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<b>Educational Qualifications</b>						
Degree		Institution			Year	
Post-Doctoral Fellowship		Rachel Carson Center, Ludwig Maximilian Universität, München, Germany			2013 & 2015	
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	
<b>Career Profile</b>						
<b>Institution</b>		<b>Designation</b>		<b>Duration</b>		<b>Role</b>
Department of History University of Delhi		Associate Professor		Since January 2014		Teaching MA and M.Phil students and supervising PhD research scholars
Motilal Nehru College University of Delhi		Assistant Professor/ Reader/ Associate Professor		1998-2001 2002-2004 2004-2014		Teaching BA (Hons) and BA (P) students
Hindu College University of Delhi		Assistant Professor		1997-1998		Teaching BA (Hons) and BA (P) students
<b>Areas of Interest / Specialization</b>						
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, Bihar and Eastern India.						
<b>Subjects Taught</b>						
<b>PhD</b> Research Methodology I and II: Course Work for PhD students						
<b>MPhil</b> Course II (Part), Vernacular literature: <i>Kanhadade Prabandha</i> , Padmanabha's epic account of Kanhadade; Malik Muhammad Jaisi's <i>Padmavat</i> .						
<b>MA</b>						

Global Environmental History, 1500-2000  
History of Eastern India, 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Century  
Conservation, Science and Technology, 1800-2000  
Social and Economic History of India, C.1200-1750 AD  
The Soviet Union, 1917-1991

#### Research Guidance

##### *Supervision of Post-Doctoral and Doctoral Thesis, under progress*

- “Inland Fisheries in Colonial Bengal: A Study of Law, Economy and Social Organisation”
- “Bundelkhand ki Asmita: Satrahvin evam Atharahvin Shatabdi ke Rajneetik evam Samajik Sandarbh”
- “Bundelkhand mein Sufi Mat ka Prasar evam Dargah ke Anuyayion ka Jatiya evam Samajshashtriya adhyayan” (Post-Doctoral research supervision)
- “Trans-Himalayan Trade, Trade Routes and Pastoral Communities of Kinnaur, 1600s to 1900s”
- “Chotanagpur mein Adivasi Sanskriti evam Paryavaran aur Aupniveshik Hastakshep, C. 1830-1900”
- “Adhunik Vigyan Evam Taknik Par Baudh Yogdaan Ka Sameekshatmak Adhyayan: Nalanda Vishvavidyalaya ke Vishesh Sandarbh Mein”

##### *Supervision of M.Phil dissertation, under progress*

- “The Chos of Hoshiarpur: Calamity, Agriculture and ‘Conservationism’, 1852-1946”
- “Built Environment of Delhi: Land Acquisition, Water Supply and Sanitation, 1911-1931”

##### *Supervision of awarded M.Phil dissertations*

- “Famines in Marwar During 19<sup>th</sup> Century: A Socio-economic Study” M.Phil thesis awarded

#### Publications Profile

##### **Books**

- 2018. *Speaking Rivers: Environmental History of a Mid-Ganga Flood Country, 1540-1885*, Delhi: Primus Books.
- 2014. *Paryavaran Par Manav Padchinha: Paryavaran Parivartan ke Aitihāsik Sandarbh*, Delhi: Trinity.
- 2012. *The Human Footprint on Environment: Issues in India*, Delhi: Macmillan India Ltd.
- 2012. *Indian Knowledge Tradition: Module on Environmental Tradition*, New Delhi: Central Board of Secondary Education, Government of India.

##### **Research Papers Published in Refereed/Peer Reviewed Journals/ Books**

- 2018. “Intersectorality in the Governance of Inland Fisheries”, Synthesis Paper (multiple authors), *Ecology and Society* 23(2):17. <https://doi.org/10.5751/ES-10076-230217>.
- 2017. “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 Lígia M. Costa Pinto, Switzerland: Springer International Publishing.
- 2017. “Modern Acts, Conservation of Fish and Colonial Interest: Inland Fisheries in Mid-Ganga *Diara* Ecology, India”, in A.M. Song, S.D. Bower, P. Onyango, S.J. Cooke, R. Chuenpagdee (Eds.), *Inter-Sectoral Governance of Inland Fisheries*, Canada: TBTI Publication Series, St John's, NL.
- 2016. “Ecological Amnesia: Journey of Medieval Off-take Inundation Canals to Anicut

Canals”, *Abhilekh-Bihar*, Vol.7: 142-56, Bihar State Archives, Patna.

- 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.
- 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.
- 2007. “Environmental History of India: Prudent Traditions, Changing Land-use and Migration in an Arid Zone”, *Social Science Probing*s. 19 (1): 33-49.
- 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.
- 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.

#### **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).

2009. “Food Crisis: Biofuel is not to Blame”, *Deeksha*. 6(1): 13-16.

2008. “Jaiv Indhan Nahin Neetiyaan hain Doshi”, *Dainik Bhaskar*, 9<sup>th</sup> May.

2008. “Iss Sankat Ke liye Kaun hai Doshi”, *Dainik Bhaskar*, 6<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Conference Organization/ Presentations**

##### **Conference Papers**

- 2018. Workshop paper “Flood, Avulsion and Governance: The Ganga River in the Nineteenth Century”, John Hope Franklin Center at Duke University, Duke University, Durham.
- 2017. Inaugural address titled “Eco-historic Heritage and Watershed in Environmental History” in National Workshop on Networking on Eco-historic and Cultural Heritage of India at Lady Doak College, Madurai.
- 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)

##### **Research Projects**

- 2016-2020. Project partner in Simone Müller (PI) DFG Emmy-Noether Research Group “Hazardous Travels. Ghost Acres and the Global Waste Economy”, Rachel Carson Center, Munich (Germany)
- 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".

#### **Workshops**

- 2012. Asian Environment Workshop, Rachel Carson Centre, Munich, Germany.
- 2015. Modeling for Environmental Humanities at Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Kyoto University, Kyoto.
- 2015. GIS in History, LMU, Munich.
- 2016 and 2017. Co-organiser of Research Scholars' Workshop in Department of History, University of Delhi.

#### **Awards and Distinctions**

- Carson Fellowship at Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich, 2013 and 2015.
- ICCR Chair of Indian Studies at University of West Indies, Port of Spain in 2016 (Did not avail).
- ICCR Chair of Contemporary Indian Studies/Humanities & Social Sciences at University of Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam 2014-15 (Did 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 from 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 in 2006.

#### **Association With Professional Bodies**

- Member, Association for East Asian Environmental History (EAEH).
- Evaluated a research monograph "History of Food in Northeast India: Mizoram since Pre-colonial Times" of Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla.
- Evaluated a PhD thesis in History of Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida (2017).
- Evaluated a DLit 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 MPhil 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-convener 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, Government of India.
- Expert member of Selection Committee to appoint teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, New Delhi (2009).
- Expert member of Selection Committee to appoint teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, New Delhi (2008).
- Expert lecture in Capacity Building Workshop of NIOS, Ministry of HRD, Government of India (2010).
- ILL- Microsoft ICT Capacity Building workshop (2009).
- Coordinator, Institute for Life Long Learning (ILL), University of Delhi for ICT training to teachers of Motilal Nehru College (2009-10).

Invited Lectures / Interviews / Documentary:

**Resource Person / Annual Lecture/ Documentaries**

- 2018. “Flood, Avulsion and Governance: The Ganga River in the Nineteenth Century”, John Hope Franklin Center at Duke University, Duke University, Durham, 16 February <https://youtu.be/7djOUJcXt-k>
- Colloquium Lecture “Controlling the River: Diara Land and Social Disparity in the Mid-Gangetic Basin”, Ludwig Maximilian Universität, Munich on 25 July 2013, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cULLwep84tY>
- 2017. “Eco-historical Heitage and Watershed in Environmental History”, Inaugural address at Lady Doak College, Madurai.
- 2017. “Environmental Studies in Practice”, at Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi.
- 2017. “Ecology in Idea and Practice”, at Satyawati College (Evening), University of Delhi.
- 2016. “Vernacular Literatures as Source” at Motilal Nehru College (Evening), University of Delhi.
- 2016. “Conservation of Stepwells” [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ER\\_V6hVFqD4&t=17s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ER_V6hVFqD4&t=17s)
- 2015. “Doing Environmental History” at Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi.
- 2014. “Anatomy of Delhi Sultanate” at Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi.
- 2014. Resource Person in UGC Orientation Course at CPDHE, University of Delhi.
- 2013. “We Live by the River” River History Interview, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kQu\\_461CnI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kQu_461CnI)
- 2012. 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.
- 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
- 2008. Resource Person at Refresher Course in History, Govt. College, Bahadurgarh.
- 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.

- 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>
- 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=-TWo593B0zk>
- 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=iEs9Wnql0yo>
- 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)

#### **Administrative Assignments**

- Mphil Committee Coordinator (2017-18)
- Coordinator, Research Scholars’ Workshop in Department of History, University of Delhi (2016 and 2017).
- 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.
- Rapporteur for International Round Table on National Human Rights Institutions organized by the United Nation and National Human Rights Commission, India (2005)
- Convener, Workload Committee.
- Member, Admission committee.
- Member, Sports Committee.
- Member, Fine Arts Committee.
- Member, Debating Society.