



## University Faculty Details Page on DU Web-site

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Designation	Bhairabi Prasad Sahu					
Department	History					
Address (Campus) (Residence)	Social Science Faculty, University of Delhi, Delhi - 110007					
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<b>Education</b>						
Subject	Institution	Year	Details			
M.A.	University of Delhi	1978				
M. Phil	University of Delhi	1980				
Ph.D.	University of Delhi	1985				
<b>Career Profile</b>						
Organisation / Institution	Designation	Duration	Role			
Sri Venkateswara College	Lecturer	1982-88				
Department of History	Reader	1988				
Department of History	Professor	Since 1998				
<b>Research Interests / Specialization</b>						
Historiography, Social and Economic history of ancient and early medieval India, Political processes and structure of polities in early India with greater focus on Odisha and adjoining regions, and archaeology.						
<b>Teaching Experience ( Subjects/Courses Taught)</b>						
Social and Economic history of India up to the Guptas; Social and Economic history of Early medieval India (600-1300 CE); Prehistory and Protohistory of India, Historiography of Early India; Early Historical Archaeology of Peninsular India; and History of Early Greece						
<b>Honors &amp; Awards</b>						
President of Ancient Indian History, Indian History Congress, 2003; Presided over the Ancient and Historiography section at the Punjab and Andhra Pradesh History Congresses respectively; and served as President Uttarakhand History and Culture Association						
<b>Publications (LAST FIVE YEARS)</b>						
<b>Books / Monographs</b>						
<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>			
2013	<i>The Changing Gaze: Regions and the Constructions of Early India</i>	Oxford Univ. Press				
2014						
2015	<i>Interrogating Political Systems: Integrative Processes and States in Pre-modern India, (edited)</i>	Manohar Publishers	With Hermann Kulke			
	<i>Society and Culture in Post- Mauryan India, c. 200 BC- AD 300 (Paperback 2016)</i>	Tulika Books				

## Peer Reviewed Journals

2017, 'Dynastic Rule and Religious Ritual: A Study of the Sulkis in Early Medieval Odisha', *Studies in People's History*, vol. 4(1), June 2017, pp. 24-31.

2016, 'Writing Alternative Histories: The Case of Early India', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 30 April, 2016, pp. 31-37.

2015, 'Markets, Merchants and Towns in Early Medieval Odisha', *Studies in People's History*, 2(1), June 2015, pp. 9-20.

2015, 'From Regional Histories to Histories of the Regions and Beyond', *Social Scientist*, March-April 2015, pp. 33-48.

2014, 'Regions from the Perspective of Changing Perceptions of Early India', *Indian Historical Review*, 41(1), June 2014, pp. 1-17.

2012, 'Recent Perspectives of the State and Debates in Early Indian History', *Indian Historical Review*, December 2012, 39(2), pp. 145-62.

## Articles

### 2017

'Dynastic Rule and Religious Ritual: A Study of the Sulkis in Early Medieval Odisha', *Studies in People's History*, vol. 4(1), June 2017, pp. 24-31.

### 2016

'Writing Alternative Histories: The Case of Early India', Presidential Address, Historiography section, Andhra Pradesh History Congress, Srisailam, 2015, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 30 April, 2016, pp. 31-7; also in *PAPHC*, 2016, pp. 363-72.

'Engagement, Interactions and the Changing Contours of Odishan Historiography', *Journal of Odishan History*, XXVIII, December 2015, pp. 1-10.

'Mapping Socio-Political Transformations in Early Kalinga', Mamidipudi Venkatarangaiah Memorial Lecture, at Andhra Pradesh History Congress, Srisailam session, 2015, in *PAPHC*, 2016, pp. 437-49.

### 2015

'Markets, Merchants and Towns in Early Medieval Odisha', *Studies in People's History*, 2(1), June 2015, pp. 9-20.

'From Regional Histories to Histories of the Regions and Beyond', Presidential Address, Uttarakhand

History and Culture Association, Feb. 2015, *Social Scientist*, nos. 502-3, March-April 2015, pp. 33-48.

## **2014**

'Community, Caste and Region in Odisha: The Formative Period', in Kesavan Veluthat and Donald R. Davies (eds), *Irreverent History: Essays for M. G. S. Narayanan*, Primus, Delhi, 2014, pp. 189-203.

'Regions from the Perspective of Changing Perceptions of Early India', in *Indian Historical Review*, 41 (1), June 2014, pp. 1-17.

## **2013**

'Regions and the Shaping of Early Indian Historiography', in *Souvenir 74<sup>th</sup>* session of the IHC, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, 2013, pp.72-75.

'Local Societies, Cultural Transactions and the Making of Early Orissa', in H. Kulke et.al (eds), *Imaging Odisha*, Vol. I, Praffula, New Delhi, 2013, pp. 35-53.

## **2012**

'Recent Perspectives of the State and Debates in Early Indian History', in *Indian Historical Review*, 39(2), December 2012, pp. 145-62.

'Community, Caste and Region: Perspectives from Early Orissa', in *Social Scientist*, nos. 468-69, May-June, 2012, pp. 3-17.

## **Conference Presentations**

2015, 'Another Transition Debate?: Charting the Movement Towards the Early Medieval and Out of It', presented at the National Seminar on 'Transitions in Indian History', organized by the Department of History, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, 10-12 March, 2015 (*forthcoming*).

2015, 'Rituals of Power and Constituting Consent to Rule: A Study of the Sulkis in Early Medieval Odisha', presented at the Panel on State and Religion in India: Past and Present, organized by AHS at the 76<sup>th</sup> session of the IHC, Gour-Banga University, Malda, 27-29 December, 2015.

2016, 'Everyday Lives, Everyday Histories: Towards Understanding Society in Post-Mauryan Deccan', presented at the International Seminar on Pre-colonial Deccan: History, Culture and Literature, at Central University Karnataka, Gulbarga, 13-14 January, 2016.

2016, 'Autochthonous Societies, Transregional Interactions and Change: The Making of a Historical Region in Pre-modern Odisha', Presented at the Panel on 'India and its Parts', organized by AHS at the 77<sup>th</sup> session of the IHC, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 28-30 December, 2016.

2017, Reading History Beyond the Sanskrit and Persian Cosmopolis: Case of Pre-modern Odia Society, at

the National Seminar “Crossing Boundaries”, organized by the Department of History, University of Delhi, 27-8 February, 2017.

2017, ‘Of Boundaries and Frontiers in Pre-modern South Asian History’, presented at the National Seminar on “Boundaries and Frontiers in South Asian History”, organized by Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 7-8 March, 2017.

2017, ‘Writing Histories of the Regions’, Presented at the National Seminar on “Ancient Indian History Writing: Perspectives and Futuristic Dimensions”, organized by AIHC and Archaeology, BHU, Varanasi, 23-5 March, 2017.

Total Publication Profile optional

**Books**

*History of Pre-colonial India: Issues and Debates (Revised and Enlarged English Edition of Hermann Kulke’s German version)*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi (forthcoming).

*Society and Culture in Post-Mauryan India c. 200 BC-AD 300*, Tulika Books, New Delhi, 2015, 2016 paperback edn.

*Interrogating Political Systems: Integrative Processes and States in Pre-modern India* (co-edited), Manohar, New Delhi, 2014.

*The Changing Gaze: Regions and the Constructions of Early India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2013.

*Iron and Social Change in Early India* (ed), Oxford’s Debates in Indian History and Society, New Delhi, 2006, 2011(rpt.).

*Negotiating India’s Past: Essays in Memory of Professor Partha Sarathi Gupta* (co-edited), Tulika Books, New Delhi, 2003.

*Land System and Rural Society in Early India* (ed), Manohar’s Readings in Early Indian History, New Delhi, 1997, 2004 paperback edn.

*From Hunters to Breeders: Faunal Background of Early India*, Anamika Prakashan, New Delhi, 1988.

In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals

Articles

## Conference Presentations

### *International Seminars/Conferences*

Inscriptions and their Changing Context: From the Sarabhapuriyas to the Panduvamsis in Early Medieval South Kosala, presented at the International Conference on 'Text and Context in Orissa and Beyond', at Salzau/ Kiel, 10-13 May, 2000.

Profiling Dakshina Kosala: An Early Historical Sub-Region?, presented at the International Conference of the Orissa Research Project on 'Centres Out There? Facets of Sub-Regional Identities', at Salzau/Kiel, 13-17 May, 2003 (*published*).

The Ganga *Prasasti*: The Earliest Historical Writing in Orissa?, presented at the Indo-German Symposium on '*Madala Panji* and Orissan Historiography', sponsored by the German Research Council, at Bhubaneswar, 10-11 November, 2006.

Characterising Early Medieval Indian Polity: The Case of Dakshina Kosala and Beyond, presented at the International Seminar on 'State Formation and the Early State in South and Southeast Asia Reconsidered', organized by Asia Research Institute, National University Singapore, Singapore, 21-23 March, 2007(*published*)

Aspects of Rural Society in Early Medieval Orissa, Presented at the Seminar on 'Peasants in Russian, Central Asian and Indian History', Indo-Russian Joint Seminar, organized by Indian Council of Historical Research, at India International Centre, New Delhi, September, 7-9, 2008.

Rituals, Royalty and *Rajya* in Early Medieval Eastern India, Presented at the International Conference on 'Ritual Dynamics and the Science of Ritual', held at Neue Universitat Heidelberg, Heidelberg, 29 September – 2 October 2008 (*published*).

State, Legitimation and the Construction of Early India, Presented at the Australia-India Institute, The University of Melbourne, Theatre, Ground Floor, Babel Building, 27 May, 2010, Melbourne.

Recent Perspectives of the State and Debates in Early Indian History, Presented at the International Seminar on 'The State in South Asia', Department of History, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, October 18-21, 2010 (*published*).

Equitable Access and Success in Higher Education: The Case of the University of Delhi,

Presented at the Workshop on 'Equitable Access and Success in Higher Education', Organised by IAU, University of Arizona and the World Bank, at the University of Arizona, 17-19 November, 2010, Tucson.

Passages to India: Odisha as the Focus of Historical Interest, Presented at the International Humboldt Kolleg 'Re-Viewing Indo-German Cultural Contacts in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century', organized by Centre of German Studies, JNU, at Convention Centre, JNU, New Delhi, 23-24 September, 2013.

Passages to India: Odisha as the Focus of German Historical Interest, Presented at the Karl Jaspers Center, VoB str. 2, Bldg. 4400, Room 212, Heidelberg, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.

Everyday Lives, Everyday Histories: Towards Understanding Society in Post-Mauryan Deccan, Presented

at the International Seminar on “Pre-Colonial Deccan: History, Culture and Literature”, Organised by The Department of History, Central University Karnataka, Gulbarga, 13-14 January, 2016.

‘From Kingdoms to Transregional States: Exploring the Dynamics of State Formation in Early Medieval Odisha’, Presented at the Panel on “State, Kingdom and Empire –The European and Indian Experience”, at 51<sup>st</sup> Historikertag, Hamburg University, Hamburg, 20-23 September, 2016.

‘Recent Perspectives of the Deccan and the Recasting of Pre-modern Indian History’, Presented at the Two-Day International Symposium on Networks in the Deccan as Valedictory Address, organized by H. K. Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, MANUU, Hyderabad, 30-31 January, 2017.

#### Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity

**Council Member**, Indian Council of Historical Research, 2008 – 2015.

**Member**, Indo-German Joint Steering Committee for Indo-German Co-operation in the field of Historiography, 2012 –15.

**Secretary**, Indian History Congress, 2006 – 2009

**Member Secretary**, Indian Council of Historical Research, October 2013.

**Convener**, Social Sciences, Central Board of Secondary Education, 2011-15.

**Dean**, International Relations and Examinations, University of Delhi, 2007 – 2011.

**Head**, Department of History, University of Delhi, Delhi, 2004-2007.

**Member**, German Research Council’s Orissa Research Project II, 1999-2005.

#### Professional Societies Memberships

Indian History Congress

Orissa History Congress

Indian Archaeological Society

#### Projects (Major Grants / Collaborations)

#### Other Details

##### **Organization of National /International Conferences**

As Secretary of the Indian History Congress, organized three annual sessions (67<sup>th</sup>, 68<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup>) at Calicut/Kozhikode, Delhi and Kannur, 2006-2008.

As Head of the Department/ Co-ordinator ASIHSS organized a seminar on ‘Foot-steps Across Time:

Peoples, Politics and Places in Indian History', March 2006.

As Head of the Department, organized the Workshop on 'Environmental Issues in India', January 2007. The proceedings have been edited as a book by Mahesh Rangarajan.

As Dean International Relations, DU, organized Annual ORF-DU Summer Workshops for Under-graduate students, 2008-10, at and in collaboration with Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi.

As Dean International Relations and Manager for DU at Universitas 21 ( International Network for Higher Education), organized the Delhi Session of the Universitas 21 AGM, including the Symposium on ' Universities and Government Funding in the Developing and Developed Worlds', April 28-30, 2010, Conference Centre, University of Delhi.

As Dean International Relations, DU, (together with Dr. Pradeep Taneja, Melbourne University), collaborated in the organization of the Conference on 'Challenges of Globalization and Indian Perspectives', jointly sponsored by University of Melbourne and the University of Delhi, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, 27-28 April 2010.

As Council member, ICHR, coordinated and participated (together with Dr Torsten Fischer, Director, DFG India Office) in the Joint Indo-German Workshop on Historiography, at IIC Annexe and the German House, New Delhi, 16-18 November, 2012.

Member Organising Committee, The XIV International Seminar on Indo-Portuguese History on 'India, the Portuguese and the Indian Ocean Societies: Exchanges and Engagements', at IIC, New Delhi, 11-13 February, 2013.

As Council Member, ICHR, coordinated and participated (together with Prof. Kesavan Veluthat) in the National seminar on "History and Theory: Seminar in Memory of R.S Sharma", at the Conference centre, University of Delhi, Delhi, 2-3 September, 2013.

Was a part of the organizing committee for the National Seminar "Crossing Boundaries", organized by the Department of History, University of Delhi, 27-8 February, 2017.