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<b>Education</b>						
Subject		Institution		Year		Details
Ph.D.		University of Delhi		1990		Ph.D.
M.Phil. in Sociology		University of Delhi		1979		
Dipl. in Social Anthropology		University of Sussex		1978		
M.A. Sociology		Jawaharlal Nehru University		1977		
B.Sc (Hons.) Physics		Miranda House, University of Delhi		1975		
<b>Career Profile</b>						
Organisation / Institution		Designation		Duration		Role
University of Leiden		NWO Visiting Professor		ongoing		Research
Sciences PO, Paris		ICCR Chair in Contemporary India		1 semester		Teaching, Research
Department of Sociology, University of Delhi		Professor		13.5 years		Head (2007-10); Dean, Social Sciences (2010) [Administration]; Research, Teaching
-do-		Reader		7 years		Teaching, Research
-do-		Lecturer/Senior Lecturer		9 years		-do-
-do-		Research Associate		4 years		-do-
Miranda House/University of Delhi		Lecturer		5 months		teaching
Institute of Cultural Studies/ CNWS, University of Leiden		Visiting/Affiliated Fellow		1.5 years		Research, Teaching
International Institute of Asian Studies, The Netherlands		Affiliated Fellow		1.5 years		Research

<b>Research Interest / Specialization</b>			
Gender; Kinship; Care; State, Social Policy and Citizenship; Social Movements; Agrarian Structures; Sociology of Emotion; Fieldwork Methodology; Comparative Sociology.			
<b>Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught)</b>			
(MA): Political Sociology; Economic Sociology; Religion and Society; Sociology of Kinship; Gender and Society; Sociology of India I and II; Sociology of Development; Area Studies: China; Sociological Theories. (M.Phil.): Women in Indian Society; Sociology of India: Problems of Research; Studying the State. At University of Leiden, Netherlands: Transforming gender and kinship relations. At SciencesPo, France: Gender and Society in South Asia			
<b>Publications (last five years)</b>			
<b><u>Books / Monographs</u></b>			
<b><u>Year of Publication</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Publisher</u></b>	<b><u>Co-Author</u></b>
2013	<i>Marrying in South Asia: Shifting concepts, Changing Practices in a Globalised World</i>	Orient BlackSwan	Ravinder Kaur (ed.)

<b><u>In Indexed/ Peer Reviewed Journals</u></b>			
<b><u>Year of Publication</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Journal</u></b>	<b><u>Co-Author</u></b>
2017	Debating Gender Inequality: Culture, Economics and Choice	<i>India Journal of Gender Studies</i> 24(3): 422-437	
2015	Rationality, Instrumentality, and the Affective: Crossings and blurrings in relations of care and intimacy	<i>Korean Journal of Sociology</i> , 49(3): 21-37	

<b><u>Articles</u></b> (in the last five years)			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2017. (with E. Hill). 'India: Economic Inequality and Social Reproduction', In Baird, M. , M. Ford, and E. Hill (Eds.). <i>Women, Work and Care in the Asia-Pacific</i>. New York and London: Routledge.</li> <li>2016. "Acts of Omission and Acts of Commission: The Adverse Juvenile Sex Ratio and the Indian State." In Ravinder Kaur (ed.) <i>Too Many Men, Too Few Women: Social Consequences of Gender Imbalance in India and China</i>. Delhi: Orient Blackswan.</li> <li>2013 "Loving and Leaving: Single Parents in the Netherlands", In Dirk Wiemann and Lars Eckstein (eds.) <i>The Politics of Passion: Reframing Affect and Emotion in Global Modernity</i>. Frankfurt: Peter Lang Academic Research.</li> </ol>			

Conference Presentations/Organised (in the last five years)

- Paper entitled, "The Ordinary and the Extraordinary of Gendered Displacements", at the conference on *Modalities of Displacement in South Asia*, organised by Leiden University, Leiden Institute for Area Studies, Institute for Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden Global Interactions, Asian Modernities and Traditions and held at Leiden University, 14-15 June, 2018.
- Presentation. Commentary on and in discussion with James Ingram: Radical Cosmopolitanism and Insurgent Universality: Rethinking Universalism in Postcolonial Times. Organised by the Minor Cosmopolitans' Research Training Group (IRTG), held at the Institute for Latin American Studies, Freie Universitat, Berlin on 1 June, 2018.
- As part of the "Minor Cosmopolitans' research training group (IRTG), based at the University of Potsdam, with collaborating universities around the world, including Delhi University, the first winter school, on the theme of *Doing cosmopolitanisms: Dynamics of Theory and Practice* was held at the University of Delhi, between 4-9 December 2017. This was organised by faculty from the Department of Sociology, Department of English and the Germanic and Romance Studies Department – the collaborating departments. Faculty of these departments ran two of the three compulsory seminars which ran over the period of the winter school and of which students had to choose one, as well as one of the six workshops of which students had to attend two. Other than the students of the IRTG, there were 15 research students who were selected of which 13 were from India, one from the University of Cairo and one from Germany. This included three M. Phil. students from the Department of Sociology. In addition, there were two key-note lectures and two panel discussions that were open.
- Paper entitled, 'The labour and morality of care: policy contestations and practices'" at an ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on *Rethinking Gender and Body in Times of Health Sector Reforms in India*, held at the Central University Gujarat, Ahmedabad, October 2017. A revised version of this paper was presented at the South Asia Research Institute Adda Seminar Series, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University, Canberra in February 2018.
- Presentation on 'Domestic workers and gendered violence: Notes towards understanding movement practice and knowledge creation in a post-colonial/decolonial framing', at a panel entitled "*Rethinking decolonial and postcolonial knowledges beyond regions*", at the Royal Geographical Society-IBG Annual conference, London, August, 2017.
- Paper on 'Social Policy, Gender and Governance' at the international conference on *Governance in India and China in a Comparative Perspective* organised by the India-China comparative Research Centre, School of Public Administration, Xiangtan University, at Xiangtan University, 10-12 June 2017.
- Lecture: 'Studying gender and the social in the organisation of care in India' at the workshop on *Comparative and International Social Policy Theories and Methods: Advances in Research and Practice in International Development Studies and Social Policy*, organised by Centre for Development Studies, University of Bath, OP Jindal Global University and Social Policy Association, in Delhi, 24-26 May 2017.
- Keynote: 'Reflections on the Challenges Facing Women in South Asia' at a workshop on *Women, Work and Violence, organized by the University of Portsmouth, ICRW and IMC Worldwide*, held in Kathmandu, 15 March 2017.
- Talk on 'Structures, processes and relations in women's oppression today' at a panel discussion on *Normalising Patriarchy in Twenty-First Century India*, organised by the Department of Political Science, Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi on 8th March 2017.
- Talk on 'Myriad oppressions and myriad struggles' at a panel on *Women in Search of Justice* organised by the All India Lawyers Union at Tis Hazari Court on 7 March, 2017.
- Public Lecture: 'Region, language and comparison in doing sociology', at Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur, Kerala on 3 March 2017.
- Seminar paper on 'Rationality, Instrumentality, and the Affective: Framing Relations of Care and Intimacy', at the Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad on 20 February 2017.
- (with N. Neetha) Talk on 'Dimensions of paid and unpaid work, paid and unpaid care work in India' in the panel on *Changing Contours of Paid and Unpaid Work by Women in 21st Century South Asia, at the XV National Conference of Women's Studies, organised by the LAWS, held at Chennai, 22-25 January 2017.*
- Talk on "Contemporary concerns in Family, Marriage, Kinship: Conceptual shifts and substantive themes" at the plenary on *New Perspectives in the themes of Family, Marriage, Kinship* at the 42<sup>nd</sup> All India Sociological Conference held at Tezpur University in December 2016, on the theme *Rethinking Sociological Traditions*

of India.

- Organised a panel including nine papers on *Youthful modernities: negotiating with the past, the present and the future* with Ravinder Kaur and Sonalde Desai as part of the SASNET conference on *Modern Matters: Negotiating the Future in Everyday Life in South Asia* held at Lund University, Sweden, 20-22 September.
- Invited Lecture. "Gendering the social sciences: Methodological queries and practices", Workshop on *Feminist Methodology* at Khwaja Moinuddin Chisthi Urdu, Arabi-Farsi University, Lucknow, March 2016.
- Inaugural Lecture. "Marriage, gender and caste: The frames of exogamy and endogamy". *Mukta Salve Lecture Series 2016*, KSP Women's Studies Centre, Pune University, February 2016.
- Keynote Lecture entitled, "Trajectories of Desire: Reflections on Marriage, Social Change and the State in India" at the international conference of SASNET, on "*South Asia in Transformation: World of Slums, Global Power Houses or Utopias? Migration, labour, and family changes in a dynamic region*" held at Lund University, Sweden, May 2015.
- Keynote Address, "Shifting Gender Dynamics of Marriage in India", at the National Seminar on *In Gender: Texts and Contexts*, organised by SPARSH and the Department of English, Central University of Jammu, April, 2015.
- Paper entitled, "Is the Gender Contract in Marriage Changing?" at a conference on *Marriage and Divorce in a Globalized Era: Shifting Concepts and Changing Practices in India*, held at the Centre for Culture and Development, Vadodra, April 2015.
- Chapter presentation, "Women, work and care in India" (with Elizabeth Hill) at the workshop for a book project on *Women, work and care in the Asia-Pacific* held at the University of Sydney, 31 March-2 April 2015
- Panel on "Pornography and feminism", *Colloquium 15*, Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology, Delhi, March 2015.
- Inaugural Lecture, ICCR Chair in Contemporary India. Sciences PO, Paris, "Public and Private Desires: Marriage Controversies in India", September 2014,
- Lecture-Seminar on "Conflicting Loves or Transgression? Family and Marriage in India" in the research programme *Love between norms and transgression: Art, History, Fiction* at the Centre for South Asian Studies, CNRS, Paris, November, 2014
- "Looking backward, looking forward: kinship systems, women's agency, and sex selection" at the workshop entitled *In Memoriam: Celebrating the Lives and work of Lotika Sarkar, Leela Dube, Neera Desai and Veena Mazumdar*, Organised by the Centre of Women's Development Studies in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, held at the Conference Centre, University of Delhi, August, 2014.
- Presentation on "Shame; Gaze, Nudity, Veil and Abuse" at Lady Shri Ram College for Women, New Delhi, Academic Congress on *Understanding Gender: Issues of Justice and Freedom*, March 2014.
- Presentation on "Femicon: Women and Super Hero Comics" at Lady Shri Ram College for Women, New Delhi, Academic Congress on *Understanding Gender: Issues of Justice and Freedom*, March 2014.
- "Trajectories in the discourse on care: Accounting for domestic work" at the workshop entitled, *Worlds of Women's Labour: Interdisciplinary and Intersectional Perspectives*, Organised by the Centre of Women's Studies, Delhi and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai at TISS, Mumbai, February 2014.
- Presentation. "State of the discipline" at the National Seminar on *ICSSR Research Survey and Explorations in Sociology and Social Anthropology*, held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, February 2014.
- Keynote Address - "Gender, care practices, and state policy: The hierarchies of work, family, and community in India", at the 5th International "*Community, Work and Family*" conference, held at Sydney University, Sydney. July 2013.

#### Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity

Technical Advisory Committee, Social Science Division, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata  
Board of the School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad  
Board of the School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi  
Executive Committee, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi  
Executive Committee, Indian School of Women's Development and Studies  
Editorial Board, *Women's Equality*

#### Association With Professional Bodies

Indian Sociological Society,  
Indian Association of Women's Studies  
Life Member, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi

Research Projects (Major Grants / Collaborations/Consultant)

Within the rubric of a project on *Collaborating with Moralising Misfortune: A Comparative Anthropology of Commercial Insurance*, based at Leiden University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, funded by the European Research Council, collaborating with Dr. Erik Baehre, the lead researcher. Local Supervision of Tim van der Meerendonk, doctoral candidate at Leiden University. Supervising 4 students of the department in short fieldwork projects on varied aspects of insurance

Within the rubric of a Leiden university project, entitled *Postcolonial Displacements: Migration, Narratives and Place-Making in South Asia*, collaborating with Dr. Erik de Maaker, Leiden University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, in an NWO (Dutch Scientific Research Council) funded professorship for research on 'Gendered Displacements: The Ordinary and the Extraordinary in Women's Life History Narratives'.

*Violence against women and girls as an unintended outcome of women's economic empowerment: understanding new gender dynamics within the domestic, public and work spaces.* Technical Advisory Committee Member. University of Portsmouth, IMC, ICRW and WISE project.

*Minor Cosmopolitanisms.* International RTG of University of Potsdam, Freie University, Berlin, and Humboldt University with University of New South Wales, Macquarie University, University of Cape Town, University of Pretoria, York University, Duke University and IFLU. Co-supervisor of Irene Hilden, registered at Humboldt University, working on 'Absent Presences in the Colonial Archive: Dealing with the Berlin Sound Archive's Acoustic Heritage'. Organised a winter school as part of this programme and attended the summer school held at Macquarie University, Sydney, in February. Both were attended by the research scholars and supervisors who are part of the IRTG and other guest speakers and students.

Transformations in Everyday Life and Gender: Life Histories of elder women in India. In collaboration with Kyoto University, Miyagi-gakuin University, Sendai, Niigata International University, Niigata, and Shibaura Institute of Technology, Tokyo.

Other Details



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