




Faculty Details

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Designation	Associate Professor					
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Educational Qualifications						
Degree	Institution				Year	
Ph.D.	Department of History, University of Delhi				2002	
M.Phil. / M.Tech.	Department of History, University of Delhi				1996	
PG	Department of History, University of Delhi				1992	
UG	Ramjas College, University of Delhi				1990	
Post-Doctoral Fellowship	Ludwig Maximilian Universität, München				2013 & 2015	
Career Profile						
Institution	Designation		Duration		Role	
Department of History University of Delhi	Associate Professor		Since 22 January 2014		Teaching MA and M.Phil students and supervising PhD research scholars	
Motilal Nehru College University of Delhi	Assistant Professor/ Reader/ Professor	Professor/ Associate	1998-2001; 2002-2014		Teaching BA (Hons) and BA (P) students	
Hindu College University of Delhi	Assistant Professor		1997-1998		Teaching BA (Hons) and BA (P) students	
Areas of Interest / Specialization						
Specialize in Medieval and Early Modern period of history, and Environmental history; Main area of research includes arid-zone ecology, river ecology, migration, and land-use cropping pattern change in Western Rajasthan and Eastern India.						

Subjects Taught
<p>M.Phil</p> <p>Course II (Part), Vernacular literature: Kanhadade Prabandha. Padmanabha's epic account of Kanhadade</p> <p>MA</p> <p>Conservation, Science and Technology, 1800-2000</p> <p>History of Eastern India, 13th to 18th Century</p> <p>Social and Economic History of India, C.1200-1750 AD</p> <p>The Soviet Union, 1917-1991</p> <p>Undergraduate (Before 2014):</p> <p>Environmental Issues in India</p> <p>History of India (C.750-1550 AD)</p> <p>History of USSR</p> <p>Social Formations and Cultural Patterns in Ancient and Medieval World</p> <p>History of India, 8th to 18th Century [BA (P)]</p>
Research Guidance
<p><i>Supervision of Doctoral Thesis, under progress</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. “Trans-Himalayan Trade, Trade Routes and Pastoral Communities of Kinnaur, 1600s to 1900s” b. “Chotanagpur mein Adivasi Sanskriti evam Paryavaran aur Aupniveshik Hastakshep, C. 1830-1900” c. “Adhunik Vigyan Evam Taknik Par Baudh Yogdaan Ka Sameekshatmak Adhyayan: Nalanda Vishvavidyalaya ke Vishesh Sandarbh Mein” d. “Inland Fisheries in Colonial Bengal: A Study of Law, Economy and Social Organisation” <p><i>Supervision of awarded M.Phil dissertations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Famines in Marwar during 19th Century: A Socio-economic Study”
Publications Profile
<p>Books</p> <p>2016. <i>Speaking River: Environmental History of A Mid-Ganga Flood Region</i> (forthcoming).</p> <p>2014. <i>Paryavaran Par Manav Padchinha: Paryavaran Parivartan ke Aitihasik Sandarbh</i>, (Delhi: Trinity).</p> <p>2012. <i>The Human Footprint on Environment: Issues in India</i>, (Delhi: Macmillan India Ltd).</p> <p>2012. <i>Indian Knowledge Tradition</i>, “Module on Environmental Tradition”, (New Delhi: Central Board of Secondary Education, Government of India).</p>

Research Papers Published in Refereed/Peer Reviewed Journals:

2016. "Modern Acts, Conservation of Fish and Colonial Interest: Inland Fisheries in Mid-Ganga *Diara* Ecology, India", Inter-sectoral Governance on Inland Fisheries (Forthcoming).
2015. "Construction of a Regional Identity: Medieval and Early Modern Perception of the Riverine Bihar". *Abhilekh-Bihar*, 6: 271-280. Bihar State Archives, Patna.
2014. "Gangetic Floods: Landscape Transformation, Embankments, and Clay Brick-Making". In *Asian Environments: Connections Across Borders, Landscapes and Times*, edited by Ursula Münster, Shiho Satsuka and Gunnel Cederlöf, 23-28. Munich: Rachel Carson Center.
2012. "Environmental Migrants: Migration as Planned Livelihood Among the Rebaris of Western Rajasthan, India", *Global Environment* 9: 50-73.
2007. "Environmental History of India: Prudent Traditions, Changing Land-use and Migration in an Arid Zone", *Social Science Probing*s. 19 (1): 33-49.
2000. "Professional Brotherhood and Change in Physical Environment: The Colonial Factors in Administrative History of 18th Century Patna District", *The Geographer*, 47 (1): 70-85.
1996. "Professional Mobility and Change: The world of Artisans in late 18th century Patna", *Studies In History And Culture*, 4 (2): 31-40.

Publications in Peer Reviewed Edited Books / Volumes:

2016. "Where Many Rivers Meet: River Morphology and Transformation of Pre-Modern River Economy in Mid-Ganga Basin, India", in *Environmental History in the Making*, edited by Estelia Vaz, Cristina Joanaz and Lúgia M.Costa Pinto, Switzerland: Springer International Publishing.
2011. "Could Religion Act as a Force for Conservation? Case of a Semi-Arid Zone in India". In *Conservation of Architecture, Urban Areas, Nature and Landscape: Towards a Sustainable Survival of Cultural Landscape*. II, edited by Andrew Dolkart, Osama M.Al-Gohari & Samia Rab, 427-438. Amman: CSAAR Press.
2004. "Ecology and Encounters: The Maratha Demands and Its Impact on Land - Use Pattern in the 18th century Marwar (Rajasthan)". In *Resource Conservation and Food Security*, edited by Tapeshwar Singh, 648-684. New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company.

Papers published in Academic Journals other than Refereed/Peer Reviewed Journals / Newspapers:

2011. Book review of *Convenient Action: Gujarat Response to Challenges of Climate Change*, *Eternal India (Journal)*. 2 (3).
2011. "State Control Over Water Resources: Recent Trends in India", *Deeksha*. 8(2).
2010. "India must Interlink Rivers", *Indian Journal of Social Enquiry*. 1(1): 48-53.
2009. "Food Crisis: Biofuel is not to Blame", *Deeksha*. 6(1): 13-16.
2008. "Jaiv Indhan Nahin Neetiyaan hain Doshi", *Dainik Bhaskar*, 9th May.
2008. "Iss Sankat Ke liye Kaun hai Doshi", *Dainik Bhaskar*, 6th June.
1996. "Pre Industrial Technology: A Study of Craftsmanship in 18th century Bihar", *Critique*, 2 (1): 54-71.

Conference Organization/ Presentations

- 2016. Organised Research Scholars Workshop, Department of History, University of Delhi.
- 2015. Paper presentation titled “River, Technology and Rule: Anatomy of Medieval and Modern Canal Construction in the Ganga Basin, India”, at Third Conference of East Asian Environmental History, Kagawa University, Takamatsu, Japan.
- 2015. Workshop on Historical Geographic Information Systems (HGIS) methods, Munich, Germany.
- 2014. Paper presentation titled “River Morphology, Colonialism and Society in Mid-Gangetic Basin, South Asia”, at the World Congress of Environmental History in Guimarães, Portugal.
- 2012. Research paper titled “Landscape Transformation in Gangetic Basin: Land-use Change and Emergence of Clay Brick Making (1850s-2000s)” in Inter- disciplinary Workshop Asian Environments: Governing nature, Negotiating Knowledge, Constructing Subjectivities, Rachel Carson Center, LMU, Munich, Germany.
- 2012. “Environmental Conservation, Development and Indian Tradition”, paper presented at National Conference on Environmental Management at Government College, Bhopal.
- 2011. “Environmental Migrants: Migration Pattern and Everyday Forms of Resistance of a Pastoral Community in Rajasthan, India”. Discussion paper. Rachel Carson Center, LMU, Munich, Germany.
- 2011. Invited to present paper in the Conference on *Conservation of Architecture, Urban Areas, Nature and Landscape: Towards a Sustainable Survival of Cultural Landscape*, Amman (Jordan).
- 2011. “Higher Education, Indian Tradition and Environmental Concerns”, paper presented at Annual Conference on Higher Education, Mumbai University, Mumbai.
- 2010. “Local Drivers of Land-Use Change: Study of an Arid Region in Pre-Colonial India” (Unpublished). Paper presented at Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.
- 2006. “Subject to Famine: Resource Exploitation and Community Response in 18th-19th Century Marwar, (Rajasthan, India)”, Paper presented at Brisbane Conference 2006, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia.
- 2003. “Traditional Method of Land – Use and Water Management in Medieval Western Rajasthan”, paper presented at XXV Indian Geography Congress, Ghaziabad.
- 2002. “Changing Patterns of Land-Use in 18th century Marwar (Rajasthan)”, Paper presented at Commonwealth Geographical Bureau Food Security Workshop International Symposium on Land Degradation: New Trends Towards Sustainable Agriculture, Ghaziabad.
- 2001. “18th Century Rajasthan: Ecology, State Power and Land Degradation”, paper presented at the 61st session of Indian History Congress, Kolkata.
- Participated in Academic Congress at University of Delhi (2012)
- Organised National Seminar “Ethics in Indian Society” at Motilal Nehru College and published a Souvenir with the same title (2009)
- Organised a Symposium “Exploring Delhi” at Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi and published a

Souvenir titled “Exploring Delhi” (2006)
Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)
<p>Research Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015-16. University of Delhi, Research and Development Grant, “Local Sources for the Study of Riverine Plain: The Shahabad Records” • 2013-14. Mentor of the Innovation project, University of Delhi, “Visualizing Economic and Political Impact of Globalization on Gaddi tribe of Chamba District in Himachal Pradesh” • 2013-15. Major Research Project (UGC) “Flood Control in the Ganges Basin: Land-Use Change and Social Disparity (1811-1947)”, 2013-15. • 2013. Fellowship at Ludwig Maximilian Universität, München (May to August 2013), Germany. • 2012. University of Delhi Innovation Project, “Mining in NCR Delhi: A Socio-economic and Environmental Study”. • 2010. University Grants Commission (UGC) awarded Minor Research Project titled as “State, Environment and Marginalised Groups: Patronage, Resistance and Adaptation in Pre-Colonial Marwar”. <p>Collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015. With Prof. Satoshi Murayama, Workshop on Modeling for Environmental Humanities at Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Kyoto University, Kyoto.
Awards and Distinctions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carson Fellowship at Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich (2013 and 2015) • ICCR Chair of Contemporary Indian Studies/Humanities & Social Sciences at University of Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam 2014-15 (Could not avail) • Best Teacher Award 2012 for College Lecturers, given by Chief Minister of Delhi on behalf of Government of NCT Delhi, Delhi. • Foreign Travel Grant from University Grants Commission in 2006 and 2010 • Foreign Travel Grant form Indian Council of Social Science Research in 2006 • Foreign Travel Grant from Indian Council of Historical Research in 2011 • Foreign Travel Grant from University of Delhi in 2014 • Certificate of Appreciation for academic excellence by Governing Body of College (2006)
Association With Professional Bodies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member, Association for East Asian Environmental History (EAEH) • Evaluated a D.Lit thesis in History of Barkatullah University, Bhopal (2014) • Evaluation Expert for up-gradation from JRF to SRF in Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi (2014) • Evaluation and Expert of M.Phil thesis “Textile Workers during Mughal period in Seventeenth Century”,

submitted in Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

- 2013. Member of Committee of Courses, CBSE, New Delhi.
- 2012. Co-convenor by CBSE of a newly developed course on “Indian Knowledge and Tradition” to be introduced as *Optional Paper for Classes 11 and 12* from 2012.
- 2012. Member of the Curriculum Development committee of History and Social Sciences at National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), Ministry of HRD, Govt of India.
- Expert member of Selection Committee to appoint teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, New Delhi (2009)
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- Expert lecture in Capacity Building Workshop of NIOS, Ministry of HRD, Govt of India (2010)
- ILL- Microsoft ICT Capacity Building workshop (2009)
- Appointed coordinator of Institute for Life Long Learning (ILL), University of Delhi appointed Coordinator as well as Expert for Tier II Workshop for ICT training of the teachers at Motilal Nehru College and Other Colleges of Delhi University

Invited Lectures / Interviews / Documentary:

Resource Person /Annual Lecture

- Resource Person in UGC Orientation Course at CPDHE, University of Delhi (2014)
- Resource Person at Refresher Course in History, Govt. College, Bahadurgarh (2008)
- 2015. “Doing Environmental History” at Shyamlal College, University of Delhi
- 2014. “Anatomy of Delhi Sultanate” at Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi
- 2010. Inaugural lecture on “Environment and Development” at Bhagini Nivedita College, University of Delhi
- 2010. “Early Medieval India” at Bhagini Nivedita College, University of Delhi
- Keynote address at National conference organized by Government Arts and Commerce College, Barkatullah University, Bhopal (2012)
- Chairperson of Technical session of Seminar on “Environmental Management” at Government Arts and Commerce College, Bhopal (28 Feb, 2012)
- Live Lectures on Doordarshan on various topics related to History for undergraduate students. These lectures were telecast Live on DD Vyas-UGC channel. The dates of these lectures are as under:
08.04.2009; 09.04.2009; 25.01.2010; 27.01.2010; 28.01.2010; 29.01.2010; 14.09.2011; 15.09.2011, 10.10.12; 11.10.12; 01.08.14; 04.08.14; 05.08.14.
- Colloquium Lecture “Controlling the River: Diara Land and Social Disparity in the Mid-Gangetic Basin”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cULIwep84tY> , at Ludwig Maximilian Universität, Munich on 25 July 2013.

- Documentary “Brick-making in Gangetic Basin”, Part I, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FuIRAT4-7rQ>
- Documentary “Brick –making in Gangetic Basin, Part II, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJeGTg91qX8>
- Documentary “Bemisaal Baolian” on Rajya Sabha TV, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qb8oaKXdleA>
- Documentary “We Live by the River”, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kQu_461CnI
- CEC-UGC lecture “Medieval Indian Economy-I”, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYnaYeOunJ4>
- CEC-UGC lecture “Medieval Indian History-Delhi Sultanate”, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TWo593BOzk>
- CEC-UGC lecture “History: Medieval India”, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBw2O8mFaBI>
- CEC-UGC lecture “Economic History of Medieval India”, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEs9WnqI0yo>
- CEC-UGC lecture “History: Delhi Sultanate”, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwqx07WyRuM>
- “India and Pakistan Face off Over Threat to Water”, Interview to Matt Wade, published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* (Sydney), <http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2008/10/21/1224351253248.html> and *The Age* (Melbourne). <http://www.theage.com.au/world/water-row/> (22.10.2008)
- Rapporteur for International Round Table on National Human Rights Institutions organized by the United Nation and National Human Rights Commission, India (2005)

Administrative Assignments:

- Member, Vice Chancellor’s Empowered Committee (2013)
- Appointed Bursar, the Financial Head of the institution (2009-11) by Governing Body of Motilal Nehru College for two years term
- Convener, Workload Committee
- Member, Subject Society
- Member, Admission committee
- Member, Sports Committee
- Convener, Fine Arts Society
- Convener, Debating Society