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EMPLOYMENT

Professor, Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, May 2014 to the present

Honorary Fellow, Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, 2017-2018

Lecturer, Indian Studies, Trinity College, Dublin, January 2011 – to 31 March 2014

Visiting Research Scholar, the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, 1 September 2010 to 1 February 2011.

Associate Professor of History, Yale University, July 2007 – June 2010

Associate Professor of International and Area Studies, Yale University, July 2007 – June 2010

Assistant Professor of International and Area Studies, Yale University, July 2004 – June 2007

Assistant Professor of History, Department of History, Yale University, July 2001 – June 2004

Assistant Professor of History, Department of History, Bowdoin College, July 1999 – June 2001

Adjunct Instructor, Department of History, Columbia University, History of Modern South Asia, Spring 1999

Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, Tufts University, Spring 1997 and Spring 1998

HIGHER EDUCATION

Ph.D., Columbia University, New York, Modern South Asian History, February 2000.

Dissertation: “The Question of Religion in Kashmir: Sovereignty, Legitimacy and Rights, 1846-1947”

M.Phil., Columbia University, New York, Modern South Asian History, February 9, 1994.

M.Phil., Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Centre for Historical Studies, Medieval Indian History, January 1991

M.A., Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Centre for Historical Studies, Medieval Indian History, July 1988

B.A. (Honours), Miranda House, Delhi University, History, May 1986

CURRENT RESEARCH WORK

A History of Kashmir: From Early Times to the Present (Ongoing)

PUBLICATIONS

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| Book | <i>Hindu Rulers, Muslim Subjects: Islam, Rights, and the History of Kashmir</i> Princeton University Press, Princeton; Permanent Black, New Delhi; and C. Hurst, London, 2004 |
| Journal articles | <p>“A Hindu Sovereignty’s Kashmiri Muslims,” <i>Global Intellectual History</i>, published online on 26 March 2025, DOI: 10.1080/23801883.2025.2478106</p> <p>“The Indian Constituent Assembly and the Making of Hindus and Muslims in Jammu and Kashmir”, <i>Asian Affairs</i> (The journal of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs), vol. 49, issue 2 (June 2018), pp. 205-221.
DOI: 10.1080/03068374.2018.1468659
Electronic link: https://doi.org/10.1080/03068374.2018.1468659</p> <p>“Languages of Violence: The Indian State and Insurgent Kashmir”. <i>Purba Darshan: A Journal of Asian Studies</i>, Vol. 2, 2014, 55-87</p> <p>“‘To Tear the Mask Off the Face of the Past’: Archaeology and Political Protest in Jammu and Kashmir”. <i>Indian Economic and Social History Review</i>. Vol. 46, No. 3, 2009</p> <p>“Jinnah and the Demise of a Hindu Politician?” <i>History Workshop Journal</i>, Vol. 62, No. 1, Autumn 2006, 232-240</p> |
| Review essays | “The Black Hole That (N)Ever Was”, <i>History Workshop Journal</i> , Vol. 79, Spring 2015, 266-274 |
| Book chapters | <p>“The Indian Constituent Assembly and the Making of Hindus and Muslims in Jammu and Kashmir” in Neeti Nair, Michael Kugelman and Bijan Omrani (eds) <i>Ghosts from the Past? Assessing Recent Developments in Religious Freedom in South Asia</i>, Routledge: London and New York, 2021/2022.</p> <p>“Narratives from Exile: Kashmiri Pandits and their Construction of the Past” in Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal (eds), <i>Kashmir and the Future of South Asia</i>, Routledge: London and New York, 2021.</p> |

“Kashmiris in the *Hindu Rashtra*” in Angana P Chatterji, Thomas Blom Hansen and Christophe Jaffrelot (eds), *Majoritarian State: How Hindu Nationalism is Changing India*, C. Hurst, UK; Harper Collins India; Oxford University Press, New York, 2019

“Kashmir: From Princely State to Insurgency”. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*. Oxford University Press. Article published April 2018. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190277727.013.184.

“‘To Tear the Mask Off the Face of the Past’: Archaeology and Politics in Jammu and Kashmir” in Chitrlekha Zutshi (ed) *Kashmir: History, Politics, Representation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Print publication 2017, Online publication 2019.

“Is There a Classical Colonialism?” in *The Shadow of Colonialism in Europe’s Modern Past*, Roisin Healy and Enrico Del Gado (eds.) Palgrave Macmillan, 2014

“Memorializing 13 July 1931 in Kashmir” in *Of Occupation and Resistance: Writings from Kashmir*, Fahad Shad (ed), Westland Ltd., 15 July 2013

“Making a Part Inalienable: Folding Kashmir Into India’s Imagination”, chapter in *Until My Freedom Has Come: The New Intifada in Kashmir*, Sanjay Kak (ed) Penguin, 2011; Co-published by Haymarket Books, March 2013

“A Hindu Kingdom on the Colonial Periphery: Forging State Legitimacy in Late-Nineteenth Century Kashmir”, chapter in *The Fringes of Empire*, Sameeta Agha and Elizabeth Kolsky (eds), Oxford University Press, 2009, 115-36

Short General Articles

Twenty-two articles on various themes in South Asian history, *Cambridge Dictionary of Modern World History*, 2018.

Articles on Kashmiri history, *Oxford Companion to Pakistani History*, Ayesha Jalal (ed), 2012.

Article on “Nehru”, *International Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences*, Editor in Chief, William A. Darity. Macmillan Reference, Thomson/Gale, November 2007.

Articles on “India”, “Pakistan” and “Gandhi”, *Encyclopaedia of Europe, 1914-2004*, Editors in Chief, John Merriman and Jay Winter. New York, Charles Scribner’s Sons, September 2006

Book Reviews

Review of Aman Sethi, *A Free Man: A True Story of Life and Death in Delhi* (W.W. Norton, October 2012), *San Francisco Chronicle*, 7 December 2012.

Review of Amitabh Mattoo and Souresh Roy, ‘Summer of Discontent: Considering Conditions in Kashmir’, *Harvard International Review*, 2011.

Review of Joseph Lelyveld, *Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and His Struggle with India*, (Alfred A. Knopf, 2011). *San Francisco Chronicle*, 10 April 2011.

Review of Nicholas B. Dirks, *The Scandal of Empire: India and the Creation of Imperial Britain* (Cambridge, MA: The Belknap Press of the Harvard University Press, 2006). *Victorian Studies*, Volume 50, Number 1, Autumn 2007, pp. 164-166

Review of Susanne Hoeber Rudolph and Lloyd I. Rudolph, *Reversing the Gaze: Amar Singh's Diary: A Colonial Subject's Narrative of Imperial India* (Westview Press, 2002). *Journal of Modern History*, Vol. 78, No. 4, December 2006, 949-951

Review of Burkhard Schnepel, *The Jungle Kings: Ethnohistorical Aspects of Politics and Ritual in Orissa* (New Delhi: Manohar, 2002). In *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Vol. 42, No.3, 2005, 409-412

Newspapers & News magazines

Occasional contributor to *Al Jazeera*, *Greater Kashmir*, *Kashmir Dispatch*, *The Kashmir Wallah*, *DNA*, *The Indian Express*, *Frontline*.

AWARDS, PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIPS

Honorary Fellow, Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, 2017-2018

Cambridge-Hamied Visiting Lecturership, Centre of South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge. 3–16 April 2016.

Arts and Social Sciences Benefactions Fund, Trinity College, Dublin, 2012-2014

Visiting Research Scholar at the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, 1 September 2010 to 1 February 2011.

Senior Short-term Research Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies, 2007-2008

Senior Research Fellowship, Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center, Yale University, 2007 - 2010

Whitney Griswold Fellowship, Yale University, 2007-2008

Prize for the best first book on an international subject, Yale Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University. February 2005. For *Hindu Rulers, Muslim Subjects: Islam, Rights and the History of Kashmir*.

Morse Fellowship, Yale University, 2004-05

Freeman Foundation Fellowship for Faculty Research, Bowdoin College, 2000

University Traveling Fellowship, Columbia University, 1994-1995

University Grants Commission of India, Junior Research Fellowship, held 1988-1991

LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

Speaker

“Whose Nation Does the History of Article 370 Narrate? Kashmir Since India’s Independence”. Paper presented to *Voyages Into the Past*, a student initiative of the students of Presidency University and Jadavpur University in their lecture series “Nation and Narration” to mark the 75th year of India’s independence. Presidency University, Kolkata. 25 August 2022.

Panel discussion and book launch of *Hamīñ Ast? A Biography of Article 370* organized by the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy at the India International Centre, New Delhi. 5 August 2022.

“Territorializing Hindu Sovereignty: the Dogras, British Colonial Legitimation and the Muslims of Kashmir, ca. 1846-1947”. Paper presented (2 November 2021) at the conference on “Understanding Kashmir and the Nullification of Article 370: Law, History and Politics” organized by the Asian Studies Centre, University of Oxford, and the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy. 2 to 23 November 2021 (participated *via* Zoom).

Speaker, Panel discussion on “Kashmir: One Year After the Abrogation of Article 370”, Zoom webinar organized by the Institute of South Asia Studies, University of California at Berkeley, 15 March 2021

Author’s Conference, Rabiat Akande’s book manuscript titled *Constitutional Entanglements: Law, Religion and the State in Imperial Northern Nigeria*, organized by The Harvard Academy of International and Area Studies, Harvard University, 15 April 2020 (participated *via* Zoom)

“Of Militants, Stone-pelters and Martyrs: The Changing Nature of Kashmiri Resistance”. Paper presented at the symposium on “Writing Histories of Resistance: From Transgression to Transformation” organized by the Global South Asian History Network with support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research-NERC, Shillong, 1 October 2019

Speaker, Round-table discussion on “Understanding the Kashmir Conundrum: the Abrogation of Article 370 and Its Aftermath” organized by the Department of Political Science, Presidency University, 13 August 2019

“Article 370 in the Constituent Assembly: Shaping a Hindu Jammu and a Muslim Kashmir”. Paper presented at the conference on “The Idea of the Indian Constitution” organized by the Seagull Foundation For The Arts, Kolkata, 26-28 July 2019 (Paper delivered on 28 July 2019)

Panel discussion on Kashmir with Shah Faesal and Shehla Rashid, moderated by Revati Laul, conference on “The Idea of the Indian Constitution” organized by

the Seagull Foundation for The Arts, Kolkata, 26-28 July 2019 (Panel discussion on 28 July 2019)

Speaker, student-organized panel discussion on “Who is an Indian? The Question of Citizenship from the Perspectives of Northeastern India and Kashmir”, Presidency University, 15 March 2019

“The Indian Constitution and the Making of Kashmiri Hindus and Muslims”. Paper presented at the conference on ‘Ghosts From the Past? Assessing Recent Developments in Religious Freedom in South Asia’ organized by the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC, co-sponsored by the Royal Society of Asian Affairs and Taylor & Francis. Panel title: “Constitutional Considerations”. 8 January 2018, Washington, D.C. (participated *via* Skype)

“We are Shudras first, Muslims after: Caste and Islam in Colonial and Postcolonial North India.” Paper presented at the international conference on “Bihar and Jharkhand: Shared History to Shared Vision” organized by the Asian Development Research Institute, Patna. Panel title: “Caste, Class and Religious Groups During Colonial Rule”. 24-28 March 2017

“We are Shudras; we are the indigenous peoples of India. We are Muslims After” Paper presented at the British Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge. Panel title: “Complicating Islam Across South Asia, 6-8 April 2016.

“Defending Nationalism: The Ideas of Rabindranath Tagore and Kashmiri Resistance.” Paper presented at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. International Conference on “Tagore and Nationalism”, 5-7 November 2015.

“Languages of Violence, Languages of Justice: the State and Insurgent Kashmir”, First Annual Pandit Rughonath Vaishnavi Talk organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Coalition of Civil Society (JKCCS), 10 July 2014, Srinagar

“Can the Kashmiri Be Possessed Through Maps?” Paper presented at Leiden University, Panel Discussion on Kashmir, 23 September 2013.

“Mapping Practices and Kashmir, 1947- to the Present”, Lecture presented at Ramjas College, Delhi University, 10 September 2013.

“When God Chastises: The Bihar Earthquake, Nationalism and Caste”, Lecture presented at the Centre for Modern Indian Studies Colloquium, Georg-August-Universität, Goettingen, 6 February 2013; Presidency University, Kolkata, 30 July 2013; St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata, 30 July 2013 and Hindu College, Delhi University, 10 September 2013

“ ‘Azadi’ for a ‘Nizam-e-Mustapha’? Religious Idioms in the Political Struggle in Kashmir”, Paper presented at the Research Seminar of the School of Religions, Theology and Ecumenics, Trinity College, Dublin, 24 March 2011

“Making a Part Inalienable: Folding Kashmir Into India’s Imagination”, Paper presented at the symposium on “Grounding Kashmir: Experience and Everyday

Life on Both Sides of the Line of Control”, The Center for South Asia and The Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, Stanford University, 5 – 6 March, 2011

Panelist, “Tunisia, Egypt, Next Stop: Kashmir?”, University of California, Berkeley, 5 March 2011

“When God Chastises: The Bihar Earthquake of 1934, Nationalism, and the Remaking of a Social Order”, Paper presented at the Shelby Cullom Davis Center’s Seminar on “Authority and Legitimation”, Princeton University, 17 December 2010

“When God Chastises: The Bihar Earthquake of 1934 and the Remaking of a Social Order”, Paper presented at the conference on “Re-Mapping South Asia: Space, Time, Method,” Tufts University, 3 – 4 December 2010

“From Community to Nation: The Reshaping of Caste in Twentieth Century North India”, Paper presented at the Centre des Sciences Humaines, New Delhi, 13 August 2010.

Panelist, Panel Discussion titled “Solve Kashmir First: New Thinking on South Asia’s Longest Conflict”, Open Society Institute, New York, NY, 30 June 2010

“Caste in India: Why an “Ancient” Tradition is Modern”. Keynote address. The second *Why Teach India?* Conference, “Caste and Its Controversies”, Organized by Educators for Teaching India and by the South Asia Initiative, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 30 April 2010.

“Building Nations, Breaking Communities: Caste and Violence in Colonial North India”, Paper presented at the “South Asia Without Borders” Colloquium, The South Asia Initiative, Harvard University, 29 April 2010.

“‘We Are Shudras first, Muslims Later’: Caste and the Pasmanda Movement in Modern Bihar”. Paper presented at the Department of South Asian Studies, Colloquium on “Religion and the Concept of the People”, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 16 April 2010.

“A Borderland in the Heartland: Bihar in the Late Mughal Period”. Paper presented on the panel “On the Frontiers and Borderlands of Islamic Empires” at the annual meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Boston, 24 November 2009.

“‘To Tear the Mask Off the Face of the Past’: Archaeology in the Making of Kashmiri Muslim Protest, c. 1904-1947”. Paper presented at “The Critical perspectives on South Asia Lecture Series”, New York University, 9 February 2007.

“Kashmir: Historical Perspectives on the Current Conflict”. Keynote lecture at “The Kashmir Forum: Evolution of a Conflict”, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 12 January 2007.

“The Collective Memory of the Indian Partition”, paper presented at “The Paths of the Past: A Symposium on Collective Memory”, organized by The Hellenic Studies Program, Yale University, and The Program on Order, Conflict and Violence, Yale University, 16 October 2006.

“Geographies of Justice: Caste and Violence in Bihar”. Paper presented at Tufts University, sponsored by the Tufts University History Department and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford MA, 16 November 2006

“Islam and Nationalist Narratives in Journalistic and Historical Writing On Kashmir.” Paper presented to the Department of Journalism, Kamala Nehru College, Delhi University, 26 July 2006

“The King’s Old Clothes: Fashioning a Traditional Ruler for Kashmir in British India”, paper presented at the conference on “New Elites, Old Regimes: Trajectories of Imperial Changes, 1700-1850”, Yale University, 28 April 2006.

“To ‘Tear the Mask Off the Face of the Past’: Archaeology and the Making of Kashmiri Muslim Protest, c. 1904-1947”. Paper presented at the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 23 February 2005.

“Hindu Rulers and Muslim Subjects in Late Nineteenth Century Kashmir”. Paper presented at the History Department Seminar, Faculty of Arts, Delhi University, 24 November 2004.

“Hindu Rulers and Muslim Subjects: Forging State Ideology and Political Identity in late 19th century Kashmir”. Paper presented at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti House, New Delhi, 23 November 2004

“Some Thoughts on Researching Kashmir’s History”, paper presented at the Department of Education, Patna University, Bihar (India), 1 September 2004.

“Religion through Western Eyes: Hinduism in the Making of Colonial Kashmir.” Paper presented at the South Asia Conference at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. 25 October 2003.

“Making Hindu Rulers and Muslim Subjects: Religion, Rights and the History of Kashmiri Protest”, paper presented at the workshop on “Lessons of the Conflict in Kashmir” organized by the Project on Global Change, Wesleyan University, 5 April 2003.

“The Forging of State Ideology and Social Identity in Kashmir”, paper presented at the South Asia Seminar, sponsored by the Asia Center and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 22 November 2002

“Religious Fundamentalism and the Conflict in Kashmir.” Annual Robert L. Bernstein Symposium organized by the Orville H. Schell Jr. Center of International Human Rights, Yale University Law School, 13 April 2002.

“A Hindu Kingship on the Colonial Periphery: Religion and Political Control in Jammu and Kashmir.” Conference on “Courts Without Kings? The Political

Center in Provinces, Colonies and Republics” organized by the North American Society for Court Studies, 21-24 September 2000.

“From Hindu Rulers to a Hindu State: Territorializing Religion in Kashmir, c. 1857-1884.” The annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, South Asia Council Sponsored Panel titled: “New Perspectives on Regional and Religious Identities in Colonial South Asia.” 11 March 2000.

“Contested Sites: Religious Shrines and the Archaeological Mapping of Kashmiri Muslim Protest, 1900-1947.” Fifteenth Annual South Asia Conference, University of California at Berkeley, 19 February 2000.

Organized the Panel of which this paper was a part titled: “Nation and Region in South Asia: Assam, Kashmir and Maharashtra”.

“The Kashmir Dilemma: the Impact on Indian and Pakistani Relations since 1947”. Paper presented to the Mid-Coast Forum on Foreign Affairs, Maine, 13 December 1999

“The Question of Legitimacy in Kashmir: Muslim Subjects and Hindu Sovereignty,” Faculty Seminar Series, Bowdoin College, 27 October 1999

“Landscape *as* Memory: the Contours of Kashmiri Identity.” Symposium on ‘Rediscovering South Asia’ organised by the Center of South Asian and Indian Ocean Studies, Tufts University, 3 October 1997.

“Using Colonial Archaeology: Making a Protest.” Workshop on ‘Rethinking South Asian History, Revisioning South Asia’s Future’ organised by the Center of South Asian and Indian Ocean Studies, Tufts University, 9 May 1997.

Chair/discussant

Panel commentator, International Seminar on “Probing Social Reform in India in the Nineteenth Century: Vidyasagar’s Legacy in the Long Run”, organized by the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, 26-27 September 2019

Panel Chair, “The Modern Period” in a student seminar titled “Religion and Politics in South Asia”, organised by the Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, 28 March 2018

Panel Chair, “Engaging with Memory, Biographies, Castes-Class Conversations” in a seminar titled “Thinking History and Writing History: Asian Challenges and Experiences” jointly organized by the Netaji Institute for Asian Studies and the Netaji Research Bureau, Kolkata, 14 April 2017

Panel Chair, “Conflicting Narratives”, at the International Multidisciplinary Conference on the “Prevention of Mass Violence and Promotion of Tolerance: Lessons from History”, Department of History, Presidency University, 27-28 February 2017

Panel Chair, “Women’s Studies”, at the conference on “South Asia: Past, Present and Future” organized by the Department of History, Presidency University, 15 February 2017

Discussant, Panel “Contested Territories in the Interwar Period” at the conference on “Colonialism in Europe: Fact or Fiction?”, organized by the Humboldt-Kolleg and the National University of Ireland, Galway, 22-23 June 2012

Chair, Panel “The End of Empire? The Twentieth Century” at the Empires & Bureaucracy colloquium, Trinity College, Dublin, 16-18 June 2011

Discussant, Panel “Nation as Process: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Formation of National Identities in South Asia”, Annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, 27 March 2010.

Commentator, Workshop on ‘Religion and the Law’, Director: Professor Emma Rothschild, Center for History and Economics, Harvard University, 23 February 2009.

Moderator for panel: “Law and Society” at the North American Victorian Studies Association conference on “The Arts and Culture in Victorian Britain”, Yale University, 16 November 2008

Conference organizer and Introducer of Plenary speaker, Professor Catherine Hall, at the North American Victorian Studies Association conference on “The Arts and Culture in Victorian Britain”, Yale University, 16 November 2008

Discussant, Panel at conference on “The Empire of Political Economy” jointly organized by Yale University and New York University, 15 November 2008

Chair of panel titled “Transformations of Early Modern Public Spheres in the Mughal and the Vijayanagara Empires” at conference on Vernacular Public Spheres, Yale University, 6 April 2007

Discussant and Chair, Panel “Contrasting History, Contesting Nations: Intellectuals and History Writing in Modern South Asia”. 121st Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, 7 January 2007.

Chair, Panel “Making History in British India: Official-Historians and the Raj”. North American Conference on British Studies, Boston, 18 November 2006.

SELECTED LIST OF COURSES TAUGHT

History of Modern South Asia: lecture survey covering the political, social, economic, intellectual and cultural history of the Indian subcontinent from the eighteenth to the mid-twentieth century.

The Culture of Colonialism: undergraduate seminar examining the cultural forms of the colonial encounter in British India.

Islam in the Indian Subcontinent: undergraduate seminar examining the political, social, economic, cultural and intellectual history of Muslim

communities in South Asia in interaction with non-Muslim groups over the period c.712 to 1947

Postcolonial South Asia, 1947 to the Present: taught both as undergraduate seminar and a graduate lecture course examining political, economic, social and cultural developments in the newly independent nation-states of the Indian subcontinent in national, regional and international contexts.

Gandhi: undergraduate seminar examining Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi's ideas and politics in the broader context of anti-colonial nationalism in India from the late 19th century to the mid-20th century

Religion, Region, Caste and the Indian Nation: graduate seminar examining the place of communities versus individuals in the colonial state's policies, their implications for the forging of Indian nationalism, and for shaping the relations between the individual, the community, the region and the nation in postcolonial India.

Making Colonial Subjects: graduate seminar investigating the legal, cultural, political and social instruments through which colonial rule was established in India and the role of Indians both in the making and the unmaking of the British Raj.

Readings in South Asian history: graduate research seminar on reading, interpreting and using primary sources in South Asian history.

Subaltern Studies: graduate seminar assessing the contributions and critiques of the Subaltern Studies School of historiography.

Art and Politics: The Mughal and the British Empires: a lecture course for graduate students.

India and Ireland; Partners or Adversaries in Empire?: M. Phil. course, Department of History, Trinity College, Dublin.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AT ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

Across the University

Head of Department, Department of History, Presidency University, 2015-16

Member, Various faculty Committees, Presidency University, July 2014 to the Present.

Member, Internal Quality Assessment Cell, Presidency University, May 2014 to 2019.

Member of Board, The South Asia Initiative, Trinity College, Dublin University, January 2011 to the present.

Member, Committee on the Teaching of Undergraduate Studies, Trinity College, Dublin University, September 2012 to the present.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, South Asian Studies Council, Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, 2008-09

Committee on Teaching in the Residential Colleges, Yale University, 2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2006-2007

Advisory Committee, Ethnicity Race & Migration Program, 2005- 2010

Chair of Committee, Charles P. Howland and Henry Hart Rice Fellowship Committee, 2007, 2009

Committee on Year-long Fellowships, 2006

Charles P. Howland Fellowship Committee, 2003 and 2004

Yale College Dean's Research Fellowship Committee, 2004

Resident Fellow, Morse College, Yale University, 2001- 2007

Yale Women's Center Advisory Board, 2002-2003, 2003-2004

Asian American Cultural Center, Advisory Board, 2002-2003

Faculty Leader, Association of Yale Alumni, "Colorful India Tour", October 31-November 14, 2007

Association of Yale Alumni, speaker in 2003, 2004

History Department

(Presidency
University)

Head of Department, November 2015 to 22 December 2016

Officiating Head of Department, periodically from September 2015 to October 2015

Co-ordinator, Dissertations Committee for B.A. (final year) and M.A. (final year)

Member, various committees and subcommittees, May 2014 to the Present

(Trinity College,
Dublin)

Sophister Coordinator, Department of History, Trinity College, January 2012 to the present (responsibilities include supervising and guiding third and final year undergraduate students across the department from ensuring their dissertation writing to overseeing their course work, evaluating the recommendations of their tutors for either their dispensation from coursework or extensions for those).

(Yale University)

Member, search committee for historian of modern Japan, 2006-2007

Member, search committee for historian of the Caribbean, 2003-2004

Member, search committee for historian of the modern Middle East, 2002-2003

Member, search committee for historian of Byzantium, 2001-2002

Graduate admissions: member sub-committee for Southeast Asian and South Asian history, 2005-2006, 2007-2008, 2008-2009

Graduate admissions: member sub-committee for Global, Southeast Asian and South Asian history, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004

History Department Prize Committee for Senior Essays in the “Rest of the World Category”, 2003-2004, 2006-2007

**Whitney and Betty
MacMillan Center
For International
and Area Studies,
Yale University**

Director of Undergraduate Studies, South Asian Studies Council, 2008-09

Member, Executive Committee, South Asian Studies Council, 2008- June 2010

Member, South Asian Studies Council, 2001 – June 2010

Member, Search committee for junior position in South Asian Anthropology, 2008-09

Member, Selection Committee for Post-doctoral fellowships, South Asian Studies Council, MacMillan Center, 2008-09

Chair, South Asian Independence Movement Project, MacMillan Center, 2005-2009

Member, Prize committee for the Gaddis Smith International Book Prize competition, MacMillan Center, 2006-2007

South Asian Studies Council, the MacMillan Center, member of selection committee for the annual Singh Visiting Lecturer, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2008-2009

International Studies, Graduate admissions committee, 2003-2004

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
TO THE FIELDS OF HISTORY & SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES**

**Academic
Committees**

External examiner for PhD thesis, Ms Anuradha Ghosh, “The Discourse of Resistance in Hemendranath Mazumdar’s Paintings, Critical Essays and Poetry (1919-1948),” Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University,

Kolkata. Supervisor: Prof. Sucheta Bhattacharya. Report submitted on 12 July 2024; Viva Voce examination held on 29 November 2024.

Viva Voce examiner for PhD thesis, Mr Subhadeep Bhattacharya, “Southeast Asia in Nehru’s Foreign Policy,” Department of History, University of Calcutta. Supervisor: Professor Kingshuk Chatterjee. Viva Voce examination held on 16 July 2024.

External Expert, Assessment Committee for Upgradation from UGC Junior Research Fellow to Senior Research Fellow, Ms Manali Saha, Department of Film Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. 16 Jan 2024.

Research supervisor, U.S. Fulbright-Nehru Research Fellowship programme, Mr Hashwinder Singh (Georgetown University, Washington D.C.) working on the topic: “Discourses of Azadi: A Historical Analysis of Akali Politics in Punjab from 1945-1984,” 31 January 2023 to 30 June 2023.

External Expert, Faculty selection interviews for positions in History and Sociology, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhinagar. 14 Nov 2021.

External Expert, Senior Research Committee, Ms Juvaria Syed, PhD candidate, Dept of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi. Supervisor: Prof Simona Sawhney. Sep 2021- ongoing.

External member, Research Advisory Committee, Mr Thondup Gyatsho Amdo Bhutia, PhD candidate, Department of Sociology, Presidency University. Supervisor: Dr Upal Chakrabarti. May 2021 – ongoing.

External examiner for PhD thesis, Mr Santanu Sengupta, CSSS in affiliation with the Faculty of Arts, Jadavpur University. Supervisor: Prof Lakshmi Subramanian. Viva voce held on 30 August 2021.

External examiner for PhD thesis, Mr Gowhar Fazili, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. Supervisor: Prof Nandini Sundar. 2018

External examiner for PhD thesis, Ms Vanessa Chishti, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Supervisor: Prof Neeladri Bhattacharya. 2015

Fellowship Selection Committees

Reviewer, Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships (Doctoral research, Postdoctoral research and Academic and Professional Excellence fellowships), 2018 (applications for 2019-20), 2019 (applications for 2020-21), 2020 (applications for 2021-22)

Subject Specialist Evaluator, The NUI Travelling Studentships in the Humanities and Social Sciences, National University of Ireland, 2015

Reviewer, competition for the Dissertation Completion Fellowships of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/ACLS Early Career Fellowship Program, 2008-2009, 2009-10, 2010-11

Reviewer, SSRC-International Dissertation Research Fellowships competition, 2007-08

Academic Boards

Member of Board, Trinity College, Dublin, South Asia Studies Initiative, January 2011- March 2013.

Elected Member, Executive Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies, term 2009-June 2010

Member, Board of Trustees, American Institute of Indian Studies, 2007- June 2010.

Publishers' and Journal Referee

Publisher's Referee, Cambridge University Press (Cambridge, UK)

Publisher's Referee, Harvard University Press

Publisher's Referee (for cover endorsement), Manchester University Press

Publisher's Referee (for cover endorsement), Navayana Publishing

Publisher's Referee, Oxford University Press (India)

Publisher's Referee, Palgrave Macmillan

Publisher's Referee, Pluto Press

Publisher's Referee, Routledge Press

Publisher's Referee, University of California Press

Publisher's Referee, University of Pennsylvania Press

Journal Referee, *Asian Survey*

Journal Referee, *Agricultural History*

Journal Referee, *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*

Journal Referee, *Contemporary South Asia*

Journal Referee, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*

Journal Referee, *Himalaya: the Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*

Journal Referee, *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*

Journal Referee, *The Journal of Asian Studies*

Journal Referee, *Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies*.

Journal Referee, *Modern Asian Studies*

Journal Referee, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*

Journal Referee, *Theory, Culture and Society*

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, Hindi, Urdu and French

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS HELD

American Historical Association

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