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EDUCATION:

- **Ph.D.** (Medieval & Modern Indian History), University of Lucknow, 2005
[Thesis Title: *Indian Jewry and the Self-Professed 'Lost Tribes of Israel' in India*]
- **M.A.** (Medieval & Modern Indian History), University of Lucknow, 2002
- **B.A.** (Medieval & Modern History, Ancient Indian History & Archaeology, and English Literature), University of Lucknow, 2000

EXPERIENCE:

- **Teaching:** From 10th March 2010 to date
 - **Assistant Professor, Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata:** 28 June 2016 – Present
 - **Assistant Professor (with Pay Band 3), School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA:** 23 July 2011 – 27 June 2016
 - **Assistant Professor (with Consolidated Salary), School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA:** 1 July 2010 – 22 July 2011
 - **Faculty Associate, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA:** 10 March 2010 – 30 June 2010
- **Research:** Three years at -
 - Woolf Institute, Cambridge, **United Kingdom** (2010)
 - Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, **Israel** (2006-2007)
 - University of Lucknow, Lucknow, **India** (2003-2005)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications:

Books:

2021, (with co-editor Priya Singh), *Conceptualizing Mass Violence: Representations, Recollections, and Reinterpretations*. London and New York: Routledge [ISBN 978-0-367-69997-0 (hbk), 978-1-003-14613-1 (ebk)], DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003146131>

[Reviewed by *Genocide Studies and Prevention*, published by the International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS) and by the Centre for Studies of Plural Societies, New Delhi on its website]

2016, *Jews, Judaizing Movements and the Traditions of Israelite Descent in South Asia*, Pragati Publications, New Delhi (ISBN 978-81-7307-158-4)

[Reviewed by *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies*, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies*, *The Social Ion*, *The Statesman*, and *Himal Southasian*]

2006, *Indian Jewry and the Self-Professed 'Lost Tribes of Israel' in India*, Bene Israel Heritage Museum and Genealogical Research Centre, Mumbai [e-book/CD-ROM]

“Believed to be the first book to combine study of the Lost Tribes of Israel in India with that of the Indian Jews, and a rare major work by a non-Jew on the subject of the Lost Tribes of Israel.”
- *The Jerusalem Post* (Online Edition), December 17, 2006

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. “Antisemitism in Post-Colonial Indian Political Rhetoric”, *ISGAP Occasional Paper Series*, No. 5/2021 [ISBN 978-1-940186-18-4], <https://isgap.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Navras-OPS-29.pdf>
2. “Emergence of Kolkata as a Centre for Jewish Studies in India”, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* [ISSN 1206-9330], No. 17, **2020**, pp. 175-180: <http://www.mei.org.in/jiis/journal-of-indo-judaic-studies-volume17-communication-emergence-of-kolkata-as-a-center-for-jewish-studies-in-india>
3. "Antisemitism in the Muslim Intellectual Discourse in South Asia." *Religions* 10, no. 7 (**2019**): 442. (ISSN 2077-1444), <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel10070442>
4. “Reciprocal (Mis-)apprehensions: Jews on Non-Jews, and Non-Jews on Jews in Indian Fiction”, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* [ISSN 1206-9330], No. 15, **2016**, pp. 9-20: <http://www.mei.org.in/jiis/1-15>
5. “Claimants of Israelite Descent in South Asia”, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* [ISSN 1206-9330], No. 14, **2014**, pp. 97-111: <http://www.mei.org.in/jiis/14-5>
6. “European Association for South Asian Studies: Panel on Jews at its 23rd Conference for the First Time in its History”, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* [ISSN 1206-9330], No. 14, **2014**, pp. 147-150: <http://www.mei.org.in/jiis/14-news>
7. “The First Ever Holocaust Films Retrospective in South Asia”, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* [ISSN 1206-9330], Vol. XI, **2010**, pp. 149-153: <http://www.mei.org.in/jiis/aafreedi11>
8. “Traditions of Israelite Descent Among Certain Muslim Groups in South Asia”, *Shofar – An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* [ISSN 0882-8539] (Purdue University publication), Vol. 28, No. 1, **2009**, pp. 1-14: https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5703/shofar.28.1.1#metadata_info_tab_contents

Book Chapters

1. “Hindu, Muslim, and Jewish Identities in Modern South Asia.” In *Empire, Religion and Identity: Modern South Asia and the Global Circulation of Ideas*, edited by Soumen Mukherjee (Leiden &

- Boston: **Brill**, 2024), [ISBN: 978-90-04-69433-0 (e-book), 978-90-04-68515-4 (Hardback), https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004694330_010], pp. 207-229.
2. "Hitler's Popularity and the Trivialization of the Holocaust in India." In *Holocaust vs. Popular Culture: Interrogating Incompatibility and Universalization*, edited by Mahitosh Mandal and Priyanka Das (London and New York: **Routledge**, 2023) [ISBN 9781032169736 | DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003251224>], pp. 83-100.
 3. "Antisemitic Rhetoric in Urdu on YouTube: An Analysis." In *Antisemitism on Social Media*, edited by Sabine von Mering and Monika Hübscher (London and New York: **Routledge**, 2022) [ISBN 9781032059693], pp. 114-128, <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003200499>
 4. "Holocaust Education in India and its Challenges", in Navras J. Aafreedi & Priya Singh, eds., *Conceptualizing Mass Violence: Representations, Recollections, and Reinterpretations* (London and New York: **Routledge**, 2021) [ISBN 978-0-367-69997-0 (hbk), 978-1-003-14613-1 (ebk), DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003146131>], pp. 138-150.
 5. [Co-authored with Priya Singh (She is the 2nd author.)] "Reading Mass Violence", in Navras J. Aafreedi & Priya Singh, eds., *Conceptualizing Mass Violence: Representations, Recollections, and Reinterpretations* (London and New York: **Routledge**, 2021) [ISBN 978-0-367-69997-0 (hbk), 978-1-003-14613-1 (ebk), DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003146131>], pp. 3-15.
 6. "Antisemitism in the Muslim Intellectual Discourse in South Asia." In *The Return of Religious Antisemitism?*, edited by Gunther Jikeli (Basel: **MDPI**, 2021) [ISBN 978-3-03943-497-8 (Hardback), 978-3-03943-498-5 (PDF), DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/books978-3-03943-498-5>], pp. 103-117.
 7. "Peace Building", in Hans Gustafson, ed., *Interreligious Studies: Dispatches from an Emerging Field* (Waco, TX: **Baylor University Press**, 2020) [ISBN: 9781481312547], pp. 262-268.
 8. "The Anglicization of India's Baghdadi Jews and their Emergence as Intermediaries between the British and the Indians" in Aditi Chandra and Vinita Chandra, eds, *The Nation & Its Margins: Rethinking Community* (Newcastle upon Tyne: **Cambridge Scholars Publishing**, 2019) (ISBN-13: 978-1-5275-4018-7, ISBN-10: 1-5275-4018-9), pp. 47-60.
 9. "The Tradition of Israelite Descent among the Pashtuns in India and its Contemporary Ramifications." In *Africana Jewish Journeys: Studies in African Judaism*, edited by Marla Brettschneider, Edith Bruder and Magdel Le Roux, 202-213. Newcastle upon Tyne: **Cambridge Scholars Publishing**, 2019. (ISBN-13: 978-1-5275-2213-8) (ISBN-10: 1-5275-2213-X)
 10. "Muslim Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism in South Asia: A Case Study of Lucknow." In *Anti-Zionism, Antisemitism and the Dynamics of Delegitimization*, edited by Alvin Rosenfeld, 454-480. Bloomington: **Indiana University Press**, 2019. [ISBN: 978-0-253-03869-2 (cloth), 978-0-253-04002 (paperback), 978-0-253-03872-2 (ebook)] doi: 10.2307/j.ctvbnm283.20
 11. "Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism among South Asian Muslims." In *Antisemitismus im 21. Jahrhundert: Virulenz einer alten Feindschaft in Zeiten von Islamismus und Terror* (Antisemitism in the 21st Century: The Virulence of an Old Hatred in the Era of Islamism and Terrorism), edited by Marc Grimm and Bodo Kahmann, 179-198. Berlin, Munich and Boston: **De Gruyter**, 2018. (ISBN 978-3-11-053709-3) doi: <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110537093-009>
 12. "South Asian Muslim Attitudes towards Jews, Israel and Zionism." In *What is Moderate Islam?*, edited by Richard Benkin, 191-200. London: **Lexington Books**, 2017 (ISBN 9781498537414)

13. "Between Indianness and Jewishness: The Ambivalence of Indian Jews as Reflected in Literature, Cinema and Art." In *Beyond Strategies: Cultural Dynamics in Asian Connections*, edited by Priya Singh et al, 69-84. New Delhi: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, in association with **KW (Knowledge World) Publishers Pvt Ltd, 2014** (ISBN 978-93-83649-04-4)
14. "The Impact of Domestic Politics on India's Attitudes towards Israel and Jews." In *Perspectives on West Asia: The Evolving Geopolitical Discourses*, edited by Priya Singh and Susmita Bhattacharya, 171-183. India: **Shipra Publications, 2012** (ISBN: 9788175416376)

Chapters in Peer Reviewed Reports

- "South Asia", in Michael Alexander, ed., *Antisemitism Worldwide 2020* (Tel Aviv: Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry, Tel Aviv University, 2020), pp. 71-72: https://en-humanities.tau.ac.il/sites/humanities_en.tau.ac.il/files/media_server/Antisemitism%20Worldwide%202020.pdf
- "The Delusion of the Absence of Antisemitism in India", in Esther Webman, ed., *Antisemitism Worldwide 2019 and the Beginning of 2020* (Tel Aviv: Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry, Tel Aviv University, 2020), pp. 180-191: https://en-humanities.tau.ac.il/sites/humanities_en.tau.ac.il/files/media_server/humanities/kantor/Kantor%20Report%202020_130820.pdf

Encyclopaedia Essays

1. "Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia", in Kassam, Zayn, Yudith K Greenberg, and Jehan Bagli, eds, *Islam, Judaism and Zoroastrianism*, Springer 2018 (ISBN 978-94-024-1266-6), as part of the series, Arvind Sharma, ed., *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*, Springer, 2018 (ISBN 978-94-007-1988-0), pp. 368-381. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-024-1267-3_911
2. "The Traditions of Israelite Origins of Pathan/Pashtun Tribes", in Kassam, Zayn, Yudith K Greenberg, and Jehan Bagli, eds, *Islam, Judaism and Zoroastrianism*, Springer 2018 (ISBN 978-94-024-1266-6) as part of the series, Arvind Sharma, ed., *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*, Springer, 2018 (ISBN 978-94-007-1988-0), pp. 338-345. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-024-1267-3_913

Edited Special Issues of Journals:

- A special issue titled "Remembering the Bangladesh Genocide of 1971: Reflections by Youth from West Bengal" of the online magazine *Café Dissensus* [ISSN 2373-177X] (Issue 66: April 2023): <https://cafedissensus.com/2023/04/04/remembering-the-bangladesh-genocide-of-1971-reflections-by-youth-from-west-bengal-issue-66/>
- A special issue titled "Hatred and Mass Violence: Lessons from History" of the online magazine *Café Dissensus* [ISSN 2373-177X] (Issue 49: February 2019):

<https://cafedissensus.com/2019/02/24/contents-hatred-and-mass-violence-lessons-from-history-issue-49/>

- A special issue titled “India’s Response to the Holocaust and its Perception of Hitler” of the online magazine *Café Dissensus* [ISSN 2373-177X] (Issue 21: January 2017): <https://cafedissensus.com/2017/01/20/contents-indias-response-to-the-holocaust-and-its-perception-of-hitler-issue-31/>
- A special issue, titled “Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia” of the online magazine *Café Dissensus* [ISSN 2373-177X] (Issue 21: January 2016): <http://cafedissensus.com/2016/01/08/contents-jewish-muslim-relations-in-south-asia-issue-21/>
- A special issue, titled “The Indian Jewry” of the online magazine *Café Dissensus* [ISSN 2373-177X] (Issue 12: January 2015): <http://cafedissensus.com/2014/12/31/contents-the-indian-jewry-issue-12/>

Forthcoming

1. “Holocaust Education in South Asia: The Much Needed Response to Holocaust Denial, Trivialization, and Inversion.” In *International Approaches to the Holocaust*, edited by Mark Celinscak & Mehnaz M. Afridi (University of Nebraska Press, 2024)
2. “The Departure of the Jews of Cochin to Israel: Cross Memories - How they remember versus how they are remembered” In *Jews from Elsewhere: Forgotten Diasporas and Singular Jewish Identities*, edited by Edith Bruder (New York: Oxford University Press, 2024)
3. “The Role of Jews in Indian Cinema and their Portrayal in it.” In *Handbook on Judaism and Film*, edited by Olga Gershenson (New York: Oxford University Press, 2024)
4. “The Coexistence of Philosemitism and Antisemitism in India.” In *A Companion to Antisemitism in a Global Perspective*, edited by William I. Brustein and Joanna B. Michlic (Wiley Blackwell, 2024)
5. "Antisemitism in the Religious Nationalist and Intellectual/Spiritual/Philosophical Discourses of Hindus." In *Global Antisemitism: A Crisis of Modernity Revisited*, edited by Charles A. Small (Brighton, MA: Academic Studies Press, 2024).

Publications in International Non-Peer-Reviewed Periodicals with ISSN

1. “The Bangladesh Genocide of 1971: Remembrance versus Denial”, *Café Dissensus* (ISSN 2373-177X), Issue 66, April 2023: <https://cafedissensus.com/2023/04/04/issue-editors-note-the-bangladesh-genocide-of-1971-remembrance-versus-denial/>
2. “Ein Meinungsbeitrag zu den derzeitigen Protesten gegen die Staatsbürgerschaftsreformen in Indien”, *Südasiens*, January 2020: <https://www.suedasiensbuero.de/index.php/archiv/1536> (German)
3. “Our Struggle against Hatred and Mass Violence”, *Café Dissensus* (ISSN 2373-177X), Issue 49, February 2019: <https://cafedissensus.com/2019/02/24/guest-editorial-our-struggle-against-hatred-and-mass-violence/>
4. “India’s Response to the Holocaust and its Perception of Hitler: An Introduction”, *Café Dissensus* (ISSN 2373-177X), Issue 31, January 2017: <https://cafedissensus.com/2017/01/20/indias-response-to-the-holocaust-and-its-perception-of-hitler-an-introduction/>

5. "Holocaust and Hitler in Hindi", *Café Dissensus* (ISSN 2373-177X), Issue 31, January 2017: <https://cafedissensus.com/2017/01/20/holocaust-and-hitler-in-hindi/>
6. "The Jews of Bollywood: How Jews Established the World's Largest Film Industry", *Asian Jewish Life* (ISSN 2224-3011), Issue 17, March 2016, pp. 20-25.
7. "Tagore's Association with Jews", *Café Dissensus* (ISSN 2373-177X), Issue 19, October 17, 2015: <http://cafedissensus.com/2015/10/17/tagores-association-with-jews/>
8. "Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia: Where antipathy lives without Jews", *Asian Jewish Life* (ISSN 2224-3011), Issue 15, October 2014, pp. 13-16: http://www.asianjewishlife.org/pages/articles/AJL_Issue_15_Oct2014/AJL_Issue15_Feature_Jewish-Muslim-Relations-South-Asia.html
9. "The Attitudes of Lucknow's Muslims towards Jews, Israel and Zionism", *Café Dissensus* (ISSN 2373-177X), Issue 7, April 15, 2014: <http://cafedissensus.com/2014/04/15/the-attitudes-of-lucknows-muslims-towards-jews-israel-and-zionism/>
10. "The Paradox of the Popularity of Hitler in India", *Asian Jewish Life* (ISSN 2224-3011), Issue 14, April 2014 pp. 14-16: <http://asianjewishlife.org/images/issues/Issue14-April2014/PDFs/Feature-Hilter-in-India.pdf>
11. "Community and Belonging in Indian Jewish Literature", *Himal Southasian* (ISSN 1012-9804), May 2014: <http://himalmag.com/indian-jewish-literature/?currentPage=all>
12. "Das Geheimnis names Sarmad", *Sudasien*, 33. Jahrgang, Nr. 1/2013 (ISSN 0933-5196) (German), 2013, pp. 85-87
13. "Absence of Jewish Studies in India: Creating a New Awareness", *Asian Jewish Life*, Autumn 2010, pp. 31-34: http://asianjewishlife.org/pages/articles/autumn2010/AJL_Feature_Absence_of.html

Publications in National Periodicals with ISSN¹

1. "The Jewish Interest in the Afridi Pathans of Malihabad." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XXII, 5, 2006
2. "The Afridi Pathans." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XXII, 4, 2006
3. "Navras." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XXII, 1, 2006
4. "Majestic Malihabad: A Land of Legends." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XXI, 8, 2005
5. "Jews in Lucknow." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XXI, 6, 2005
6. "The Role of Afridi Pathans in India's Struggle for Freedom." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XX, 7, 2004
7. "The Divine Madness of Sarmad." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XIX, 5, 2003
8. "Malihabad: An Oasis of Poets." *Azad Academy Journal* [ISSN 2248-9835] XIX, 3, 2003

Publications in Quasi Academic & Popular Media: Please see Appendix I.

¹ When these articles appeared in the *Azad Academy Journal* it did not have ISSN, but now it does have.

Book Reviews: *Please see Appendix II.*

COURSES ATTENDED

- **2018, December 10-31:** Faculty Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in Research Methodology, University Grants Commission (UGC) Human Resource Development Centre, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, **India**
- **2018, January 1-29:** Faculty Orientation Programme, University Grants Commission (UGC) Human Resource Development Centre, University of Lucknow, Lucknow, **India**
- **2017, July 16-29:** ISGAP (Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy)-Oxford Summer Institute in Curriculum Development in Contemporary Antisemitism Studies, St John's College, University of Oxford, **UK**
- **2015, September 26 – October 2:** Conference for International Holocaust Education, a professional development program hosted by the William Levine Family Institute for Holocaust Education, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, **USA**
- **2013, September 16-20:** International Educator Institute, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, **USA**
- **2004, March 8 –17:** Successfully attended the Indian Council of Social Scientific Research (ICSSR) sponsored training programme on Methodology and Project Formulation at the Department of Public Administration, University of Lucknow, **India**
- **1997, July – December:** Course in Urdu from Urdu Coaching School, Uttar Pradesh Urdu Academy, Lucknow, **India**

MEMBER:

1. Organization for Security & Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Warsaw and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Advisory Group on Addressing Antisemitism through Education [Since 2023]
2. Editorial Board, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* (ISSN 1206-9330) (International peer-reviewed journal published by the Middle East Institute, New Delhi) [Since 2010]
3. Editorial Board, *Journal for Interdisciplinary Middle Eastern Studies* (JIMES) [Print ISSN: 2522-347X Online ISSN: 2522-6959], peer-reviewed journal publication by Ariel University, Israel [Since 2017]
4. National Advisory Board, Asia in Global Affairs, Kolkata (a non-profit, independent forum for research) [Since 2016]
5. Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism & Policy (ISGAP), New York – Woolf Institute, Cambridge Research Collective [Since 2024]
6. Ad-hoc Board of Studies in the Hebrew Language, Goa University [2018-2024]
7. Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) [2022-23]

8. International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS) [2023-24]

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- **2024 March:** Visiting Fellowship from Salzburg Global Seminar to attend the Project Acceleration Workshop of its Asia Peace Innovators Forum in Kathmandu, **Nepal**, supported by the Nippon Foundation
- **2023 November:** Travel Grant from the Liberation War Museum, Dhaka, **Bangladesh** for participation in its 8th International Conference on “The Politics of Genocide Denial: Global Struggle towards Truth, Recognition and Justice”, 9-11 November, 2023.
- **2023 June:** Visiting Fellowship from Salzburg Global Seminar to attend the first meeting of the second cohort of its Asia Peace Innovators Forum in Salzburg, **Austria** supported by the Nippon Foundation
- **2023 -24:** Visiting Fellowship for educational trips to **Israel** (May 2023) and **Poland** (May 2024) from the NGO called Sharaka for participation in its “Tolerance Promotion through Holocaust Education”, supported by Claims Conference, Federal Ministry of Finance on the basis of a decision of the Bundestag, and EVZ Foundation
- **2022 September:** Travel Grant from the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore, with the support of the Singapore Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) for participating in the second International Conference on Cohesive Societies (ICCS) in **Singapore** from 6 to 8 September 2022, hosted by President Madam Halimah Yacob.
- **2022 June:** Travel Grant from Salzburg Global Seminar to participate in its 75th anniversary celebrations in Salzburg, **Austria**, as one of its 67 famous fellows out of a total of 40 thousand fellows from 170 countries
- **2020 October – 2022 October:** Research Fellowship from the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP), New York, **USA**
- **2019 March:** Travel Grant from the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism (ISCA), Indiana University, Bloomington, **USA** for presenting at their conference
- **2019 January:** Travel Grant from the OHR Torah Stone Nidchei Israel Institute for the Research of Jewish Communities, **Israel** to cover the expense of travel to Jaipur for paper presentation at the conference titled “The Roots of the Pathans in India”
- **2018 October:** Travel Grant (CAD 800/-) from the organizers of the conference *Genocide in Twentieth-Century History: The Power and the Problems of an Interpretive, Ethical-Political, and Legal Concept*, jointly held by Holodomor Research and Education Consortium, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta; Institute for Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Ukraine, Centre for European Research, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto; and Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Toronto, at the University of Toronto, **Canada** from October 19-20, 2018, followed by an Early Career Scholars Workshop on October 21, 2018
- **2017 December:** Travel Grant from UNESCO to participate in the International Conference on Education and the Holocaust at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, **USA**
- **2017 October:** Travel Grant from Salzburg Global Seminar to visit the **International University of Rabat, Morocco**, to help it develop a postgraduate programme in Conflict Resolution and Governance of Peace.

- **2017 July:** A grant covering the expenses of international travel and food and accommodation to facilitate participation in the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP) Summer Institute on Curriculum Development in Critical Antisemitism Studies at **St. John's College, Oxford, UK**
- **2017 March:** A Travel Grant from the **University of East Anglia** under its India Dialogues Programme to participate in its International Workshop on Curriculum Development at its campus in Norwich, **UK**
- **2016 June:** A Travel Grant from the **American Jewish Committee** to be a panelist in a session on Holocaust Education at its Global Forum (5-7 June) in Washington, DC, **USA**
- **2016 April:** A Travel Grant from the **Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, Indiana University** to participate in its International Scholars Conference on "Anti-Zionism, Antisemitism, and the Dynamics of Delegitimization", held at the Bloomington, IN campus, **USA**
- **2015 August-December:** Endeavour Research Fellowship awarded by the **Government of Australia** for post-doctorate (availed at the University of Sydney)
- **2015:** UNESCO Travel Grant to participate in the Conference for International Holocaust Education, led by the Levine Institute for Holocaust Education at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and UNESCO in Washington, DC, **USA**
- **2014:** A Grant sponsored by the **Swiss National Science Foundation** and the **University Priority Research Program Asia and Europe**, awarded by the Science Committee of the 23rd European Conference of South Asian Studies, to assist me to attend the conference at the University of Zurich from July 23 to 26, 2014. It included a registration fee waiver, accommodation for 4 nights and a contribution of up to 680 CHF.
- **2014: Nippon Foundation of Japan Fellowship** for attending the Salzburg Global Seminar's Session 525, "Holocaust and Genocide Education: Sharing Experience Across Borders", to be convened at Schloss Leopoldskron, Austria, from June 21 to 26, 2014
- **2013 October-November:** Visiting Fellowship, **Institute of Asian Studies**, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- **2013 October-November: Scholars for Peace in the Middle East (SPME)** Fellowship for Paper Presentation at International Symposium on Religion Journalism, Griffith University Multi Faith Centre, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- **2013, September 16-20:** Grant covering expenses of international travel and stay to attend the **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** International Educator Institute in Washington, DC, USA
- **2013 February:** Visiting Scholarship, School of Languages and Cultures, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, **University of Sydney**, Australia
- **2010 October - 2011 June: Government of Israel** Scholarship for post-doctoral research on "Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia" at the Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (Could not accept)
- **2010 April – June:** Centre for the Study of Muslim-Jewish Relations (CMJR), **Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK** Visiting Fellowship for research on "Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia"
- **2008 May - 2010 March:** Open Space Fellowship² from the **Centre for Communication and Development Studies, Pune, India** – tenable in Lucknow, India
- **2006-2007: Government of Israel** scholarship for post-doctoral research in the subject History of the Jewish People at the Graduate School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel

² Open Space is the civil society and youth outreach initiative of the Centre for Communication and Development Studies, Pune [www.openspaceindia.org]. Centre for Communication and Development Studies (CCDS) is a social change resource centre focusing on the research and communication of information for change

- **2006-2008:** Centre for Judaic & Inter-Religious Studies, **Shandong University, China** scholarship for D.Litt. in Judaic Studies (Could not accept)

INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

- **2004, November-December and 2005, February-August:** Representation of Jews, Zionism and Israel in Pakistani and Indian Muslim Discourse (Arts & Humanities Research Board, UK funded project) – Worked on an assignment for Prof. T. Parfitt, Chairman of the Centre of Near & Middle East Studies and the then Director of the Centre of Jewish Studies, SOAS, University of London, and Dr. S. C. Yesudian-Storfjell, Research Assistant, Department of Near & Middle East, SOAS, University of London.
- **2002, November:** DNA Sampling of the Afridi Pathans of Malihahad, Lucknow district, Uttar Pradesh, India – Teamed up with Prof. T. Parfitt and Dr. Y. Egorova (London University), and collected DNA samples of fifty paternally unrelated Afridi Pathans in Malihabad to confirm their putative Israelite descent, thus initiating the first ever genetic research on any Pathan tribe in history.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

2024	
Jan 30	“ The Lingering Presence of Nawab Wajid Ali Shah in Lucknow and Kolkata ”, Three-Day National Seminar on “Two Hundred Years of Wajid Ali Shah: ‘Home’ and Exile in Calcutta”, under the auspices of the Department of History, Jadavpur University in collaboration with School of Media Communication and Culture, Jadavpur University, SPARC Project: Redefining for India the Role of Intangible Cultural Heritage and ‘Know Your Neighbour’, Kolkata, at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India , 30 January – 1 February 2024.
2023	
Nov 10	“The Denial of the Bangladesh Genocide of 1971 and the Efforts for its Recognition”, The 8th International Conference on “The Politics of Genocide Denial: Global Struggle towards Truth, Recognition and Justice”, Liberation War Museum, Dhaka, Bangladesh , 9-11 November, 2023
Jul 12	“The Abuse of Holocaust Memory in India and Pakistan”, The 16 th Biennial Meeting of the International Association of Genocide Scholars “Authoritarianism & Genocide: Narratives of Exclusion”, Barcelona, Spain , 10-14 July [<i>online presentation</i>]
Jun 23	“Why, despite all our efforts, peace remains elusive: An Ontological Approach to the Question”, International Workshop “Ontology of Peace: Reflections on Pluriversality”, Jindal Institute of Behavioral Sciences, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, India , 23-24 June [<i>online presentation</i>]
2022	

Aug 1	“Antisemitism in the Religious Nationalist and Intellectual Discourses of Hindus”, Three-Day-International Conference titled “Global Antisemitism: A Crisis of Modernity Revisited” held under the joint auspices of the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism & Policy (ISGAP) and the Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK at the Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK , July 31 – August 2 [<i>online presentation</i>]
Feb 10	“Addressing Antisemitism in India through Education”, Online Workshop on “Addressing Antisemitism through Global Citizenship Education”, organized by UNESCO in partnership with the Embassy of Germany in India, the Embassy of Israel in India and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) of India [<i>online presentation</i>]
2021	
Dec 16	“इतिहास की त्रासदी उर्फ ‘बासी भात में खुदा का साज़ा’ (“The Tragedy of History”), Literaria 2021, under the auspices of Neelamber, Kolkata, India , 16-18 December
Dec 7	“Competitive Victimhood and Holocaust Trivialization in Hindu Nationalist Discourse”, 7th International Conference on Bangladesh Genocide and Justice: Reminiscence, Recognition and Transitional Justice, Liberation War Museum, Bangladesh , 6-7 December [<i>online presentation</i>]
2020	
Sep 24	“The Impact of the Hindu Caste System on Abrahamic Religious Communities in India”, Webinar titled “ Race and Antisemitism: Contemporary Global Perspectives ”, Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, School of Arts and Humanities, The University of Texas at Dallas, USA [<i>online presentation</i>]
Sep 18	“ The Marginalization of Jews in India ”, Webinar on History from the Margins, Department of History, Banarhat Kartik Oraon Hindi Government College, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal, India [<i>online presentation</i>]
2019	
Mar 26	“ Holocaust Inversion and the Anti-Israel Sentiment in the English Language Press in South Asia ”, International Scholars’ Conference “Contending with Antisemitism in a Rapidly Changing Political Climate”, Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism (ISCA), Indiana University, Bloomington, USA (March 23-27, 2019)
Jan 20-21	“ The Tradition of the Israelite Origin of Pathans ”, Conference titled ‘The Roots of the Pathans of India’, under the auspices of the OHR Torah Stone Nidchei Israel Institute for the Research of Jewish Communities, in Jaipur, India
2018	

Oct 19-21	“Challenges to Holocaust Education in India”, Early Career Scholars’ Workshop at the International Conference ‘Genocide in Twentieth Century History: The Power and Problems of an Interpretive, Ethical-Political, and Legal Concept’, under the joint auspices of Holodomor Research and Education Consortium, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta (Toronto Office); Institute for Holocaust, Genocide and Memory Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Petro Jacyk Program for the Study of Ukraine, Centre for European Research, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto; and Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Toronto, held at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Policy, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
2017	
Mar 31	“The Socio-Cultural Ties between India and Israel: An Overview”, India-Israel Academic Dialogues: Political and Cultural Crossings – Two-Day-International Conference jointly organized by Tel Aviv University and O P Jindal Global University in association with the Middle East Forum, USA at the Centre for Israel Studies, O P Jindal Global University, Sonipat, India
Mar 28	“Challenges to Curriculum Development in Holocaust Studies in India” at Humanities in India – International Workshop on Curriculum Development under the auspices of the University of East Anglia International Partnerships Programme at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK
Feb 6	“Jewish-Muslim Relations in India”, <i>Shirei Hodu: Celebrating the Jewish Saga of India</i> , Two-day International Conference on Art, Culture and Heritage of the Jews of India, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, India
2016	
April 2-6	“The Interconnections between Muslim Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism in South Asia: A Case Study of Lucknow”, Anti-Zionism, Antisemitism, and the Dynamics of Delegitimization: An International Scholars Conference, Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, USA
March 18	“The Anglicization of India’s Baghdadi Jews and their Emergence as Intermediaries between the British and the Indians”, Eighth International Conference on East-West Intercultural Relations: “Reconsidering Cultural Ideologies and Identities in India and Beyond”, jointly organized by the University of California, Merced, USA and Ramjas College, University of Delhi, India at Ramjas College, University of Delhi, India
2014	
December 16	“Language, Culture and Values: The Conflict of East and West within the Baghdadi Jewish Community of India”, International Conference on “Language, Culture and Values: East and West”, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

October 13	“Indian Jews as they come across in their Literature”, Round Table International Conference on the Jews of India, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, India
July 25	“Reciprocal (Mis-)Apprehensions: Jews on Non-Jews and Non-Jews on Jews in Indian Fiction”, 23 rd European Conference of South Asian Studies, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland
2013	
December 10	“Indian Jewish Literature at a Glance”, Brandeis-Jindal Workshop on Israel Studies, Jindal School of International Affairs, O. P. Jindal Global University, India in collaboration with Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, USA
October 31	“Press as a Tool for Achieving Interfaith Peace and Reconciliation: The Case of Weekly Press Pakistan”, Two-Day International Symposium on Religion Journalism, Multi Faith Centre, Griffith University, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
October 25	“A Glance at the Indian Jewish Folklore”, Three-Day-International Conference on Folklore: Reinventing Past through Folk Traditions”, Centre of Russian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
April 12	“Israel as it figures in Indian Jewish Literature”, O. P. Jindal Global University and Middle East Institute Joint Seminar on Israel: Perspectives on a State in Transition”, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana, India
March 13	“Between Indianness and Jewishness: The Ambivalence of Indian Jews as reflected in Literature, Cinema and Art”, International Seminar on “Beyond Strategies: Cultural Dynamics in Asian Connections”, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, India
February 10	"The Indian Muslim Involvement with the Hebrew Language", Australian Association for Jewish Studies' 25th Annual Conference on "Jewish Languages, Jewish Cultures: The Shaping of Jewish Civilization", University of Sydney, Sydney Australia, Venue: Sydney Jewish Museum, Sydney, Australia
January 30	"Hebrew and the Jewish Literature and Culture in India", International Conference on "Hebrew Language & Culture: Reception, Self-Conception and Intercultural Relations", Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
2012	
November 3	“The Evolution of the Indian Jewish Identity under the British”, IX Annual Conference of the Rajasthan Association for Studies in English on “The Experience of British Rule in Modern India as Reflected in Contemporary Life and Literature”, Jaipur National University, Jaipur, India
October 8	“The Jewish Rulers of India”, Twenty-third Uttar Pradesh History Congress, MJP Rohillakhand University, Bareilly, India
September 8	“The Jewish Engagement with Buddhism”, International Conference on Introspections on Buddhist Traditions, School of Buddhist Studies & Civilization, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA, India

September 1	Spoke on the Art of Story Telling as the Keynote Speaker and presented the paper titled, “An Overview of the Indian Jewish Folklore” at the National Conference on Folk Narrative, Centre for Comparative Study of Indian Languages and Literature, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India
June 20	“Educating India’s Population on Hitler and the Final Solution”, Telling the Story - Teaching the Core: Holocaust Education in the 21 st Century, Eighth International conference on Holocaust Education, The International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem, Israel
April 1	“The Alarmingly Rising Popularity of Hitler among the Youth and its Implications for Religious Minorities in India”, University Grants Commission (UGC) sponsored two-day-national-seminar on “Understanding Contemporary India and the World”, Centre for Nehru Studies, Department of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India
March 24	“An Overview of India’s Jewish Literature”, National Conference on Writings from the Margins, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA, India
February 7	“The Marginalisation of Indian Jews”, International Seminar on the Marginalized and the Excluded in Society”, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA, India
January 7	“History and Activities of Marathi Jews Across the World”, Three-Day-14 th -International Conference on Maharashtra: Society & Culture, Department of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai (Co-Sponsored by the Indian Council for Social Scientific Research, New Delhi), India
2011	
January 18	“The Impact of Domestic Politics on India’s Attitudes towards Israel and Jews”, Two-Day-International-Seminar – Perspectives on West Asia: Its Evolution as an Area of Study in the Changing Geopolitical Discourses, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, India
2008	
September 30	“Jews and Judaism in Indian Politics and Discourse”, Seminar on Multiculturalism and Politics of Representation, jointly organized by the University Grants Commission Academic Staff College and the Department of Philosophy, University of Lucknow, India
2007	
October 21.	“Traditions of Israelite Descent Among Certain Muslim Groups in India”, The Midwest Jewish Studies Association 19 th annual conference in Evanston, Illinois, USA

INVITED LECTURES

2023

Sep 18	“The Double Edged Sword of Identity: At Once a Unifying and a Divisive Force”, for the Value Added Course ‘Intercultural Performance Making’, under the auspices of the Department of Performing Arts, Presidency University, Kolkata, India
June 25	“Antisemitism among Hindus and Muslims in South Asia” for the Israeli NGO called Sharaka under the auspices of its “Tolerance Promotion through Holocaust Education” programme [<i>via Google Meet</i>]
Jan 23	“Why Complacency is Never an Option: The Criminality of Indifference and Neutrality during Mass Atrocities”, Eighth Winter School on ‘Hatred, Violence and Prevention of Atrocity Crimes’ (January 21-28, 2023) under the auspices of the Liberation War Museum, Dhaka at the Sheikh Hasina National Youth Center, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Jan 22	“Teaching University Students about Genocide: Reflections of an Educationist on the Newly Introduced Curriculum on Bangladesh Genocide”, Eighth Winter School on ‘Hatred, Violence and Prevention of Atrocity Crimes’ (January 21-28, 2023) under the auspices of the Liberation War Museum, Dhaka at the Sheikh Hasina National Youth Center, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh
2022	
Nov 22	“Antisemitic Rhetoric in Urdu on YouTube: An Analysis”, Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa (ASMEA), USA [<i>via Zoom</i>]
Mar 24	“The Jews of South Asia: Their Past & Present”, American Sephardi Federation, USA [<i>via Zoom</i>]
2021	
Dec 23	“Jewish Studies in India”, Root & Branch Association, Jerusalem, Israel [<i>via Zoom</i>]: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJccULTfF3s&list=PL-eAaQMrAB-ZGvv6YIjyt8ht718Vj8pSH&index=2
Apr 18	“The Israelite Origin of the Pashtuns of Afghanistan, Pakistan and India: The Tradition and its Contemporary Ramifications”, Kulanu Canada in partnership with Canadian Institute for Jewish Research, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism & Policy, Canadian Antisemitism Education Foundation, Bene Israel of North America (BINA), Lodzer Synagogue, and Adath Israel Congregation, Canada [<i>via Zoom</i>]: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQ6mfbgNUEg&list=PL-eAaQMrAB-Z0jdZwAMDffimqbE-hTTxe&index=1
Apr 8	“The Unnoticed Antisemitism in India”, under the auspices of the webinar series “Antisemitism in South Asia in Comparative Perspective”, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism & Policy (ISGAP), New York, USA [<i>via Zoom</i>]: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBSN8jEcEYY&list=PL-eAaQMrAB-Z0jdZwAMDffimqbE-hTTxe&index=2

Mar 5	“Antisemitism in India and Pakistan”, Voyages into the Past, Kolkata, India [via Zoom]: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDGOI4N7kQk&list=PL-eAaQMrAB-Z0jdZwAMDffimqbE-hTTxe&index=4
Feb 21	“Jews and Muslims in India and Pakistan: Their Attitudes toward Each Other”, Adult Education Premier Speaker Series, Congregation Nishmat Am, Plano, TX, USA [via Zoom]: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qhcYyISdpVY&list=PL-eAaQMrAB-Z0jdZwAMDffimqbE-hTTxe&index=3&t=1s
2020	
Nov 11	“The Tradition of the Israelite Origin of the Pashtuns”, Root & Branch Association, Jerusalem, Israel : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5f3HfpDWLc&list=PL-eAaQMrAB-a_VRAceu9Soai28Hmlqpw&index=1&t=5s
April 21	“Holocaust Denial, Minimization, Inversion and Trivialization in South Asia”, Lecture (Webinar) in honour of Yom HaShoah, under the auspices of Canadian Antisemitism Education Foundation (CAEF), Ontario, Canada : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOm7YTeJkOg&list=PL-eAaQMrAB-Z0jdZwAMDffimqbE-hTTxe&index=3&t=626s
2019	
Mar 18	“The Search for the Lost Tribes of Israel and its Contemporary Ramifications: A Case Study of Pashtuns/Pakhtuns/Pathans”, under the auspices of Asia in Global Affairs at the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Kolkata, India
2017	
Dec 7	“Holocaust Education in India”, International Conference on Education and the Holocaust at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, USA
Oct 10-12	Spoke at a Peer Advising Seminar under the joint auspices of Universite Internationale de Rabat MEdiNA Studies Program, Sciences Po, Rabat and Salzburg Global Seminar, Austria at the International University of Rabat, Morocco
Apr 24	“The Relevance of Holocaust Remembrance for India”, Lecture on Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) under the joint auspices of the American Jewish Committee Asia Pacific Institute and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee at Evelyn Peters Jewish Community Centre, Mumbai, India
2016	
Oct 21	“Jewish Contributions to Hindi Literature and their Portrayal in It”, Department of Hindi, Presidency University, Kolkata, India : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Efi5_Q7J9s&list=PL-eAaQMrAB-Z9BUSvEs5YLREQHanUnGxl&index=6

Sep 22	“Significance of the Holocaust for India” under the joint auspices of the American Jewish Committee, American Joint Distribution Committee, Embassy of Israel, New Delhi, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Los Angeles, CA, USA, at National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India
2015	
December 27	“Indian Muslim Attitudes towards Jews and Israel”, Sephardi Synagogue, Sydney, Australia
December 22	"The Indian Jewish Communities", Sir Moses Montefiore Jewish Home, Randwick, NSW, Australia
December 15	“Jewish-Muslim Relations in South Asia”, COA, Sydney, Australia
December 4	"The History and Social Structure of Indian Jewry", Leadership Development Programme, Australian Union of Jewish Students, Shalom College, University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW, Australia
November 1	“India and the Jews”, Nefesh Synagogue, Sydney, Australia
October 11	“Jewish Contributions to Indian Cinema”, under the auspices of the Australian Jewish Historical Society and ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Jewish Community at National Jewish Memorial Centre, Canberra, Australia
October 10	“India’s Response to the Holocaust”, under the auspices of the Australian Jewish Historical Society and ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Jewish Community at National Jewish Memorial Centre, Canberra, Australia
October 10	“Indian Jews in Israel”, under the auspices of the Australian Jewish Historical Society and ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Jewish Community at National Jewish Memorial Centre, Canberra, Australia
October 9	“India’s Varied Jewish Connections”, under the auspices of the Australian Jewish Historical Society and ACT (Australian Capital Territory) Jewish Community at National Jewish Memorial Centre, Canberra, Australia
September 10	“The Rise and Fall of Jews in Indian Cinema”, Departments of Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies and Indian Subcontinental Studies, School of Languages & Cultures, University of Sydney, Australia
September 4	“Indian Jewish Communities”, South Asia Research Institute, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
2014	
February 28	“History of Indian Architecture”, Institute of Applied Manpower Research, Planning Commission of India, New Delhi, India
February 26	“Religion in India”, Institute of Applied Manpower Research, Planning Commission of India, New Delhi, India
February 25	“The Indian National Movement and the Role of Mahatma Gandhi”, Institute of Applied Manpower Research, Planning Commission of India, New Delhi, India

February 24	“A Synoptic View of India Heritage”, Institute of Applied Manpower Research, Planning Commission of India, New Delhi, India
2013	
November 14	“The Tradition of the Israelite Origin of Pathans/Pashtuns”, Beit Chabad, Delhi, India
October 28	“India’s Varied Jewish Connections”, Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation, Gold Coast, QLD, Australia
May 4	“The Tradition of the Israelite Origin of Pashtuns/Pathans”, lecture given to a group of American Jewish students of Kivunim Academic Programme on a Study Tour of India, under the auspices of Bene Israel Heritage Museum & Genealogical Research Centre, Mumbai, at Vivanta by Taj Ambassador, New Delhi, India
March 30	“The Significance of Sheela Rohekar as the only Jewish Novelist in Hindi Today” under the auspices of the Lucknow Book Club at the Sangeet Natak Akademi, Lucknow, India
February 23	“The Indian Jews and their Contribution to Art and Letters in India’, Institute of Asian Studies, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
February 21	“South Asian Muslim Attitudes towards Israel, Jews and Zionism”, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
February 20	“Muslim-Jewish Relations in South Asia”, Institute of Asian Studies, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
February 19	“South Asian Muslim Attitudes towards Israel, Jews and Zionism”, Multi Faith Centre, Griffith University, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
February 18	“Jewish Contributions to Indian Cinema and Literature”, National Council of the Jewish Women of Australia, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
February 15	“India, Islam and Israel in the Twenty-First Century”, Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council (AIJAC), Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
February 13	“The Tradition of the Israelite Origin of Pathans/Pashtuns”, Sephardi Synagogue, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
February 13	"South Asian Muslim Attitudes towards Jews, Israel and Zionism", Lecture Series Encounters, Shalom College, University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW, Australia
February 12	"Jews in Bollywood: The Jewish Contributions to Indian Cinema & Literature", Mandelbaum House, University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW, Australia
February 12	"The Paradox of the Absence of Anti-Semitism and the Popularity of Hitler in India", Lecture Series Network, Shalom College, University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW, Australia
2012	
November 24	“The Impact of the Arab-Israel Conflict on South Asian Muslim Attitudes towards Jews and How it Influences the Foreign Policy in South Asia”, Jindal School of International Affairs, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, India
July 1	“Promotion of Jewish Studies in India”, The Israel Center (Seymour J. Abrams Orthodox Union Jerusalem World Center), Jerusalem, under the auspices of Root & Branch Association, Israel

June 28	“India’s Varied Jewish Connections”, Embassy of India, Tel Aviv, under the auspices of the Indian Jewish Heritage Center, Netanya, Israel
June 14	“The Rising Popularity of Hitler in India’, Department of East Asian Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel
May 5	“The Traditions of the Israelite Descent of Certain Pathan Tribes”, lecture given to a group of American Jewish students of Kivunim Academic Programme on a Study Tour of India, under the auspices of Bene Israel Heritage Museum & Genealogical Research Centre, Mumbai, at Judah Hyam Hall, New Delhi, India
2011	
February 2	“Muslim-Jewish Relations in South Asia”, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, India
2010	
June 26	Spoke on the Marginalization of the Jews of India as part of a panel on the Jews of India at the Woolf Institute Alumni Reunion, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, UK
June 17	Led a Certificate Class for the students of the Centre for the Study of Muslim-Jewish Relations (CMJR), Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK
June 15	Gave an Academic Seminar on Muslim-Jewish Relations in South Asia at the CMJR, Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK
June 1	“Jews of South Asia and their Relations with Muslims”, Centre for the Study of Muslim-Jewish Relations (CMJR), Woolf Institute, Cambridge, UK
2008	
June 12	“An Introduction to Indo-Judaica”, Academy of Mass Communication, Lucknow, India
January 27	“Jewish Contributions to Indian Cinema”, Limmud – A Community Day of Learning, Agency for Jewish Education, La Jolla, California, USA
January 26	“Hidden Jews of Pashtun India”, Valley Beth Shalom, Encino, California, USA
2007	
December 15	“Jews, Judaizing Movements and the non-Jewish Claimants of Israelite Descent in India”, Mickve Israel, Savannah, Georgia, USA
December 14	“The Theory of the Israelite Origin of Afridi Pashtuns/Pathans”, Mickve Israel, Savannah, Georgia, USA
November 19.	“Jewish Contributions to Indian Cinema”, Samuel Rosenthal Center for Judaic Studies, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA Lecture announcement accessible on the university website: http://www.case.edu/artsci/rosenthal/events.htm

June 18.	“Jewish-Muslim Relations in India”, The Israel Center (Seymour J. Abrams Orthodox Union Jerusalem World Center), Jerusalem, under the auspices of Root & Branch Association, Israel
March 22.	“A Cultural Profile of Indian Jews”, Department of East Asian Studies, Haifa University, Israel
February 22	“Jewish Contributions to Indian Culture”, The Israel Center (Seymour J. Abrams Orthodox Union Jerusalem World Center), Jerusalem, under the auspices of Root & Branch Association, Israel
2006	
December 20.	“The Putative Israelite Origin of Afridi Pathans”, The Israel Center (Seymour J. Abrams Orthodox Union Jerusalem World Center), Jerusalem, under the auspices of Root & Branch Association, Israel
November 26.	“Jews in Indian Culture”, The Graduate School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel
October 10.	“Jews in Indian Culture”, The Graduate School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel

PARTICIPATION IN PANEL DISCUSSIONS

2023	
Jan 25	Participated in a panel discussion titled “Beyond Genocide: Community Engagement and Regional Network” at the Eighth Winter School on ‘Hatred, Violence and Prevention of Atrocity Crimes” (January 21-28, 2023) under the auspices of the Liberation War Museum, Dhaka at the Sheikh Hasina National Youth Center, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh . The fellow panellists were Pia Conradsen & Tati Krisnawaty (Indonesia), Man Sokkoeun (Cambodia) and Tabassum Niger Oishi (Bangladesh).
2022	
Mar 2	Spoke on “Holocaust Education in India and its Relevance for the Country” at a panel on Holocaust Education in India under the auspices of the Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre, South Africa (via Zoom): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dulwX2SPeTQ&list=PL-eAaQMrAB-Z0jdZwAMDffimqbE-hTTxe
Feb 23	Participated in an expert round table on Holocaust remembrance and education in a global context at the United Nations closed virtual briefing titled, “Holocaust remembrance, education and the United Nations: global opportunities”. Fellow Panelists: Richelle Budd Caplan, Director of International Relations and Projects, International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem, Israel; Tali Nates, Founder and director of the Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre, Chair of the South African Holocaust and Genocide Foundation, South Africa; Tad Stahnke, Director of Educational Outreach, Levine Institute for Holocaust Education, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, United States. Moderated by Tracey Petersen, Public Information Officer and

	manager of the Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme, Department of Global Communications, United Nations [via Zoom]
Feb 15	Spoke on “Holocaust Remembrance: The Much Needed Response to Distortion of History” at the commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day under the auspices of the Austrian Cultural Forum, Embassy of Austria in India. The fellow panellist was Prof. Wolfgang Mueller-Funk (Univ. of Vienna) and the session was moderated by Prof. Pushpesh Pant (Jawaharlal University, New Delhi) [via Zoom]: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8G4akrObGc&list=PL-eAaQMrAB-ZGvv6YIjyt8ht718Vj8pSH&index=12
2021	
Nov 2, 2021	Spoke on “Assault on Democracy in India”, at an online panel titled “ Fragile Democracies: Ethnic Violence, Xenophobia and Genocide ”, under the joint auspices of Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre; University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg; African Centre for the Study of the United States; University of Sussex, UK; University of Illinois, USA; and Uppsala University, Sweden (The fellow panellists were Alexander L. Hinton (director of the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights at Rutgers University, USA) and Andrea Pető (professor in the Department of Gender Studies at the Central European University) [via Zoom]
2020	
Jan 20	Moderated a panel discussion on Baghdadi Jews in Calcutta (now Kolkata) at the screening of Subha Das Mollick’s documentary film <i>Dwelling in Travelling</i> at the Victoria Memorial, Kolkata, India (The fellow panellists were the Subha Das Mollick, the filmmaker and three members of Calcutta Jewry: Flower Silliman, Dr. Jael Silliman, and Ian Zachariah)
2019	
Jan 29	Spoke on Holocaust Remembrance and Memorialization in a panel discussion in commemoration of the UN International Holocaust Remembrance Day, held by the American Jewish Committee Asia Pacific Institute and Indian Pluralism Foundation, at Alliance Francaise du Bengale, Kolkata, India (The fellow panellists were Professor Hari Vasudevan, Calcutta University, Dr. Shamir Isha, St. Xavier’s College, and Armen Makarian, Armenian College)
2017	
Dec 18	Spoke on the Jewish Community of Kolkata as part of a panel discussion on “Revisiting Calcutta’s Diasporic Communities”, under the joint auspices of the Maulana Azad Institute for Asian Studies, Asia in Global Affairs, and the American Jewish Committee Asia Pacific Institute, at the Maulana Azad Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, India

2016	
Jul 25-27	Spoke at the panel on “Empowering Communities and Religious Leaders for Synergistic Energy” at the G20 Interfaith Summit Preconference, Thiruvananthapuram (Trivandrum), Kerala, India
Jun 5-7	Spoke as a member of the panel on Holocaust Education moderated by Rabbi Andrew Baker at the 110 th Global Forum of the American Jewish Committee, Washington, DC, USA
2015	
Sep 29	Spoke at a panel on “The Politics of Teaching Atrocity” moderated by Dr Klaus Mueller, USHMM Representative for Europe at the Conference for International Holocaust Education led by the Levine Institute for Holocaust Education at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and UNESCO, Washington, DC, USA (September 26 – October 2, 2015) (The fellow panellists were Dr Mohammad Dajani Daoudi, Weston Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy and Dr Edward Kisi, Associate Professor, Department of Africana Studies, University of South Florida, USA)
2014	
Jun 22- 26	Spoke at a panel on the role of institutions in raising awareness of the importance of Holocaust education and genocide prevention moderated by Richard Goldstone, International Jurist, South Africa; First Chief Prosecutor for the UN International Criminals Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda at Salzburg Global Seminar’s Third Symposium on Holocaust Education & Genocide Prevention, Schloss Leopoldskron, Salzburg, Austria
Mar 19	Introduced Jael Silliman’s novel <i>The Man With Many Hats</i> (2013) at a panel with Jael Silliman and Devapriya Roy, Oxford Bookstore, Connaught Place, New Delhi, India

SEMINARS and CONFERENCES CO-ORGANIZED

2016, May 18-19	Co-convoked with Prof. P. R. Kumaraswamy (Jawaharlal Nehru University) and Dr. Rohee Dasgupta (Jindal Global University) an International Multidisciplinary Conference on Mass Violence and Memory at the O P Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana, India
2012, February 7	Co-convoked with Dr. S. N. Fatmi (Gautam Buddha University) an International Seminar on "The Marginalised and the Excluded in Society", School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA, India
2012, March 23-24	Worked as a Member of the Organising Committee of the National Conference on Writings from the Margins, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA, India

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & WEBINAR SERIES ORGANIZED

1. Webinar Series “Antisemitism in East and Southeast Asia in Comparative Perspective” (Convened with Dr. Mary J. Ainsle), Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism & Policy, New York, October 2021 – May 2022: <https://isgap.org/antisemitism-in-east-and-southeast-asia-comparative-perspective/>
2. Webinar Series “Antisemitism in South Asia in Comparative Perspective”, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism & Policy, New York, February – May 2021: <https://isgap.org/seminar-series/antisemitism-in-south-asia-in-comparative-perspective/>
3. Multidisciplinary conference on the “Prevention of Mass Violence and the Promotion of Tolerance” at the Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, 27-28 February, 2017
4. Multidisciplinary conference on “South Asia: Past, Present and Future” at the Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, 15 February 2017
5. Multidisciplinary conference convened with Dr. Rohee Dasgupta and Professor P. R. Kumaraswamy on “Mass Violence and Memory” at O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, under the joint auspices of Society for Social Regeneration & Equity (SSRE), Middle East Institute, New Delhi and O. P. Jindal Global University, in association with the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and UNESCO, May 18-19, 2016: <https://massviolenceandmemory.blogspot.com/>

POSTGRADUATE COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT**Presidency University, Kolkata:**

- A History of Mass Violence (20th century – present) (4 credits)
- History of Small Communities of Foreign Origin in Colonial India (4 credits)

Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA:

- History of the Modern World (5 credits)*
- Cross-Cultural & International Understanding (4 credits)
- Governance, Politics and Development (4 credits)
- Demography & Development (4 credits)
- International Governance (3 credits)
- History of Journalism & Broadcasting in India (4 credits)
- Studies in Historical Enquiry (4 credits)
- Basic Concepts in Social Sciences (3 credits)
- Historiography, Concepts and Research Techniques (2 credits)
- War & Peace in West Asia (3 credits)
- Contemporary International Relations (4 credits)
- Foreign Policies of Major Powers (4 credits)
- Global Peace and Disarmament (3 credits)
- The entire syllabus for MA (History & Civilization) at Gautam Buddha University

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT

- Reading Interfaith Relations in World History (4 credits)
- The Jews: A Global History (From the Earliest Times to the Present) (4 credits)

POSTGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

1. A History of Mass Violence (4 credits)
2. History of Small Communities of Foreign Origin in Colonial India (4 credits)
3. Religious Nationalism and the Idea of India (4 credits)
4. South Asian Cultures in the Age of Nationalism (4 credits)
5. History of the Modern World (5 credits)
6. Cross-Cultural & International Understanding (4 credits)
7. Governance, Politics and Development (4 credits)
8. International Governance (3 credits)
9. Demography and Development (4 credits)
10. Development in India: Debate and Trends (4 credits)
11. Public Policy and Development (4 credits)
12. Buddhism & Civilisational Harmony (2 credits)
13. Human Values & Buddhist Ethics (2 credits)
14. Research Methodology (4 credits)
15. History of Science & Technology (2 credits)
16. Basic Concepts in Social Sciences (3 credits)
17. Historiography, Concepts and Research Techniques (2 credits)
18. History of Journalism & Broadcasting in India (4 credits)
19. Studies in Historical Enquiry (4 credits)
20. Indian Foreign Policy (4 credits)
21. Contemporary International Relations (4 credits)
22. War & Peace in West Asia (3 credits)
23. Global Terrorism (3 credits)
24. Foreign Policies of Major Powers (4 credits)
25. Global Peace and Disarmament (3 credits)
26. Social Aspects of Engineering (3 credits)

**1 Credit is equal to one-hour lecture per week.*

MA Dissertation Supervision

1. Riti Banerjee, *The Other Half of the Sky : Exploring Indian Jewish Female Autoethnographic Literature in English through their Memoirs and Fiction* [ongoing]
2. Snehasish Biswas, *The Impact of the 1950 Anti-Hindu Pogroms of East Bengal with Focus on Dhaka*, 2023

3. Madhumita Seal, *Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh: Birth of a Stateless Community*, 2023
4. Sayan Lodh, *Kolkata Jewry: An inquiry into the reasons behind the refusal of some Baghdadi Jews to leave Kolkata even after most of their co-religionists did*, 2022
5. Archi Biswas, *The End of Innocence: Experiences of Children in Nazi Germany*, 2022
6. Sayak Chatterjee, *Understanding Bystanders through the Holocaust*, 2022
7. Ankita Mukherjee, *Iconoclasm and the Contemporary Politics of Memorialization*, 2021
8. Tiyasa Patra, *The Impact of the Partition Trauma on Contemporary India*, 2021
9. Sayantika Das, *A Reconstruction of the Partition of India through its Counterfactual History*, 2021
10. Riju Debnath, *The Language Movement in Bangladesh in the Global Context*, 2021
11. Koyel Banerjee, *Holocaust Survivors and their Rehabilitation*, 2020
12. Doel Chakraborty, *Pro-Nazi Sentiment in India*, 2020
13. Sohini Chakraborty, *UN's role in Genocide Prevention*, 2020
14. Mou Mondal, *Women during the Holocaust*, 2020
15. Shreya Dutta, *The Rebel, the State and the People: Self-Determinism, its Nuances and its Challenges in India*, 2019
16. Anisha Samanta, *History of Mughlai Food in India: Tracing the Roots*, 2019
17. Poulami Basu, *A Socio-Cultural Profile of Lucknow*, 2019
18. Sagarika Sarkar Bose, *The Military Masculinity Complex: Hegemonic Masculinity of the British Empire In India*, 2018
19. Ishwari Mallick, *Rohingyas: A Mobile Nation*, 2018
20. Nidhi Shukla, *Chequered Histories and Contested Realities*, 2017
21. Saema Sarshar, *Chronicling the History of Jewish-Muslim Association in Kolkata*, 2017
22. Swati Dubey, *The Baghdadi Jews of Calcutta: A Story of Integration*, 2017
23. Akshay Saroha, *India-Israel Relations since Normalization in 1992*, 2016
24. Tenzin Yingsel, *The Arab Spring*, 2015
25. Tabassum Ashraf, *The Kashmir Conflict*, 2015

BA (Hons) Dissertation Supervision

1. Soumili Bishnu, *Unraveling the Horrors of Holocaust: Tracing the Depths of Medical Atrocities in the Nazi Regime (1933-45)*, 2024
2. Debanjana Chakraborty, *Anatomizing the Shoah: Exploration of the Holocaust through the Lens of Popular Bengali Literature on it*, 2024
3. Anik Chattopadhyay, *'Mukher Bhasha' as counter-hegemony: Contextualising the intellectual discourse of the 'Bhasha Andolan' within the National Liberation Movement of Bangladesh*, 2024
4. Rittika Talukder, *Breaking Barriers: Women's Diverse Engagements in Bangladesh Liberation War*
5. Utsha Sinha, *Voices Unheard: Looking at the Victims & Children Born of Genocidal Rape in Bangladesh (1971) & Rwanda (1994) through a Prism of Comparative Analysis*, 2024
6. Indrakshi Roychowdhuri, *Hitler and Dr. Eduard Bloch: the story of the Fuehrer through the eyes of the Eldejude*, 2023
7. Mihir Seth, *Desiring Virility: Narratives of Male Inadequacy in Hindutva Politics*, 2023
8. Tanaya Rooj, *Eunuch in Mughal India in Comparative Perspective: The Intermixture of Sex and Politics*, 2023

9. Apalak Bhattacharyya, *How Nordau's Muscular Judaism led to the transformation of the body of the Jew and the rise of the New Jew, analysed through the rise of Hakoah Vienna in early 20th century*, 2023
10. Riddhija Bhowal, *Of The Undead and The Other: An Analysis of the Transforming Role of the Subtext of Jewish Identity of Dracula as Translated on Screen*, 2023
11. Rudrani Ghosh, *Indian Jewish Cuisines: Traditions and Diversity*, 2023
12. Saukarya Samad, *The Ballads and Bards of Changing Times: Interpretation of Jewish Imageries in the Songs of Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylon and Leonard Cohen*, 2022
13. Arindam Singha, *The Three Decades of Indo-Israeli Diplomatic Relations, 1992-2022*, 2022
14. Ishika Mitra, *India through the Eyes of Nissim Ezekiel*, 2022
15. Sayanwita Roychowdhury, *Democide to Genocide: Exploring the Stages of Degeneration*, 2022
16. Riti Banerjee, *Exploring the Community Identity of the Bene Israel through their Autoethnographic English Literature: An Assessment of Nissim Ezekiel's 'Background Casually', Esther David's The Walled City and Robin David's City of Fear*, 2022
17. Sayan Biswas, *"The Year of Sorrow: The Great Refugee Crisis during the Liberation War of Bangladesh"*, 2022
18. Ramyani Banerjee, *German Resistance to the Nazis as Depicted in Cinema*, 2021
19. Debaleena Basu, *Hindi & Bengali Language Films In Colonial India: A Broad Historical Overview*, 2021
20. Debarka Mithiya, *The Jews of India and their Relations with Other Indians*, 2021
21. Suchismita Roy, *A View through the Gastronomic Lens: A Study of the Culinary Cultures of the Jews and Parsis of Calcutta*, 2021
22. Sayak Chatterjee, *Racial Pseudo-Science: A Comparative Study of Nazism, White Supremacism and Apartheid and Their Echoes in India*, 2020
23. Urmimala Dev, *Resistance Movements during the Holocaust*, 2020
24. Sayan Lodh, *Calcutta Jewry: An Enduring Legacy*, 2020
25. Archi Biswas, *Women in Nazi Germany*, 2020
26. Urmimala Dev, *Resistance Movements during the Holocaust*, 2020
27. Anamitra Ghosh, *An Analysis of Armenian and Turkish Responses to the Armenian Genocide*, 2020
28. Louise Nogues (Exchange Student from Sciences Po, Paris), *Naxalite Movement in India since 1967: Public Opinion and Responses from the State*, 2020
29. Sulagna Nandi, *Partition of India, 1947: Survivor Testimonies*, 2019
30. Mitrani Mukherjee, *A Short History of Political Islam, 1970s onwards*, 2019
31. Prantik Sarkar, *The Religious Narcotics: How narcotics have been incorporated into various religious practices and cultures to explore spirituality*, 2019
32. Shafaque Rehman, *Cultural Exchanges in Colonial Bengal*, 2019
33. Debolina Roychoudhury, *Antisemitic Legislation in Nazi Europe*, 2018
34. Koyel Banerjee, *Denying the Holocaust: A Contemporary Form of Antisemitism*, 2018
35. Pragyesh Singh, *"Ethics" during the Holocaust: Moral Responsibility, Motives and Agendas*, 2018
36. Doel Chakraborty, *Science and the Third Reich: Nazi Medical Crimes*, 2018
37. Amrita Mukherjee, *Cabaret in Kolkata: A Cross-Cultural Global Study*, 2017
38. Asmita Bandyopadhyay, *Capturing History in Literature: The Portrayal of the Victimization of Women During and Following the Partition of India in 1947*, 2017
39. Dipanwita Mazumder, *Propaganda and Art: Axis Propaganda in India during World War II*, 2017

40. Lahoma Bhattacharya, *'Wartime Fashion': Analysing the Role of World War II in its Creation with an Emphasis on What made the Nazi Aesthetic Appealing to the Masses*, 2017

Doctoral Supervision (Current)

- Qamer Sultana, "Dawoodi Bohra Leadership in the Twentieth Century: Search for a Community Identity" (Registered in 2021)
- Amita Kumari, "Exploring the Margins: A History of Santals in the Colonial Period" (Registered in 2021)
- Gourav Lama, "Archaeology and Public Culture in India after Independence" (Registered in 2019)

Post-Doctoral Research Supervision

- Deepti Tiwari [Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR) Fellow], *Gandhi and his Jewish Connections*, 2016
- **Volunteer Experience as Peer Reviewer** - Peer reviewed for the following publications:
 1. *Modern Asian Studies* (Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group)
 2. *Contemporary South Asia* (Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group)
 3. *Jewish Culture and History* (Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group)
 4. *Journal of South Asian Studies*, an open access, peer-reviewed, international academic journal jointly published by E Science Press and Center for Community Learning (CCL), Pakistan
 5. *Pakistan Perspectives* (ISSN 1810-5658), a bi-annual multi-disciplinary journal of the Pakistan Study Centre, University of Karachi
 6. *Journal of Al-Tamaddun* (ISSN 1823-7517, e-ISSN 2289-2672), an international refereed academic journal published by the Department of Islamic History and Civilization, Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur
 7. *ISKCON Communications Journal*, a peer-reviewed journal published by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) – the Hare Krishna Movement
- **Social Activism:**
 - **Fellow, Open Space, Youth Outreach Programme of Centre for Communication & Development Studies, Pune** (May 2008 – March 2010)
 - **Honorary Secretary, Society for Social Regeneration & Equity (SSRE)** (20 September 2013 - 13 June 2014)
 - **Honorary Executive Director, Youth Outreach Programme, Society for Social Regeneration & Equity (SSRE)** (14 September 2014 - 2019)
- **Administrative Experience**

Presidency University, Kolkata (2016 – present):

- Member, Departmental Committee for International Collaborations and Academic Exchanges, Department of History (AY 2023-24)
- Member, Departmental Committee for Course Allocation, Timetable and Internal Assignment Calendar (AY 2023-24)
- Member, UG Dissertation Committee (AY 2023-24)
- Member, Committee for Syllabus Revision (AY 2023-24)
- Member, Departmental Committee for Assessment by NAAC
- Convenor, Library Committee, Department of History (AY 2019-20)
- In-charge, History Department Seminar Library (AY 2019-20)
- Coordinator, Undergraduate Dissertations (AY 2019-20)
- Convenor, Finance, Purchase & Maintenance Committee (December 2017 – June 2019)
- Convenor, Committee for Academic Development and International Collaboration & Academic Exchanges (December 2017 – June 2019)
- Convenor, Conferences/Lectures/Seminars Committee, Department of History (18 January – December 2017 and AY 2021-2022)
- Convenor, Committee for International Collaborations and Academic Exchanges, Department of History (18 January – December 2017)
- Co-Convenor, Committee for Academic Development, Department of History (18 January – December 2017)
- Member, Departmental NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) Coordination Team (AY 2022-23)
- Member, Undergraduate Dissertation Committee
- Member, Coordination Committee for International Collaboration & Exchange Programmes (2017 – 2020)
- Member, PhD Committee of the Department of History (11 June, 2018 – Present)
- Member, Central Library Purchase Committee (Even Semester 2019 – Present)
- Member, Departmental Examination Committee (AYs 2021-22 & 2022-23)
- Member, Cultural Committee for Bicentenary Celebrations (2017)
- Member, Organizing Committee of World Education Summit (6-20 January 2017)

Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA (2010-2016):

- Faculty-in-Charge, Department of History & Civilization (19 December 2011 – 26 July 2012)
- Programme Coordinator, MA in History & Civilization (27 July 2012 – 27 June 2016)
- Programme Coordinator, MA in Political Science & International Relations (11 June 2013 – present)
- Faculty Advisor, Theatre Club (1– 26 August, 2010)
- Faculty-in-Charge, Dramatics Club (27 August 2010 – 21 March 2012)
- Member, Cultural Council (15 June 2011 – 27 June 2016)
- Member, Library Committee (19 April 2012 – 27 June 2016)

- Coordinator, Lecture Series, School of Humanities & Social Sciences (18 August 2011 – 27 June 2016)
- Observer, Gautam Buddha University Entrance Test (2014), Dehradun Centre

EVENTS ORGANIZED BY DR. AAFREEDI AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA

- Organized a series of lectures by national and international scholars, viz., **Nosheen Ali** (Independent Scholar), **Rohee Dasgupta** (O P Jindal Global University), **Yulia Egorova** (Durham University), **Melissa Fitch** (University of Arizona), **Anna Guttman** (Lakehead University), **Adil Hossain** (University of Oxford), **Sohini Jana** (Euphrates Institute), **Mossarap H. Khan** (New York University), **Shimon Lev** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), **Amit Ranjan** (University of Delhi), **Alvin H. Rosenfeld** (Indiana University), **Sneha Roy** (KAICIID), **Roy Bar Sadeh** (Columbia University), **Sarva-Daman Singh** (Institute of Asian Studies, Brisbane, Australia), **Heinz Werner Wessler** (Uppsala University).
- Panel on Jewish Contributions to Calcutta in association with the Asia Pacific Institute, American Jewish Committee (AJC), at the Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, 15 March, 2017

DR. AAFREEDI'S AS THE COORDINATOR OF THE LECTURE SERIES OF THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES, GAUTAM BUDDHA UNIVERSITY

- Lecture on “**Dialogue and Ethics: Encountering the ‘Other’ in the Mahabharata**” by Dr. Brian Black, Lancaster University, UK
- Panel on **Women’s Issues, Concerns and Rights**, with Prof. Jael Silliman, Australian Social Activist Jennifer Star of Tara.ed and Dr. Bipasha Som as the panelists. The panel was preceded by a lecture by Prof. Silliman on her Digital Archives Project focused on her Baghdadi Jewish Community of Calcutta (now call Kolkata) and a reading of excerpts from her maiden novel depicting the community.

DR. AAFREEDI'S WORK AS A MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL OF GAUTAM BUDDHA UNIVERSITY

- **PANEL** on “Jewish Art, Cinema and Literature” with American Jewish Filmmakers Curt Fissel and Ellen Friedland, Israeli Poet Rabbi Tsippi Levine Byron and American Jewish Painter of Indian origin Siona Benjamin
- **CONCERTS** by Israeli musicians and singers Tal Kravitz and Shye Ben-Tzur
- **LECTURE** by Motto Lerner (Israeli Playwright and Film Screenplay writer)
- **RECITATIONS of POETRY** written by Indian English language poet Nissim Ezekiel and Israeli Hebrew poet Yehuda Amichai

- **READINGS OF WORKS OF FICTION** produced by Indian Jewish novelist Esther David and Polish writer Tadeusz Borowski

FILM SCREENINGS

- **Documentary Films:** *Night and Fog, The Romani Trail, Delicious Peace Grows in a Ugandan Coffee Bean, I'm Still Here, From Refugee to Immigrant: A Story of Three Kosovar Albanian Americans, Praying in Her Own Voice, Classmates of Anne Frank, Inheritance, Outcast: Jewish Persecution in Nazi Germany, Israel Inside, Company Jasmine, We are Your Voice, etc.*
- **Feature Films:** *Exodus, The Pianist, Schindler's List, Waltz with Bashir, A Mighty Heart, The Diary of Anne Frank, Spring 1941, and The Artist.*

Reviews of N J Aafreedi's book: *Please see Appendix IV.*

Navras J. Aafreedi's interviews in popular media (press, radio, and television): *Please see Appendix III.*

APPENDICES (I TO VI) TO DR. NAVRAS JAAT AAFREEDI'S CURRICULUM VITAE

APPENDIX I: Select Publications in Popular Media

2023	
1	"Studying Global Jewish History in India: A Brief Overview", <i>Historia</i> , Vol. 1, Issue 1, October, pp. 25-27.
2	"My Journey Studying Jews and Antisemitism", <i>The Presidency University Magazine</i> , 2019-2023, pp. 83-90.
2022	
1	"The Abuse of Holocaust Memory in India", <i>Flashpoint</i> , 85: April 28: https://isgap.org/flashpoint/the-abuse-of-holocaust-memory-in-india/
2021	
1	"The Only Urdu Poem on the Holocaust and its Author", <i>Flashpoint</i> , 77: March 4: https://isgap.org/flashpoint/the-only-urdu-poem-on-the-holocaust-and-its-author/
2020	
1	"The Enigma that was Anwar Nadeem", <i>Naya Daur</i> , November 9: https://nayadaur.tv/2020/11/the-enigma-that-was-anwar-nadeem/
2	"Remembering the Enigmatic Anwar Nadeem on his Birth Anniversary", <i>Café Dissensus Everyday</i> , October 22: https://cafedissensuseveryday.com/2020/10/22/remembering-the-enigmatic-anwar-nadeem-on-his-birth-anniversary/
2019	

1	<p>“The Advent of Jews & Antisemitism in World’s Largest Elections Held in India”, <i>India Times</i>, May 22, 2019: https://www.indiatimes.com/news/india/the-advent-of-jews-antisemitism-in-world-s-largest-elections-held-in-india-367562.html</p> <p>Reprint: “Anti-Semitism injected into India election”, <i>San Diego Jewish World</i>, May 22, 2019: https://www.sdjewishworld.com/2019/05/22/anti-semitism-injected-into-india-election/</p>
2018	
1.	<p>“The Story of a Secularist in India”, <i>Café Dissensus Everyday</i>, June 10: https://cafedissensusblog.com/2018/06/10/the-story-of-a-secularist-in-india/</p>
2017	
1.	<p>“PM Modi should launch Jewish Studies to fight antisemitism”, <i>News 18</i>, July 6: http://www.news18.com/news/india/opinion-pm-modi-should-launch-jewish-studies-to-fight-antisemitism-1452777.html</p>
2.	<p>“High Time Jewish Studies got introduced in Indian Academia”, <i>Swarajya</i>, June 23: https://swarajyamag.com/culture/high-time-jewish-studies-get-introduced-in-indian-academia</p>
2015	
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Indian Students put on First-Ever Play on Holocaust", <i>United with Israel</i>, January 20: http://unitedwithisrael.org/indian-students-put-on-first-ever-play-on-holocaust/ • "First known Hindi play on Holocaust presented", <i>San Diego Jewish World</i>, January 16: http://www.sdjewishworld.com/2015/01/16/first-known-hindi-play-holocaust-presented/ • Spanish Translation: “Estudiantes de la India interpretan una histórica obra de teatro sobre el Holocausto”, <i>Unidos con Israel</i>, January 21: http://unitedwithisrael.org/es/estudiantes-de-la-india-interpretan-una-historica-obra-de-teatro-sobre-el-holocausto/
2014	
1.	<p>“Chutzpah comes to Bollywood”, <i>The Pioneer</i>, October 13: http://www.dailypioneer.com/columnists/oped/chutzpah-comes-to-bollywood.html</p>
2.	<p>“Some Pakistan media seek inter-faith peace”, <i>The Peace Journalist</i> (A publication of the Center for Global Peace Journalism at Park University, USA), Vol. 3, No. 1, April 2014, pp. 8-9</p>
3.	<p>“Indian Jewish Novelist honoured in Lucknow”, <i>San Diego Jewish World</i>, January 5: http://www.sdjewishworld.com/2014/01/05/indian-jewish-novelist-honored-lucknow/</p>
2013	
1.	<p>“Jewish Studies on the rise in India”, <i>Yedioth Ahronoth</i>, June 11: http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340,L-4387137.00.html</p>
2.	<p>“A Muslim unceasing search for his Jewish mother”,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eretz Yisrael</i>, August 22: http://blog.eretzyisrael.org/post/59013183571/muslim-mans-unceasing-quest-for-his-jewish-mother • <i>Israel and Stuff</i>, August 22: http://www.israelandstuff.com/muslim-mans-unceasing-quest-for-his-jewish-mother • <i>Yedioth Ahronoth</i>, August 21: http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0.7340,L-4410528.00.html • <i>5 Towns Jewish Times</i>, July 11: http://5tjt.com/a-muslims-unceasing-search-for-his-jewish-mother/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russian translation: "Мусульманский поэт Соз Малихабади безуспешно ищет мать – еврейку Рихану", <i>News Ru</i>, July 11: http://newsru.co.il/world/11jul2013/soz456.html
3.	<p>"History of India's Jewish beauty Queens", <i>Yedioth Ahronoth</i>, August 3: http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4402232,00.html</p> <p>"The Life and Times of India's Jewish Beauty Pageant Winners",</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Algemeiner</i>, June 26: http://www.algemeiner.com/2013/06/26/the-life-and-times-of-the-jewish-beauty-queens-of-india/ <p>"Several Miss India Winners were Jewish", <i>San Diego Jewish World</i>, June 25: http://www.sdjewishworld.com/2013/06/25/several-miss-india-winners-were-jewish/</p> <p>Russian Translation: "Еврейки - королевы красоты Индии: от первой Miss India до наших дней", <i>News Ru</i>, June 26: http://newsru.co.il/rest/25jun2013/miss_india_111.html</p>
4.	<p>"Hindi novel portrays life of Indian Jews", <i>Yedioth Ahronoth</i>, May 23: http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4381475,00.html</p>
5.	<p>"Oy vey for Bollywood"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Australian Jewish News</i>, May 3 • <i>Jewish News</i>, May 26: http://jewishnews.co.uk/oy-vey-for-bollywood/
6.	<p>"Erster Roman uber indische Juden in Hindi erschienen", <i>Israel Nachrichten</i>, April 4 (German): https://www.academia.edu/7930944/Erster_Roman_%C3%BCber_indische_Juden_in_Hindi_erschie_nen</p>
7.	<p>"Muslims host First Ever Hebrew Conference held in South Asia"/ "First Ever Hebrew Conference held in South Asia"/ "First Ever Hebrew Conference held in New Delhi, India"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Algemeiner</i>, February 14: http://www.algemeiner.com/2013/02/14/first-ever-hebrew-conference-held-in-south-asia/ • <i>The Jewish Press</i>, February 11: http://www.jewishpress.com/news/breaking-news/muslims-host-first-ever-hebrew-conference-held-in-south-asia/2013/02/11/
2012	
1.	<p>"Lucknow's Jewish Connection", <i>The Lucknow Tribune</i>, December 22</p>
2.	<p>"Jews in Lucknow: Moneylender and the Watchmaker", <i>The Lucknow Tribune</i>, December 15</p>
2010	
1.	<p>"The Indian Jews: Their Relations with Muslims and their Marginalisation", <i>Perspectives</i> (Woolf Institute, Cambridge's periodical), Winter 2010-2011: http://www.woolf.cam.ac.uk/assets/pdf/perspectives_winter1011.pdf</p>
2008	
2.	<p>"US Speaking Tour: A Non-Jew dreams of bringing Jewish Studies to India", <i>Kulanu</i>, Vol. 15, No. 3, Autumn: https://kulanu.org/communities/india/u-s-speaking-tour-non-jew-dreams-bringing-jewish-studies-india/</p>

4.	“An Indian Jewish P.O.W. in Pakistan”, <i>Arutz Sheva</i> http://www.israelnationalnews.com/Articles/Article.aspx/8127 , July 23
2007	
1.	“Indians with Biblical Roots.” http://www.think-israel.org/aafreedi.indianjews.html
2004	
1.	“India’s Esther David: A Sculptor, Painter and Writer.” [Urdu] • <i>Imkan</i> II, 4: June
2.	“A Travelogue of Mumbai (Bombay) highlighting the metro’s Jewish facet” [Urdu]: • <i>Imkan</i> III, 3: May
3.	“A Muslim Urdu Poet’s Search for his Jewish Actor Mother.” <i>Imkan</i> III, 2:1 March-April [Urdu]
4.	“Jews in Indian Cinema.” <i>Imkan</i> III, 1: January-February [Urdu]
2003	
1.	“India’s Jewish Literature.” [Urdu] • <i>Imkan</i> II, 11: November
2.	Translation of Etgar Keret’s short story “Breaking the Pig”. <i>Imkan</i> II, 10: October [Urdu]
3.	“Shalom Lucknow! Tracing Lucknow’s Jewish connection.” <i>Lucknow Times, The Times of India</i> , September 10
4.	“An Overview of Modern Hebrew Literature.” <i>Imkan</i> II, 9: September [Urdu]
5.	“Nissim Ezekiel: Father of India’s Modern English Poetry.” <i>Imkan</i> II, 8: August [Urdu]
6.	“The Role of Afridi Pathans in India’s Struggle for Freedom.” <i>Imkan</i> II, 7: July [Urdu]
7.	“Sarmad: The Jewish Sufi.’ [Urdu]: • <i>Imkan</i> II, 6: June
8.	“First Muslim President of India Dr. Zakir Husain’s Jewish Girlfriend.” <i>Imkan</i> II, 4: April [Urdu]
9.	“The Putative Israelite Background of the Great Urdu Poet Josh Malihabadi.” <i>Imkan</i> II, 2: February [Urdu]
2002	
1.	“Malihabad’s Israeli connection.” <i>Lucknow Times, The Times of India</i> , November 14

APPENDIX II: Book Reviews

2020

1. Review of Shalom Salomon Wald and Arielle Kandel, *India, Israel, and the Jewish People*, *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* [ISSN 1206-9330], No. 17, 2020, pp. 151-155:
<http://www.mei.org.in/jijs/jijs-volume-17-book-review-by-navras-jaat-aafreedi>

2019

1. "Breaking the gilded ceiling" (Review of Leslie Pierce, *Empress of the East: How a Slave Girl Became Queen of the Ottoman Empire*, Icon, 2018), *The Telegraph*, Calcutta, May 10, 2019, p. 15. Published online under the title "A peep into the world of the Ottomans": <https://www.telegraphindia.com/culture/books/a-peep-into-the-world-of-the-ottomans/cid/1690223>
2. Review of Yulia Egorova, *Jews and Muslims in South Asia: Reflections on Difference, Religion and Race*, Oxford University Press, 2018, *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion* (ISSN 2475-207X), April 13, 2019: <http://readingreligion.org/books/jews-and-muslims-south-asia>

2018

1. "Barriers and Beyond" (Review of Tim Marshall, *Divided: Why We're Living in an Age of Walls*, Elliot & Thompson, 2018), *The Telegraph*, Calcutta, November 23, 2018: <https://www.telegraphindia.com/culture/books/barriers-and-beyond-why-we-are-living-in-an-age-of-walls/cid/1676158?ref=search-page>
2. "Look Deeper" (Review of Niyaz Farooquee, *An Ordinary Man's Guide to Radicalism: Growing Up Muslim in India*, Context, New Delhi, 2018), *The Telegraph*, Calcutta, April 20, 2018, p. 17: <https://www.telegraphindia.com/opinion/look-deeper/cid/1465333?ref=search-page>

APPENDIX III: Navras Jaat Aafreedi's Interviews in Popular Media (Print Press, Radio, Television, Digital Media)

Press on Dr. Aafreedi's Researches and Academic Activities:

Stories on Dr Aafreedi's researches and academic activities have appeared in several languages, such as Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Hindi, Lithuanian, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Turkish, and Urdu, in both print and online, in India and beyond, in leading newspapers and magazines, such as *Algemeiner*, *Business Standard*, *Dawn*, *Guardian*, *India Today*, *Indian Express*, *Jerusalem Post*, *Novosty Nedely*, *Outlook*, *Sunday Indian*, *Telegraph*, *Times of India*, etc.

Radio Interviews

- All India Radio (2019): <https://soundcloud.com/navras-jaat-aafreedi/dr-navras-aafreedis-radio-interview-on-jews-in-india-urdu>
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (2013): <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/archived/spiritofthings/lost-tribes-found/5099200>
- Radio 24, Italy (2010)
- Israel National Radio (2010)
- Talkline Communications Network, USA (2007)

Television

Sahara Samay Rashtriya, *ETV Urdu*, *Star News*, and *NDTV India*.

Sound Cloud

Interview to the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre (2021): <https://soundcloud.com/navras-jaat-aafreedi/sets/dr-navras-j-aafreedis-1>

Print Press

- 2020** “The Importance of Teaching about the Holocaust in India in Light of Anti-Muslim Pogroms,” Interviewed by Soila Kenya, Salzburg Global Seminar, August 12, 2020: <https://www.salzburgglobal.org/news/latest-news/article/the-importance-of-teaching-about-the-holocaust-in-india-in-light-of-anti-muslim-pogroms>
- 2017** “Enigma of Arrival and Exit,” Interviewed about the history and culture of the Jews of India by Amit Ranjan, *The Equator Line*, Vol. 5, Issue 4, July-September, pp. 132-144.
- 2016** “Unlike China, India’s Jews survived...Indian Muslims, Jews unique friends...tolerance debate, minority studies vital for India”, Interviewed by Eram Agha, *The Times of India* (all editions), July 1: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/the-interviews-blog/unlike-china-indias-jews-survived-indian-muslims-jews-unique-friends-tolerance-debate-minority-studies-vital-for-india/>

Appendix IV: Dr. Navras Jaat Aafreedi on YouTube

Dr. Navras J. Aafreedi [YouTube channel]: <https://www.youtube.com/c/NavrasAafreedi>

APPENDIX V**REVIEWS OF THE MONOGRAPH *JEWES, JUDAIZING MOVEMENTS AND THE TRADITIONS OF ISRAELITE DESCENT IN SOUTH ASIA*, PRAGATI BOOKS, NEW DELHI, 2016**

- Nathan Katz’s review in the *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies*, Vol. 16, 2018, p. 80.
- Myer Samra’s review in the *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies*, Volume XXIX, 2015 – 2016, pp.187-193.
- Moinuddin Ahmad, “Know thy Jews”, *The Statesman*, New Delhi, September 22, 2016: <http://epaper.thestatesman.com/c/13407580>
- Ambreen Agha, “From the Margins”, *Himal Southasian*, September 16, 2016: <http://himalmag.com/from-the-margins-review-jews-judaizing-movements-and-the-traditions-of-israelite-descent-in-south-asia-ambreen-gha/>

APPENDIX VI**SOCIAL ACTIVISM**

Work as the Honorary Executive Director of the Youth Outreach Programme of the Society for Social Regeneration & Equity (SSRE) (June 2014 – May 2019):

- Launch of SSRE Internship Programme under its Holocaust Education Project
- Staged the first ever Holocaust themed Hindi play at Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA, on January 15, 2015
- Organised in collaboration with Jindal Global University and Middle East Institute New Delhi with partial sponsorship from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, an International Multidisciplinary Conference on “Mass Violence and Memory” at O P Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana on May 18-19, 2016
- Organised an evening in memory of Daniel Pearl dedicated to World Peace in association with the Euphrates Institute, Kolkata Chapter as part of the Daniel Pearl World Music Days on October 22, 2016.

My Work as the Secretary, Society for Social Regeneration & Equity (SSRE) (September 2013 – April 2015):

Free Medical Check-up and Medicine Distribution Camps in rural Assam (2014) free Legal Advice Camp in Lucknow (2013), and felicitation of the only Jewish novelist of the Hindi language, Sheela Rohekar, and a panel on the Portrayal of Religious Minorities in Hindi Fiction, Lucknow (2013)

WORK IN LUCKNOW UNDER THE OPEN SPACE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

I used several strategies to involve the citizens of Lucknow in debate, discussion and action on social justice and development issues and worked primarily for the betterment of inter-faith and inter-communal relations and the rights of Dalits.³ Given below is an overview of the events organized by me:

Lectures

Sharon Rappaport, Second Secretary – Political Affairs, Embassy of Israel, New Delhi, on Indo-Israel Relations, Professor **Sarva-Daman Singh**, Honorary Consul of India for Queensland, Australia and Director, Institute of Asian Studies, Brisbane, Australia, on “The Role of Religion in Society”, Prof. **S. A. H. Palazzi**, Sec Gen, Italian Muslim Assembly, on “The Mistinterpretation of Islam by Non-Muslims as well as Muslims”, Prof. **D. Marya**, University of Southern Maine, on “26/11 Mumbai and the Radical

³ The press coverage of the events can be read on the following sites:

- English:
<http://openspacelucknow.blogspot.com/search/label/Open%20Space%20in%20Lucknow%27s%20English%20Press>
- Hindi:
<http://openspacelucknow.blogspot.com/search/label/Open%20Space%20in%20Lucknow%27s%20Hindi%20Press>
- Urdu:
<http://openspacelucknow.blogspot.com/search/label/Open%20Space%20in%20Lucknow%27s%20Urdu%20Press>

Project of Secularism” in memory of Rabbi Holtzberg and Mrs. Holtzberg of Mumbai Chabad, American Writer and Film-maker **Sadia Shepard** on “Religious Harmony and on growing up with American White Christian father, Pakistani Muslim mother and Indian Jewish maternal grandmother”, American Jewish Human Rights Activist Dr. **Richard L. Benkin** on – “The Fight Against Terrorism and Communalism” and “Human Rights in South Asia”, Urdu poet Prof. **Malikzada Manzoor Ahmad** on “The Misuse of Poetry Recitations for Rhetoric”, Honorary Consul of India for Queensland, Australia, and Director, Institute of Asian Studies, Brisbane, Prof. **Sarva-Daman Singh** on “Religious Amity in India”, Anthropologist Prof. **Nadeem Hasnain**’s on “Muslims-‘Others’ Interface”, RTI Activist, **Izhar Ahmad**’s on the Right to Information, ICHR Fellow Parul Jaitley on Dalit Issues

Literary Readings:

American Jewish writer **Katherine Kressman Taylor**’s anti-Nazi story *Address Unknown*, Excerpts from the Secular Humanist Urdu Poet Dr. **Khalid Sohail**’s book *From Islam to Secular Humanism* and recitation of his poems, Yogendra Krishna’s Hindi translations of **Tadeusz Borowski**’s Polish stories from his collection *This Way for the Gas, Ladies and Gentlemen*, Excerpts from the Indian Jewish writer **Robin David**’s memoir of the 2002 Anti-Muslim Violence in Gujarat, *City of Fear* (Penguin 2007), Poems of **Nissim Ezekiel** (Indian Jewish Poet of the English Language), **Sadia Shepard**’s reading of excerpts from her memoir *The Girl From Foreign* (Penguin 2008), Dr. Navras Jaat Aafreedi’s Urdu translation of the Israeli writer **Etgar Keret**’s short-story, “Breaking the Pig”, Hindi translations of the Israeli poet **Yehuda Amichai**’s Hebrew poems, Urdu Poet Anwar Nadeem’s poems and excerpts from Vibhuti Narain Rai Hindi novel, *Shahar mein Curfew*, Excerpts from the Indian Jewish writer **Esther David**’s *The Walled City*, 1997, Excerpts from the Hindu Urdu writer **Ramlal**’s travelogue of Pakistan, *Zard Patton ki Bahār* and the Indian Jewish writer **Meera Mahadevan**, nee Miriam Jacob Mendrekar’s Hindi novel *Apnā Ghar*

Film Screenings

- **Feature Films:** *In Custody*, *Gandhi*, and *A Mighty Heart*
- **Documentary Films:** *Praying In Her Own Voice*, *Being Osama*, *The Romany Trail*, *Dharmayudha* (The Holy War), *Delhi Diary 2001*, *Passengers*, *Night and Fog*, *Final Solution*, *Impressions from Luton*, *New Muslim Cool*, *In Dark Times*, *In Search of the Bene Israel*, *Father, Son and Holy War*, *Unlimited Girls*, and *Usi Shahjahanpur Mein (In That Very Shahjahanpur)* [Hindi]

Film Retrospectives

- Israeli Filmmaker Yael Katzir’s documentaries and her workshops on filmmaking, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University and the University of Lucknow
- The First Ever Holocaust Films Retrospective in South Asia at the University of Lucknow and Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow
- Retrospective of Films aimed at raising awareness of AIDS/HIV

Poetry Recitations

By: Hindi & Urdu Poets against Racial Discrimination in the run up to the World Poetry Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Muslim Urdu Poet Soz Malihabadi

dedicated to Communal Harmony, Dalit as well as non-Dalit poets of both Hindi and Urdu on the theme of “the Dalit Movement”, Lucknow’s foremost Hindi & Urdu Women Poets on the theme of “The Woman”

Dialogues

Between social activists from India and Pakistan, Session on Multiculturalism with students from 13 countries, International Interface with students from 13 countries, Between Indian and Afghan students, Between Indian and American students, Interactions with Interfaith Couples

An Evening of Jewish Music dedicated to World Peace in memory of Daniel Pearl on occasion of his 45th birthday as part of the Daniel Pearl World Music Days