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Education						
Subject	Institution	Year	Details			
Ph.D.	University of Delhi	1990				
M.Phil. in Sociology	University of Delhi	1979				
Dipl. in Social Anthropology	University of Sussex	1978				
M.A. Sociology	Jawaharlal Nehru University	1977				
B.Sc (Hons.) Physics	Miranda House, University of Delhi	1975				
Career Profile						
Organisation / Institution	Designation	Duration	Role			
Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, University of Leiden (and International Institute of Asian Studies)	Visiting Researcher (and Affiliated Fellow)	June-July 2019	Research			
University of Leiden (and International Institute of Asian Studies)	NWO Visiting Professor (and Affiliated Fellow)	April-July 2018	Research			
Sciences PO, Paris	ICCR Chair in Contemporary India	1 semester (2014)	Teaching, Research			
Department of Sociology, University of Delhi	Professor	2004-ongoing	Head (2007-10); Dean, Social Sciences (2010) [Administration]; Research, Teaching			
-do-	Reader	1998-2004	Teaching, Research			
-do-	Lecturer/Senior	1983-84,	-do-			

	Lecturer	1991-1998	
-do-	Research Associate	1986-1990	-do-
Miranda House/University of Delhi	Lecturer	5 months (1982)	teaching
Institute of Cultural Studies/ CNWS, University of Leiden	Visiting/Affiliated Fellow	1993-1995	Research, Teaching
International Institute of Asian Studies, The Netherlands	Affiliated Fellow	1999, 2000	Research

Research Interest / Specialization

Gender; Kinship, marriage and dowry; Care and women's work; State, social policy and citizenship; Sociology of emotion; Women's movements and feminist politics; Migration; Agrarian structures; Fieldwork methodology; Cross-cultural and comparative sociology.

Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught)

(MA): Political Sociology; Economic Sociology; Religion and Society; Sociology of Kinship; Gender and Society; Sociology of India I and II; Sociology of Development; Area Studies: China; Social Stratification; Sociological Theories.

(M.Phil.): Sociology of Emotion; Studying the State; Women in Indian Society; Sociology of India: Problems of Research.

At University of Leiden, Netherlands: Transforming gender and kinship relations. At SciencesPo, France: Gender and Society in South Asia

Ph.Ds. Supervised

Awarded:

Janaki Abraham: *Gender, Status and Class: A Sociological Study of the Thiyyas*

Subhadepta Ray: *Recast (e) ing Science: A Sociological Study of Research Practices in Genetics.*

Sakshi Khurana: *Work, Family, Community and Neighbourhood: Lives of Women Informal Workers*

Ishita Dey: *Production, Caste and Ritual in the "Bengali" Sweet Industry*

Kanika Kakar: *Tradition, Modernity and Gender in the Globalising Context: A Study of the Weaving Community of Chanderi*

Reshma Radhakrishnan: *The Formation (s) of a Political Subject: An Ethnography of Feminist Movements (s) in Kerala*

(As local supervisor) Pien Bos. *Once a Mother. Relinquishment and adoption from the perspective of unmarried mothers in South India.* (Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands)

Submitted:

Akshay Kr. Choudhary: *Dowry among the Maithil Brahmins: Aspects of Change and Continuity*

Ongoing:

K.S. Hakim: *From Abstract to Concrete: A historical Sociology of Parliamentary Communism in Kerala*

Akriti Bhatia: *Understanding urban informality and Exclusion: A Sociological study*

Shivani Katara: *Profile, awareness, barriers regarding reproductive health & family planning among married Muslim women : An ethnographic study in an Urban setting*

Priti Chandra: *Understanding reproductive health services in the realm of body politics and caste in Uttar Pradesh*

Irene Hilden (Humboldt University, Berlin): *Absent Presences in the Colonial Archive: Dealing with the Berlin Sound Archive's Acoustic Heritage.*

Atiya Gopinath: *The Resurgence of Cow Protection in Contemporary North India: Politics, Religion and Economy*

Meghna Bohidar: *The Performances of Reel and Real Life: Exploring 'Love' In Public Spaces*

On Ph.D. committee: 4

Supervised/Supervising M.Phil. dissertations: 22

Examined:

Doctoral dissertations: 5

M.Phil. dissertations : 3

Administrative Positions (in University of Delhi):

2007-2010: Head, Department of Sociology and Centre of Advanced Studies; 2010: Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences.

Publications

Books

Authored

1. 2008. (with Mary E. John, Ravinder Kaur, Saraswati Raju, Alpana Sagar). *Planning Families, Planning Gender: Adverse Sex Ratio in Select Districts of Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab*. Bangalore: Books for Change.
2. 2005. (with Carla Risseeuw and Kamala Ganesh) *Care, culture and citizenship: Revisiting the politics of welfare in the Netherlands*. Amsterdam: Spinhuis.
3. 1994. *Changing kinship, family, and gender relations in South Asia: Processes, trends and issues*. Leiden: Women and Autonomy Centre, University of Leiden.

Edited

1. 2013 (Ed. with Ravinder Kaur) *Marrying in South Asia: Shifting concepts, Changing Practices in a Globalised World* Delhi: Orient BlackSwan. (reprinted 2018)
2. 2008. (Ed. with Patricia Uberoi). *Marriage, Migration, and Gender*. New Delhi: Sage.
3. 1996, (Ed. with Carla Risseeuw), *Shifting Circles of Support: Contextualising kinship and gender relations in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa*. Delhi: Sage Publications.
4. 1990, (Ed. with L. Dube). *Structures and Strategies: Women, Work and Family in Asia*. New Delhi: Sage.

B. Articles in books and journals (Selected)

1. 2019. 'Gendering Sociology, a Sociology of Gender or Studying Women?: Some Reflections', In Sanjay Srivastava, Yasmeen Arif and Janaki Abraham(Eds.) *Critical Themes in Indian Sociology*. New Delhi: Sage.
2. 2018. With N. Neetha. 'Family policy in India: Contradictions, continuities and change', In Guðný Björk Eydal and Tine Rostgaard (eds.) *Handbook of Family Policy*. Edward Elgar.
3. Palriwala, R. (2018, June 21). "Revisiting a 'Lost' Field". Posted on [Global economy and culture](http://www.leidenanthropologyblog.nl/articles/revisiting-a-lost-field/). *Leiden Anthropology Blog*. <http://www.leidenanthropologyblog.nl/articles/revisiting-a-lost-field/>

4. 2017. 'Debating Gender Inequality: Culture, Economics and Choice', *Indian Journal of Gender Studies* 24(3): 422-437.
5. 2017. 'Region, Language and Comparison in Doing Sociology', *Sameeksha: Sociology Research Journal* 1(1): 127-144.
6. 2017. (with E. Hill). 'India: Economic Inequality and Social Reproduction', In Baird, M. , M. Ford, and E. Hill (Eds.). *Women, Work and Care in the Asia-Pacific*. New York and London: Routledge.
7. 2016. "Acts of Omission and Acts of Commission: The Adverse Juvenile Sex Ratio and the Indian State." In Ravinder Kaur (ed.) *Too Many Men, Too Few Women: Social Consequences of Gender Imbalance in India and China*. Delhi: Orient Blackswan. (reprinted 2018).
8. 2015. 'Rationality, Instrumentality, and the Affective: Crossings and blurrings in relations of care and intimacy' *Korean Journal of Sociology*, 49(3): 21-37.
9. 2013. "Loving and Leaving: Single Parents in the Netherlands", In Dirk Wiemann and Lars Eckstein (eds.) *The Politics of Passion: Reframing Affect and Emotion in Global Modernity*. Franckfurt: Peter Lang Academic Research.
10. 2012 (with N. Neetha) "Between the State, Market and Family: Structures, Policies and Practices of Care in India", In S. Razavi and S. Staab (eds.) *Worlds Apart: Global Variations in the Political and Social Economy of Care*. London: Routledge.
11. 2011. (with N. Neetha) "Stratified Familialism: The Care Regime in India through the Lens of Childcare." *Development and Change* 42(4): 1049-1078. Reprinted in 2012, Shahra Razavi (ed.) *Seen, Heard and Counted: Rethinking Care in a Development Context*. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell.
12. 2011. (with N. Neetha) "The Absence of State Law: Domestic Workers in India", *Canadian Journal of Women and the Law* 23(1): 97-119.
13. 2010. (with N. Neetha) "Care arrangements and bargains: *Anganwadi* and paid domestic workers in India", *International Labour Review* 149 (4):511-527.
14. 2010. (with N. Neetha) 'Unpaid Care Work: Analysis of the Indian Time Use Data', In D. Budlender (ed.) *Time Use Studies and Unpaid Care Work*. New York and Abingdon: Routledge.
15. 2010. 'Gendering Sociological Practice: A Case Study of Teaching in the University', In B.S. Baviskar And Tulsi Patel (eds.) *Understanding Indian Society- Past and Present: Essays in Honour of A.M. Shah*. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan.
16. 2010 'The Anti-Dowry Movement in Delhi', In T. K. Oommen (ed.) *Social Movements II: Concerns of Equity and Security*. (Oxford in India Readings in Sociology and Social Anthropology) New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
17. 2009. 'The Spider's Web: Seeing dowry, fighting dowry', In T. Bradley, E. Tomalin and M. Subramaniam (eds.) *Dowry: Bridging the Gap between Theory and Practice*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited.
18. 2005, "Fieldwork in a post-colonial anthropology. Experience and the comparative", *Social Anthropology/Sociale Anthropologie* 13 (2): 151-170.

19. 2002, "Rhetorics of Motherhood: Politics, Policy, and Family Ideologies in India", In K.Sharma, L.Sarkar and L.Kasturi (eds.) *Between Tradition, Counter-Tradition and Heresy*. Delhi: Rainbow Publications
20. (with Indu Agnihotri), 2001, "Tradition, the Family and the State: Politics of the Women's Movement in the Eighties", in *Gender and Nation*. Delhi: Nehru Museum and Library. This is a revised version of "Tradition, Family, and the State: The Politics of the Contemporary Women's Movement", with I. Agnihotri, in T.V. Sathyamurthy (ed.), 1996, *Social Change and Political Discourse in India: Structures of Power, Movements of Resistance: Vol. 3: Region, Religion, Caste, Gender and Culture in Contemporary India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
21. 2000, "Family: Power Relations and Power Structures". In Kramarae, C & Spender, D. (ed.) *International Encyclopedia of Women: Global Women's Issues and Knowledge* (volume 2, pp 669-674). London, New York: Routledge.
22. 2000, "Family: Property Relations". In Kramarae, C & Spender, D. (ed.) *International Encyclopedia of Women: Global Women's Issues and Knowledge* (volume 2, pp 674-676). London, New York: Routledge.
23. 1999, "Beyond Myths: The Social and Political Dynamics of Gender", in N. Kabeer and R. Subrahmanian (eds.), *Institutions, Relations and Outcomes: A Framework and Case Studies for Gender-Aware Planning*. New Delhi: Kali for Women. Shortened Hindi version published as "Samkaaleen Bharat Mein Parivar Sanrachna", in Sadhana Arya, Nivedita Menon and Jini Lokaneeta (eds.), 2001, Narivadi Rajneeti: Sangharsh Ainvam Mudde. Delhi University: Hindi Medium Implementation Board. Reprinted in M. Khullar (ed.). 2005. *Writing the Women's Movement: A Reader*. Delhi: Zubaan.
24. 1996, "Negotiating patriliney: Intra-household consumption and authority in Rajasthan (India)", in Rajni Palriwala and Carla Risseuw (eds.), *Shifting Circles of Support: Contextualising kinship and gender relations in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa*. Delhi: Sage Publications. This was a revised version of 1993, "Economics and Patriliney: Consumption and Authority in the Household. A Rajasthan Case-study", *Social Scientist*, 21(9-11): 47-73. Reprinted in Mary John (ed.) 2008. *Women's Studies: A Reader*. Delhi: Penguin.
25. 1991, "Transitory Residence and Invisible Work: A Case Study of a Rajasthan Village", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Nov. 30, 1991. 26(48): 2763-77. This paper was revised and published in 1999, "Transitory Residents, Invisible Workers: Rethinking Locality and Incorporation in a Rajasthan Village", in K. Sangari and U. Chakravarti (eds.), *From Myth to Market: Essays on Gender*. Shimla and New Delhi: Indian Institute for Advanced Studies and Manohar. Included in Surinder S. Jodhka (ed.) 2018. *A Handbook of Rural India*. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan and EPW pp. 317-336.
26. 1991, "Anthropologist and Woman: Dilemmas of a fieldworker in a Rajasthan village", in M.N. Panini (ed.), *From the Female Eye: Accounts of Women Fieldworkers Studying Their Own Communities*. Delhi: Hindustan Publishers.
27. 1989, "Reaffirming the Anti-dowry Struggle", *Economic and Political Weekly*, XXIV (17): 942-944. Reprinted in 2005. Srimati Basu (ed.) *Dowry and Inheritance*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited.

Conference Presentations/Organised (selected from last five years)

- Invited lecture: "Gendering displacements: Women's place making in modernity", at a seminar on the retirement of Prof. Sobha Nair at the University of Kerala, Trivandrum on 22 March 2019.
- Keynote address entitled, "Socialities of Care and Labour: Migration, Gender, and Agency", at the conference on *Care, Migration, Gender – Ambivalent Interdependencies*, Humboldt University, 30 January-1 February, 2019.
- Paper entitled, "The Ordinary and the Extraordinary of Gendered Displacements", at the conference on *Modalities of Displacement in South Asia*, organised by Leiden University, Leiden Institute for Area Studies, Institute for Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden Global Interactions, Asian Modernities and Traditions and held at Leiden University, 14-15 June, 2018.
- Presentation. Commentary on and in discussion with James Ingram: Radical Cosmopolitanism and Insurgent Universality: Rethinking Universalism in Postcolonial Times. Organised by the Minor Cosmopolitans' Research Training Group (IRTG), held at the Institute for Latin American Studies, Freie Universität, Berlin on 1 June, 2018.
- As part of the "Minor Cosmopolitans' research training group (IRTG), based at the University of Potsdam, with collaborating universities around the world, including Delhi University, the first winter school, on the theme of *Doing cosmopolitanisms: Dynamics of Theory and Practice* was held at the University of Delhi, between 4-9 December 2017.
- Paper entitled, 'The labour and morality of care: policy contestations and practices'" at an ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on *Rethinking Gender and Body in Times of Health Sector Reforms in India*, held at the Central University Gujarat, Ahmedabad, October 2017. A revised version of this paper was presented at the South Asia Research Institute Adda Seminar Series, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University, Canberra in February 2018.
- Presentation on 'Domestic workers and gendered violence: Notes towards understanding movement practice and knowledge creation in a post-colonial/decolonial framing', at a panel entitled "*Rethinking decolonial and postcolonial knowledges beyond regions*", at the Royal Geographical Society-IBG Annual conference, London, August, 2017.
- Paper on 'Social Policy, Gender and Governance' at the international conference on *Governance in India and China in a Comparative Perspective* organised by the India-China comparative Research Centre, School of Public Administration, Xiangtan University, at Xiangtan University, 10-12 June 2017.
- Lecture: 'Studying gender and the social in the organisation of care in India' at the workshop on *Comparative and International Social Policy Theories and Methods: Advances in Research and Practice in International Development Studies and Social Policy*, organised by Centre for Development Studies, University of Bath, OP Jindal Global University and Social Policy Association, in Delhi, 24-26 May 2017.
- Talk on 'Structures, processes and relations in women's oppression today' at a panel discussion on *Normalising Patriarchy in Twenty-First Century India*, organised by the Department of Political Science, Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi on 8th March 2017.
- Talk on 'Myriad oppressions and myriad struggles' at a panel on *Women in Search of Justice* organised by the All India Lawyers Union at Tis Hazari Court on 7 March, 2017.
- Public Lecture: 'Region, language and comparison in doing sociology', at Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur, Kerala on 3 March 2017.
- Seminar paper on 'Rationality, Instrumentality, and the Affective: Framing Relations of Care and Intimacy', at the Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad on 20 February 2017.
- (with N. Neetha) Talk on 'Dimensions of paid and unpaid work, paid and unpaid care work in India' in the panel on *Changing Contours of Paid and Unpaid Work by Women in 21st Century South Asia*, at the XV National Conference of Women's Studies, organised by the IAWS, held at Chennai, 22-25 January 2017.
- Talk on "Contemporary concerns in Family, Marriage, Kinship: Conceptual shifts and substantive themes" at the plenary on *New Perspectives in the themes of Family, Marriage, Kinship* at the 42nd All India Sociological Conference held at Tezpur University in December 2016, on the theme *Rethinking Sociological Traditions of India*.
- Organised a panel including nine papers on *Youthful modernities: negotiating with the past, the present and the future* with Ravinder Kaur and Sonalde Desai as part of the SASNET conference on *Modern Matters: Negotiating the Future in Everyday Life in South Asia* held at Lund University, Sweden, 20-22 September.

Invited Lecture. "Gendering the social sciences: Methodological queries and practices", Workshop on *Feminist Methodology* at Khwaja Moinuddin Chisthi Urdu, Arabi-Farsi University, Lucknow, March 2016.

Inaugural Lecture. "Marriage, gender and caste: The frames of exogamy and endogamy". *Mukta Salve Lecture Series 2016*, KSP Women's Studies Centre, Pune University, February 2016.

Keynote Lecture entitled, "Trajectories of Desire: Reflections on Marriage, Social Change and the State in India" at the international conference of SASNET, on "*South Asia in Transformation: World of Slums, Global Power Houses or Utopias? Migration, labour, and family changes in a dynamic region*" held at Lund University, Sweden, May 2015.

Keynote Address, "Shifting Gender Dynamics of Marriage in India", at the National Seminar on *In Gender: Texts and Contexts*, organised by SPARSH and the Department of English, Central University of Jammu, April, 2015.

Paper entitled, "Is the Gender Contract in Marriage Changing?" at a conference on *Marriage and Divorce in a Globalized Era: Shifting Concepts and Changing Practices in India*, held at the Centre for Culture and Development, Vadodra, April 2015.

Inaugural Lecture, ICCR Chair in Contemporary India. Sciences PO, Paris, "Public and Private Desires: Marriage Controversies in India", September 2014,

Lecture-Seminar on "Conflicting Loves or Transgression? Family and Marriage in India" in the research programme *Love between norms and transgression: Art, History, Fiction* at the Centre for South Asian Studies, CNRS, Paris, November, 2014

Paper entitled "Trajectories in the discourse on care: Accounting for domestic work" at the workshop entitled, *Worlds of Women's Labour: Interdisciplinary and Intersectional Perspectives*, Organised by the Centre of Women's Studies, Delhi and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai at TISS, Mumbai, February 2014.

Keynote Address - "Gender, care practices, and state policy: The hierarchies of work, family, and community in India", at the 5th International "*Community, Work and Family*" conference, held at Sydney University, Sydney. July 2013.

Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity

Technical Advisory Committee, Social Science Division, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata
 Board of the School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad
 Board of the School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi
 Executive Committee, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi
 Executive Committee, Indian School of Women's Development and Studies
 Editorial Board, Women's Equality

Association With Professional Bodies

Indian Sociological Society,
 Indian Association of Women's Studies
 Life Member, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi

Research Projects (Major Grants / Collaborations/Consultant) - Ongoing.

Within the rubric of a project on *Moralising Misfortune: A Comparative Anthropology of Commercial Insurance*, based at Leiden University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, funded by the European Research Council, collaborating with Dr. Erik Baehre, the lead researcher. Local Supervision of Tim van der Meerendonk, doctoral candidate at Leiden University. Supervising 4 students of the department in short fieldwork projects on varied aspects of insurance

Within the rubric of a Leiden university project, entitled *Postcolonial Displacements: Migration, Narratives and Place-Making in South Asia*, collaborating with Dr. Erik de Maaker, Leiden University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, in an NWO (Dutch Scientific

Research Council) funded professorship for research on ‘Gendered Displacements: The Ordinary and the Extraordinary in Women’s Life History Narratives’.

Minor Cosmopolitanisms. International RTG of University of Potsdam, Frei University, Berlin, and Humboldt University with University of New South Wales, Macquarie University, University of Cape Town, University of Pretoria, York University, Duke University and IFLU. Co-supervisor of Irene Hilden, registered at Humboldt University, working on ‘Absent Presences in the Colonial Archive: Dealing with the Berlin Sound Archive’s Acoustic Heritage’. Organised a winter school as part of this programme and attended the summer school held at Macquarie University, Sydney, in February. Both were attended by the research scholars and supervisors who are part of the IRTG and other guest speakers and students.

Other Details



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