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Education						
Degree		Institution		Year	Details	
PhD		Yale University, USA		2000	Thesis: Contested Categories, Blurred Boundaries: Rural Society, Forest Bureaucracy and Timber Rights in Himachal Pradesh, India	
MS		Purdue University, USA		1994	Thesis: Attitudes, Beliefs and Perceptions of Non-industrial Private Forest Landowners in the Mid-western United States.	
MS		Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, India		1992		
Career Profile						
Organisation / Institution		Designation		Duration	Role	
Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, Delhi		Reader / Associate Professor		11.5 years	Teaching, Research	

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, Mumbai	Assistant Professor	1 year	Teaching, Research
Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi	Reader	2 years	Research
Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla	Fellow	2 years	Research
School of Environmental Studies, Yale University, USA	Lecturer Research Associate	1.5 years 1 year	Teaching Research
Research Interests / Specialization			
Social and political ecology, Himalayan region, social stratification, gender, caste, social and cultural capital, sociology of law and sociology of development, social movements			
Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught)			
Political Ecology, Nature, Society and Environment, Reflections on Ethnography, Texts of our Times (Bourdieu), Sociology of India, Sociology of Law, Sociology of Development, Gender and Society, Social Stratification, Methodology, Urban Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, Social Theory, Sustainable Development, Environmental Sociology			
Honors & Awards			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting Scholar, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 2014 • Visiting Fellow, Australian National University, 2005 • Ruth Glass Fellow, London School of Economics, 2004 			
Publications (LAST FIVE YEARS)			
In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals			
<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Journal</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>
2017	Introduction to Review of Environment and Development	Economic and Political Weekly, AUG 5, 2017, 52(31)	N. Nawn and A. Kothari
2017	Being Ladakhi, Being Indian: Identity Formation, Culture and Community	<i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> , APRIL 8, 2017 vol. LII, no 14, pp. 43-49	
<u>Articles/ Book Chapters</u>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shifting the terrain of struggle: Critically evaluating the Forest Rights Act. Chapter 11 in 			

Meena Radhakrishna (Ed.) *First Citizens: Studies on Tribals, Adivasis and Indigenous Peoples in India*. Oxford University Press, Delhi. 2016.

- *Consuming the Tiger: Experiencing Neoliberal Nature*. Pages 23-30 in Manisha Rao (Ed.) *Reframing the Environment: Resources, Risk and Resistance in Neoliberal India*. Conference Proceedings, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai. 2016.

Conference Presentations

- *Forest-gender linkages: What's new in the changing economy?* Presented at XXV *Gender and Economic Policy Discussion Forum, 'Fire in the Forest: Looking at Gender and Forest Economies'*, organised by Institute of Social Studies Trust at India Habitat Center, New Delhi, 17 May 2018.
- *Socioecological Assemblages in the Himalaya: Contested Hydel Projects and Green Courts in India*. Lecture at South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany, 09 May, 2018.
- *Land, Ecology, Livelihoods and Labor in India*, paper presented in panel on 'Confronting the Rule of Capital in Global South: Marxist analysis and class struggle in India'. International Congress, Marx200, Berlin, Germany, 02 – 06 May, 2018.
- *Is Feminism Passe? Agency, Structure and Neoliberal Capitalism*. Lecture at Hindu College, University of Delhi. 05 April, 2018
- *Reading Capital after Climate Change: Materialist Dialectics and Nature/Human*. Workshop on Reading Capital, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, Delhi. 07 April, 2018.
- *Green courts and the production of socio-ecological assemblages in India. 'Taking nature to the courtroom: development projects, protected areas and religious reform in South Asia'*, School of Social and Political Science, The University of Edinburgh, UK, 15-16 June, 2017.
- *Laws on Violence against Women: Inter-linkages with Masculinity and Social Norms*. Lecture in Panel Discussion on Misuse of 498-A and its inter linkages with masculinity. Organized by JAGORI, ISI, New Delhi, 2nd December 2017.
- *Vision of the Environment of Delhi-2025*. Panelist presentation at "Dialogue to Develop a Vision of the Environment of Delhi-2025", organized by India International Center and Green Circle of Delhi at IIC, New Delhi, 5 June, 2017.
- *Laws and Tribals' Land Rights in India*, Panelist in seminar on "Tribals and Constitutional Safeguards: The Question of Land-Rights in India" organised by the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, 31st March 2016.
- *Environment and Indigeneity: Some theoretical and conceptual issues*. Resource Person and paper presented at National Seminar on Environment and Society: The Context of North-East India, organized by North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, 14-15 March 2016.
- *Environmental Sustainability, Social Well-being and Economic Growth* in National Seminar on "Emerging Economics and Challenges to Sustainability towards Developing Nations", Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi on March 29th – 30th, 2016.

- Consuming the Tiger: Experiencing Neoliberal Nature. Paper presented at National Conference on Reframing the Environment: Resources, Risk & Resistance in Neoliberal India, organized by Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, 21st& 22nd January, 2016.
- Political Ecology and Ethnography. Resource Person presentation at Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) Capacity Building Workshop on Ecology, Society and Development in Northeast India at Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimikh, Arunachal Pradesh, 21-24 September, 2015.
- Moving Mountains: migration, rurality and social ecology. Plenary lecture at SCCS, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, 10 September, 2015.
- Gender and Generation on the Ground, Resource person at Seminar on Gender, Generation and Labour in Rural Uttarakhand: Exploring Intersectionalities through the Prism of Social Ecology, Organized by Uttarakhand Seva Nidhi, Almora, 6th and 7th June, 2015.
- Sociology of Environment, Invited lecture at Ashoka University. April 2, 2015.
- Growing up in the Nation's Penumbra: Identity Negotiations of Ladakhi Youth. Paper presented at Conference on Perspectives, Dialogues and Challenges: India, Japan and the making of modern Asia, at IHC, New Delhi organized by Shiv Nadar University and Contemporary India Area Studies, Japan. 13-15th December, 2014
- *Changing Ruralities in Himachal Pradesh and Implications for Climate Change, Visiting Scholar seminar paper presented at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla on 21 November 2014.*
- Political Ecology Perspective on Biodiversity Conservation, presented at INSEE Workshop on Social science for conservation biologists, Conducted with Sharachandra Lele, Seema Purushothaman, and E. Somanathan at Student Conference in Conservation Science (SCCS-Bangalore), 25th September, 2014.
- Himalayan Transformations: Socio-ecological changes in Himachal Pradesh, India, presented at the Indo-Swiss Joint Seminar on "Social Dynamics and Wellbeing: Indian and Swiss Approaches" organized by ICSSR-UNIL from 09-10, September 2014 in Bengaluru (Karnataka).
- Agrarian Crisis in India: Pauperization instead of Proletarianization. Paper presented at Annual Project Partners Meeting of Terre des Hommes India Programme, Jaipur, July 30, 2014.
- The Ecological Crisis of Capitalism. Paper presented at plenary session on Capitalism, ecology and sustainable development at the International Seminar on Democracy, Socialism, Visions for the 21st century held in Hyderabad, 7th - 10th March, 2014.
- Ecology and Development, Lecture at the International Summer School at Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi on July 2, 2014 Paper presented at GSP Annual Panel Discussion on 'Environment and Economy: Parallel Domains?'. 24th March, 2014, JNU, Delhi.
- Chained to Development's Cross: Livelihood Crisis and displacement in India, presented on the panel on Rural Impoverishment, Displacement and Political Responses, in Historical Materialism Conference 2013 on New Cultures of the Left, JNU, Delhi. 3-5 April, 2013.
- Lecture on "Sociology: The Tribal Question in Contemporary India" at the

<p>36th Refresher Course in Sociology, Academic Staff College, JNU on 26th August, 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Economy: Does it Include You? Keynote speaker at World Environment Day organized by Punjab Pollution Control Board at Hoshiarpur, Punjab. June 5, 2012. • Growing up at the border: Youth culture and identity in Ladakh. Paper presented at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, April 24, 2012. • Adivasis and the Rule of Law: How far can the FRA go? Paper presented in Workshop on Environment, Inequality, and Conflict. ISI-Delhi in collaboration with the Centre for Equality and Social Opportunity, University of Oslo. March 28-29, 2012 • Cutting the Gordian Knot: Environmental Sustainability in an Unequal World. Invited Speaker at Conference on Global Development Challenges, Mount Holyoak College, USA. March 2 and 3, 2012 • Environmental Subjectivity: How Environmentalism changes our view of Nature. Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven. March 1, 2012 • Lecture on Patriarchy to Indian Revenue Service Probationers, Nagpur. April 2012.
Selected Publication Profile optional
<p><u>Books</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living with Diversity: Forestry Institutions in the Western Himalaya. Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla (2006).
<p><u>In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being Ladakhi, Being Indian: Identity Formation, Culture and Community. <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> 52(14):43-49 • Timber access in the Indian Himalaya: Rethinking social capital in public policy. <i>Journal of Development Studies</i>, 43 (7): 1215-1233 (2007). • Gendering Resource Rights and Democratic Citizenship. <i>Indian Journal of Gender Studies</i>, 14(1): 17-32 (2007). • Situating Conserving Communities in their Place: Political Economy of Kullu Devban. <i>Conservation and Society</i>, 4(2): 325-346 (2006)
<p><u>Articles/ Book Chapters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutionalizing Forestry Research in India: The Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. Chapter 12 in PHISPC volume Science and Modern India: An Institutional History c. 1784-1947 Edited by Uma Dasgupta. Pearson, Delhi. 2010.
<p><u>Conference Presentations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socioecological Assemblages in the Himalaya: Contested Hydel Projects and Green Courts in India. Lecture at South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany, 09 May, 2018. • Land, Ecology, Livelihoods and Labor in India, paper presented in panel on 'Confronting the Rule of Capital in Global South: Marxist analysis and class struggle in India'. International Congress, Marx200, Berlin, Germany, 02 – 06 May, 2018. • Reading Capital after Climate Change: Materialist Dialectics and Nature/Human. Workshop on Reading Capital, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, Delhi. 07 April, 2018. • The Social Life of Law: The Forest Rights Act, 2006. School of Interdisciplinary Studies seminar, IGNOU, Delhi. 3rd Feb., 2011. • The Political Economy of Alienation in Central India: Adivasis and the Modern State.

<p>Invited Symposium Speaker, in Symposium II - State, civil society and social conflicts in India, 36th All India Sociological Conference, 28th December 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democratic Decision Making in Climate Change: Avoiding the Delusion of Participation. International Conference on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies, Shimla Himachal Pradesh, 19-21 November 2009. • Forest Settlements in the Raj: Persistent diversity in forest property regimes in Himachal Pradesh, presented at International workshop on Nature in the Raj, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, August 2006. • Policy Implementation as an act of translation. Presented at International Conference On Translating Global Cultures, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, August 2006. • Economic and Cultural Transformation in Frontier Communities. Presented at seminar on Reforms and Democratization: Challenges of Governance in India and China, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, August 2006.
Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity
<p>Member, Board of Studies, School of Human Ecology, Ambedkar University, Delhi. Book Reviews Editor, Conservation and Society Co-editor, Review of Environment and Development, Economic and Political Weekly.</p>
Professional Societies Memberships
<p>Indian Sociological Society Indian Association for Women's Studies International Association for Ladakh Studies</p>

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