oral History” organized

by the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in collaboration with Public Affairs Section, US Embassy, New Delhi on 12th January 2006.

- Participated in a National seminar on “In Defense of Globalization: An India Perspective” organized by Sri Ram Centre for Industrial Relations and Human Resources in collaboration with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Federation House, New Delhi on 18th January 2006.
- Participated in an International seminar on “Composite Culture in a Multicultural Society”, organized by National Book Trust (NBT), India, New Delhi on the auspices of 17th New Delhi World Book Fair during 28th-29th January 2006.
- Participated as a panelist in the workshop for SC/ST Students on “Challenges and Remedies”, organized by Dyal Singh College, University of Delhi on 15th February 2006.
- Spoke on “National Rural Employment Guarantee Act - 2005: Importance and Implications for Orissa”, in a seminar organized by Orissa Jagaran Avijan (OJA), JNU Chapter, School of International Studies, New Delhi on 24th March 2006.
- Participated as a discussant in the 17th Grassroots Politics Colloquium on Tribals’ Forest Land Rights organized by Developing Countries Research Centre (DCRC), University of Delhi during 15th-16th April 2006.
- Participated as a discussant in the release and discussion of “Millennium Development Goals and Dalits: A Status Report” prepared and organized by National Conference of Dalit Organizations (NACDOR), New Delhi on 17 August 2006 held in India International Centre.
- Participated as a discussant (for the session on ‘Religion, Reservation and Caste: Rethinking Backwardness of India’s Minorities’) in the Round Table on “De-politicizing Backwardness: Alternative Approaches” organized by Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics in collaboration with National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India during 29th-30th August 2006.
- Chaired one session during the two-day international conference on “European and Non-European Paradigms” organized by Society for Social Research, Delhi in collaboration with Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi during 18th-19th January 2007.
- Participated as a discussant (for the session on “Tribes and Land Rights”) in the 18th Grassroots Politics Colloquium on “Agrarian Crisis in India”, organized by Developing Countries Research Center (DCRC), University of Delhi, during 9th-10th March 2007.
- Presented a paper entitled “Captive Dalit Identity and the Failure of Indian Modernity: A Quest for an Alternative”, in the two-day national seminar on ‘Dalits in Contemporary India:

Discrimination and Assertion' organized by Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Centre for the Study of Social System, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, during 14th-15th March 2007.

- Presented a paper on “Struggle of Indian Dalits with specific reference to their Material Conditions and Cultural Questions” in the panel on ‘Contemporary Challenges and Peoples Movements’ during a two-day workshop organized by Lok Shakti Abhiyan and Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, 14th -15th April 2007.
- Gave a talk on “Buddhist Economics and the Philosophy of Gross National Happiness” in a discussion organized by Department of Philosophy, Zakir Hussain College, University of Delhi in collaboration with Santhigiri Social Research Institute and Santhigiri Scientific and Industrial Research Institute, Delhi branch on Navajyothishree Karunakara Guru and the Prophecy of Buddha, University Activity Centre, University of Delhi on 18th February 2008.
- Presented a paper on “From Imagi(N)ation to Alter(N)ation and Beyond: The case of the Koshal Movement in Western Orissa” in 19th Grassroots Politics Colloquium on ‘Identity and Politics in India’, organized by Developing Countries Research Centre (DCRC), University of Delhi during 22nd-23rd February 2008.
- Participated in the workshop on ‘Studying Ambedkar: Issues in Methodology’ organized by Programme for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in collaboration with Dalit Intellectual Collective (DIC), Mumbai during 6th-7th March 2008.
- Presented a paper entitled “Situating Dalit Discourse in and above Indian Sociology: A Footnote to the Disciplinary History, Politics and Sociology” in the Friday Research Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi on 5th September 2008.
- Presented a paper on “Disciplining Location, Dis/locating Discipline: Problems and Possibilities in Indian Sociology and Social Anthropology” in the Golden Jubilee seminar ‘Location in the 21st Century: The Possible Futures of Sociology and Social Anthropology’, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi during 25th-27th February, 2009.
- Actively participated as chief Rapporteur and Discussant (both in the Introductory as well as Valedictory sessions) in an international Seminar on “Challenges of Development in North East India: Issues and Concerns”, organized by Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi during 3rd – 4th November 2011.
- Participated in the national seminar on “Terrains of Change: City, Citizenship and Inequalities in Emerging India” organized on 18th October 2013 by the Centre for the study

of Social System, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi in Honour of Prof. Dipankar Gupta.

- Presented a paper “Caste, Village and Indian Nation: Ambedkar’s Alternative Imaginations” during a Panel Discussion on “Ambedkar’s Philosophy and Nation Building” organized by Swami Sraddhanand College, University of Delhi, Delhi on the occasion of 125th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R Ambedkar on 14th April 2016.
- Participated in the ICSSR sponsored 2-day workshop on “Ethnography of the Marginalized: A Critical Inquiry” organized by the Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi during 27th -28th April 2016.

Organised Seminars, Lectures and Conferences:

- Organized and co-ordinated the seminar on behalf of Orissa Sanskrutika Parishad (OSP), J.N.U., New Delhi on “Orissa 2000: Problems and Prospects” on 1st April 2000 on the auspices of *Utkal Divas*, the State Foundation Day.
 - Organized and moderated a dialogue on “Does Development Produce Equality?” initiated by the political philosopher C. Douglas Lummis and eminent sociologist Prof. T. K Oommen, JNU, New Delhi on behalf of Society for Social Research (SSR), Delhi in collaboration with V.K.R.V Rao Hostel, University of Delhi on 29th September 2005.
 - Organised a discussion on behalf of Society for Social Research (SSR), Delhi with Prof. Jean Dreze, Member, National Advisory Council (Common Minimum Programme of UPA Government) on ‘Right to Work and Employment Guarantee Act 2005’ on 18th December 2005.
 - Organised and moderated a special lecture on ‘Healing in the Marketplace’ by Prof. Veena Das, Chair, Department of Anthropology, John Hopkins University, Baltimore in the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi in collaboration with Society for Social Research (SSR), Delhi on 17th January 2006.
 - Organised a discussion on ‘Edward Said’s Conception of Public Intellectual’ initiated by Prof. Ramin Jahanbegloo, Rajni Kothari Chair in Democracy, Centre for Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi, and Dr. Rabindra Ray, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi on 24th January 2006.
 - Organized and moderated a dialogue on “Global Multiculturalism” initiated by Prof. Jan Nederveen Pieterse, University of Illinois and Prof. Imtiaz Ahmad, political sociologist, JNU on behalf of Society for Social Research (SSR), Delhi and VKRV Rao Hostel,

University of Delhi on 9th November 2006.

- Co-ordinated a two-day international conference on “European and Non-European Paradigms” organized by Society for Social Research (SSR), Delhi in collaboration with Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi during 18th-19th January 2007.
- Organized a two-day workshop on “Exploring Marginalities” in the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi during 25th – 26th March 2010.
- Organized a special lecture on “A Moral Critique of Development” with Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri, Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai on 6th February 2014.
- Organized a discussion on “Dams and Development Discourse in North-East India” with Prof. Chandan Sharma, Department of Sociology, Tezpur University on 4th March 2014.
- Organized a discussion on “East-Asian Model of Development With special reference to Singapore” with M. Rajaretnam, Director, Asian Dialogue Society and Special Advisor to former Secretary General, ASEAN on 11th March 2015.
- Organized a special lecture on “Niyamgiri Movement and the Aluminium Cartel” with Felix Padel, an eminent Anthropologist and Activist, on 18th August 2015.

Total Publication Profile (optional)

Books

In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals

Articles

Conference Presentations

Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity

- Served as Resident Tutor (RT), VKRV Rao Hostel, a dedicated Hostel for students of Delhi School of Economics (DSE) and Faculty of Management Studies (FMS) University of Delhi, since 18th August 2003 till 7th February 2012.
- Member of various Departmental Committees such as M.A Admission Committee, M.A Examination Committee (Superintendent), Scholarships Committee, Foreign Students Exchange Committee, Joint Students-Teachers Committee (JSTC), Library Committee, Affirmative Action Committee, Syllabus Revision Committee, Committee of Courses for both Undergraduate as well as Post-Graduate courses.
- Member, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Delhi.
- Member, Advisory Group as a Subject Expert for reviewing NCERT Text Books (Class XIth

& XIIth).

- Have the experience of officiating as Head of the Department (HOD) of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi from time to time.
- Member-Observer, Selection Committees for appointment of both teaching and non-teaching positions in the colleges and Departments under University of Delhi.
- Member, Governing Body, DU Library System.
- Faculty Advisor, Delhi School of Economics Students Union, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.
- Returning Officer to conduct the election for Office Bearers of Reids Line Residents' Welfare Association (RWA), Reids Line, University Staff Quarters, University of Delhi, 2014.
- NAAC Nodal Officer, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, 2015-16.
- Subject Expert (Sociology) to preview and validate E-Contents of B.A Sociology courses, Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC), Inter-University Accelerator Center (IUAC), an autonomous Research Centre of UGC, New Delhi.

Professional Societies Memberships

- Member, Globalization Study Circle, JNU, New Delhi
- Founder-Member, Sociologists in Dialogue (SID), JNU, New Delhi
- Member, Odisha Gabeshana Chakra (OGC) both Odisha as well as Delhi chapters
- Founder-Member, Koshal Development Forum (KDF), New Delhi
- Founder-Member, Society for Social Research (SSR), Delhi

Projects (Major Grants / Collaborations)

Other Details

Interviews, Consultations and Public Opinions

- Gave an interview on "Caste, Conversion and Colonization" to Pierre Desorgues for *Reforme*, a French Journal's 15th June 2006 edition.
- Gave an interview on "Caste and Conversion" (with specific reference to Dalit Christians) for Centre for Research, Planning and Action (CEPRA), New Delhi, which was circulated as a Background Paper during the workshop on "Socio-Economic and

Educational Status of Christians” organized in collaboration with National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM), Govt. of India on 10th August 2006.

- Conducted an interview with Jan Nederveen Pieterse (Prof. of Sociology, University of Illinois and author of the celebrated book on *Development Theory: Deconstructions/Reconstructions*, 2001), on “Discourses, Dynamics and Dilemmas of Development” on behalf of Society for Social Research (SSR), Delhi, which has been duly acknowledged in the second revised edition of the book brought out by Sage Publications, London, 2010.
- Contributed as an Advisor in the preparation of a Status Report on “Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Dalits” prepared by National Conference of Dalit Organizations (NACDOR), New Delhi, 2006.
- Gave an intensive interview on “Situating Dalit Perspective in Indian Sociology/Anthropology” to Hoda Bandeh-Ahmadi, a Research Scholar from Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, College of Literature, Science and Arts, Ann Arbor, USA working on ‘Anthropology of Anthropology/Sociology in India’ under the supervision of Prof. Gillian Freeley-Harnik on 24th July 2015.
- Occasionally contribute to both print as well as electronic media on various social/sociological issues in general and on caste/Dalit questions in particular.