

# Annual Report 2019-20



Department of Sociology  
University of Delhi  
Delhi

## PREFACE

The report covers the period, July 21, 2019 - July 20, 2020. This marks the sixty first year of the Department.

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 program 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 program. 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, Reprinted in 2018).

**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 humanitarisms, 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 (JNU), 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.

**Roma Chatterji**, M.A. (Delhi), M.Phil. (Hyderabad), Ph.D. (Delhi), is Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology (Till January 2020). Her research interests include medical sociology, folklore and folk art and the sociology of violence. She is the author of *Graphic Narratives and the Mythological Imagination in India* (2020); *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 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). Professor Dasgupta retired from the Department in August 2019.

**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 and Head of the Department (March 2020 onwards). Her current research interests are in the broad area of gender relations, covering care and emotion, welfare/social policy and citizenship, kinship and marriage, women and work, and women's movements and feminist politics, with an orientation to 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).

**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 *The Burning Forest: India's War in Bastar* (2016), *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 Director of Delhi School of Economics (since March 2018). She is also the Co-ordinator, D.S. Kothari Centre for Science, Ethics and Education, University of Delhi and has been Provost, International Students' House for Women (until February 2018), 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). Professor Thapan retired from the Department in September 2019.

**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 regular faculty, **Divya Janarthanan** served the Department as an ad hoc Assistant Professor. **Ritika Gulyani** and **Sharib Zeya** also taught at the Department as guest faculty.

## **FACULTY/DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Professor Abhijit Dasgupta retired in August 2019 and Professor Meenakshi Thapan retired in September 2019. The Department organized a farewell program for both.

The Department organized the first ever Alumni Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2019. The event was attended by more than 150 alumni, many of whom specially travelled to Delhi to attend the event. The Department now has a database of almost 600 alumni from around the world and a directory of the same is available on the website with access restricted to the Alumni and Department members.

The MA CBCS scheme was implemented from 2019 session onwards. The Department introduced a new 2 credit course on Academic Reading and Writing as part of the new scheme.

Due to the Lockdown owing to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Department moved to Online Classes in March 2020 and the same continued for the remaining reporting period. The exams for the MA IV semester students were held in August 2020 whereas the students of MA II semester were exempted from taking the examinations and were awarded marks on the basis of I semester performance.



### OFFICE STAFF

Section Officer	Mr. Ashok Kumar
Stenographer	Ms. Raman Sethi
Assistant	Mr. Sanjay Kumar
Junior Assistant	Ms. Kiran Dhamija
Junior Assistant	Ms. Rakhi Chauhan (On contract)
Office Attendant	Mr. Diwakar Singh (On contract)
Office Attendant	Ms. Ram Avtar Gupta (On contract)
Farash	Mr. Rajesh
Safai Karamchari	Shish Ram (Part time)
Safai Karamchari	Jagdish Chand
Safai Karamchari	Raja (On contract)
Mali	Mr. Devender Singh (On contract)

## TEACHING PROGRAM

### M.A. Examination Results (Batch of 2018-2020)

Number of students who appeared:	70
Number of students who obtained 1 <sup>st</sup> Division:	19
Number of students who obtained 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division:	30
Number of students who obtained 3 <sup>rd</sup> Division:	Nil
Others:	21

### M. PHIL. PROGRAM

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 450 students have been awarded the M. Phil. degree.

#### M.Phil. Degrees Awarded During the Year 2019-20

S.No.	Name of the Student	Topic	Name of Supervisor
1.	Abhishek Deka	Humanitarian Governance of Refugees in the Context of Refugee Camps	Abhijit Dasgupta
2.	Samhita Das	A History of Addiction: Governing Bodies Through Medical Technology	Abhijit Kundu (Sri Venkateshwara College)
3.	Sushanti Mutum	Understanding the Body and Subjectivity of Prostitute	Archana Prasad (Kamala Nehru College)
4.	Ranjeeta Kempriai	Conflict, Gender Based Violence and Displacement in Northeast India	Kamei Aphun
5.	Rakhi Dhaka	A Study of Women's Education and State in India: Changes in Social Position of Women	Meenakshi Thapan
6.	Shafeef Ahmed	School Textbooks in India	Meenakshi Thapan
7.	Abdul Shafeeque Kp	Contesting Authentic Islam: Locating Abdul Quran Movement in the Twentieth Century Kerala	Meenakshi Thapan
8.	Vikas Lather	The Power and Politics of Hindu Nationalism: A Sociological Analysis	Nandini Sundar



9.	Shachi Seth	Producing/Consuming Nationalism: A Discursive Analysis of the Swadeshi Commodity Image in India	Pravati Dalua (Kamala Nehru College)
10.	Deepshree Singh	Marriage among Dalits: An Exploratory Study.	Rajni Palriwala
11.	Anmol Mongia	The Sporting Subject: A Brief Sociological Analysis of Playing and Practicing	Ravi Nandan Singh (Hindu College)
12.	Akoijam Monika Chanu	A Sociological Study of Choice Marriages in India.	Reema Bhatia (Miranda House)
13.	Amaan Shreyas	Towards an Anthropology of 'Fake News' in India	Roma Chatterji
14.	Radhika Kannan	Towards an Anthropology of Hikikomori: Locating Illness in the Socially Withdrawn	Roma Chatterji
15.	Shambhu Chaurasia	Science and Society: A Cross Culture Study of Stem Cell Research and Therapeutic Application in the UK, the US and India	Roma Chatterji
16.	Riya Sharma	A Critique of Ethical Consumption: Values and Practices	Ruby Bhardwaj (Janaki Devi Memorial College)
17.	Anubhav Kumar Das	Towards A Sociology of Examination: An Investigation into the Contemporary Indian Examination System.	Satish Deshpande
18.	Antara Chakrabarti	Revisiting City-Spaces: When Violence Becomes Chronic or Suspended.	Shalini Suryanarayan (Hindu College)
19.	Kanchan Biswas	Caste among Non-Hindus: Origin, Nature, Practices and Experiences in South Asia	Vikramendra Kumar

## PH.D. PROGRAM

### Ph.D. Theses Awarded During 2019-2020

S.No.	Name of the Student	Thesis Title	Supervisor
1.	Nandini Hebbar N	Understanding Caste, Gender and Sexuality: A Study of Youth in South India.	Janaki Abraham
2.	Utkarsh Kumar	Negotiating social boundaries through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)	Nandini Sundar
3.	Sharib Zeya	Land and Social Interaction in Rural Bihar: A Sociological Exploration	Yasmeen Arif
4.	Divya Priyadarshini	A Study of Displacement of Slum Dwellers in the Delhi region.	Rita Brara
5.	Bhavna Kataria	Gender and Work: A study of Clerks in Government Offices.	Rita Brara
6.	Sebanti Chatterjee	Western classical music in Goa and Shillong: Exploring the indigenous	Roma Chatterji

### Ph.D. Theses (Submitted During 2019-2020)

S.No.	Name of the Student	Thesis Title	Supervisor
1.	Saumya Malviya	Metaphor and Metonymy in the Constitution of Mathematical Knowledge: An Ethnographic Explorations.	Roma Chatterji
2.	Aheli Chowdhury	Social Movements Post-1990s in India: A Sociological study of Changing Modes of Political Mobilisation	Satish Deshpande
3.	Devika Mittal	Secular' School Culture: A Study of a Government- Aided Shool in Delhi	Meenakshi Thapan
4.	Madhulika Sonkar	Changing aspirations and challenges for Muslim girls' Education: An Ethnography of Girls' Schools in the Walled City	Meenakshi Thapan
5.	Muhammed Jefra, V.P.	The Social Production of the City: A Study of City Spaces of Calicut, Kerala	Radhika Chopra
6.	Jyoti Saini	Gendered aspect of infertility in India	Tulsi Patel & Abhijit Dasgupta

### Students working on their Ph. D theses during 2019-20

S.No.	Name	Topic	Supervisor
1.	Vijay Bahadur	Life after Bail of Children in Juvenile Justice System and Interventions by the State: A Case Study of Delhi	Janaki Abraham
2.	Yaduvendra Pratap Singh	The Changing Status of a Scheduled Caste: A Sociological Study of Jatavs of City of Meerut.	Janaki Abraham



3.	K.S. Hakim	From Abstract to Concrete: A Historical Sociology of Parliamentary Communism in Kerala	Rajni Palriwala
4.	Afeeda KT	Religion and Body: Embodied Nature of Sacred Pain	Radhika Chopra
5.	Priti Laishram	Rethinking Resistance: A Sociological study of Everyday Life in Manipur	Kamei Aphun
6.	Anupama Ramakrishnan	Ethnography of migrants in the andaman islands	Sudha Vasana
7.	W S Machutmi	Tribes and the Notion of Land: Changes in the Agrarian Structure and Social Relations among the Tangkhul Nagas	Kamei Aphun
8.	Soumodip Sinha	Middle Class Youth and the 'Field (s)' of Political Assertion: A Sociological Study of Urban India	Satish Deshpande
9.	Kh. Neil Young	Political Ecology of Flood in Majuli Island, Assam	Sudha Vasana
10.	Nargis Vasundhara	Female Domestic Workers in India- Reproduction of Gendered Labour in Urban Homes	Radhika Chopra
11.	Bhavneet Kaur	Gendered Narrative Experiences of Memory and Resistance in Indian Administered Kashmir"	Yasmeen Arif
12.	Yang Haonan	Social Capital and Public Welfare in West China	Abhijit Dasgupta
13.	Prama Mukhopadhyay	The Fisherman of the Forest: A Socio-Anthropological Study of the Landscape of the Deltaic Sundarbans in Bengal.	Abhijit Dasgupta
14.	Amrita Middey	A Sociological Study of 'Jatra' of Bengal	Anuja Agrawal
15.	Sadiqali T.	Educated Unemployed and their Families: A Sociological Study	Anuja Agrawal
16.	Kamalpreet Singh Gill	Oral History, Folklore and Gender: Studying Family History in Punjab	Radhika Chopra
17.	Seema Mahi	Dynamics of Dalit Identity and social changes: A Case Study of Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Ballan, Jalandhar, Punjab	Radhika Chopra
18.	Virien Chopra	How do Comics Communicate: Analysing Semantic Formations in Comics	Radhika Chopra
19.	Shivani Katara	Profile, Awareness, Barriers Regarding Reproductive Health & Family Planning among Married Muslim Women : An Ethnographic Study in an Urban Setting	Rajni Palriwala
20.	Priti Chandra	Understanding Reproductive Health Services in the Realm of Body Politics and Caste in Uttar Pradesh	Rajni Palriwala
21.	Akriti Bhatia	Understanding Urban Informality and Exclusion: A Sociological study	Rajni Palriwala

22.	Ojaswita Sharma	Deusi and Bhailo Songs: Performative Arts and Beyond	Roma Chatterji
23.	Neerab Raj Gupta	Understanding Disability Identity and the Role of Academic Researches in India.	Satish Deshpande
24.	Priya Bharti Churiyana	Changes and Challenges of Scheduled Caste Girls in Access to School Education-A Sociological Study of North West Delhi	Satish Deshpande
25.	Antora Borah	The Assam Nagaland foothill border: a study of migration, Identity and Development among the Sema Nagas and "Immigrant Bangladeshi".	Shashi Bhushan Singh
26.	Lenpu Rangla Khouchung	The Politics and Dynamics of Clan Formation among Kharam Tribe.	Shashi Bhushan Singh
27.	Ayushi Rawat	Researching Children Experiences in Kashmir: Perspectives on Conflict and Resistance	Tulsi Patel/ Vikramendra Kumar
28.	Prama Mukhopadhyay	The Fisherman of the Forest: A Socio-Anthropological Study of the Landscape of the Deltaic Sundarbans in Bengal.	Abhijit Dasgupta
29.	Tathagato Ganguly	Decolonization is Not a Metaphor: Politics of Recognition and Contemporary Capitalism in Latin America	Nandini Sundar
30.	Nivedita Ghosh	A Sociology of Documentary Filmmaking	Abhijit Dasgupta
31.	Mohammad Sajjad Hussain	Platform Economy and Labour: A Sociological Study with Reference to Delivery Boys	Nandini Sundar
32.	Ancy Thomas	Colour As A Form of Embellishment: A Sociological Study of Painted Photography in India	Roma Chatterji
33.	Abir Misra	An Enquiry into the Structure and Process of Fan Activity	Anuja Agrawal
34.	Atiya Gopinath	The Resurgence of Cow Protection in Contemporary North India: Politics, Religion and Economy	Rajni Palriwala
35.	Meghna Bohidar	The Performances of Reel and Real Life: Exploring 'Love' in Public Spaces.	Rajni Palriwala
36.	Ishaque	The Idea of an 'Authenticated Islam': Mappila Muslim Traditions in Nadapuram, Kerala.	Vikramendra Kumar
37.	Guangchunliu Gangmei	Indigeneity, Land, and Identity: A Sociological Study of Rongmei tribes in Manipur	Kamei Aphun
38.	Fahad Hashmi	The Politics and Piety of Ahl-i Hadith Jamaat in India: Continuities and Transformations	Nandini Sundar



39.	Haruna Watabe	Emerging Tourism Industry in Nagaland: Exploring Between 'Exotic' Culture and Tourism.	Kamei Aphun
40.	Syeda Asia	Rethinking Inter-Organizational Relations: A Sociological Study of Consortia	Roma Chatterji
41.	Shamayeeta Ghosh	Producing the Land of Maharajas: A Sociological study of Tourist Sites and Touristic Practices in Contemporary Rajasthan	Vikramendra Kumar
42.	Sandeepan Das	Tea Plantation Workers in a Changing Economy: The Case of North Bengal	Abhijit Dasgupta
43.	Shweta Rani	Living with mosquito: Entanglement and the politics of life	Yasmeen Arif
44.	Fancy Jamatia	The Politics of Identity Construction in School Curriculum: A Study of Schools in Gomati District, Tripura	Vikramendra Kumar
45.	Sampurna Das	Drifting with the River: Understanding the chars of Assam	Sudha Vasani
46.	Rajat Kumar	Sociology of Urban Agriculture: A Case Study	Sudha Vasani
47.	Sarita Kumari	Untouchables as custodian of salvation: a study of Dom's in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	Sunil Babu
48.	Remya Ann Mathew	Digital Childhoods in the Urban Indian Scenario with reference to Delhi-NCR	Anuja Agrawal
49.	Gailianglung Panmei	Negotiating Indigeneity: Politics, Identity and Culture in the context of Assertion for Tribe Recognition	Satish Deshpande
50.	Waseem Aseem Akber Baba	Social Construction of Tuberculosis: A Study of the Relation between Clinic and wider Social Context.	Roma Chatterji
51.	Kadambari	Spaces of Paid-Sexual Pleasure: Relationship between Sex Work, Spaces and Sexual Pleasure	Gitika De (Hindu College)
52.	Azeem Ahmed	Case Identity among the Muslims in North India	Satish Deshpande
53.	Raman Deep	Dalits in Contemporary India: Valmiki of Haryana and Delhi	Sunil Babu
54.	Mohammad Saad	Instrumental role of Social Media in Ideological Dissemination and Indoctrination by Radical Groups	Sunil Babu
55.	Rameez T	Social Life of the Digital: An Ethnography of Digital Shopping	Satish Deshpande
56.	Raman Deep	Dalits in Contemporary India: Valmiki of Haryana and Delhi	Sunil Babu C.T.
57.	Johnson Soibam	The Art of Assembling Social: A Study of Leikai in Manipur	Kamei Aphun
58.	Debadrita Saha	A Sociological Analysis of Political Humour through Memes on Social Media	Roma Chatterji

59.	Amritha Mohan Kumar	Caste, Gender and Modernity: Assertion of Ezhava Caste Identity and their Association in Urban Sphere	Satish Deshpande
60.	Anshu Agarwal	Material Objects evoking autobiographical memory: A Sociological Analysis of the Relationship between material objects and the construction of personal memory	Anuja Agrawal
61.	Richa Dang	Exploring Social Inequalities through Children's Literature	Geetika De (Hindu College)
62.	Sagar Dey	Bauls and Everyday Life: Negotiating Culture and Identity in the Era of Globalization	Anuja Agrawal
63.	Deepali Datta	Understanding Adoption in 21st Century Urban India	Janaki Abraham
64.	Harsh Vardhan Yadav	Shadow Education, Childhood & Technologies of the Self: An Ethnographic Exploration of Private Coaching in India	Nandini Sundar
65.	Aaradhana Jhunjhunwala	A River in an Urban Metropolis: The Yamuna in Contemporary Delhi	Yasmeen Arif/Janaki Abraham



## FELLOWSHIPS/ SCHOLARSHIPS/ PRIZES

### M.A.

Kunda Datar Gold Medal	Veena Dua Memorial Scholarship	Shri Shiv Lal Sawhney Scholarship (M.A. Previous)	MSA Rao Book-Grant
Tanuj Luthra	Shreetoma Biswas	Tonisha Roy Harshita Agrawal Hardik Dua Sahar Bazaz Nandita Singh	Shivang Chaudhary

### 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)
Nil	Renya Ann Mathew Kadambari Waseem Akber Baba Khaira Azeem Ahmed Raman Deep Rameez T Amrita Mohan Kumar Anshu Agarwal Richa Dang	Sourabh Singhal Sachin Sourabh Heena Pundir Amit Gautam Pooja Areeb Rizvi Tersa Scholastica Thomas Arnav Sethi	Sarita Kumari Gailianglung Panmei Mohammad Saad Debardrita Saha Harsh Vardhan Yadav Deepali Dutta Sager Dey Aradhahana Jhunjunwala Johnson Soibam	Peingamla Ramror Shajeem M Fazal PV Jasmine Bhalla Binit Gurung Kaushal Bodwal Deepak Ojha Shibu Kumar Ayesha Maria Mualla Shakya Shamik Kar Surbi Arora

## 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 2019-20.

1.	Roma Chatterji, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi	Myths, and the Visual Imagination: The 'Duplicitous Maiden' as a Narrative Theme in Gond Art	13 September 2019
2.	David Hirsh, Professor of sociology, Goldsmiths University, London	Anti-Semitism, the Contemporary Left and the Temptation of the Conspiracy Fantasy	20 September 2019
3.	Byasa Moharana, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur Campus	Subaltern, Religion and the State: The Making of a Dalit Community in Postcolonial Odisha	27 September 2019
4.	Shamsher Singh, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Flame University, Pune	Housing and Labour relations in Rural Rajasthan: A Village-level Case Study	18 October 2019
5.	Patrick Inglis, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Grinnell College	Narrow Fairways: Getting By & Falling Behind in the New India	25 October 2019
6.	Vivek Kumar, Professor of Sociology, CSSS, SSS, JNU	Various Shades of Sociology: A Rationale for Dalit Perspective	1 November 2019
7.	Ananta Kumar Giri, Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai	Transforming the Subjective and the Objective: The Calling of Transpositional Subjectobjectivity	22 November 2019
8.	Pankaj Sekhsariya, Associate Professor, Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (CTARA) & Associate Faculty, Centre for Policy Studies, IIT, Bombay	The story of India's earliest indigenous scanning tunneling microscopes (STMs) and what lab studies can tell us about S&T policy making in India	10 January 2020
9.	Edward Telles, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, University of California at Santa Barbara	Skin Colour and "Colourism": A Global View	17 January 2020



10.	Geeta Patel, Fulbright-Nehru Senior Research Scholar , Middle Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Virginia	Risk, Trust, Poverty and Finance: A Colonial Vista of Pensions	24 January 2020
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### **PRE-Ph.D. SUBMISSION SEMINARS**

As part of the Ph.D. Program, the following research scholars gave a Pre-Submission Seminar in the year 2019-2020

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Students Name</b>
1.	Saumya Malviya
2.	Madhulika Sonkar
3.	Devika Mittal
4.	Md. Mohammad Jefra V.P.
5.	Vijay Bahadur

## WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

Talk titled “Whodunnits and the nature of stigma”, by Dr. Alok Sarin was organized for Research Scholars on 4th September, 2019.

A Joint workshop was held where recipients of Shiv Lal Sawhney Scholarship and Krishna Raj Fellowship presented the findings of their research on 12 September 2019. 16 students presented 11 papers at the workshop and

A Two-day Research Scholars Workshop was held in the Department on 14-15 November, 2019. A total of 14 presentations were made by M.Phil. and Ph.D. Scholars of the Department.

Department of Sociology along with the Centre for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics organized a seminar on “Impact of Demographic Dynamics on Migration” by François Héran, National Institute for Demographic Research (INED) and National Institute of Statistics (INSEE), France, on Monday, October 14, 2019.

A Discussion around two recently published books authored by Prof. Roma Chatterji and Dr Shashi Bhushan Singh was held in the Department on 14 February 2020.

Sudha Vasan organized a a two-day National Seminar on The Environment as Meta Narrative at the Department of Sociology on 5th and 6th March, 2020.

Details can be found at: <https://theenvironmentasmetanarrative.wordpress.com/>



## **6. VISITING FELLOWS**

The Department has had an active Visiting Fellows Program for hosting faculties from other institutions in India and abroad. Under this program, 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).

Due to lack of funds, no Visiting Fellows could be invited to the Department during the academic year 2019-20.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

### RESEARCH PROJECTS

#### Janaki Abraham

- The transformation of social landscapes in towns in India: The case of Bikaner, Rajasthan. Research project being carried out as Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi May 2019 onwards.

#### Yasmeen Arif,

- Identity in Politics, Research Project as part of Partnership Collaboration Award. University of Sydney-Delhi.

#### Radhika Chopra

- From the Margins: Low Income Migrants Access to Basic Services and Provisions: Jullundur and Guwahati, University of Delhi and University of Edinburgh Project, ESRC-ICSSR Collaborative Research Program on Urban Transformations in India, Principal Investigator.

#### Rajni Palriwala

- **Moralising Misfortune:** A Comparative Anthropology of Commercial Insurance, Research Project 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.

Visiting Researcher in June and July 2019 as a member of the Project and Local supervision of Tim van der Meerendonk, doctoral candidate at Leiden University.

- **Single Parents, Care, Welfare, and State Systems:** Leiden, Netherlands, over 20 years. Undertook fieldwork for the project during the period.
- **Minor Cosmopolitanisms:** International RTG of University of Potsdam, Frei 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.

Doctoral co-supervisor of (1) Irene Hilden, registered at Humboldt University, working on 'Absent Presences in the Colonial Archive: Dealing with the Berlin Sound Archive's Acoustic Heritage'; (2) Tori Sinanen, Frei Universiteit, Berlin, 'Mapping (under)development: A situational analysis of rural survival in East Trinidad'.

### WORKSHOPS ORGANISED BY FACULTY MEMBERS

**Sudha Vasan** organized a two-day National Seminar on The Environment as Meta Narrative at the Department of Sociology on 5th and 6th March, 2020.

Details can be found at: <https://theenvironmentasmetanarrative.wordpress.com/>



## PUBLICATIONS

### Janaki Abraham

2020. Review of Ester Gallo. 2017. *The Fall of Gods: Memory, Kinship, and Middle Classes in South India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 54 (2), 326-329

### Anuja Agrawal

2019. Sex Work and the Political Gaze. *Social Change*, 49(3), 531–537.

### Yasmeen Arif

2020. Life and the Interim. *Diacritics, Journal of Critical Theory*. <https://www.diacriticsjournal.com/diacritics-blog/>

### Roma Chatterji

2020. *Graphic Narratives and the Mythological Imagination in India*. London & New York: Routledge.

2020. Is Life a Riddle? Storytelling and the Ethnographic Imagination. In Shoma Choudhury Lahiri (ed.), *Doing Social Research. Qualitative methods of Research in Sociology*. Delhi: Orient Blackswan.

2020. Jatra. In Rukmini Bhaya Nair and Peter Ronald deSouza (Eds). *Keywords for India. A Conceptual Lexicon for the 21st Century*, Delhi: Bloomsbury.

2020. Medical Institutions and their Counter Cultures. In Christiane Brosius and Roberta Mandoki (Eds). *Caring for Old Age. Perspectives from South Asia. Heidelberg Studies on Transculturality 8*. Heidelberg, University Publishing.

### Radhika Chopra

2020. *Ways of Worship: Ethnographic images from the field* [ed]. Delhi: Penguin Random House.

### Satish Deshpande

2020. The Non-Academic Uses of the Public University: An Optimistic Note. In Sujata Patel (Ed), *Exploring Sociabilities of Contemporary India: New Perspectives*, pp. 292-304. New Delhi & Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan.

2019. Translation (from the Hindi into English): Rabindra Ray, The teaching of darshan and its purpose. In *Contributions to Indian Sociology*. 53(3), 422-30.

### Rajni Palriwala

2020. Love Marriage. In Rukmini Bhaya Nair and Peter Ronald deSouza (Eds). *Keywords for India. A Conceptual Lexicon for the 21st Century*, Delhi: Bloomsbury

2019. Framing Care: Gender, Labour and Governmentalities. *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 26(3), 237–262.

2019. Confronting Disciplinary Practices: Rethinking the Sociology of Family, Marriage and Kinship. In Sujata Patel (ed.). *Exploring Sociabilities of Contemporary India: New Perspectives*. Delhi: Orient Blackswan.

### Shashi Bhushan Singh

2019. *Democracy and Social Movements: A Sociological Analysis of Bihar's Backward Class Movement*. Delhi: Ane Books.

2019. Living Together Separately: Dalits in an Emerging Collectivity in a Rajasthan Village. In Jodhka, Surinder Singh and Edward Simpson (Eds). *India's Villages in 21st Century: Revisits and Revisions*, pp. 274-296, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

### **Sudha Vasan.**

2019. Characterizing the relationship between forest dependent peoples and state forest management institutions. *The Global South Environmental Research Letters*, 14(8) (co-authored with P. Tribhuvan)

2019. Labouring Nature, Labour in Nature. Review of Environment and Development. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 54(37), 33-34. (co-authored with Nandan Nawn)

2019. Seeing Through Infrastructure (Book Review). *Economic and Political Weekly*, 54(47).

## **FACULTY PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS**

### **Janaki Abraham**

Presentation of a Review of the book *The Legacy of M. N. Srinivas: His Contribution to Sociology and Social Anthropology in India* by A. M. Shah at the Indian Sociological conference held at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, 27– 29 December, 2019.

### **Anuja Agrawal**

Participant in a Panel titled 'Intersections of caste identity and sex work' on 22nd July at an online workshop on Precarious Pasts, Emancipatory Futures: Interdisciplinary Conversations on Sex Work in India, organized by Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London, 22-24 July, 2020

Discussant at the Nomad Inc 5, an online conference organized by Praxis & NAGDNT in partnership with Durham University, UK and held on 19th July, 2020.

Delivered a Lecture titled 'Dos and Don'ts of Research: A Preliminary Orientation' 9th January at a Three-Day Research Methodology Workshop organized by Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi, 8-10 January, 2020.

Delivered a Lecture titled 'How not to do research' at the Seven-day Research Methodology Workshop organised by Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

Presented a paper titled 'The child marriage conundrum: Learning from the Bedia Case' and chaired a session at the 1st Nomad Inc. Conference 2019, Organised by Praxis India, Partners in Change and Department of Social Work, University of Delhi, held at University of Delhi Guest House, on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

Panelist at the Book Launch and Panel Discussion on Sameena Dalwai's *Ban and Bar Girls: Performing Caste in Mumbai's Dance Bars*, organized by Women Unlimited and O.P. Jindal Global University at NTH Complex, Qutab Institutional Area on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

Presented a paper titled 'Indian Elderly and "Familialist" State Policies' at the Conference on Family Policies in Asia, organized by Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 21-22 November, 2019.



### **Yasmeen Arif**

Presentation titled 'Comparative Urbanisms - Experiences and Epistemologies' in IJURR-RC21 2019 Urban Graduate School. Institute for Economic Growth, Delhi, India, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

Presentation titled 'Cosmopolitics'. Invited workshop at Shiv Nader University, UP, India, 23-24 July, 2019

Presentation titled 'Humanity, Identity, Biopolitics' at Symposium. School of Social Sciences. University of Sydney, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2019.

Presentation titled 'Urban encounters and Comparative Epistemologies: Air in the City' at Interdisciplinary Summer School, University of Bergen. (Online) 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

### **Roma Chatterji**

Panelist in a Discussion on 'Cultural Labour. Conceptualizing "Folk Performance" in India' by Brahma Prakash. School of Arts and Aesthetics, JNU, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.

Presentation titled 'Myths, and the Visual Imagination: The "Duplicitous Maiden" as a Narrative Theme in Gond Art.' Sociological Research Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Delhi University, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

Inaugural lecture titled 'Indian Sociology and its Objects' delivered at SHSS Lecture Series, Thinking across Boundaries, Sharda University, Greater Noida, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

Lecture titled 'Myths, and the Visual Imagination: The "Duplicitous Maiden" as a Narrative Theme in Gond Art.' As part of Distinguished Lecture Series on Art and Artists, Janaki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

Discussant at Workshop on Kumartuli, organized by the University of Glasgow, Global Heritage Programme, Lalit Great Eastern Hotel, Kolkata, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

Book Discussion on *Graphic Narratives and the Mythological Imagination in India*. Department of Sociology, DSE, University of Delhi, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

Delivered the Hetukar Jha Memorial lecture on 'Temporal Rhythms in Village Life: Stories of Abundance and Lack in a Village in the Purulia District of West Bengal' at TISS, Patna Centre, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

Lecture on 'Myths and the Visual Imagination' at Visuals in South Asia, workshop at Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Milia Islamia, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

Keynote address titled 'The Folk and the Making of an Indian Aesthetic' at National Conference on Culture and Aesthetics in Indian Folklore, Department of English, Delhi University, 29 February, 2020.

Presentation titled 'The Ramayana in the Age of Environmental Apocalypse.' At National Conference on Environment as Meta-Narrative, Department of Sociology, Delhi University, 5-6 March, 2020.

### **Radhika Chopra**

Expert Commentator, UNESCO Report 'Transforming 'Men'talities' UNESCO, New Delhi, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

Presentations titled 'School Bags and Hungry Stomachs: The challenge of schooling and masculinities in India'; 'Chasing a No-where Future: Is Masculinity Ever Disempowering?' & 'Regulating Unruly Boys: Media, Masculinity and Class' at ADB conference on 'Deconstructing Masculinities', Colombo, 7-8 November, 2019.

Discussant for presentation on 'Spatializing Popular Sufi Shrines in Punjab' School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.

### **Satish Deshpande**

Presentation titled 'Problem of Caste Among Brahmins', Dialogics-4 webinar, Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, with Suraj Yengde, Anupama Rao and S. Anand, 07<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JabmA7LQIo>

Presentation titled 'Distancing the Social: Sociology in the Time of Corona', Distinguished Speaker Series Webinar, Janaki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, Available at: <https://youtu.be/J1R1NYHrnQ>

Presentation titled 'Idea of India 2020', Inaugural lecture, Political Science Association, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, 07<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

Presentation titled 'Caste as Discrimination', 2 Lectures, Water Science and Policy Programme, Shiv Nadar University, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

Invited Lecture 'Language and Privilege', Department of English, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, 07<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

Invited Lecture 'Inequality and Intersectionality' in the Conference on Aspects of Inequality in India, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, 20-21 February, 2020.

Inaugural lecture 'The Idea of India 2020', Political Science Association, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, 11 February, 2020.

9<sup>th</sup> S.R. Sankaran Memorial Lecture titled 'Casteism and Communalism: Friends or Enemies?', Centre for Dalit Studies, Hyderabad, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

### **Rajni Palriwala**

Special Lecture titled 'The Idea of India' at Bharati College, January, 2020.

Madhuri Shah Memorial Lecture titled 'Visible and Invisible Violence: Gender, Equality and Justice', National Conference on Women's Studies (IAWS), co-hosted by IAWS, CWDS, and the National Law University, Delhi, held at the National Law University, Delhi, January, 2020

Keynote lecture titled 'Inequality, inequity and gender: Invisible and visible violence' at the International Conference on Gender Equity: Challenges and Opportunities organised by Sardar Vallabhai National Institute of Technology, Surat, December, 2019.

Lecture titled 'Gendering Sociology', Distinguished Speakers Lectures Series, Janaki Devi Memorial College. September, 2019.

Lecture entitled, 'Anthropology, Kinship and Gender' at Flame University, Pune, October, 2019.

Paper entitled, 'Negotiating Money and Social Networks: Provisioning Care in Contemporary India', at the international conference entitled Moralising Misfortune: Anthropological Perspectives on Finance, Care and Morality. Organised by ERC Project on Moralising Misfortune at the Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University, held at Leiden University, July 2019.

Discussant at the International Conference on Demography, Reproduction, and Cultural Anxieties held at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, February 2020.



### **Sudha Vasan**

Paper titled 'Characterizing the relationship between forest dependent peoples and state forest management institutions in the Global South' presented at International Conference on Sustainable Forestry in South Asia – Current Status, Science and Conservation Priorities, organized by NASA LCLUC Pprogram and SARI, University of Maryland, USA in New Delhi, 7-9 November, 2019.

Paper titled 'The Environment as Metanarrative: Concept Note' presented at the National Seminar on The Environment as Metanarrative, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi. 05<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

Paper titled 'We are all environmentalists: Framing life in the NGT' presented at National Seminar on The Environment as Metanarrative, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi. 06<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

Online public lecture titled 'Gender ke nazariye se lockdown' (in Hindi) organized by Stree Mukti Sanghatan, Delhi, 07<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.

Invited Lecture titled 'Understanding Covid-19 and the lockdown from a gender perspective' delivered at Terre des hommes North Zone Partners Meet (online), 08<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

## **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

Member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the Indian Sociological Society's E-Journal, *Explorations*.

Member Scientific Board of Urbanities – Journal of Urban Ethnography External member on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Committee at Indian Institute of Technology, (IIT), New Delhi

External member on the Internal Complaints Committee and Sexual Harassment & Gender Sensitization Committee of the Centre for Women's Development Studies, (CWDS), New Delhi

External member on the University Complaints Committee on sexual harassment at Ambedkar University Delhi

### **Anuja Agrawal**

Life Member, Indian Association of Women Studies

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society

Advisor, Partners for Law in Development

Member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the Indian Sociological Society's E-Journal, *Explorations*.

### **Sunil Babu C.T.**

Life member, Indian Sociological Society

Life member, Kerala Sociological Society

### **Roma Chatterji**

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

Life Member, Indian Sociological Association

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

International Advisory Board of Thinking from Elsewhere. Book Series by Fordham University Press, New York.

Life Member, Indian Sociological Association

Member, Advisory Committee, Kala Nidhi Reference Library, IGNC

Vice Chancellor's Nominee for ICSSR project on suicide rates in India (2017-18)

External Member, Advisory Committee, Dept. Of Sociology, JNU (2018-20)

Vice Chancellor's nominee, Dept of Geography, DU (2018-2020)

External Member, Board of Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Amity University

External Member, Board of Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sharda University

External Expert, Board of Studies, Department of Sociology, Shiv Nadar University

Vice Chancellor's Nominee, Dept. of Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani Medicine (2020-2022).

### **Radhika Chopra**

Member, Advisory Board International Quarterly for Asian Studies. Arnold Bergstraesser Institute, Germany.

Member, Editorial Collective, Sikh Formations, Religion, Culture, Theory, Routledge.

Life Member, CWDS

### **Satish Deshpande**

Life member of the Indian Sociological Society

Member, Editorial Board, *International Sociology*

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

Member, Editorial Board, *Pratiman*

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

### **Rajni Palriwala**

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society,

Life Member, Indian Association of Women's Studies

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

Editorial Board, Women's Equality

Governing Body, Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur



Technical Advisory Committee, Social Science Division, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata  
Executive Committee, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi  
Executive Committee, Indian School of Women's Development and Studies

### **Shashi Bhushan Singh**

Convenor (2015 Onwards) Course Committee of the Committee of Course (Sociology) Central Board of Secondary Education (An Autonomous organization Under Ministry of Education)

### **Nandini Sundar**

Member, Editorial Board, *Cambridge Journal of Anthropology*, January 2018 onwards  
Member, Editorial Board, *INSEE*, 2017 onwards  
Member, Editorial Board, *Sociological Bulletin*, 2016-20  
Member, Editorial Board, *Anthropological Theory*  
Member, Editorial Board, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 2012 onwards

### **Sudha Vasan**

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society  
Associate Editor of INSEE Journal, *Ecology, Economy and Society*  
Book Reviews Editor, *Conservation and Society*  
Co-editor, *Review of Environment and Development*, *Economic and Political Weekly*  
Member, Board of Studies, School of Human Ecology, Ambedkar University, Delhi

## **VISITS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS**

### **Janaki Abraham**

Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen murti, New Delhi

### **Yasmeen Arif**

University of Bergen Norway, Dept. of Social Anthropology Mar-May 2020 (Postponed due to COVID restrictions)

### **Radhika Chopra**

Sri Lanka Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank, November 2019.

### **Rajni Palriwala**

Visiting Researcher, at Leiden University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, June-July 2019. Affiliated to the International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden during this period.