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Education						
Subject	Institution	Year	Details			
Sociology	Dept. of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics	1979	M.A.			
Sociology	Dept. of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics	1980	M.Phil.			
Sociology	Dept. of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics	1985	PhD.			
Sociology of Education	University of London Institute of Education (affiliated with Basil Bernstein, Karl Mannheim Professor in the Sociology of Education)	1985-1986	Commonwealth Postdoctoral scholar			
Career Profile						
Organisation / Institution	Designation	Duration	Role			
Dept. of Sociology, DU	Professor	From 2002 to				

		date	
Dept. of Education, DU	Reader, Professor	1989-2002	
Dept. of Sociology, DU	Research Associate	1986-1989	
Research Interests / Specialization			
Sociology of education; youth and gender studies; transnational migration, gender, identities			
Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught)			
Sociology of education; gender and society, sociology of India, sociological theories: some conceptual issues, sociology of development at MA level;			
Migration, identities, gender, sociology of schooling (at MPhil level); supervising M. Phil. and PhD students			
Honors & Awards			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi (March 2018-). • Member, Advisory Board on Sociology, Dept. of Distance Education, Pondicherry University (2018-2020) • Member, Advisory Board, new Series on <i>Crossing Borders in a Global World: Applying Anthropology to Migration, Displacement, and Social Change</i>, edited by Nancy Konvalinka and Raul Sanchez Molina (UNED, Madrid), Lexington Books, 2017 • Member, Expert Group, Preparation of University curricula on <i>Diversity and Discrimination in Higher Education</i> at NUEPA, December, 2016 onwards. • Member, ICSSR Research Advisory Committee on <i>Diversity and Discrimination in Higher Education</i> at NUEPA, 2014 onwards • Invited to serve as Senior Editor for <i>The Oxford Encyclopedia of Qualitative Research Methods in Education</i>. Oxford University Press, USA 2016 onwards. • Visiting Fellow, South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore 28 September to 4 October 2014. • Robert Schuman Fellowship, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence (Italy)- Sept. 2013-May 2013. • Visiting Fellow, CEIAS, EHESS, Paris from October 2-8, 2011. • Visiting Fellow, University of Milan (under the European Studies Programme, University of Delhi) for research in Italy on the theme <i>Indian migrants and their others: understanding migration in contemporary Europe</i>, 25 May-21 July, 2011. • Visiting Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Ecole Normale Superieure, Paris, June 2010 			

- Visitor, Danish Pedagogical University, Copenhagen, June 22-27, 2009.

Publications (LAST FIVE YEARS)

Books / Monographs

<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>
2018 (forthcoming)	<i>J. Krishnamurti and Educational Practice: Social and Moral Vision for Inclusive education</i>	Oxford University Press	
2015	<i>Education and Society: Themes Perspectives, Practices.</i> (ed.) Oxford in India Readings in Sociology and Social Anthropology	Oxford University Press	
2014	<i>Ethnographies of Schooling in Contemporary India</i> (ed.) Sage Publications		
2010	<i>Contested Spaces. Citizenship and Belonging in Contemporary Times</i> (ed.), Orient Blackswan		
2009	<i>Living the Body. Embodiment, Womanhood and Identity in Contemporary India</i> (ed.), Sage Publications		

In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals

<u>Year of Publication</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Journal</u>	<u>Co-Author</u>
2018	The New Missionaries: Spiritual Striving and Political Engagement in India	<i>Sociological Bulletin, Vol. 67, No. 2: 141-155</i>	
2016	Single' and Alone: Tibetan Youth in Exile in India	<i>Society and Culture in South Asia, July 2016, 2: 161-181.</i>	

Articles

- 2018. The New Missionaries: Spiritual Striving and Political Engagement in India, *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 67, No. 2: 141-155.
- 2016. (with Anshu Singh and Nidhitha Sreekumar) Women's Mobility and Migration. An exploratory study of Muslim women migrants in Jamia Nagar, Delhi, in Deepak K. Mishra (ed.) *Internal Migration in Contemporary India*. SAGE Publications Pvt. Ltd. Pp. 47-70.
- 2016. Foreword, *War, Memory and Travel* in Sasanka Perera. *Warzone Tourism in Sri Lanka. Tales from Darker Places in Paradise*. SAGE Publications. Pp. xv-xvii.
- 2015. Introduction. Understanding Education. Ideas, Practice, and Outcomes. In Meenakshi Thapan (ed.) *Education and Society: Themes, Perspectives, Practices* (Oxford in India Readings in Sociology and Social Anthropology, General Editor: TN Madan)), Oxford University Press: 1-56.
- 2015. Pedagogy and Citizenship in Contemporary Society. In Meenakshi Thapan (ed.) *Education and Society: Themes, Perspectives, Practices* (Oxford in India Readings in Sociology and Social Anthropology, General Editor: TN Madan)), Oxford University Press: 167-190.
- 2015. School Culture. Rituals and ceremonies. . In Meenakshi Thapan (ed.) *Education and Society: Themes, Perspectives, Practices* (Oxford in India Readings in Sociology and Social Anthropology, General Editor: TN Madan)), Oxford University Press: 261-282.
- 2015. Curriculum and its Possibilities. Schooling in India. in William F. Pinar (ed.) *Curriculum Studies in India. Intellectual histories, Present Circumstances*. New York, Palgrave Macmillan: 141-161.
- 2014. Introduction. Understanding School Experience, In Meenakshi Thapan (ed.) *Ethnographies of Schooling in Contemporary India*. New Delhi, SAGE Publications :1-20.
- 2014. (with Anshu Singh and Nidhitha Sreekumar) Women's Mobility and Migration. Muslim women migrants in Jamia Nagar, Delhi, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, June 7, 2014, xlv, 23:

96-104.

- 2013. Imagined Landscapes, Lived Experience. Potential immigrants and the Experience of Migration in northern Italy. *Mondi Migranti (The World of Migrants)* 2013 (3): 199-220.
- 2013. Foreword, *Curriculum as Meditative Inquiry* by Ashwani Kumar, New York, Palgrave Macmillan (Series on Curriculum Studies Worldwide).
- 2013 . Pathways of Integration: Individual and collective strategies in northern Italy, *CARIM-India Research Report 2013/28, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, San Domenico di Fiesole, (FI): European University Institute, 2013.*
- 2013. Isolation, uncertainty and change: Indian immigrant women and the family in northern Italy, *CARIM-India Research Report 2013/09, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, San Domenico di Fiesole, (FI): European University Institute, 2013.*

Conference Presentations

- Presentation on “***Educating the Elementary School Teacher: Implementation of Values and Ethics in Inclusive Education***” at a Conclave on ‘***Universal Ethics: Perspective of Emotional Intelligence in Education***’ organised by Tibet House, Cultural Centre of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Centre for Ethics & Values, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi on **14th & 15th April 2018 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.**
- **Presentation on “An Ethnographer and her Worlds” at an Indo-Japan international conference (funded by ICSSR and JSPS) on ‘Aspects of Religion and Everyday Life in South Asia with special reference to India and Japan’ on March 21-23, 2018 at the University of Delhi.**
- **Presentation on ‘Reclaiming the Sacred in Education: Empowering the Teacher in Elementary School Classrooms’ at an Indo-Japan international conference (funded by ICSSR and JSPS) on ‘Aspects of Religion and Everyday Life in South Asia with special reference to India and Japan’ on November 21-25, 2017, at Waseda University, Japan.**
- Invited Talk on “***Self Knowledge and Relatedness***” at a Plenary Session ‘at an international conference on ‘*The Fragmented Self: An Interdisciplinary Exploration into the notions of Self and Identity in Contemporary Life*’ on 30th-31st October, 2017, at Indraprastha College For Women, Civil Lines, Delhi.
- Invited talk on “***Contemporary Relevance of J. Krishnamurti’s World-view and Educational Thought***” at the Centre for Comparative and Global Education, OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat on May 11, 2017.
- Invited Talk on “***Rishi Valley’s Online Teacher Enrichment Programme for Elementary School Teachers***” to the Expert Group implementing Secular Ethics in Education, chaired by the Dali Lama, in New Delhi, on 28 April, 2017.

- Invited talk on "*Doing Ethnography*" to Research Students at Dept. of Sociology. University of Hyderabad, on July 21, 2017.
- Invited talk on "*Contemporary Relevance of J. Krishnamurti's World-view and Educational Thought*" at the Centre for Comparative and Global Education, OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat on May 11, 2017.
- Invited Talk on "*Rishi Valley's Online Teacher Enrichment Programme for Elementary School Teachers*" to the Expert Group implementing Secular Ethics in Education, chaired by the Dali Lama, in New Delhi, on 28 April, 2017.
- Lecture on "*Understanding Ethnography and Schooling*" to Research Students at Dept. of Education (CIE), University of Delhi, on March 29, 2017.
- Paper Presentation on "*Krishnamurti, Values and Ethics in Education*" at an international conference on Values and Secular Ethics in Education organised by the DS Kothari Centre for Science, Ethics and Education, and India International Centre on January 19-20, 2017.
- Invited talk on *Finding Faith: Western imaginings of spiritual India* held under the auspices of FINDAS (Integrated Area Studies on South Asia) at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, 7 February, 2017.
- Paper on *Spiritual striving among single western women* at an international conference on 'Towards the co-existence of various 'single' in global societies' at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, 2-4 February, 2017.
- Paper on *Opening up Emotional Pathways in Education* at an International conference on Regulating and Transforming Emotions held under the auspices of the Science for Monks programme at Sherabling monastery, Bir, Himachal Pradesh, 11-14 November, 2016.
- Lectured on *Understanding Schooling, Teaching and Classroom Management: Reflections, Processes, Activities* and on *Values and Ethics in Education*" to students at Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat, Varanasi on 29 and 30 July, 2016
- Moderator and Panelist at the first World Conference on *Multi-Grade Multi-Level Methodologies and their Global Significance. International Discourses on MGML Dissemination* organized by I.I.T., Chennai, 17-19 February, 2016.
- Invited Lecture on *Ethnography and Schooling* at the ICSSR sponsored 'Research Methodology Programme for Ph.D. Scholars in Social Sciences' from 8-17 February, 2016, at the Dept. of Education (Vinaya Bhavan), Visvabharati, Shantiniketan, West Bengal
- Presented a paper on *Being 'single' and alone: Tibetan Youth in Exile in India* at the international conference on *Diversity of the Meaning of Being Single in the Global Societies: Drastic Changes of the Way of Life, Human Relations, and Kinship* held at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo on December 12 and 13, 2015.
- In collaboration with the Delhi School of Economics, chaired and organised the Prof. D.S. Kothari Memorial Lecture, by Professor Veena Das on '*What Does Ordinary Ethics Look Like? Re-imagining Everyday Life*' on July 29, 2015, at the Vivekananda Hall, Delhi School of Economics.

- Talk on *Understanding Ethnography and Schooling* at the National Seminar-cum-Workshop on Management of Qualitative Data and Techniques at the Faculty of Education, Jamia Millia Islamia on 25 July, 2015.
- Talk on the *India-EU Study Centre Programme, University of Delhi*, at the Workshop on Erasmus+, Jean Monnet and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (organized by the EU Delegation in India) on October 26, 2015 in New Delhi.
- Chaired and Organised an International Conference on *Science, Ethics and Education. Transformative Pedagogies* on March 24 and 25, 2015, at the University of Delhi in collaboration with the Mind and Life Institute, USA.
- Panelist at a panel discussion on recent publication "*Caste in Contemporary India*" by Surinder Singh Jodhka at the Dr. K.R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia on March 13, 2015.
- Imagining Social Landscapes: Views from India and Europe, at an invited Executive Session on "*Writing Diaspora and European Imaginaries: Engaging with Anthropology's Interlocutors*" at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Washington DC, December 3-7, 2014.
- Imagining Social Landscapes: Views from India and Europe, at the Seminar Series in South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, on October 1, 2014.
- Keynote Address on The Educational Relevance of J. Krishnamurti at the Inauguration of the UGC J. Krishnamurti Centre at Vasanta College for Women, BHU, Varanasi, on 15 April, 2014.
- Punjabi youth in northern Italy: Freedom, autonomy and change, at a conference in *Young Sikhs in a Global World* at the University of Lund in June 2013.
- Pathways of Integration: Individual and collective strategies in northern Italy to the *Migration Working Group*, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Florence, Italy in May 2013.
- Isolation, uncertainty and change: Indian immigrant women and the family at *the University of Milan, University of Siena and the University of Bologna*, Italy between March-May 2013.
- Isolation, uncertainty and change: Indian immigrant women and the family, at the conference on *Understanding migration, identity and cultural diversity in Europe* at the European University Institute, Florence in December 2012.

Organised conferences:

- Organised an Indo-Japan International Seminar under a grant from the ICSSR (India) and JSPS (Japan) on *Aspects of Religion and Everyday Life in Asia – with special reference to India and Japan* on November 23-25, 2017, at Waseda University in Japan and on March 21-23, 2018 at Delhi University.
- Organised a two day workshop for research scholars and young faculty on *Values, Education,*

Identities in collaboration with DS Kothari Centre for Science, Ethics and Education, Dept. of Education (CIE), and Dept. of Sociology on 15 and 16 February, 2018

- Organised an international conference on *Values and Secular Ethics in Education* with the DS Kothari Centre for Science, Ethics and Education, University of Delhi, and India International Centre on January 19-20, 2017
- March 24 and 25, 2015, organized a two-day international conference on *Science Ethics and Education: Transformative Pedagogies* at the Conference Centre, DU, in collaboration with Mind and Life Institute, USA and Dalai Lama Trust, Dharamshala, under the aegis of the DS Kothari Centre for Science, Ethics and Education, DU.
- 10 December 2012, organized a one-day conference on *Understanding migration, identity and cultural diversity in Europe* at the European University Institute, Florence.
- 15 January 2013, organized a one-day conference on *Secular Ethics in Education* at the University of Delhi (DS Kothari Centre for Science, Ethics and Education).

Total Publication Profile **optional**

Books

Monographs and edited books: 10

Series Editor: 02 Series (with SAGE Publications)\

Series Editor

Education and Society in South Asia, Oxford University Press, Delhi (2018-2022).

Sociology and Social Anthropology of Education in South Asia. SAGE Publications, London, Newbury Park, New Delhi. 2015-2017 (volumes I and II).

Women and Migration in Asia Volumes 1-5, SAGE Publications, London, Newbury Park, New Delhi. 2005-2008.

In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals

Research papers in edited books: 24

Research papers and articles : 34

Articles

Conference Presentations

Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity

- Director, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi (March 2018-)
- Head, D.S. Kothari Centre for Science, Ethics and Education, University of Delhi (2009-)
- Provost, International Students' House for Women, University of Delhi (3 YEARS) Ambedkar-Ganguly Students' House for Women, University of Delhi (5 YEARS); North Eastern Students' House for Women, University of Delhi (5 YEARS)
- Trustee, Krishnamurti Foundation (India).
- Vice Chancellor's Nominee, Governing Body, Non-Collegiate Board for Women's Education, University of Delhi
- Vice Chancellor's Nominee, Board of Research Studies, Faculty of Arts and Music, University of Delhi and Departmental Research Committee, Dept. of African Studies, University of Delhi.
- Member, Special Committee, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Professional Societies Memberships

- Member, International Editorial Board, *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, Editor-in-Chief: Anna Triandafyllidou, European University Institute.
- Associate Member, Advisory Board, *Body and Society*, edited by Bryan Turner and Mike Featherstone, published by the Theory, Culture and Society Centre, Nottingham Trent University, U.K
- Life Member, *Indian Sociological Society*, New Delhi.

Projects (Major Grants / Collaborations)

- Team Leader (India), for an Indo-Japan International Seminar Programme, under a grant from the ICSSR (India) and JSPS (Japan) on *Aspects of Religion and Everyday Life in Asia – with special reference to India and Japan* in collaboration with Prof Akiko Kunihiro at the Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.. Two seminars have been organized so far on November 23-25, 2017, at Waseda University in Japan and on March 21-23, 2018 at Delhi University. A writing workshop is being planned for September/October 2018 at the University of Delhi to finalise the presented papers for a book.
- For the past two years, 2016-2018, I have been anchoring a research initiative to create, prepare and organise curriculum material for an audio-visual rich, online teacher education programme for elementary school teachers across the country. Located at the Rishi Valley Institute for Educational Resources (RIVER), this programme has already evoked the interest of the A.P. government for implementation for teacher training in DIET Centres. The details and modalities for implementation at state-level are being worked out.

Other Details

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