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Education						
Subject		Institution		Year	Details	
Ph.D. (History)		Centre for Historical Studies, JNU.		1996	Thesis topic 'British Military Policy in India, 1919-1945'	
M.Phil (History)		Centre for Historical Studies, JNU		1988	FGPA 7.69	
M.A. (History)		Centre for Historical Studies, JNU		1986	FGPA 7.06	
B.A. (History, Honors)		St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi		1984	First Division (60%)	
Career Profile						
Organisation / Institution		Designation		Duration	Role	
Department of History, DU.		Associate Professor		Since 22 October 2009.	Teaching MA and M.Phil students and supervising research students.	
Department of History, Motilal Nehru College (E), DU.		Assistant Professor		1 September 2005 – 21 October 2009.	Teaching BA History (HONS) III year students and BA (P) students.	
Fellow, Centre for Contemporary Studies, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), New Delhi,		Reader (Associate Professor)		1/8/2001 – 30/8/2005.	Research of cinema and history.	
Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) Post-Doctoral Fellow.		Post Doctoral Fellow		1997-1999.	Research	
University Grants Commission (UGC India), Junior Research Fellow.		Junior Research Fellow		1986-1992	Pursuing Ph.D.	
Appointed National Consultant by the UNDCP to write a historical paper on the successful state control of illicit opium in colonial and independent India (January – February, 2001).		National Consultant Historian		January 2001 to July 2001.		
Research Interests / Specialization						

History of early modern and modern India with special reference to military affairs. Cinema studies and cinema history in general.

Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught)

Five and a half years. History of Modern India (1757-1947) taught to BA (Hons) III year students at the undergraduate level. Human Rights, Gender and Environment (Foundation Course) taught to BA (P) II year students at the undergraduate level. Cultural Transformation in Early Modern Europe (1500-1800) taught to BA (P) II year students. Issues in modern world history taught to BA (P) III year students.

Honors & Awards

Awarded National Consumers' Co-operatives' Federation (NCCF India) monthly merit Scholarship covering fees etc. during schooling, B.A. and M.A..

Awarded the University Grants Commission (UGC India), Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) after clearing the National Entrance Test (NET) in 1986 between 1986-90 with a year's extension till 1991.

Awarded the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) Post-Doctoral Fellowship in December 1997 for a period of two years.

Received the Partha Sarathi Gupta memorial prize as the author of the best paper submitted in the history of modern India and countries other than India section by the Indian History Congress, Calcutta, January 2001. Title of the paper 'Affirmative Action and the Politics of Indianisation, 1900 – 1935'.

Member, Editorial Committee of *Contemporary India* – the official academic journal of NMML , 2001-2005.

Publications: Books (LAST FIVE YEARS)

01. *Class, power and consciousness in Hindi Cinema*, Primus Books, New Delhi, 2009

02. *British Military Policy in India, 1900-1945: Colonial Constraints and Declining Power*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2005.

03. *The British Raj and its Indian Armed Forces, 1857-1939* Joint editors Professor Partha Sarathy Gupta (posth.) and Anirudh Deshpande, Oxford University Press (OUP) New Delhi, 2002

04. *बीसवीं शताब्दी में विश्व इतिहास के प्रमुख मुद्दे*, संपादक अनिरुद्ध देशपांडे, हिंदी माध्यम कार्यान्वय निदेशालय दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय, दिसंबर २०११. [*Issues in twentieth century world history* – an edited text book for BA students published by the Hindi Madhayam Karyanvaya Nideshalaya, Delhi University, December, 2011]. The second volume of this book is under preparation.

05. *विश्व इतिहास के प्रमुख मुद्दे: बदलते आयाम*, हिंदी माध्यम कार्यान्वय निदेशालय, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय, दिल्ली, २०१ [ISBN – 978-93-80172-48-4].

06. Introduction 'The Shivaji Legend' to Govind Pansare, *Who Was Shivaji*, Left Word Books, New Delhi, 2015.

07. FORTHCOMING: *Hope and Despair: Mutiny, Rebellion and Death in India, 1946*, Primus Books, New Delhi (July, 2016).

Publications In Peer Reviewed Journals (LAST FIVE YEARS)

<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Journal</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>
	<i>The Wars of the English East India Company, 1740-1849, Entry in the International Encyclopaedia of War, Wiley-Blackwell, edited by Gordon Martel, December, 2011.</i>		
	‘An historical overview of opium cultivation and changing state attitudes towards the crop in India, 1878-2000’, Research Paper, <i>Studies in History</i>, volume xxv, Number 1, January-June, 2009 [refereed].		
	Remaking the Indian historians craft: the past, present and future of history as an academic discipline’, <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i>, February 16, 2013 (ISSN 00129976).		
	<i>Marathas, Rajputs and Afghans in mid eighteenth century India: Bhausashebanchi Bakhar and the articulation of cultural difference in pre-colonial India, NMML Occasional Paper History and Society, New Series, No. 10, March, 2013, [ISBN 81-87614-50-1].</i>		
	‘One step forward two steps backward. A historical critique of twentieth century decolonization,’ in the <i>Inclusive</i> . [<i>inclusive.org</i> , December, 2012] [ISSN 2278 9578].		
	सिनेमा और इतिहास लेखन: सम्बन्ध और संभावनाएं, सामयिक प्रकाशन समाज और इतिहास, नवीन श्रंखला २, नेहरु स्मारक संग्रहालय एवं पुस्तकालय, नयी दिल्ली, २०१३ (ISBN: 81-87614-93-5).		
Publications: Others (LAST FIVE YEARS)			
<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Journal</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>
	‘Firearms in Medieval India’ – Review of Iqtidar Alam Khan, <i>Gunpowder and Firearms: Warfare in Medieval India</i> , OUP, 2004 in <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> , January 15, 2005.		
	<i>Why do they hate America so much ?</i> , Detailed internet review of Karl E Meyer, <i>The Dust of Empire: The Race for Mastery of the Asian Heartland</i> , Perseus Books, New York, 2003, on H-Asia, H-Net Book Review, Posted on site in December, 2005.		
	‘War and the Military Economy’ – Review of Randolph G S Cooper, <i>The Anglo-Maratha Campaigns and the Contest for India: The Struggle for control of the south Asian Military Economy</i> , Cambridge University Press, 2005 in <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> , January 28, 2006.		
	<i>Colonial Cousins</i> , Review of Rakesh Batabyal, <i>Communalism in Bengal: From Famine to Noakhali, 1943-47</i> , Sage, New Delhi, London, 2005 on H-Net Asia Book Review, H-Net Discussion Networks, 26 July, 2007.		
	‘Koran, Kalashnikov and Laptop’ – Review of Antonio Giustozzi, <i>Koran, Kalashnikov and Laptop: The Neo-Taliban Insurgency in Afghanistan</i> , Hurst Publishers, London, 2007 in <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> , November 15, 2008.		
	Review of Maria Misra, <i>Vishnu’s Crowded Temple: India since the Great Rebellion</i> , New Haven, Yale		

University Press, 2008 on H-NET Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=23805>.

Review of Mountstuart Elphinstone, *Aurangzeb*, OUP, 2008 in *Book Review*, May 2009.

Review of Ralph Fox, *The Colonial Policy of British Imperialism*, OUP, 2008, in *Book Review*, June 2009.

Review of Vijay Parshad, *The Darker Nations: A Biography of the Short-Lived Third World*, LeftWord Books, New Delhi, 2007 in *Seminar*, July, 2009.

Review of Sukhdeo Thorat and Aryama, *Ambedkar in Retrospect: Essays on Economics, Politics and Society*, Rawat Publications, 2007, in *Seminar*, August, 2009.

Review of Nile Green, *Islam and the Army in Colonial India: Sepoy Religion in the Service of Empire*, Cambridge University Press, New Delhi, 2009 in *Biblio*, November-December 2010.

Review of Prem Chowdhry (ed), *Understanding Politics and Society (1910-1997)* Hardwari Lal, Manak Publications, New Delhi, 2010 in *Economic and Political Weekly*, May 7, 2011.

DOUBLE BOOK REVIEW 'The wounded glacier' of Kunal Verma and Rajiv Williams, *The Long Road to Siachen – The question why*, Rupa, New Delhi, 2010, pp.432, Rupees 1,500/- & Harish Kapadia, *Siachen Glacier: The Battle of Roses*, Rupa, New Delhi, 2010, Rupees 495/-, *Biblio*, May-June, 2011.

Review of Amar Farooqui, *Sindias and the Raj Princely Gwalior c. 1800-1850*, Primus Books, New Delhi, 2011, 156 pp., 650 Rupees (Hardback) – forthcoming in the July-August 2012 issue of the *Biblio*.

Review of Rizwan Qaiser, *Resisting Colonialism and Communal Politics: Maulana Azad and the Making of the Indian Nation*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2011, 374pp, Rupees 950/- [Hardback] – forthcoming in the *Indian Historical Review*.

Review of Kaushik Roy, *Hinduism and the Ethics of Warfare in South Asia: From Antiquity to the Present*, CUP, 2012 in *Economic and Political Weekly*, January 25, 2014. (ISSN 00129976).

Review of Jaswant Singh, *India at Risk: Misconceptions and Misadventures of Security Policy*, Rupa, New Delhi, 2013 in *Biblio*, Jan-Feb., 2014 [ISSN: 0971-8982].

Review of Mohammad Iqbal Chawla, *Wavell and the Dying Days of the Raj: Britain's Penultimate Viceroy in India*, OUP, Karachi, 2011 on H-Asia Reviews [H-Net Humanities and Social Sciences Online, January 2014, ISSN: 1085-7478.

'Pride flash glory and dust', [The Third Anglo-Maratha War], in the *Outlook*, 18th anniversary issue, 4 November, 2013.

'Should only the Bahujans write on matters of discrimination,' *Forward Press*, June, 2014 [ISSN No. 2348-9286].

'Professor Bipan Chandra: Teacher and Historian (1928-2014)', in the *Forward Press*, November,

2014 [ISSN No. 2348-9286].

‘Ayurveda and the Myth of Vegetarianism’ in the *Economic and Political Weekly*, 21 March 2015 (ISSN 00129976)

‘The Dear Hindu Holy Cow: An Obituary’ in the *Forward Press* (June, 2015), [ISSN No. 2348-9286].

Review of Ananya Vajpeyi, *Righteous Republic – The Political Foundations of Modern India*, Harvard University Press, 2012 in *Indian Historical Review*, June, 2015: ISSN: 0376-9836)

Review of Amarinder Singh, *Honour and Fidelity: India's Military Contribution to The Great War 1914-1918*, Roli Books, New Delhi, 2014, 340 pp. [64 pages of B&W photographs divided into two sections inserted into the book + a video CD shot on location in Flanders and France], price 595 Indian rupees [HB] in *Biblio*, May-June, 2015 [ISSN: 0971-8982].

Review of Edward A. Alpers, *The Indian Ocean in World History*, 172 pp., Paper Back (Oxford University Press, 2014), price not mentioned, on *H-Asia Reviews* [H-Net Humanities and Social Sciences Online, January 2014 [ISSN: 1085-7478]. Posted, June, 2015.

Review of Sabyasachi Dasgupta, *In Defence of Honour and Justice: Sepoy Rebellions in the Nineteenth Century*, Primus, New Delhi, 2015 in *The Book Review*, 3 March, 2016.

Review of Srinath Raghavan, *India's War The Making of Modern South Asia 1939-1945*, Penguin, 2016 in the *Biblio* [ISSN: 0971-8982], June 2016.

Recalling Bhagat Singh, *Economic and Political Weekly*, April 29, 2016 (ISSN (Online) - 2349-8846).

Ambedkar-The Unsentimental Historian, *Forward Press*, April, 2016. [ISSN No. 2348-9286].

Conference/Seminar Presentations

Invited by the Regional Representative of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) to write a BOX ITEM for the South Asia Drug Demand Reduction Report, 1998.

Appointed National Consultant by the UNDCP to write a historical paper on the successful state control of illicit opium in colonial and independent India (January – February, 2001).

Successfully completed the Cultural Studies Workshop held by the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (CSSS), Calcutta in collaboration with ENRECA, Denmark and SEPHIS, the Netherlands at Bangalore, India, from February 02 to February 07, 2004.

Invited by the National Archives of Malaysia to present two papers on Oral History in India and the Oral History Project at NMML at a Seminar on 'Oral History as National Heritage', 7 – 9 April, 2005, Kuala

Lumpur, Malaysia. The seminar was attended, the papers presented and were well received.

Invited by the Indian Embassy and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) to present a paper on Jawaharlal Nehru's vision of Asian Cooperation at a seminar to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Premier Nehru's visit to the USSR and Almaty (Kazakhstan) in 1955. The seminar was organized jointly by the ICCR, Indian Embassy and the Govt. of Kazakhstan in Almaty on 17 June, 2005.

Paper 'Hindi Cinema as a Hegemonic Narrative of a bourgeois nation state' selected for the National Conference on Narratives of Women and the Indian Nation, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, Delhi, 20-22 November, 2007.

Invited to present a paper at the National Seminar on State, Democracy and Development in India, 17-18 March, 2008 at the University of Delhi, South Campus organized by the Department of Political Science, Motilal Nehru College (E), University of Delhi.

Participated in the UGC Sponsored Orientation Course, Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 08/01/2007 to 02/02/2007.

Seminars on Coastal Histories and Coastal Cities, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Studies, JNU, March 2007, March 2008 and March 2009. Paper presented in the first of these called 'Politics and Culture of Coastal Warfare in Early Modern India' is due to appear in a volume being edited by Professor Yogesh Sharma. Preliminary paper on the rise and fall of the coastal fort system on the Konkan coast in early modern Indian history was presented in March 2009 and is being developed at the moment.

Successfully participated in the Autumn School on the 'Oral as a resource' organized by the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), Shimla, India, 1-15 November, 2008.

Presented a paper on 'Gandhi and Hindi Cinema' at the Hind Swaraj Centenary International Seminar organized by the Centre for Social Development (CSD) held at the IIC, 12-14 February, 2009.

Invited by the Director, Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune, to participate in a Seminar and Film Festival on 'Cinema against Communalism' (12-14 August, 2010) organized to commemorate the Golden Jubilee Year (2010-2011) of the FTII. The mentioned seminar was attended. On the 12th I spoke on Cinema, Community and Identity and on the 13th I chaired a session featuring the well known artist, art professor and peace activist from the Lahore University Professor Salima Hashmi and the documentary film maker Ajay Bharadwaj.

Invited by the Department of History, University of Pune (India), [12 to 20 September, 2010] to deliver three guest lectures to the faculty and post-graduate students on (1) Cinema and history (2) The politics and culture of warfare on the western coast of India during the early modern period and (3) Reinterpreting 18th century Marathi historical sources.

Reckoning with the Past: History in the Classroom – A Three Day UGC Sponsored Workshop (10-12 November, 2010), Department of History, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College (University of Delhi) – Lecture on 'Revolutions and Counter-Revolutions in the Twentieth Century.'

Balvant Parekh Centre for General Semantics and Other Human Sciences and Forum on Contemporary Theory (Baroda) – Second National Symposium on the theme "The Human Sciences in the Time of Disciplinary Decadence" [10-12 February, 2011]. I presented a paper called "*Possibilities Beyond Documented Narratives: The Dialectics of Cinema and the Historian*" at this symposium organized

around the III Balvant Parekh Distinguished Lecture by Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, "Teaching Literature Today."

Prakriti 2011: A Festival of Indian Documentary Films on Environment, Development and Human Rights, 14 – 16 February, 2011 organized by Consortium for Educational Communication (An Inter University Centre of the UGC) in collaboration with the Tripura University, Agartala, Tripura at the Tripura University. I delivered the Keynote Address on 14 February, 2011 and participated in the film festival throughout as a resource person.

'Thoughts on colonial modernity and historical imagination in India', Indian History Congress, Patiala, 10 -13 December, 2011 in the Contemporary History Section chaired by N. Ram, Editor, *The Hindu*. A much revised version of this paper has been submitted to the *Indian Historical Review* for publication.

New Perspectives on Indian Military History: A Workshop Organized by the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), New Delhi in collaboration with me on 14 January, 2011. Six papers were presented in this workshop including the first one by me called 'The indigenous perception of social difference: the *Bhauasahebanchi Bakhar* as a Maharashtrian military-cultural text of the 18th century'

Invited by the History Department, Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Aurangabad (Maharashtra) to deliver two lectures at the Refresher Course being conducted by the Academic Staff College (17-19 January, 2012). One lecture 'Charting Oral History in India' and one on 'Thoughts on Colonial Modernity and Historical Imagination in India' were successfully delivered and well received in Aurangabad.

Invited by the History Department, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi to deliver a special lecture in a National Seminar on Oral History, 10 February, 2012.

Lecture delivered on the Mode of Production Debate at the UGC Funded National Seminar on the Mode of Production, Kalindi College, University of Delhi, 26 April, 2012.

Rural South Asia: Imaging Heritage and Progress – 4 – 7 January, 2013. An International Conference organized by the History Department, Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Aurangabad (Maharashtra). Presented a paper '*The coexistence of continuity and change and the multiplicities of contemporary Gurgaon in the era of globalization (1985-2012)* [Funded by the ICHR and the Ambedkar University, Aurangabad].

Regimes of Temporality, International Conference organized by the University of Oslo, Norway (June 5-7, 2013). Paper with power point presented 'The world is not flat: the dream of linear progress and existential multiplicities of a 'globalized' town in transition (1985-2012) - the case of *Gurgaon (India)* [This paper was selected by the conference jury in February, 2013]. The trip to Oslo was funded by the University of Delhi.

Chaired a Seminar by Dr. Parimala Rao, Fellow, NMML, on Tuesday, 29 October, 2013 at 3.00 pm titled 'A century of caste consolidation and its impact on education in Maharashtra, 1820-1920' at the NMML, New Delhi.

International Conference: *Intersections: Routes and Marts in the pre-modern Asian World* organized by the History Department of the Pune University, Maharashtra [13-15 December, 2013]. Paper 'Re-inventing the fort in Indian history: the fort as an *indispensable* intersection of politics, economics, warfare and class struggle in pre-colonial India' was presented there. I also chaired two sessions – one in the afternoon of 14

December and one in the morning of 15 December.

Conference on *Motilal Nehru and His Times* organized by me in association with Professor Neera Chandhoke, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti, New Delhi 16-17 January, 2014. Chaired session four on 16 January.

International Conference: Renewing the Military History of Colonial India, 20-21 January, 2014 organized by the Jadavpur University and British Academy. Paper 'The Indian Armed Forces: A Story of Failed Modernization, 1895-1939' was presented in session two on 21 January.

International Conference on 'India and the Great War' [March 5-7, 2014] organized by the Centre for Armed Forces Research, United Services Institute of India, New Delhi. Paper presented on 'Retrenchment and Demobilization after the First World War - the case of the Indian armed forces.'

National Seminar on Theory and Its Pedagogical Implications, 28-29 March 2014 organized by The IIS University, Jaipur in collaboration with Forum on Contemporary Theory, Baroda. Paper presented was 'The Nation in Indian Historical Consciousness: Colonized Pedagogy and the Need for a Humanist Critical History.'

One Day National Seminar at the Calcutta University organized by the History Department on 17 March, 2015 On War and Peace in the 20th Century. The lecture on 'The Hurt and Betrayed Nation: War, Fascism and Nazism in the 1920s' delivered.

Two Day National Seminar and K. M. Ashraf Memorial Lecture organized by the History Society, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi on 'Identities in History: Power and Contestation in Ancient, Medieval and Modern India, 26- 27 February, 2015. A paper on IDENTITY AND NATION IN PRE-COLONIAL INDIA Warfare, Political Negotiation, Divided Loyalties and Cultural Identity in 18th century India [A Note on Historiography and a View from Selected contemporary Marathi sources of the times] was presented and is due for publication in the K.M. Ashraf Lecture Series of the Kirori Mal College.

Visiting Fellow/Professor, Department of History, North Bengal University, Siliguri, West Bengal (18-28 November, 2015).

Dilli Series Seminar 2015, Second Edition 'Naval Weaponry Through the Ages 16-17 October, 2015', Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala.

Kerala History Congress, January 2016, Paper Presented on 'Ambedkar as a Sentimental Historian.'

Presented a Paper, by invitation, on Indian Military History at the 'Meeting of the Minds' Symposium, Brighton, United Kingdom, 25-26 May, 2016 jointly organized by the Imperial War Museum, United Service Institution of India and the Royal Pavilion and Museums Brighton and Hove, UK.

Total Publication Profile (See the detailed CV attached)

For the Total Publication Profile see the detailed CV posted on the website.

Courses taught so far:

1. History of Modern India 1707-1951 (BA History Honours Course) 2005-2009.
2. Cultural Transformation in Early Modern Europe 1500-1800 (BA Program Course) 2006-2009.
3. Human Rights, Gender and Environment (BA Program Foundation Course) 2005-2009.
4. The Rise of British Power in India 1740-1857 (MA Part II) 2009-2013.
5. The Rise and Establishment of Fascism and Nazism in Europe and Asia 1918-1935 (MA Part I) 2010-2014.
6. Topics: Annales School of Historiography, Modern Historiography and Oral History (MA Part I Core Course and M.Phil course I) since 2010-11.

Conference/Seminar Presentations

See the sections above.

Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity

1. Member of the Editorial Team of *Contemporary India*, the NMML Journal started in 2001 from 2001 to 2005.
2. Convenor of the Magazine Committee in charge of *Asmita*, the college magazine of the Motilal Nehru College (E), 2006-2008.
3. Member of the College Library Renovation Committee, 2008.
4. Member of the College E-Resource Centre Committee, 2008.
5. Convenor of the College Discipline Committee, 2009 onwards.
6. Convenor of the College Prospectus and Website Revision Committee, 2009 onwards.
7. Teacher in Charge of the History Department, 2008-09.
8. Nominated incharge to look after the University Wide Network and Computational Facility in the College.

Professional Societies Memberships

Associate Editor, The Inclusive.org

Associate Editor, The Helion Books series on *War and Military Culture in South Asia, 1757-1947*.

Other Details

Selected by the NMML as the Motilal Nehru Biography Fellow in 2013 for a period of two years. This was a special fellowship instituted by the Ministry of Culture carrying full pay protection and two additional increments. However, it could not be availed of because the University did not grant me leave.

Foreign Assignment/Deputation: ICCR Guest/Visiting Professor at the Institute of South Asian, Tibet and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna [1 October 2014 – 31 January, 2015], Vienna, Austria on Deputation.

This position was made available to me after my CV was selected by the University of Vienna. Courses taught there: 1. The Rise of British Power in India 1740-1857 (lecture course open to all students) and 2. Explorations in Maratha History – a pro-seminar course for post-graduate students involving engaging the students with selected important historical narratives of Maratha history. Two *India Lectures* were also delivered at the University of Vienna during this period