



**Department of Sociology
University of Delhi
Delhi**

PREFACE

The report covers the period, July 20, 2016 - July 19, 2017. This marks the fifty eighth year of the Department, and its forty eighth year as a Centre of Advanced Study in Sociology.

The Department of Sociology was established by the University of Delhi in 1959 as a constituent of the Delhi School of Economics. To begin with, the Department trained students for two courses: M.A. and Ph.D. In 1966, a two-year course for the M. Litt. degree was introduced. This has been replaced since 1976 by an M. Phil. degree course of a year's duration. In 1968, the Department was recognized as a *Centre of Advanced Study in Sociology* by the University Grants Commission (UGC). At present, the sanctioned strength of the faculty includes six Professors, eight Readers, seven Lecturers, and three Research Associates. In addition, there is a Documentation Officer, and eight members on the office staff.

The Department has a co-coordinated programme of teaching and research covering a variety of fields, including some developed for the first time in the country. Studies have been published or prepared on community power structures, local-level politics, trade unions, co-operatives, textual and contextual studies of Hinduism, religious symbolism, family and kinship, and social and religious movements. Studies have also been conducted in the fields of stratification, gender, environment, the sociology of development, historical sociology, urban sociology, the sociology of collective violence and medical sociology. The sociology of masculinity, demography, popular and visual cultures, education, migration, the sociology of violence and documentary practices of the state are some of the new areas that faculty members are working on at present.

The Department has been visited by a large number of distinguished scholars from India and abroad, who have delivered lectures and given seminars, some of them as Visiting Professors and Fellows. The faculty of the Department has also been associated with many institutions in India and elsewhere as Visiting Professors and Fellows, and as participants in seminars and conferences. The Department draws students from different parts of India and from universities abroad for all its courses.

All members of the faculty are actively engaged in research, which has resulted in the publication of a long list of books, reports, and research papers in different fields of sociology. The Department has undertaken several research projects during the last five decades. Members of the Department have been actively associated with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and the UGC in preparing surveys of research and teaching in the discipline.

From its very inception, the Department has encouraged a view of learning in which students are given an opportunity to participate actively in discussions. To supplement the classroom interaction between teacher and M.A. students through lectures, the Department has an active M.A. tutorial programme. In this system, each student is assigned a tutor who discusses particular topics and allocates reading and writing exercises in accordance with the needs of a student. Thus a student has a continuous feedback on his or her progress. Small groups of students meet their tutor every week for discussion and each student writes one long essay per course every semester. Since 1994-95 a system of continuous internal evaluation has been introduced, where the marks of one tutorial essay submitted in each course are counted towards the final examination. The Department follows the semester mode for both teaching and examination for several years now.

FACULTY

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Andre Beteille, M.Sc. (Calcutta), Ph.D. (Delhi), FBA is Professor Emeritus in the Department. He has authored many books including *Caste, Class and Power: Changing Patterns of Stratification in a Tanjore Village* (1965); *Studies in Agrarian Social Structure* (1974); *Inequality among Men* (1977); *The Idea of Natural Inequality and Other Essays* (1983); *Antinomies of Society: Essays on Ideologies and Institutions* (2000); *Chronicles of our Times* (2000); *Equality and Universality: Essays in Social and Political Theory* (2002); *Sociology: Essays on Approach and Method* (new ed. 2003); *Ideology and Social Science* (2006); *Marxism and Class Analysis* (2008); (with Dipankar Gupta) *Anti-Utopia* (2011) *Universities at the Cross Roads* (2011); *Democracy and its Institutions* (2012) and *Sunlight on the Garden: A Story of Childhood and Youth* (2012). He was awarded the Padma Bhushan by the President of India in 2005.

FACULTY MEMBERS

Janaki Abraham, M.A, M.Phil, Ph.D. (Delhi) is Associate Professor in Sociology. Her research interests include the study of kinship, gender and caste, visual anthropology and gender and space, particularly the study of towns. She is finalising her manuscript entitled: 'Gender, Caste and Matrilineal Kinship: Shifting Boundaries in Twentieth Century Kerala' based on her doctoral research.

Anuja Agrawal, M.A. (J.N.U.), M.Phil. (Delhi), Ph.D. (J.N.U.), is Associate Professor in Sociology. Her research interests include gender, family and kinship, and study of marginal people. She is the editor of *Migrant Women and Work* (2006) and the author of *Chaste Wives and Prostitute Sisters: Patriarchy and Prostitution among the Bedias of India* (2008).

Kamei Aphun, M.A. (JNU), M.Phil (Delhi), Ph.D (JNU), is Assistant Professor in Sociology. His research interests include Sociology of Ethnicity, Social Movements and Conflicts, Political Sociology, Sociology of North East India, Sociology of Tribes, Sociology of Cultural studies and Identity. He is the editor of *Indomitable Spirit: Rani Gaidinliu (1905-1993)* (2016) and author of *Challenges of Development in North East India: Issues and concerns* (2015) and *North East India Today: Some Reflections* (2015)

Yasmeen Arif, M.A., MPhil., PhD (Delhi) is Associate Professor in Sociology. Her doctoral work has been about post-war recovery and urban space in Beirut, Lebanon. Her other research areas include philosophy and method in social anthropology/sociology, social theory, international law and humanitarianisms, emotion and affect, money and its cultures, urban studies, material and visual culture. Her work has been published in *the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Domains: International Journal of Ethnic Studies*, *Journal of the World Anthropological Network*, *Economic and Political Weekly* and several edited volumes. She has also served as the Reviews Editor for the journal *Contributions to Indian Sociology*.

Sunil Babu C.T, M.Phil (JNU), PhD (Result awaited), is Assistant professor of Sociology. He previously taught in Nagpur University and has joined the Department in June 2015. His teaching and research are concerned with interdisciplinary orientations in social sciences. More specifically, his areas of specialization implicate the interdisciplinary domain of inquiry such as Philosophy of Social Science, Social and Political Theory, Indian Sociology, Education, Cultural Politics of Marginalisation, Caste, Media and Political Process and Modernity and Politics of Knowledge Production with special focus on

colonialism, capitalism, Centre-periphery questions etc. He has published articles in Economic and Political Weekly, Interdisciplinary Policy Research and Action etc.

Rita Brara, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. (Delhi), was Associate Professor in Sociology. Her research concerns the study of kinship, agrarian society, and rural development. She is the author of *Shifting Landscapes: The Making and Remaking of Village Commons in India* (2006). She retired in January 2016.

Roma Chatterji, M.A. (Delhi), M.Phil. (Hyderabad), Ph.D. (Delhi), is Professor in Sociology. Her research interests include medical sociology, folklore and folk art and the sociology of violence. She is the author of *Writing Identities: Folklore and the Performing Arts of Purulia* (2009); *Speaking with Pictures: Folk Art and the Narrative Tradition in India* (2012); co-author (with Deepak Mehta) of *Living with Violence: An Anthropology of Events and Everyday Life* (2007); co-editor (with Deepak Mehta) of *Riot Discourses* (2007) and editor *Wording the World: Veena Das and Scenes of Inheritance* (2015).

Radhika Chopra, M.A., M.Phil, Ph.D. (Delhi), is Associate Professor in Sociology. Her special areas of interest are gender and masculinity, urban anthropology, and Punjab Studies. She is the author of *Militant and Migrant: The Politics and Social History of Punjab* (2011) and editor of *Reframing Masculinities: Narrating the Supportive Practices of Men* (2007). She is also co-editor (with C. Osella and F. Osella) of *South Asian Masculinities: Context of Change Sites of Continuity* (2003) and (with P. Jeffery) *Educational Regimes in Contemporary India* (2005).

Abhijit Dasgupta, M.A. (Delhi), D.Phil. (Sussex), is Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology. His research interests include agrarian structure, sociology of development, and the sociology of social movements. He is the author of *Displacement and Exile: The State-Refugee Relations in India* (2016), He has edited (with S. Bandyopadhyaya and W. Van Schendel) *Bengal: Communities, Development and States* (1994), and co-edited (with M. Togawa and A. Barkat) *Minorities and the State: Changing Social and Political Landscape of Bengal* (2011) and (edited) *On the Margins: Castes, Tribes and Other Social Group* (2012).. He is the author of *Growth with Equity: The New Technology and Agrarian Change in Bengal* (1998), and co-author (with Imtiaz Ahmed and Kathinka Sinha-Kerkhoff) *State, Society and Displaced People in South Asia* (2004).

Satish Deshpande, M.A. (Economics) (J.N.U.), M.A. (Sociology), Ph.D. (California), is Professor of Sociology. His research interests include caste and class inequalities, contemporary social theory, politics and history of the social sciences and south-south interactions. He is the author of *Contemporary India: A Sociological View* (2003), and with Ghanshyam Shah, Harsh Mander, Sukhadeo Thorat and Amita Baviskar *Untouchability in Rural India* (2006). He has also co-edited (with Patricia Uberoi and Nandini Sundar) *Anthropology in the East: The Founders of Indian Sociology and Anthropology* (2007).

Tila Kumar, M.A. (Utkal), M.Phil. (J.N.U.), is Lecturer in Sociology. His research interests include history, politics and sociology of sociology, Dalit movements, sociology of India, subaltern studies and the sociology of poverty, development and democracy.

Vikramendra Kumar, M.SC. (DU), Ph.D. (DU), is Assistant Professor in Sociology. He joined the Department in May 2015. His research interest includes Sociology of Religion, education, development, theory and research methodology in Anthropology/Sociology, and Economic Anthropology/Sociology.

Rajni Palriwala, M.A. (J.N.U.), M.Phil., Ph.D. (Delhi), is Professor of Sociology. Her research interests include agrarian and development studies, gender and kinship, feminist theory and politics, care, and comparative research. She is the author of *Changing Kinship, Family and Gender Relations in South*

Asia: Processes, Trends and Issues (1994). She has co-authored (with Carla Risseuw and Kamala Ganesh) *Care, Culture and Citizenship: Revisiting the Politics of the Dutch Welfare State* (2005) and (with Mary E. John, Ravinder Kaur, Saraswati Raju, Alpana Sagar) *Planning Families, Planning Gender: Adverse Sex Ratio in Select Districts of Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab* (2008). She has co-edited (with Leela Dube) *Structures and Strategies: Women, Work and Family* (1990), (with Carla Risseuw) *Shifting Circles of Support: Contextualising Gender and Kinship* (1996), (with Patricia Uberoi) *Marriage, Migration, and Gender* (2008) and (with Ravinder Kaur) *Marrying in South Asia: Shifting concepts, Changing Practices in a Globalised World* (2013).

Tulsi Patel, M.A. (Jodhpur), M.Phil., Ph. D. (Delhi), is Professor of Sociology. Her special research interests are population studies and anthropology of reproduction, gender, kinship and family studies, sociology of ageing, medical sociology, and childbirth knowledge systems. She is the author of *Fertility Behaviour: Population and Society in a Rajasthan Village* (1994, second edition with a new Introduction, 2006), and has edited *The Family in India: Structure and Practice* (2005) *Sex Selective Abortion in India: Gender, Society and New Reproductive Technology* (2007), and with B. S. Baviskar, *Understanding Indian Society- Past and Present: Essays in Honour of A M. Shah* (2010).

Charu Sawhney, M.A.(J.N.U.), M.Phil.(J.N.U.), Ph.D. (J.N.U.), is Research Associate in Sociology. She joined the Department in April 2015. Her research interests include Forced Migration, Ethnic Identity, Internally Displaced Persons and Urbanization, Displacement and Gender. Her doctoral thesis was on "Internally Displaced Kashmiri People: A Sociological Study of Response Strategies and Change." Her work has been published in Sociological Bulletin and other academic journals

Shashi Bhushan Singh, M.A. (Delhi), M.Phil.(Delhi), Ph.D. (Delhi), is Assistant Professor of Sociology. He joined the Department in May 2015. His research interests include. democratic 'community', religion and social life, social movements and qualitative research methodology.

Nandini Sundar, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. (Columbia), is Professor of Sociology. She was Co-editor of *Contributions to Indian Sociology from 2007-2011*. Her publications include *Subalterns and Sovereigns: An Anthropological History of Bastar* (2nd ed. 2007), published in Hindi as *Gunda Dhur Ki Talash Mein* (Penguin 2009), and *Branching Out: Joint Forest Management in India* (2001). She is editor of *Legal Grounds: Natural Resources, Identity and the Law in Jharkhand* (2009), co-editor of *Civil Wars in South Asia: State, Sovereignty, Development*, (2014) *Anthropology in the East: The founders of Indian sociology and anthropology* (2007) and *A New Moral Economy for India's Forests: Discourses of Community and Participation* (1999).

Meenakshi Thapan, M.A., M.Phil, Ph.D. (Delhi), is Professor of Sociology and Co-ordinator, D.S. Kothari Centre for Science, Ethics and Education, University of Delhi and Provost, International Students' House for Women, University of Delhi. Her special interests are sociology of education, sociology of migration and gender studies. She is the author of *Life at School: An Ethnographic Study* (1991, (second edition with a new Introduction, 2006) and *Living the Body: Embodiment, Womanhood and Identity in Contemporary India*. (2009). She has edited *Embodiment: Essays on Gender and Identity* (1997) and *Anthropological Journeys: Reflections on Fieldwork* (1998). She has also edited *Ethnographies of Schooling in Contemporary India* (2014), *Contested Spaces. Citizenship and Belonging in Contemporary Times* (2010), *Transnational Migration and the Politics of Identity* as part of the general series on 'Women and Migration in Asia' (2006), and (with Roland Lardinois) *Reading Pierre Bourdieu in a Dual Context: Essays from India and France* (2006). Her most recent publications are *Ethnographies of Schooling in Contemporary India* (ed. SAGE, 2014) and *Education and Society. Themes, Perspectives, Practice* (ed. Oxford in India Readings in Sociology and Social Anthropology 2015).

Sudha Vasan, M.S., Ph.D. (Yale), is Associate Professor in Sociology. She teaches and writes on political ecology with a focus on issues of gender, caste, class, and *adivasi* issues as they intersect with development, ecology and environmentalism. She has a regional interest in the Himalaya, with publications on social, cultural, economic and ecological change, cross-border trade, sacred nature, gender and natural resources, forest law, policy and institutions. Her book *Living with Diversity: Forestry Institutions in the Western Himalaya* was published in 2007 by the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.

In addition to the permanent faculty, **Divya Janarthan** served the Department as an ad hoc Assistant Professor while **Subhashim Goswami** and **Pratyasha Sahoo** served as guest faculty.



OFFICE STAFF

Section Officer : Sohan Singh Negi
(upto 30th November2016)
Neelam Kapoor
(from 1st December 2016)

Stenographer : Sweety Aggarwal
Assistants : Ashok Kumar Sharma
Sanjay Kumar
(w.e.f. 18th October 2016)

Junior Assistant/s : Sanjay Kumar
(upto 17th October 2016)
Anil Kumar (on contract)
Dharam Singh (on contract)
Rakhi (on contract)

Technical Assistant/s : Mohd. Mohsin (on contract)
(Resource Centre) Ramdev Korey (on contract)
(upto 19th May 2017)

Office Attendants : Diwakar Singh (on contract)
Kiran Kashyap (on contract)

Mali : Devender Singh (on contract)

Safai-Karamchari/s : Mahesh Kumar
Shish Ram (Part-time)

Farash : Rajesh Kumar

TEACHING PROGRAMME

M.A. Examination Results (Batch of 2015-2017)

Number of students who appeared:	65
Number of students who obtained 1 st Division:	13
Number of students who obtained 2nd Division:	31
Number of students who obtained 3rd Division:	1
Others:	20

M. PHIL. PROGRAMME

The Department introduced a one-year M. Phil. course in July 1976 to replace the M. Litt. course under which 26 students were awarded degrees between 1966 and 1976. Since then more than 350 students have been awarded the M. Phil. degree.

M.Phil. degrees awarded during the year 2016-17 (check list again)			
S.No.	Name of the Student	Topic	Name of Supervisor
1.	Varun Patil	A Sociological Reflection on the Contradictions of Actually Existing Democracies.	Rajni Palriwala
2.	Meghnad Sahu	Informal Sector: A Sociological Study of Brick Kiln Workers.	Charu Sawhney
3.	Sophia Zehra Abbas	Land, law and public interest: A sociological study of the Land Acquisition Acts in India.	Nandini Sundar
4.	Snigdha Kumar (W)	Informalized Labour and Capitalism in Contemporary India: A Theoretical Exercise.	Nandini Sundar
5.	Manshi Singh	Ritual Giving: A Sociological Analysis of Sikh Philanthropy	Radhika Chopra
6.	Asem Chanu Manimala	Understanding the Formations of Everyday Violence in Contemporary Bodoland.	Yasmeen Arif
7.	Bikashita Saikia	Food and Identity; A study of Cookbooks, Hospitality and Memory.	Radhika Chopra
8.	Md. Maidul Islam	Muslim Dalits in Bengal; A Comparative Study.	Abhijit Dasgupta
9.	Dhiraj Anand	Unemployment, Precariousness and Higher Education	Meenakshi

		in India.	Thapan
10.	Arif Hayat Nairang	Technology and Violence: Practices of 'Thanatopolitics'.	Yasmeen Arif
11.	Pragya Tripathi	Postfeminism, feminism and new femininities.	Anuja Agrawal
12.	Dhamma Dharshan Nigam	Dalit Identity; From Ambedkar to Mayawati.	Satish Deshpande
13.	Yogesh S	Queer Struggles and Pride March: Struggle for "Pride".	Janaki Abraham
14.	Nafisul Quamar Jilani	"Being Muslim" in Contemporary India: Community's Construction of the Self and the process of othering.	Tulsi Patel
15.	Baljeet	Socio-Economic Condition of Waste Pickers in India.	Satish Deshpande
16.	Tahiba Banu	Representation and Self Representation: Dalits in Ethnography and Autobiography.	Satish Deshpande
17.	Ancy Thomas	Coloured Portraiture: A Sociological Study of Painted Photography in India	Roma Chatterji
18.	Abir Misra	Postulating an "Elementary Structure of Gender": Sacred-Profane Dichotomy and its Significance for the study of Hindu Society.	Anuja Agrawal

M.Phil. Dissertations submitted in the period 2016-17

S.No.	Name of the Student	Topic	Name of Supervisor
1.	Karandeep Mehra	A Political Anthropology of Humour.	Abhijit Dasgupta
2.	Fariya Yesmin	Contested Identity, Citizenship and the Formation of a new other; A case of Muslims of Assam.	Abhijit Dasgupta
3.	Aastha Tyagi	Saadhna Karti Chalein: Deconstructing Rashtra Sevika Samiti's Ideology.	Meenakshi Thapan
4.	Tamineile Pame	Religious Movement as a Political Agency: Through the Lens of Heraka Cult in Zeme Society.	Shashi Bhushan Singh
5.	Mili Das	Rituals of Charak Festival (Coitro Songkranti): A Study of Rural Bengali Communities.	Shashi Bhushan Singh

PH.D. PROGRAMME

Ph.D. Theses Awarded during 2016-2017			
S.No.	Name of the Student	Thesis Title	Supervisor
1.	Rosy Hastir	Transforming Homelands: Transnational Punjabi migrants and their links with home	Radhika Chopra.
2.	Soibam Haripriya	Sacred Space, Contestation and Rituals of Remembrance”	Radhika Chopra
3.	Subhashim Goswami	“The making of Ethnographic Objects”.	Yasmeen arif
4.	Vasundhara Jairath	Indigeneity as Assertion: Understanding Social Movements	Sudha Vasan
5.	Anita Sharma (W)	Pathways of Access to Education Among Nomads: A case Study of the Bakkarwals of Jammu and Kashmir	Rita Brara
6.	Minati Kumari Dash	Resistance and Decline: A study of the Anti-Mining Movement in Orissa.	Nandini Sundar
7.	Kanika Kakar (W)	Tradition, Modernity and Gender in the Globalising Context: A Study of the Weaving Community of Chanderi	Rajni Palriwala
8.	Pooja Bhalla	“Implementation of New Textbooks: A Study of Elementary Classroom Processes in a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Delhi”.	Meenakshi Thapan
9.	K.M. Ziyauddin	Perceptions of Illness and Health among Dalits in Bokaro.	Tulsi Patel
10.	Nirdosh Kumar	Changing socio-economic life of peasants in U.P. with special reference to the process of Depeasantization.	Tulsi Patel
11.	Sumbul Farah	Piety and Politics in local level islam: A case study of Bareilly Khandqahs”	Deepak Mehta
12.	Rekha Konsam (W)	Cultural Contestation and Public Space within the Lai Haraoba in Manipur.	Roma Chatterji
Ph.D. Theses submitted during 2015-2016			
(viva awaited)			
S.No.	Name of the Student	Thesis Title	Supervisor
1.	Akshay Kr. Choudhary	Dowry Among the Maithil Brahmins: Aspects of Change and Continuity.	Rajni Palriwala
2.	Ajaz Ahmad Gilani	Delay in Justice: A Sociological Study Under Trial Prisoners in Jammu and Kashmir with Special Reference to Central	Kamei Aphun

		Jail, Srinagar	
3.	Bhavna Kataria	New Title: Gender and Work: A study of Clerks in Government Offices.	Rita Brara
4.	Samuel L Chuaungo	Religio-Cultural Hybridities: Revisiting the Christian Trajectory among the Mizos'.	Rita Brara
5.	Divya Priyadarshini	A Study of Displacement of Slum Dwellers in the Delhi Region.	Rita Brara
6.	Nidhitha Sreekumar	How Social is Corporate Social Responsibility?'- A Sociological Analysis of CSR	Yasmeen Arif
7.	Anurita Saini	Rethinking Family: A Study of Lone Parent Families in an Urban Setting.	Meenakshi Thapan
8.	Mohammad Sayeed	Citizenship, Community and Urban Spaces: A Case Study	Yasmeen Arif
Ph.D. Thesis submitted during 2016-2017			
1.	Garima Yadav	Pregnancy and Childbirth : Issues of Choice, Control and Woman's Body	Tulsi Patel
2.	Prasanjeet A. Tribhuvan	'Social Life of Charas (Cannabis) in Western Himalayas" .	Sudha Vasan
3.	Seram Rojesh Kumar	The Political Economy of Armed Conflict in Manipur: A Sociological Study"	Nandini Sundar
4.	Jyoti	Social Advertising and Health:- A Sociological Study of Public Service Campaigns/Programmes for Rural India.	Roma Chatterji
5.	Aheli Chowdhury	Social Movements Post 1990s in India: Sociological Analysis of Changing Modes of Political Mobilisation.	Satish Deshpande
6.	Vasundhara Bhojvaid	Following Black Carbon	Yasmeen Arif
7.	Reshma Radhakrishnan	The Formation (s) of a Political Subject: An Ethnography of Feminist Movements (s) in Kerala.	Rajni Palriwala
8.	Malini Mittal	Work, Mobility and Changing Family Relations: A study of a section of South Asian Pink Collar Migrant Mothers in Kuwait	Meenakshi Thapan
Students working on their Ph. D theses during 2016-17			
S.No.	Name	Topic	Supervisor
1.	Amit Chaturvedi	A Comparative Study of Two Socio-Cultural Organisations in Uttar Pradesh.	Roma Chatterji
2.	Gowhar Ashraf Fazili	The Sociology of Humiliation in Kashmir.	Nandini Sundar
3.	Rubani Yumkhaibam	Queer Womanhood: An Ethnography of Manipuri Nupi Sabis	Anuja Agarwal

4.	Anupriya	The Production of Gender in Everyday Life at School.	Janaki Abraham
5.	Manjari Bhardwaj	Honour and Love Marriages: A Sociological Study.	Tulsi Patel
6.	Sarbani Sharma	Everyday Understandings of Azadi in Kashmir.	Nandini Sundar
7.	Anshu Singh	Minority Institute of Higher Education, Muslim Identity and Urban Space: Case Study of Jamia Millia Islamia.	Meenakshi Thapan
8.	Utkarsh Kumar	Negotiating social boundaries through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)	Nandini Sundar
9.	Siddhi Bhandari	Photographers and Photography: A Sociological Study'	Janaki Abraham
10.	Chayanika Pal	Beauty Parlours: A Sociological Study of 'Beauty Work' in India.	Anuja Agrawal
11.	G. Suguna	Marriage practices among the Arunthathiyar Caste in Tamilnadu: A Sociological Study	Anuja Agrawal
12.	Khushboo Jain	A Sociological Study of Street Children and Youth in Delhi	Janaki Abraham
13.	Vijay Bahadur	Life after Bail of Children in Juvenile Justice System and Interventions by the State: A Case Study of Delhi	Janaki Abraham
14.	Mohammad Iqbal	Competing Tribal Identities: Hegemonies and Counter- Hegemonies	Kamei Aphun
15.	Aaradhana Jhunjunwala	The Urban, Everyday Life of a River	Yasmeen Arif
16.	Saba Firdaus	Women's Labour in the Household: Ethnography of Domestic Space.	Anuja Agrawal
17.	Nikita Kaul	Crafts and Forest: Understanding the Relation through the Vicissitudes of Power	Sudha Vasan
18.	Sharib Zeya	Land and Social Interaction in Rural Bihar: A Sociological Exploration'	Yasmeen Arif
19.	Nandini Hebbar N	Understanding Caste, Gender and Sexuality: A Study of Youth in South India.	Janaki Abraham
20.	Sebanti Chatterjee	Western Classical Music in Goa and Shillong: Exploring the Indigenous	Roma Chatterji
21.	Kim Joo-Hee	Food and Eating Practices: Embodied Ethnicity among Settled Migrants in Delhi	Meenakshi Thapan
22.	Yaduvendra Pratap Singh	The Changing Status of a Scheduled Caste: A Sociological Study of Jatavs of City of Meerut.	Janaki Abraham
23.	Md. Jefra V.P.	Everyday Life Rhythms and Urban Social Space: A Study of Valiyangadi, Calicut, Since the 14th Century	Radhika Chopra

24.	K.S. Hakim	From Abstract to Concrete: A Historical Sociology of Parliamentary Communism in Kerala	Rajni Palriwala
25.	Arnav Das Sharma	Ravidassia: Cultural Hybridity, Religious Practice and Community	Radhika Chopra
26.	Afeeda KT	Religion and Body: Embodied Nature of Sacred Pain	Radhika Chopra
27.	Priti Laishram	Rethinking Resistance: A Sociological study of Everyday Life in Manipur	Kamei Aphun
28.	Anupama Ramakrishnan	Ethnography of migrants in the andaman islands	Sudha Vasana
29.	Saumya Malviya	Role of Metaphors in the Constitution of Mathematical Knowledge: An Ethnographic Exploration	Roma Chatterji
30.	W S Machutmi	Tribes and the Notion of Land: Changes in the Agrarian Structure and Social Relations among the Tangkhul Nagas	Kamei Aphun
31.	Soumodip Sinha	Middle Class Youth and the 'Field (s)' of Political Assertion: A Sociological Study of Urban India	Satish Deshpande
32.	Haider Ali Askary	People, Politics and Ideology: Study of the Changing Aspects in Ladakh	Sudha Vasana
33.	Kh. Neil Young	Political Ecology of Flood in Majuli Island, Assam	Sudha Vasana
34.	Devika Mittal	'Secular' School Culture: A Study of Two Schools in Delhi	Meenakshi Thapan
35.	Nargis Vasundhara	Female Domestic Workers in India- Reproduction of Gendered Labour in Urban Homes	Radhika Chopra
36.	Bhavneet Kaur	Gendered Narrative Experiences of Memory and Resistance in Indian Administered Kashmir"	Yasmeen Arif
37.	Tila Kumar	Koshal Movement in Western Odisha: A Sociological Analysis.	Abhijit Dasgupta
38.	Yang Haonan	Social Capital and Public Welfare in West China	Abhijit Dasgupta
39.	Prama Mukhopadhyay	The Fisherman of the Forest: A Socio-Anthropological Study of the Landscape of the Deltaic Sundarbans in Bengal.	Abhijit Dasgupta
40.	Amrita Middey	A Sociological Study of 'Jatra' of Bengal	Anuja Agrawal
41.	Sadiqali T.	Educated Unemployed and their Families: A Sociological Study	Anuja Agrawal
42.	Devika Mittal	'Secular' School Culture: A Study of Two Schools in Delhi	Meenakshi Thapan
43.	Madhulika Sonkar	Changing aspirations and challenges for Muslim girls' Education: An Ethnography of Girls' Schools in the Walled City	Meenakshi Thapan,

44.	Kamalpreet Singh Gill	Oral History, Folklore and Gender: Studying Family History in Punjab	Radhika Chopra
45.	Seema Mahi	Dynamics of Dalit Identity and social changes: A Case Study of Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Ballan, Jalandhar, Punjab	Radhika Chopra
46.	Virien Chopra	How do Comics Communicate: Analysing Semantic Formations in Comics	Radhika Chopra
47.	Shivani Katara	Profile, Awareness, Barriers Regarding Reproductive Health & Family Planning among Married Muslim Women : An Ethnographic Study in an Urban Setting	Rajni Palriwala
48.	Priti Chandra	Understanding Reproductive Health Services in the Realm of Body Politics and Caste in Uttar Pradesh	Rajni Palriwala
49.	Akriti Bhatia	Understanding Urban Informality and Exclusion: A Sociological study	Rajni Palriwala,
50.	Ojaswita Sharma	Deusi and Bhailo Songs: Performative Arts and Beyond	Roma Chatterjee
51.	Neerab Raj Gupta	Understanding Disability Identity and the Role of Academic Researches in India.	Satish Deshpande
52.	Priya Bharti Churiyana	Changes and Challenges of Scheduled Caste Girls in Access to School Education-A Sociological Study of North West Delhi	Satish Deshpande
53.	Antora Borah	The Assam Nagaland foothill border: a study of migration, Identity and Development among the Sema Nagas and "Immigrant Bangladeshi".	Shashi Bhushan Singh
54.	Lenpu Rangla Khouchung	The Politics and Dynamics of Clan Formation among Kharam Tribe.	Shashi Bhushan Singh
55.	Ayushi Rawat	Researching Children Experiences in Kashmir: Perspectives on Conflict and Resistance	Tulsi Patel/ Vikramendra Kumar
56.	Jyoti Saini	Gender Aspect of Infertility in India.	Tulsi Patel/ Abhijit Dasgupta
57.	Ojaswita Sharma	Deusi and Bhailo Songs: Performative Arts and Beyond	Roma Chatterjee
58.	Yang Haonan	Social Capital and Public Welfare in West China	Abhijit Dasgupta
59.	Prama Mukhopadhyay	The Fisherman of the Forest: A Socio-Anthropological Study of the Landscape of the Deltaic Sundarbans in Bengal.	Abhijit Dasgupta
60.	Tathagato Ganguly	Decolonization is Not a Metaphor: Politics of Recognition and Contemporary Capitalism in Latin America	Nandini Sundar
61.	Nivedita Ghosh	A Sociology of Documentary Filmmaking	Abhijit Dasgupta

FELLOWSHIPS/ SCHOLARSHIPS/ PRIZES

M.A.

Shankar Dayal Sharma Gold Medal	Kunda Datar Gold Medal	M.S.A. Rao Memorial Merit Book Grant	Veena Dua Memorial Scholarship	Shri Shiv Lal Sawhney Scholarship (M.A. Previous)
Bhargabi Das	Jagat Sohail	Diksha Agrawal Meghna Joshi	Meghna Joshi Srijan Butola	Yoosuf Ali Gangotri Kashyap

M.Phil and Ph.D.

UGC-SRF (Ph.D.)	UGC-JRF (Ph.D.)	UGC-JRF (M.Phil)	Non-Net (Ph.D.)	Non-Net (M.Phil)
Anupama Kamakrishnan Sadiqali T Afeeda K.T. Nargis Vasundhara Vijay Bahadur Mohd. Jefra V.P. K.S. Hakim Jyoti Nandini Hebbar N Soumodip Sinha Priti Laishram Amrita Middey Sharib Zeya Chayanika Pal	Haider Ali Askary Lenpu Rangla Khouchung Seema Mahi Shivani Katara Prasenjit A. Tribhuvan Sebanti Chatterjee (ICSSR Fellowship) Madhulika Sonkar (RG Research fellowship)	KrishanTakhar Navjit Kaur Akriti Bhatia AasthaTyagi S. Bharat Sandeepan Das Angelina Chamuah Anirudh V Raghavan Aarushie Sharma Sweta Rani Burhan UI Haq Qurashi Rameez T Neha Lal Gailianglung Panmei Abir Misra Fariya Yesmin Rajat Kumar Iftikhar Hussain	Devika Mittal Jyoti Saini Viren Chopra Prama Mukhopadhyia Antora Borah Ojaswita Sharma	Aishwarya Padmaraj Annima Bhukhandi Riya Ray Shipra Tejaswi Chhatwal Elena Heisnam Hani Naseef KT Johnson Soibam Mustafiz UI Hasan Samudra Sangkha Gogoi Srishty Anand Bhawna Pawar Debadrita Saha Rajpal Das

SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM

The Sociological Research Colloquium of the Department has been holding seminars every Friday since its inception in 1959. Faculty members, research students and visiting scholars from within the country and abroad present their work at the colloquium. The following presentations were made during 2016-17.

1.	Prof. John Borneman, Anthropology, Princeton University.	The Syrian Refugee Crisis in Germany: Erotic Conflict and Foreigner Integration.
2.	Prof. Ray Bromley, Geography and Planning, State University of New York.	Patrick Geddes and the Early Days of Indian Sociology.
3.	Dr. Geetika Bapna, Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi.	Lesbian <i>Gatbandhan</i> : Portrait of a Social Worker.
4.	Dr. Siddharth Sareen, Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Erfurt, and the Institute of Economic Growth.	Discourses around logging: Framing extraction of wood from West Singhbhum's conflicted forests.
5.	Dr. Philipp Zehmisch, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies and Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, LMU Munich.	The Invisible Architects of Andaman: Manifestations of Aboriginal Migration from Ranchi.
6.	Dr. Sunil Babu C.T., Assistant professor of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.	Anthropologising Indian Society: The Colonial Project".
7.	Dr. Svati P. Shah, Associate Professor, Gender and Sexuality Studies and Department of Anthropology. University of Massachusetts, Amherst.	Making Sexual Subjects: From Agency to 'Majburi'.
8.	Ms. Subasri Krishnan, Media Lab, Indian Institute for Human Settlement (IIHS).	What the Fields Remember.
9.	Dr. Prathama Banerjee, Centre for Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi.	The Abiding Binary: Social/Political in modern India.
10.	Dr. Ruchi Chaturvedi, Department of Sociology, University of Cape Town.	The Protester, the Performer and a Common Political Imagination.
11.	Prof. Nandini Sundar, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.	Justice in a looking glass world.
12.	Dr. Ananta Kumar Giri, Madras Institute of Development Studies.	With and Beyond Epistemologies from the South.

13.	Dr. Alice W. Clark, Visiting Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi (Formerly at the University of California - Berkeley).	Aspirational Families and the Professional Imaginary.
14.	Prof. G. Balachandran, Professor of International History and Politics, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.	Colonial Currencies and Money Illusions.
15.	Dr. Anuj Bhuwania, Sociology, South Asian University.	The Politics of Public Interest Litigation in Post-Emergency India.
16.	Dr. Ravi Nandan Singh, Assistant Professor, Sociology, Hindu College, University of Delhi.	Living and dead in the shifting shadows of place-names
17.	Justice Dr. S. Muralidhar, Judge, Delhi High Court.	Case in Court: Bringing law and society issues before the judiciary.
18.	Prof. Stephen Legg, School of Geography, University of Nottingham.	Making India in London: Imperial Internationalism, Atmospheres, and Failures at the Round Table Conferences, 1930-32.
19.	Dr. Mahuya Bandyopadhyay, Associate Professor, School of Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.	Understanding Prison Sociality: Surveillance, Everyday Life and the Ethnographic Method.
20.	Dr. Dhivya Janarthanam, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.	Statue Desecrations, Caste Conflict, and State Responses in Contemporary Tamil Nadu.

PRE-Ph.D. SUBMISSION SEMINARS

As part of the Ph.D. Programme, research scholars are supposed to give a seminar in the Department. In the year 2016-2017, the following research scholars gave a Pre-Submission Seminar.

S. No.	Students Name
1	K. M. Ziyuddin
2	Seram Rojesh
3	Garima Yadav
4	Prasenjeet A. Tribhuvan
5	Gowhar Ashraf Fazili
6	Vasundhara Bhojvaid
7	Aheli Chowdhury
8	Reshma Radhakrishnan
9	Seram Rojesh Kumar
10	Jyoti

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

The following workshops were held during 2016-17

A **WORKSHOP ON TEACHING KINSHIP** was held in the Department on 15 September 2016. The workshop was for teachers in Delhi University Colleges who teach, or plan to teach, the undergraduate papers Sociology of Kinship and the Generic Elective course 'Family and Intimacy'. Teachers presented different parts of the two courses and this was followed by a discussion of additional readings, teaching strategies, films shown and projects given to students. Faculty members from the Department of Sociology also joined in the workshop and participated in the discussions.

A **RESEARCH SCHOLARS' WORKSHOP** was held in the Department on 29 September 2016 which provided a forum for Ph.D. and M. Phil Scholars of the Department of Sociology. Six research scholars presented research papers in two panels in the workshop. The topics of the papers included: Bureaucratization of Craft, Beauty parlours among transgender Nupi Maanbis, Violence in mines, An ethnographic perspective on mathematical practices, Tea gardens in West Bengal and Expectations of women in Samiti discourse.

A one day **WORKSHOP ON ETHNOGRAPHIC FILM MAKING** was organised in the Department of Sociology on 20 January 2017. The workshop was structured around the new Skill Enhancement Course 'Ethnographic Filmmaking', of the Sociology undergraduate program, introduced in the 2016-2017 academic session. Prior to the workshop a short survey was circulated to all the teacher-participants. Workshop sessions were based on responses received from the teachers and on the syllabus. The workshop concentrated on two of the key topics in the syllabus of the new course - Understanding the use of Camera in Anthropology and Editing and Construction of Meaning. The general purpose of the workshop was skill enhancement and an introduction to camera and editing skills. The workshop was conducted by a professional film maker who also teaches filmmaking modules, Kavita Joshi of Impulse Filmmaking Workshops

A workshop on **EVENT AND EVERYDAY: EMPIRICISMS AND EPISTEMOLOGIES** was held in the Department on 23-24 March 2017. The event-everyday relationship sits as a particularly rich one in the sociological and anthropological epistemological imagination. While the ethnographic approach has certainly developed a deep investigation, both empirical and conceptual, into the everyday (or vice versa), the question of the event is still a nascent approach in anthropology/sociology and the human sciences. This workshop explored this relationship in concept and in practice, and, in the ways in which epistemological approaches maybe generated in the human sciences in understanding the social. The workshop was also a stock-taking occasion that brought together issues, concerns and debates discussed in an M.Phil. course, called "Crises-Event", offered now for about seven years at the Department.

VISITING FELLOWS

The Department has an active Visiting Fellows Programme for hosting faculties from other institutions in India and abroad. Under this programme, Visiting Fellows generally spend a period of two weeks at the Department during which they give a few lectures to M.A. or M.Phil. Students, and make a presentation at the Sociological Research Colloquium (SRC).

There were two visiting fellows in the Department in the year 2016-17:

Dr. Mahuya Bandyopadhyay
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology
Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Mumbai
Maharashtra

Dr. Vaishali Diwakar
Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology
Mira's College of Girls
Pune



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Anuja Agrawal worked on a research project on 'Arya Samaj and Marriage'. She received an R&D grant of Rs. 40000 from the University of Delhi

Roma Chatterji has been working on a project on 'Words and Images: Intermedial Translations in Narrative Traditions. She received a grant of Rs 2 lakhs 80 thousand from the India Foundation for the Arts. the period is from November 2015 to August 2017.

Radhika Chopra is P.I., University of Delhi and University of Bergen Research Project: 'Indian Cosmopolitan Alternatives: Ritual Intersections and the Proscription of Religious Offense'. This project started in 2014 and is still ongoing.

Abhijit Dasgupta worked on a research project on Affirmative Action and Muslim Dalits in Bengal, University of Delhi, R&D grant 1.3 lakh.

Rajni Palriwala was a Consultant/Technical Advisory Committee Member for a University of Portsmouth, ICRW and IMC Project on *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*. Funded by DIFD, January 2016-March 2017.

She has also been involved in a project on *Transformations in Everyday Life and Gender: Life Histories of elder women in India*. This project is in collaboration with Kyoto University, Miyagi-gakuin University, Sendai, Niigata International University, Niigata, and Shibaura Institute of Technology, Tokyo and was for the period 2013-16.

Institutional Collaborations: Minor Cosmopolitanisms. International Research Training Group of University of Potsdam, Freie Universität, 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, Hyderabad. Funded by DAAD.

Meenakshi Thapan has been, for the past one year, anchoring an initiative to create, prepare and organise curriculum material for a rich audio-visual, 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 in DIET Centres. The details and modalities for implementation at state-level are being worked out.

PUBLICATIONS

Janaki Abraham

(2017) Hindu and Muslim veiling in north India: Beyond the public/private dichotomy. *The Routledge international handbook to veils and veiling practices*. Ed. Anna-Mari Almila and David Inglis. London and New York: Routledge.

(2017) Academic appraisal, in *The best of Thiruvalla: Towards modernity and beyond*, Ed. Babu Zachariah. Thiruvalla: CSS.

(2016) 'Que vont dire les voisins ? : Légitimité, contrôle social et influence socioculturelle des voisins en Inde' (In French) *Diogenes*, 251-2, 176-192.

Anuja Agrawal

(2017) Changing cultures of photography: Visualising visual access/excess in tourist places. Photo essay in *Society and culture in south Asia*, 3(1), 92-100.

Kamei Aphun

(2017) Primitive accumulations at the margins: Commodification of land and labour in Chhattisgarh. *Economic and political weekly*, 52(28), (With Jay Prakash Sharma)

(2016) Accumulation of capital and post-colonial discourse: Locating the margins. *International journal of indigenous and marginal affairs*, 2(1&2), 21-33.

Yasmeen Arif

(2016) *Life, Emergent. The Social in the afterlives of violence*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

(2016) Anthropologizing the world and worlding the anthropologist." *American anthropologist*, 118(4), 848-851.

Roma Chatterji

(2016) Scripting the folk: history, folklore and the imagination of place in Bengal. *Annual review of anthropology*, 45, 377-94.

Radhika Chopra

(2017) Seeing off the dead: Post-mortem photographs, in the Darbar Sahib. *Sikh formations: Religion, culture, theory*, 12(2-3): 207-222.

(2016) Habitus of trust: Servitude in colonial India, in Vigdis Broch-Due and Margit Ystanes, Eds. *Trusting and its tribulations*. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books, 213-234

Abhijit Dasgupta

(2017) (Ed.) *Rethinking Social Exclusion in India: Castes, Communities and the State*, London & New York: Routledge. (With Minoru Mio)

2017 'Affirmative Action and Exclusion of the Muslim Outcastes in West Bengal' in Minoru Mio & Abhijit Dasgupta (ed.), *Rethinking Social Exclusion in India: Castes, Communities and the State*, London & New York: Routledge, pp. 102-110.

Satish Deshpande

(2016) Higher Education: An Uncertain Policy Process. *Economic and political weekly*, 51(35), 37-40.

(2016) Vishvadrishi, vishvavidyalay aur rashtra. *What the nation really needs to know: The JNU nationalism lectures*, Eds. R. Azad, J. Nair, M. Singh and M. Sinha-Roy, New Delhi: Harper Collins, 270-80.

Tulsi Patel

(2016) New faces of the Indian family in the 21st century: Some explorations. *Indian journal of social work*, 77(4): 361-386.

Rajni Palriwala

(2017) India: Economic inequality and social reproduction, Eds. Baird, M., M. Ford, and E. Hill *Women, work and care in the Asia-Pacific*. New York and London: Routledge, (With E. Hill)

Shashi Bhushan Singh

(2017) Challenges in agriculture: Some reflections from a micro-study, In Ed. Thakur, B.et. al. *Regional development: Theory and practice*, 5, 17-35.

(2016) Living together separately: Dalits in an emerging collectivity in a Rajasthan village. *Economic and political weekly*, 51(33), 65-72.

Charu Sawhney

(2016) "Displacement from Kashmir: Gendered Responses." (with Nilika Mehrotra) in Vibha Arora and N. Jayaram (ed.) *Democratisation in the Himalayas: Interests, Conflicts, and Negotiations*. London, Routledge, 186-202. Article Reprint

Nandini Sundar

(2016) *The burning forest: India's war in Bastar*. Delhi: Juggernaut Press.

(2016) Inequality and social mobility in post-reform India, Special Issue of *Contemporary south Asia*, 24(3). (guest edited with Ravinder Kaur)

(2016) Snakes and Ladders: rethinking social mobility in post reform India (Introduction), *Contemporary south Asia*, 24 (3) (with Ravinder Kaur)

Sudha Vasani

Vasani, Sudha (2017) Being Ladakhi, being Indian: Identity formation, culture and community. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 52(14), 43-49.

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

Janaki Abraham

"Understanding the shifts in rules of Endogamy" A lecture to BA 3rd year students at Janki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University on 8th March, 2017.

"The lives of others': The production and influence of neighbourhood cultures in towns in India" was presented at a seminar at Mumbai University. February 2017.

"Consent and marriage" was presented at a Round Table discussion on Consent at the LASSnet International Conference held in New Delhi, 10-12 December, 2017

"The breach of Endogamy: What is at Stake?" A lecture for teachers at a Refresher Course organised by the Centre for Women's Studies, JNU, November 2016.

Anuja Agrawal

Gave a Lecture titled 'Unending Stigma: Denotified Communities in India' at Politik'17, Organised by the Department of Political Science, Kamla Nehru College, University of Delhi, on 2 March 2017.

Gave a talk titled 'Family, Marriage and Kinship: Examining the emerging contours' at the Department of Sociology, Ambedkar University on 18 November, 2016.

Presented a paper titled 'Revisiting the Marxist Approach to Sex Work' at International Conference on 'Marxism and Contemporary South Asia: Issues and Relevance' organised by Department of Sociology, South Asian University & Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung at India International Centre, New Delhi on 11-12 November 2016.

Delivered a talk in 'Gender questions at the Margins: The case of Denotified communities in India' in the Series Feminism beyond Boundaries, Organised by Oxford Bookstore and Apne Aap Women worldwide on 9th September 2016.

Yasmeen Arif

"Event: A Way of Knowing" and "Opening/Closing Remarks". In the Workshop "Event and Everyday: Empiricisms and Epistemologies, Dept. of Sociology, University of Delhi, March 23, 2017.

"Life, Emergent: The Social in the Afterlives of Violence". Panel discussion on the book. Center for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) Delhi, March 2, 2017.

"WIRED: Decoding Tech, Encoding Society", Miranda House, Dept. of Sociology Annual Festival, Delhi University, 15th February, 2017.

"Life, Emergent: The Social in the Afterlives of Violence". Panel discussion on the book, The Institute for Advanced Study and Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, USA, November 16, 2016.

"Culture of Money". Round Table on *Gifts, Commissions, Bribes and Business Integrity*. The University of Sydney Business School, Discipline of Business Law, October 12, 2016.

Emotional Cities: The Urban as the Frontier of Crises and Compassion. Dept. of Sociology and Social Theory. University of Sydney, October 13, 2016.

Roma Chatterji

"Fairy Tales." In course on 'Rhetorics of Development' at Maranda House, Delhi University, 19th, August, 2016.

Panel Discussion of Sasanka Parera 2016 'Violence and the Burden of Memory. Remembrance and erasure in Sinhala Consciousness', IIC, Delhi, 23rd, August, 2016.

"Repetition, Improvisation, Tradition. Deleuzian Themes in the Folk Art of Bengal", at the Third Creative Theory Workshop organized by the Foundation for Creative Social Research at India International Centre, New Delhi, 5th -6th, August, 2016.

Discussant for "The Bureaucratization of Craft" by Nikita Kaul at the Research Scholars Workshop, Department of Sociology, Delhi University on 29th, September, 2016.

'Mythology' at the Sanawar Literary festival organized by The Lawrence School, Sanawar on 23rd, October, 2016.

'Manasa on the Modern Stage,' lecture at the School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi 4th, November, 2016.

'Myths, Similes and Memory Traces: The Imageries of Abduction in the Ramayana Universe.' Public lecture at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal, 20th December, 2016

"Scripting the Folk: Folklore and the Imagination of Place." At Writing India: Revisiting Historiographies, Ideology, and Genre, organized by Centre for English Studies, JNU on 16th-17th January 2017.

Panel Discussion on Uncertain Ground. Displaced Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu and Kashmir by Ankur Datta, 24th February 2017.

"Myths, Similes and Memory Traces: Imageries of Abduction in the Ramayana Universe," at 'Interpreting Culture: Subjectivity, Ideology and Identity' organized by School of Social Science, IGNOU, 16th-17th March, 2017.

Panel Discussant 'Crossing Borders, Boundaries and Temporalities: A conversation on history, myth, politics and art,' around the mixed media art project, A Tale of Two Cities. Varanasi and Anuradhapur, organized by gallery Espace, Serendipity Arts Trust, Teertha Artists Collective and South Asia University at Twin Arts Gallery, IGNC, Delhi, 29th March, 2017.

"Myths, Similes and Memory Traces: Imageries of Abduction in the Ramayana Universe." Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida, 20th April, 2017.

"From Comic Book to Chitrakar Performance: A case of Intermedial Translation." at Visual South Asia: Anthropological Explorations of Media and Culture, University of Dhaka, Bangle Desh, 10th-11th may, 2017.

"The State and the Folk Arts in India," at Society and Governance: Comparative Studies on India and China, India-China Comparative Centre, School of Public Administration, Xiantan University, China, 10th June 2017.

Radhika Chopra

Rethinking Religious Synthesis in India: An endangered cosmopolitan alternative? *Bazaar Divinity* Workshop University of Sydney, January 5-6, 2017.

Abhijit Dasgupta

"Seeds of Discontent: Local Knowledge and Agricultural Growth in India" at the Diamond Jubilee Seminar on Agrarian Situation in India: Issues and Perspectives, Anthropological Survey of India, Central Regional Centre, Nagpur, 22nd to 24th November, 2016

"Caste and Social Exclusion in India" in M.D. Girls' College, Kolkata on 28th November, 2016.

"The Making of the Muslim Dalits in Bengal" at the Conference on Marginality(ies), Minor(ity) and Identities at the Centre for Studies of Discrimination and Exclusion, JNU, on January 16, 2017.

"Society and Governance: Comparative Studies on India and China" held in Xiangtan University, Xiangtan, China, 9-12 June, 2017.

Satish Deshpande

Panelist at a conference on "Governance and Culture of Learning", Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad, 23 September, 2016.

Presentation, "Notes on the Conceptual Career of the 'Vote Bank'" at the Centre for the Study of Social Sciences, Kolkata in the Annual Anjan Ghosh Memorial Workshop, 26 September, 2016.

Keynote address, "The *Annihilation of Caste* at Eighty: The Many Lives of a Classic Text", at the conference on *Rediscovering Babasaheb Ambedkar*, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, 24 October, 2016.

Keynote address, "Development and Identity Politics in the 21st Century" at the conference on *Development and Change in India: Retrospect and Prospects* organised by the Sociology Department, Sikkim University, Gangtok, 4 November, 2016.

Invited lecture, "Indian Languages in/and the Social Sciences", at the Shodh Samvad research scholars forum, School of Languages, JNU, New Delhi, 21 November, 2016.

Invited lecture, "Caste in contemporary India" to the Saturday Discussion Group, India International Centre, New Delhi, 26 November, 2016.

Symposium presentation, "The Non-Academic Uses of the Contemporary University", at the 42nd All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Tezpur University, Tezpur, 28-30 December, 2016.

Presentation, "Notes on the Conceptual Career of the Vote Bank", at the conference on *Nation, Community and Citizenship in Contemporary India*, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, 9 January, 2017.

Panelist, Pre-Conference Colloquium, "The Flux in India's Higher Educational System" of the Indian Association for Women's Studies, Fifteenth Conference, Chennai, 21 January, 2017.

Invited Lecture at Department of Sociology, Aligarh Muslim University, "Higher Education in Contemporary India", Aligarh, 4 February, 2017.

Panelist in theme panel: "How does social exclusion impact health?" at the Difficult Dialogues conference, Goa, 11 February, 2017.

Inaugural Lecture: "Methodological Persuasion", Orientation Programme on Social Science Research, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi, 6 March, 2017.

Panelist in panel on "Taking Humanities and Social Sciences Seriously", at the conference on *Universities of the Future*, O.P. Jindal University, Sonapat, 19 March, 2017.

Invited lecture: "Discrimination based on social hierarchies", at the Samagam '17, the annual festival of the BA Programme Union, Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi, 24 March, 2017.

Valedictory respondent for the conference on *Engineers and Society in India*, EHESS, Paris, 27-28 March, 2017.

Invited lecture on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti, School for Democracy and Gargi College, New Delhi, 7 April, 2017.

Panelist for the theme "The dynamics of dominance", Synthesis Talk (SynTalk), Mumbai, 27 May, 2017.

Public lecture: "Nammukku jati undo: The long road to a caste-free society", Kozhikode, organised by Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur, 5 July, 2017.

Invited lecture: "Methodological persuasion and the social sciences", Department of Sociology, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur, 6th July, 2017.

Rajni Palriwala

'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.

'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.

'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.

'Structures, processes and relations in women's oppression today' at a panel 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.

'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.

'Region, language and comparison in doing sociology', at Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur, Kerala on 3 March 2017.

'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.

'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*, (with N. Neetha) at the XV National Conference of Women's Studies, organised by the IAWS, held at Chennai, 22-25 January 2017.

"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 42nd 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 (IIT, Delhi) and Sonalde Desai (University of Maryland) 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, 2016.

Charu Sawhney

Presentation on "Displaced Kashmiri Pandits: Rebuilding Lives and Social Change" at the 42nd All India Sociological Conference, Tezpur University, 28th December 2016.

Presentation on "Displaced Kashmiri Persons: Reflexivity in the Experience of Displacement" at the Indian Anthropological Association Seminar on Negotiating Fieldwork: Institutional Practices and Contemporary Challenges, University of Delhi, 17th September, 2016.

Nandini Sundar

Panel discussion on Brexit: Political Rhetoric and Ground Reality, India International Centre, New Delhi, July 9, 2016.

"Policing the vulnerable – protecting the marginalised" at Vertical Interaction Course with IPS officials, National Law University Delhi, 26 July 2016.

"The Propaganda Wars." GB Pant Memorial Lecture, GB Pant Institute of Social Sciences, Allahabad, 10 September 2016.

'Citizenship, democracy and affect', Miranda House, Delhi University, 15 September 2016.

'Gender and Environment in India today'. Indraprastha College for Women Dept. of Political Science, Golden Jubilee Conference on Women, State and Power: Reflections on democracy, 16 September 2016.

'Social Cohesion in Transformation: The Experience of India and Beyond.' organised by India Today & Bertelsmann Stiftung, Germany, Taj Palace, New Delhi, 23 September 2016.

Keynote lecture on 'Rethinking Conflict in the Age of Development', Jindal National Law University, 26 September 2016.

'How National Security Rhetoric undermines Academic Freedom.' Workshop on National Security and Academic Freedom in Turkey, India and the UK< University of Edinburgh, 27 October 2016.

"Three villages, two investigations and the rule of law in India". Talk at the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 15 November 2016.

"Tales from Tadmetla", Talk at CUNY GC, New York, 17th November 2016.

Panel Discussion at Club of Rome session on Land, Water and Forests, India International Centre, 23 November 2016

Panel Discussion on The Burning Forest at Times Lit Festival, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, 26 November 2016.

Panel Discussion on The Burning Forest at Goa Literary Festival, 8-9 December 2016.

"India's War in Bastar", Talk at Manthan, Hyderabad, 4th January 2017.

"Not Human, Not Animal: Does India have room for the adivasi?" Distinguished Lecture at IIIT, Hyderabad, 5th January 2017.

Keynote Lecture titled "Development, Displacement and Violence; A Story in Three Acts, at UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Development induced Displaced, MG University, Kottayam, Kerala, 31 January 2017.

Panel on The Burning Forest, titled "In Tandem: Class, Privilege and Loss' Prayaag Akbar and Nandini Sundar, Times Litfest, Bangalore, 11 February 2017.

Panel discussion on 'Speaking Peace in Times of War' at an International Film Festival on Peace, Beyond Thresholds of Conflict, Gandhi Bhawan, Bangalore, 12 February 2017.

"The Heart is a Fractured Object: Chronicling a Civil War", at School of Development Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi, 15 February 2017.

Book discussion on the Burning Forest, India International Centre, New Delhi, 22 February 2017.

Panel discussions: 1.) The Political Economy of Witch Persecution and 2.) Land Rights, Land Acquisition and Inclusive Development in India, organised by CPR, India International Centre, New Delhi, 2 March 2017.

"Looking Around, not looking down: what we can learn from adivasi lives". Ted-X talk, Delhi Technological University, 18 March 2017.

"Taking Humanities and Social Sciences Seriously: Intellectual Advancements and Institutional obligations: Four Questions", Panel at O.P. Jindal Global University, Universities of the Future: Knowledge, Innovation and Responsibility, 19 March 2017.

'Decoding Dissent' at Jamia Sociology Festival, Jamia Millia Islamia, 30 March 2017.

"A Political Ethnography of Impunity", Talk at Nirman Foundation Workshop on Studying the State, Centre for Political Studies, JNU, 6 April 2017.

"Litigating Against Counterinsurgency." Soch Series, Jindal Law University, 18 April 2017.

"Institutions on Trial," Ashoka University, Trivedi Centre for Political Data, 19 April 2017.

"Searching for Politics at a Time of Low-intensity Fascism". UAES-CASCA plenary, 5 May 2017.

"Intolerance and Perils of Democracy". Abhi Dutta Memorial Lecture, 22 June 2017.

Meenakshi Thapan

"Doing Ethnography" to Research Students at Dept. of Sociology. University of Hyderabad, on July 21, 2017.

"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.

"Online Teacher Education Programme for Elementary School Teachers" to the Expert Group implementing Secular Ethics in Education, chaired by the Dalai Lama, in New Delhi, on 28 April, 2017.

"Understanding Ethnography and Schooling", presentation for Research Students at Dept. of Education (CIE), University of Delhi, on March 29, 2017.

'Finding Faith: Western imaginings of spiritual India", talk held under the auspices of FINDAS (Integrated Area Studies on South Asia) at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, 7 February, 2017.

"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.

"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.

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.

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

Sudha Vasan

Green courts and the production of socio-ecological assemblages in India. Paper presented at Workshop on 'Taking nature to the courtroom: development projects, protected areas and religious reform in South Asia', School of Social and Political Science, The University of Edinburgh, UK, 15-16 June, 2017.

Vision of the Environment of Delhi-2025. Invited speaker at "Dialogue to Develop a Vision of the Environment of Delhi-2025", organized by India International Center and Green Circle of Delhi at IIC, New Delhi, 5 June, 2017.

Invited Lecture on 'Ecological Crisis and the Logic of Capital' at Academic Conclave at St. Stephen's College, Delhi, on 29th March 2017.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Janaki Abraham

Life member of the Indian Sociological Association.

Life Member of the Indian Association of Women's Studies.

Member, International Urban Symposium

Book Reviews Editor for the Journal Contributions to Indian Sociology (2012 - 2016)

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Indian Sociological Society's E-Journal titled, Explorations. (January 2017 onwards)

Member Scientific Board of Urbanities – Journal of Urban Ethnography (January 2017 onwards)

Anuja Agrawal

Advisor for Partners for Law in Development, Delhi.

Life member of the Indian Sociological Association.

Life Member of the Indian Association of Women's Studies.

Roma Chatterji

Secretary, Institute of Socio-Economic Research in Development and Democracy

Advisory Committee of Kala Nidhi Reference Library, IGNC

Editorial Boards of Culture and Society in South Asia, Journal of Indian Folkloristics, Theoria and Praxis, Indian Journal of Adivasi and Indigeneity Studies

Corresponding editor Medical Anthropologist Quarterly

Life Member, Indian Sociological Association

Member, Board of Studies, Centre for Media Studies, JNU

Radhika Chopra

Editorial Board, *Culture Society and Masculinities*, Men's Studies Press

Life Member, *Centre for Women's Development Studies*, New Delhi

Abhijit Dasgupta

Member, Advisory Committee, Gobind Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development, Almora, Uttarakhand.

Member, Academic Committee, Lok Nayak Jayprakash Narayan National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science, Rohini, Delhi.

Member, Academic Committee, Centre for the Study of Discrimination & Exclusion of the School, J.N.U., New Delhi.

Member, Academic Committee, Department of Sociology of Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

VC's nominee at the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi.

Chancellor's nominee at the Presidency University, Kolkata.

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, *The University of Dhaka Journal of Anthropology*, Bangladesh.

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, *The Journal of South Asian Studies*, University of Tokyo, Japan.

Satish Deshpande

Member, Editorial Board, *International Sociology*

Member, Editorial Board, *South African Review of Sociology*

Member, Editorial Board, *Pratiman*

Member, Editorial Board, *Samajik*

Member, Editorial Board, *History and Sociology of South Asia*

Life member of the Indian Sociological Society

Rajni Palriwala

Member, Board of the School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad

Member, Board of the School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi

Member, Executive Committee, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi

Member, Executive Committee, Indian School of Women's Development and Studies

Member, Editorial Board, *Women's Equality*

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society

Life Member, Indian Association of Women's Studies

Tulsi Patel

Member, Central Ethics Committee, Public Health Foundation of India, New Delhi.

Member, Faculty Review Committee, Public Health Foundation of India, New Delhi.

Member, Faculty Research Committee, Public Health Foundation of India, New Delhi.

Member, State Appropriate Authority for PCPNDT (for Delhi).

Member (Renominated second time), State Advisory Committee, PCPNDT (for Delhi from 2014).

Member, Expert Committee on Tagore National Scholarship/Fellowship for Cultural Research, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India.

Member, Governing Board, Agro-Economic Research Centre, University of Delhi, Delhi

Life member, Indian Association for Women's Studies, New Delhi.

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi.

Member, UGC-SAP Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology, Karnataka University, Dharwad.

Nandini Sundar

External Member, Board of Management, Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and Civilisations, JamiaMilliaIslamia, 2015

Member, UGC SAP Advisory Committee, Department of Tribal Studies, Kannada University Hampi, 2015-16

Advisor to Project on Baigas, Indira Gandhi Tribal University Amarkantak, 2016-17

School Board Member, School for the Study of Culture, Central University of Jharkhand, 2016

Member, Advisory Committee of the Northern Regional Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), 2015-17.

Member, Academic Council, Hyderabad Central University, 2015-17

Member, Governing Board, The Doon School, 2014-17

Member, Editorial Board, INSEE, 2017

Member, Editorial Board, Sociological Bulletin, 2016-20

Member, Editorial Board, Anthropological Theory

Member, Editorial Board, Contributions to Indian Sociology, 2012 onwards

Member, Editorial Board, American Anthropologist, 2012-2016

Meenakshi Thapan

Member, Advisory Board, new Series on Crossing Borders in a Global World: Applying Anthropology to Migration, Displacement, and Social Change, edited by Nancy Konvalinka and Raul Sanchez Molina (UNED, Madrid), Lexington Books.

Member, Expert Group, Preparation of University curricula on Diversity and Discrimination in Higher Education at NUEPA, December, 2016 onwards.

Member, ICSSR Research Advisory Committee on Diversity and Discrimination in Higher Education at NUEPA, 2014 onwards.

Shashi Bhushan Singh

Convener (2015-2018), "Course Committee of Sociology", Central Board of Secondary Education.

Sudha Vasan

Indian Sociological Society, Life member

Indian Association for Women's Studies

Member, Board of Studies, School of Human Ecology, Ambedkar University, Delhi.

Book Reviews Editor, Conservation and Society, since 2007

Member, Editorial Committee, Review on Environment and Development, Economic and Political Weekly.

VISITS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Janaki Abraham

Visiting fellow at Mumbai University, February 2017

Yasmeen Arif

Visiting Associate Professor, University of Sydney Social sciences/Business School, 9th Oct 2016 - 17th Oct 2016.

Visiting Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study and ICGC, University of Minnesota. 14th Nov 2016 - 25th Nov 2016.

Satish Deshpande

Visited Goa University under the Dayanand Bandodkar Chair in Political Economy of the Visiting Research Professors' Programme and conducted a Research Skills Practicum for research scholars and young faculty from institutions in Goa, from 3rd to 7th June, 2017.

Visited Karnatak University, Dharwad to conduct a Workshop on Academic Reading and Writing (for research scholars and young faculty in the social sciences and humanities) from 11-17 June, 2017, organized by the Department of Sociology, Karnatak University in collaboration with the Indian Sociological Society.