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**Current Position**

Professor, (since 2014) Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Associate Professor (2008-2014), Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Assistant Professor (2003-08), Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

**Education:**

Ph.D. Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 2002.

Ph.D thesis titled, *Politics of Linguistic Identity and Community Formation: North India, 1900-1947*. (Dissertation Committee Members: Profs Susanne Hoeber Rudolph (Chair), Lloyd I.Rudolph, Moishe Postone and William Sewell).

M.Phil (Master of Philosophy) Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

M.A. (Master of Arts) Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

**Publications:**

*Books:*

***Introduction to V.P.Menon, Integration of the Indian States*** (Orient Blackswan, New Delhi, 2014, First published 1956)

**(ed) *Interrogating Reorganisation of States: Culture, Identity and Politics in India***, (Routledge, London, New York and India, 2011)

**(ed) *Language and Politics in India***. Oxford University Press, New Delhi. (2009).  
Published again as a paperback edition, 2010.

*Articles in Journals:*

**Vernacularizing Past: Writing New Political Histories in Contemporary India** in *Anekantanubhava: A Journal of South Asian History, Society and Culture*, Vol 1, February 2018, (Inaugural Issue, Department of History, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Orissa).

**Scripts, Regions and States of the Konkani Language in Independent India** in *South Asian History and Culture*, (Special Issue on Script and Identity: The Politics of Writing System in South Asia) Vol 8, No 4, December 2017, pp 1-21: (Routledge Publications, UK)  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/6kRdbBkrE6tRJbSQcAkN/full>

**State Formation and the Political Economy of India: The Rudolphian Paradigm** in *India Review*, Vol 16, No 3, July, 2017, pp 344-356  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14736489.2017.1348088>

**Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph: In Memoriam** in *Studies in Indian Politics*, 4 (2), 2016, pp 274-79 (Sage Publications: Los Angeles/London/New Delhi)

**Remembering Ram Advani, 1920-2016** in *India International Centre Quarterly*, Autumn 2016, Vol 43, #2, pp 178-182

**Difficult Days Ahead** in *Seminar* #649, September 2013  
<http://www.india-seminar.com/semframe.html>

**Enumeration and the Linguistic Identity Formation in Colonial North India** in *Studies in History*, 25, 2 (2009) pp. 197-227. (Sage Publications: Los Angeles/London/New Delhi)

**Languages as Women: The Feminisation of Linguistic Discourses in Colonial North India** in *Gender and History*, Vol 21, #2, 2009, pp 287-304 (Blackwell Publications Limited).

**Tribal Languages and the Cultural Politics in Contemporary India** in *Moving Worlds: A Journal of Transcultural Writings* 9:1:2009. University of Leeds, U.K. (special issue on Chotro: Adivasi Voices and Stories).pp 123-129  
<http://www.movingworlds.net/volumes/9/Chotro.php>

**Ambedkar and the Linguistic States: A Case for Maharashtra** in *Economic and Political Weekly*, January 14, 2006. pp. 151-158  
<http://www.epw.org.in/epw/uploads/articles/1590.pdf>

**Ritual of Political Rhetoric** in *Seminar*, July 2004.  
<http://www.india-seminar.com/semframe.html>

**Bernard S Cohn: Historian of the Future** in *Economic and Political Weekly*, June 5, 2004.  
<http://www.epw.org.in/epw/uploads/articles/7697.pdf>

*Chapters in Edited Volumes:*

**Indian Parliament and Its Modes of Political Representation** in Ajay Mehra (ed)- *The Indian Parliament and Democratic Transformation* (UK: Routledge, January 2018)

**India's Language Regime: The Eighth Schedule** in Linda Cardinal and Selma K.Sonntag (ed) *State Traditions and Language Regimes* (Montreal: McGill- Queen's University, 2015) pp 205-218

**Violence of/on Languages: The Political Topography of Linguistic Nationalism** in Saitya Brata Das and Soumyabrata Choudhury (ed) *The Weight of Violence: Religion, Language, Politics*: (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2015)

**Re-territorializing Federalism: The Demand for Smaller States in Contemporary India** in Naveed Ahmad Tahir (ed). *Federalism in Pluralistic Developing Societies: Learning from the European Experiences* (Area Study Centre for Europe, University of Karachi in collaboration with The Hanns Seidel Foundation, Islamabad, 2013), pp79-93

**States Reorganization Commission: A Critical Reading** in Sudha Pai (ed) *Handbook of Politics in Indian States: Region, Parties and Economic Reforms* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2013) pp. 40-54

**Linguistic Diversity in a Federal Polity: An Indian Experience** in Gupreet Mahajan (ed). *Accommodating Diversity: Ideas and Institutional Practices* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2011) pp 140-160

**Introduction: Contextualizing Reorganisation** in Asha Sarangi and Sudha Pai (ed). *Interrogating Reorganisation of States: Culture, Identity and Politics in India* (Routledge: London, New York and Delhi, 2011). pp.1-28

**Nehru and the Reorganisation of States: Making of Political India** in Asha Sarangi and Sudha Pai (ed). *Interrogating Reorganisation of States: Culture, Identity and Politics in India* (Routledge: London, New York and Delhi, 2011).pp.29-47

**Region (s) and State (s): Identity Politics in Independent India** in Hari Shankar Upadhyaya and Anjani Kumar Malviya (ed). *Inspiring Winds and Rainbow of Ideas: Essays in Honour of Professor Rajen Harshe* (Allahabad: Prayag Pustak Bhawan, August 2010).pp.

**Language(s), Culture(s) and Region(s): Identity Politics in Independent India** in N.K.Das and V.R.Rao (ed), *Identity, Cultural Pluralism and State: South Asia in Perspective* (Macmillan India Publications, New Delhi, 2009). pp.243-260

**Language as a Marker of Religious Difference** in Imtiaz Ahmad and Helmut Reifeld (ed) *Lived Islam in South Asia: Adaptation, Accomodation and Conflict* (Delhi: Social Science Press, 2004).pp 149-165

(The book has been reviewed by Barbara Metcalf as *Roots and Routes* in *Biblio: A Review of Books*, July-August 2005, P.30) See the link <http://www.biblio-India.org/>

*Book-Reviews:*

**An Academic Journey to India** in *The Book Review*, Vol XL, No 3, March 2016, South Asia, XXVIII.

**Book Review** of Ajay Mehra (ed).Party System in India: Emerging Trajectories in *Studies in Indian Politics* (Sage Publications, Vol 4, December 2014).

**Politics on/of Language in Pakistan** in *The Book Review*, Vol 31, Number 3, March 2007 (South Asia Special).

**Discourses of Religious and Political Violence** in *The Book Review*, Vol 29, No 12, December 2005.

**Review** of Tariq Rahman's *Language, Ideology and Power: Language-learning among the Muslims of Pakistan and North India* in *Contemporary South Asia*, June 2003.

### *Articles in Newspapers and Magazines:*

**A beautiful life of the mind** in *Indian Express*, January 2, 2016

<http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/susanne-rudolph-a-beautiful-life-of-the-mind/>

**Firm, first steps after formation** in *The Hindu*, June 1, 2015

**Division Spurs Growth?** (Cover Story) in *Frontline*, Vol 30, Issue 16, August 23, 2013, pp 17-20

<http://www.frontline.in/cover-story/division-spurs-growth/article4995101.ece?homepage=true&css=print>

**Development with Secularism is the mantra** in *Deccan Herald*, July 28, 2013, p. 11 (New Delhi edition).

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/347514/development-secularism-mantra.html>

**Reorganisation: Then and Now** in *Frontline*, Vol 26, # 26, Dec 19, 2009 –Jan 01, 2010, [www.frontlineonnet.com](http://www.frontlineonnet.com)

**States Reorganization: Contemporary Concerns** in *esocialsciences*, January 2009. See [http://www.esocialsciences.com/articles/displayArticles.asp?Article\\_ID=1839](http://www.esocialsciences.com/articles/displayArticles.asp?Article_ID=1839)

### **Awards, Fellowships and Research Grants:**

Invited as a Visiting Professor, *Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh*, Scotland, UK (Oct, 2016)

Invited to be a member of the advisory Board of EURAC Project 2020 on the theme of *Europe as a Global Actor* at Middle Sex University, 2015-

Awarded the UPE II grant to work on the interdisciplinary project of *Modernity and Its Linguistic and Cultural Dimensions in the Context of Globalization* .

2012-15, Invited as a *Global Partner* for the Swiss National Science Foundation Funded project titled, "Language and Knowledge Society in the Age of Globalization: English in Independent India" 2012-15, Geneva, Switzerland.

2007- *Social Scientist Award* under the Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme, University Grant Commission, New Delhi, India.

2003-*Junior Fellowship awarded by the Department of Culture, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Government of India (Declined).*  
1998-*COSAS fellowship, University of Chicago.*  
1995-96-*COSAS fellowship, University of Chicago.*  
1994-95- *American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Junior Fellowship*  
1993-“*First Year” Dissertation Fellowship* awarded by the Mellon Foundation, University of Chicago.  
1993- *Overseas Dissertation Research Fellowship* awarded by the Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.  
1993-*COSAS (Committee on Southern Asian Studies) fellowship, University of Chicago, for archival research work in India and England.*  
1989-1993-*University of Chicago Unendowed Fund fellowship* for Graduate Studies Program at the Department of Political Science, University of Chicago  
.1989-1993 *National Scholarship* awarded by the Government of India to pursue Ph.D degree abroad.

### **Other Teaching Experience:**

Was invited to teach a course at Centre for Linguistics of the School of Languages, Literature and Culture, JNU, in 2008.  
2007, Honorary Guest Lecturer, AIIS-IES, Delhi for the India Study abroad Program.  
2002- Lecturer, University of Chicago.  
1997-98- Lecturer, Division of Social Science, University of Chicago, and Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago.  
1996-Lecturer, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago, and Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago.  
1992-93-Lecturer, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago.  
1988-89- Lecturer, Vasanta College for Women, Rajghat, Varanasi.

### **Independent Research Experience:**

1993-1994- Worked on a Research project titled *Violence and Public Policy in India* funded and supported by the UPAA, Nainital, Uttarakhand, India.

### **Academic and Administrative Engagements at JNU :**

*Member, Centre Committee* of the Centre for Canadian,US and Latin American Studies, SIS, JNU, for two years since 02.01.2018 nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of JNU.  
*Convener* of the workshop on Territoriality, Citizenship, Migration and Global Governance organized by JNU in association with University of Edinburgh, February 24-25, 2016 at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.  
*Nominated as a Dean’s Member on the Board of Studies of the School of Social Sciences(BOS) JNU for a period of three years w.e.f. 28.10.13 to 27.10.16.*  
*External Member for the Centre for Linguistics, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, JNU for two years w.e.f. 07.09.2013-2015*  
*JNUTA School of Social Sciences Representative, 2012-13.*  
*Coordinator* for the 40<sup>th</sup> Refresher Course in Political Science Organized by UGC Academic Staff College, JNU, October 8, 2012 to Nov 2, 2012.  
*Weekly Seminar Coordinator* at CPS/JNU, for the Academic Year 2012-2013  
*Warden, Koyna Hostel, Pachimabad, J.N.U, New Delhi (October 2009-till present)*  
*Convenor, Library Committee for the DSA library of CPSJNU for 2009-2014.*  
*Member, Library Committee of the School of Social Sciences, JNU, 2010-*

*In-charge* of the books acquisition for the SAP Library at the CPS/SSS/JNU for the year 2008-9.

*Nominated as a Dean's Member of the Board of Studies of the School of Social Sciences, JNU, for the period of 2008-11.*

*Coordinator* of the Committee for revision of courses of Indian Politics for the M.A. programme at the CPS/SSS/JNU 2005-08.

Organized an International Seminar (with Sudha Pai) on *Interrogating States Reorganization Commission: Culture, Identity and Political Economy in Independent India* at NMML, New Delhi, Sept 25-26, 2008.

*Convenor* of an International Seminar on 'State and Democracy in India: Critical Reflections' organized at the Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, March 23-24, 2006.

*Coordinator for the Weekly faculty Seminar* at CPS/SSS/JNU for two years 2004-06

### **Reviewer, Referee and Editorial Advisor for Academic Research Centres, Journals and Publishers:**

*Member, Expert Committee to review/revise the syllabus of IGNOU's course.*

*Peer Reviewer for the EURAC Federal Scholar in Residence Program, Bozen, Italy.*

*Reviewer for the ICHR and ICSSR proposals for grants and awards.*

*Regional Editor, Vol 6, part 1, The Languages of Bihar and Vol 31, Part 1, The Languages of Uttar Pradesh of People's Linguistic Survey of India (PLSI), Orient Blackswan Private Limited, New Delhi, 2013.*

*Manuscript Reviewer for the Cambridge University Press, UK (2017)*

*Manuscript Reviewer for the Oxford University Press, India, U.K. and USA (2012-)*

*Manuscript Reviewer for the Orient BlackSwan Private Limited (New Delhi, India)2012-*

*Manuscript Reviewer for the Routledge Publications, London.*

*Content Reviewer for Political Science for the E-PG Pathshala, Funded and supported by the MHRD of Government of India (2012-*

*Peer Reviewer for the Journal of Multicultural Discourses, published by Routledge of Taylor and Francis Group, London, UK.*

*Coherence: A Multi-Disciplinary Journal* (D.A.V.College for Girls, Yamunanag, Haryana.

### **Areas of Teaching and Research Competence:**

Indian Government and Politics, Comparative Politics, Nationalism, Culture and Identity Politics, Language and Politics, Cultural Studies, South Asian History and Politics, Political Economy of Development, State and Politics in South Asia, Gender Studies, Modern Indian Languages and Literatures and Social Theory.

### **Linguistic Competence:**

Fluent in reading, writing and speaking of English, Hindi and Urdu; reading and writing of Sanskrit, and speaking of Punjabi and Oriya languages.

### **Panelist on T.V. Shows:**

1. A panelist on the show 'A Page from History' on *Lok Sabha TV* in Nov, 2009.
2. A panelist on the '55 years of the States Reorganisation Act' in the show 'A Page from History' on *Lok Sabha TV*, August 15, 2011.
3. A panelist on the *NDTV 24x7* special program 'We the People' on July 27, 2013.
4. Commentator on Hyderabad in *India TV*, July 29, 2013.

5. Expert's views in a Documentary titled 'Pradhanmantri' on *ABP News*, August 3-4, 2013
6. A panelist on the show 'A Page from History' on Lok Sabha TV in December 2013
7. A panelist on the show 'Insight' on Lok Sabha TV on February 10, 2014.
8. A panelist on the show 'A Page From;History' about "Language in Conflict: 50 years Later" on *Lok Sabha TV*, February 2, 2015.

### **Featured and Interviewed in:**

1. "Is Small Simpler?" in *Democratic World*, March 2013, Issue no 16, Vol 43.
2. "Asmita ke Sang" in *The Public Agenda* (Hindi monthly magazine) August 15, 2013
3. "Reorganization of States: Geography Lesson Revised" in the special cover story of the "United States of India" in *Outlook Magazine*, Republic day special, February 6, 2012.

### **International Presentations & Conferences:**

Panelist at the Book Launch event titled *Will to Argue: Studies in Colonial and Postcolonial Controversies* at India International Centre, New Delhi, January 12, 2018.

Invited to deliver an Inaugural Lecture under the Public Lecture Series initiated by the Department of Political Science, Miranda House, University of Delhi on 'Words as Deeds': *Gandhi's Politics on the Language Question*, September 15, 2017.

*Vernacular is Regional: Thinking through the Political-Linguistics* at the International Conference on Purifying the Dialect of the Tribe: Cross-Cultural Concerns in colonial and Post-colonial India at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, May 17-19, 2017.

*Linguistic Diversity and the Question of Linguistic Minorities in India* at the International Seminar on Linguistic Diversity in South and Southeast Asia, November 21-23, 2016, India International Centre, New Delhi.

Delivered a lecture titled *Language Rights in an Imagined Nation State: Reflections from the Constituent Assembly Debates in Modern India* at the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, on October 13, 2016.

Invited to present a paper titled *Territories to States: The Making of Political Boundaries in Independent India, 1947-56* at the International Workshop on Midnights' Institutions: Rethinking Political Imagination and Institutional Change after India's Independence, 1947-60 at Yale University, USA, sponsored by the South Asia Studies Council and the MacMillan Centre of Yale University, April 22-24, 2016.

*Linguistic Territorialism or Linguistic States in Independent India* at the workshop organized by J.N.U in association with University of Edinburgh, February 24-25, 2016 at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Invited to deliver an annual day lecture at Sri Venkateshwara College, Delhi University on *State Formation in India*, February 22, 2016

Invited to be a *Discussant* for the conference on Discrimination, Difference and Legal Justice in India, February 3-4, 2016, JNU.

“Linguistic Inequality as Poverty: Issues for the Political Economy of Development in India” at the Research Symposium on *Language and Poverty: From ‘Language Policy to Public Policy on ‘Multilinguality, Education and Labour’*, British Council and NMRC, JNU, held at JNU, November 17, 2015.

“Vernacularism or Vernacularization: Writing New Political Histories in Modern India” at the Department of Political Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad, October 16, 2015.

“Constitutionalizing Languages: A Political History of the Eighth Schedule in Independent India” at the International Seminar on *Comparative Literature: Questions of Language and Minority* organized by the Centre for Comparative Literature, University of Hyderabad, Oct 14-16, 2015.

“Vernacularizing the Past: Writing New Political Histories in Contemporary India” at the Annual Conference 2015 on *The Indian Vernacular: Languages, Literatures and Histories* organized by the Department of English, Delhi University, September 7-9, 2015.

*The Nation at Its Margins: Notes from the late Twentieth Century Colonial India* at the European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS), 2014, University of Zurich, July 23-26, 2014 at the panel titled The Nation and Its Margins: Dissonances

Invited to present a paper titled “Social Pluralism and Constitutionalism: Linguistic Minorities in Contemporary India” at the International Conference on *Religious Pluralism, Cultural Differences, Social and Institutional Stability: What Can We Learn from india?* at the Department of Political Science of “La Sapienza” University of Rome, June 9-10, 2014.

Invited to deliver a lecture on *Federalism in India* at the Nepal Centre for Contemporary Studies, Kathmandu, Nepal, February 16, 2013.

*Re-territorializing Federalism: The Demand for Smaller States in Contemporary India* at the International Conference on ‘Federalism in A Pluralistic Developing Societies: Learning from the European Experiences’ at the University of Karachi in collaboration with the Area Study Centre for Europe, University of Karachi and The Hanns Seidel Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan, November 6-7, 2012.

Invited to attend an International Round-Table meeting by *SANPAD* to participate at ‘The Developmental State Thematic Conference’ in Dublin, Ireland, 4-6 July, 2011.

### **National Conferences/Seminars/Workshops:**

Invited to deliver a lecture at the Centre for Linguistics of the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, JNU, on *Language Rights in Divided Societies: Some Reflections*, November 10, 2016.

Invited to deliver a special lecture at the National Seminar titled *Bhasha aur Rajniti ka Badalta Swarup* at Sri Venkateswara College, Delhi University, March 19, 2016



Invited to speak at the panel discussion on *Framing the Question of India: Honoring the Scholarly Legacy of Susanne and Lloyd Rudolph* at the Delhi Centre of the University of Chicago, March 17, 2016.

Invited to deliver a lecture at the UGC-HRDC, JNU for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Orientation Programme on December 7, 2015

Invited to deliver a lecture at the Academic Staff College, JNU for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Refresher Course in Contemporary Studies on April 27, 2015.

*Is it a Region, Border, Territory, State or Nation: Thinking through the Political Geography of Modern India* at the National Conference on “Framing a Region: New Perspectives on North East India” organized by the JNIAS & NEISP, JNU, March 25-27, 2015.

Invited to lecture on *Language and Politics: Critical Perspectives* at the Centre for Linguistics Studies, School of Languages, Cultures and Literature, JNU, March 16, 2015.

Delivered a lecture for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Refresher Course in Political Science at the Academic Staff College, JNU on February 26, 2015 on *Old and New States: Questions of Territorial-Political Rights*.

Invited to be a discussant for the lecture by Prof Werner Menski on *Niti and Patangbazi* held at the Committee Room of School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi, February 17, 2015.

Chaired a session on *Empirical Studies: Politics, Policy and Development* of the Young Scholars Conference at the Centre for Political Studies, JNU, New Delhi, February 16, 2015.

Invited to chair a session at the Colloquium on *Philosophy, Language and the Political: Re-evaluating Post-structuralism* at JNU, New Delhi, December 10-11, 2014.

Invited to be a panelist at the book release and discussion of *Revisiting 1956: B.R. Ambedkar and States Reorganisation*, (authored by Sudha Pai and Avinash Kumar) organized by Orient BlackSwan and India International Centre, September 11, 2014.

Invited to chair the session on Election 2014,: Implications for Dalit and Minorities in India’ at Jamia Milia Islamia, September 3, 2014

Invited for a talk on *The Linguistic-Cultural Diversity in South Asia* at the South Asian University, New Delhi, April 25, 2014.

Delivered a lecture titled *The New Linguistic Order: A Global Agenda* at the Academic Staff College for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Refresher course in Global Studies, JNU, April 24, 2014.

Chaired the workshop on *Language and the Political in Modern World* at JNU, April 9, 2014

Invited to deliver a lecture on a symposium *Language Biodiversity* at the Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, March 22-23, 2014.

Chaired the session on *People, Space and Politics* organized by North East India Studies Programme (NEISP), JNU, February 28, 2014.

*Keynote Address* at the Centre for Linguistics, JNU, on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day, February 21, 2014.

*Language Diversity: Case of English and Hindi* at the World Book Fair, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, February 16, 2014 Organized by Bhasha Centre, Sahitya Akademi, Lalit Kala Akademi and Orient Blackswan.

*Problematizing the 'Present' in the Political: Antinomies of Regions and States in Contemporary India* at the 74<sup>th</sup> Indian History Congress, December 28-30, 2013 at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Orissa.

*Language, Community and Nation* at the Academic Staff College for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter School in Humanities (Foreign Language), JNU, December 26, 2013.

*Tradition and Modernity: Going Beyond the Binaries* at the Inter-disciplinary Seminar on Towards Understanding 'Modernization of Indian Traditions' at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU, New Delhi, December 9-11, 2013.

*Language Regimes and State Traditions in Modern India* at the Academic Staff College for the 41<sup>st</sup> Refresher Course in Political Science, JNU, November 1, 2013.

Invited to be a panel moderator and participant in *Dealing with the Costs of Division: A Dialogue Towards Reconciliation* at the Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy, Chennai, September 21, 2013.

Invited to be a discussant for a panel on "Politics of Telangana Movement: Dynamics of Region, Caste and Power" at the National Workshop on *Regions and Regionalism in India: Issues and Concerns* at Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies, New Delhi, July 26, 2013.

Participated and chaired a session as a *regional editor* at the 'Translation Workshop' of the State Reports of the People's Linguistic Survey of India (PLSI), April 18-19, 2013 organized by Bhasha Research Publication Centre, Vadodara in collaboration with School of Translation Studies and Training, IGNOU, New Delhi.

*Minority Rights in India* at the "First EURAC Summer School of Human Rights, Minorities and Federalism in India" organized by the European Academy Bolzano/Italy and the Tibet Policy Institute (Dharamsala), at IIC, New Delhi, April 16, 2013.

*Parliament and the Institutionalized Political Representation in India* at the conference on "The Indian Parliament and Democratic Transformation" organized by India International Centre, Konard Adenauer Stiftung and Centre for Public Affairs, at the India International Centre, April 9-11, 2013.

*Language and Power: Politics and Poetics of Representation in Modern India* at the International Seminar on "Language and Power: Perspectives, Issues and Impact" organized by Special Center for Sanskrit Studies in collaboration with University of Illinois, Urbana –Champaign, USA and Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore at J.N.U, New Delhi, April 6-7, 2013.

*Language Conflicts and Democracy in India* at the UGC-ASC, Dept of Political Science, CPDHE, Delhi University, March 20, 2013.

*Re-casting State/s Formation in Contemporary India* at the “International Symposium on State and Social Movements: Violence, Health and Food Security” organized by the Department of Sociology, Purdue University, USA and the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Chennai at the Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai, March 13-14, 2013.

*What is New in Indian Federalism Today?* at the National Seminar on “Indian Federalism: Emerging Issues and Challenges”, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Evening College, University of Delhi, 8-9<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Invited to review the volume on Himachal Pradesh of the *People Linguistic Survey of India* (PLSI) at the National Editorial Collective, Final Consultative Meeting of *Bhasha Research and Publication Centre* held at the ICSSR, September 21-23, 2012.

*Violence on/ of Languages: The Political Topography of Linguistic Nationalism* at the International Seminar on ‘Religion, Violence and Language’ held at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, April 9-11, 2012.

*Language and Territory: Issues of Rights and Identities* at the National Seminar on Scripts and Languages of Modern India with Special Reference to Konkani’ at Kalaangann, Manglore on March 10-11, 2012,

*Is There a Need for the Second States Reorganisation in India* at an International Seminar on *Re-envisioning States Reorganisation in India* at the Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi on January 21-22, 2012.

Discussant at ‘Re-appraising Governmentality as a Mode of Power in Colonial and Post-Colonial South Asia’, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Studies, JNU, New Delhi, November 11, 2011.

Discussant at the seminar ‘Legislative Institutions in India: Assessment and Future Direction’ held at JNU, Sept 1-2, 2011.

Invited to deliver a special lecture titled ‘Language, Territory and State: The Architecture of Indian Federalism’ at the *Institute of Social Sciences*, New Delhi on August 30, 2011.

Discussant in *Literary Dialogues* on ‘Razia Sultan’ at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, August 20, 2011.

*Vernacularizing the Present: Rewriting the Political Histories of Contemporary India* at the lecture Series and Colloquium on “Connecting Contemporary Orissa: Structure, Agency and Discourses” organized by the Department of History, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Orissa on May 17-18, 2011.

*Discussant* at the ‘Making of Casteless Society in India: Discourses and Mobilizations’ held at CSSS/SSS/JNU, on April 7, 2011.

*Poetics and Politics of Communication in Gandhi* at the International Seminar on ‘Rethinking Gandhi: A Communication Perspective’ at Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, March 22-23, 2011.

*Language(s), Culture(s) and Region(s): Identity Politics in Independent India* at the International Seminar on ‘Language, Culture and Identity: Issues and Challenges’ at Aligarh Muslim University organized by the Department of Linguistics in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore and ICSSSR on February 8-10, 2010.

*Language and Power: A Long View* at an International Seminar on *Endangered Languages in India* at IIC, New Delhi, Oct 22-23, 2009 organized by INTACH, SAHITYA ACADEMY, JNU, CIIL and IIC.

*Telengana and the Indian Elections 2009: Rhetoric or Reality?* at the SAMAJ workshop on Indian Elections 2009 at Indian International Centre, Delhi, July 31, 2009.

*Vernacularizing the Public Sphere: Community Identity Formation in Colonial North India* at an interdisciplinary Conference ‘Non-Metropolitan Modernisms’ organized by the Dept of English, University of Delhi, March 25-27, 2009.

*Hind Swaraj: A Civilizational-Cultural Text* at the Hind Swaraj Centenary International Seminar on Social Development and the Human Civilisation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, India International Centre, New Delhi, 12-14 February, 2009.

*Language(s), Culture(s) and Region (s): Identity Politics in Independent India* at the XXth Conference of the International Association of Historians of Asia at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, November 14-17, 2008.

*Nehru and the State(s) Formation of an Indian Nation* at International Seminar on Nehruvian Legacy in a Neo-liberal Era at the Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, November 12-14, 2008.

*Nehru and the Communicative Public Sphere: Making of Civil Society in Post-Colonial India* at an International Seminar on Globalisation and Eurasia at the Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, November 9-12, 2008.

*Nehru and the States Reorganization: The Making of Political India* at an International Conference, “Interrogating States Reorganization: Culture, Identity and Political Economy in Independent India”, at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti House, New Delhi, September 25-26, 2008.

*Linguistic Diversity in a Federal Polity: An Indian Experience* at an International Conference Representing Diversity, organized by Jawaharlal Nehru University and Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla at JNU, New Delhi, April 3-4, 2008.

Invited to participate in the *India Roundtable on Diversity and Unity: Indian Experiences*, at Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh, March 18, 2008.

*Tribal Languages and Cultural Politics in Contemporary India* at Chotro International Conference on *Janajatis: Language, Literature, History, Culture* at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, on 2-5<sup>th</sup> January, 2008.

*Gandhi's Politics of Language: Search for Cultural Secularism* at the Satyagraha Centenary International Conference on "Globalization of the Gandhian Way: Sociology, politics and Science of Satyagraha (1906-2006)" at J.N.U, New Delhi, November 13-16, 2007.

*Translating Social Sciences* at the National Seminar on "Translating Literature and Humanities" organized by NBT Delhi and CIIL, Mysore on the occasion of NBT's Golden Jubilee, September 28-29, 2007 held at CIIL, Mysore.

*Culture(s) as Language(s): Nationalist Discourse and the State Formation of Modern India*, at the Seminar "The Contentious Question of Culture(s) in Contemporary Societies", Department of Germanic and Romance Studies, University of Delhi, March 1-3, 2007.

*Historical Archives and Politics: Doing Political Ethnography in Contemporary India* at Pant Institute of Social Sciences, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, March 3, 2006 as part of the Conference –cum-Workshop on *Qualitative Research Methodology* organized by Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Jhusi, Allahabad, from 27-2-2006 to 4.3.2006.

*Languages, Cultures and Regions: Identity Politics in Independent India* at the International Conference on "Identity, Cultural Pluralism and State" organized by the Anthropological Survey of India, February 27-March 1, 2006 at Delhi.

*Gandhi and the Language Question in Colonial India* at an All-India Conference on "Rethinking the National Legacy: Gandhi and the Freedom Movement" held at Gandhi Studies Centre, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi on February 20-21, 2006.

*Region and Nation: Dialectic and Dilemma of Identity Politics in Modern India* at the National Seminar on "Structure and Dynamics of Indian Politics", Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts, MS University of Baroda, Vadodara, January 16-17, 2006.

*Political Rhetoric and Indian Democracy* at the International Conference on "Distinctiveness of Indian Democracy", Department of Political Science, Delhi University on April 8-9, 2005.

Participated in the 32<sup>nd</sup> *Refresher Course in Political Science* organized by the Academic Staff College, JNU, New Delhi, 21-2.2005 to 31-3-2005.

*Hindustani: A Case for Linguistic-Cultural Syncretism in Colonial India* at the International Conference of SSEASR (South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Religion) January 27-30, 2005 at Delhi, India.

*(Im)Possibility of the Nation and its Form (s)* at the International Conference on "Indian Democracy and Cultural Nationalism: Critical Perspectives" at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, March 17-18, 2004.

*Discussant* at “Democracy and Diversity: India and the American Experience”, University of Pennsylvania Institute of Advanced Study of India, January 24-25, 2003 at Delhi.

*Hindustani: Linguistic Liminalism or Cultural Syncretism* at the International Seminar on “Lived Islam: Liminality, Accomodation and Adaptation”, Konrad Adenauer Foundation at Goa, December 4-7, 2002.

*Modernity of Tradition: A Reconceptualization* at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, February 26, 2002.