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#### **Academic Position:**

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

Chair, (2019-2021) Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU.

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.  
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.

[http://www.oup.co.in/search\\_detail.php?id=144696](http://www.oup.co.in/search_detail.php?id=144696)

#### ***Chapters in Edited Volumes:***

**JNU: A University with Difference** (co-authored with Rajarshi Dasgupta) in R.R.Sharma (ed) *Nehru's Luminous Legacy; The Jawaharlal Nehru University, Fifty years and Thereafter* (New Delhi: Aakar Books, January 2024) pp311-322

**Linguistic State Formation;1900-2000** in G.N.Devy, Tony Joseph and Ravi Korisettar (ed) *The Indians: Histories of a Civilization* (New Delhi: Aleph Book Company, 2023).

**Linguistic-Cultural Minorities in Nehruvian India** in Anvita Abbi and Kapila Vatsyayan (ed). *Linguistic Diversity in South and Southeast Asia* (New Delhi: Primus Books, January 2022) pp158-174

**Language Commissions and Committees: Institutional Framework for Language Policy after Independence** in Sudha Pai (ed) *Constitutional and Democratic Institutions in India: A Critical Analysis* (Orient Blackswan, New Delhi: November 2019, pp 451-474.

**Indian Parliament and Its Modes of Political Representation** in Ajay Mehra (ed)- *The Indian Parliament and Democratic Transformation* (UK: Routledge, January 2018, pp 85-98). The Weblink to this volume is- <https://www.amazon.com/Indian-Parliament-Democratic-Transformation/dp/1138243833>

**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).

**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, Accommodation 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/>

### **Articles and reports in Peer-reviewed Journals:**

**Imtiaz Ahmad: A Scholar and Teacher of All Seasons (1940-2023)** in *Social Scientist*, Vol 51, No 7-8, July-Aug, 2023, pp 97-102.

**Imtiaz Ahmad (1940-2023): An Extraordinary Scholar and Teacher** in *Economic and Political Weekly*, August 5, 2023. <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:AP:a6a19512-058f-43d4-ac39-4fc0c161f5e7>

**Language Policy and Federalism in Independent India** (co-authored with Abhimanyu Sharma), Occasional Paper Series #58, *Forum of Federations, A Global Network of Federalism and Devolved Governance* (Canada) June 2022. <https://forumfed.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/OPS-58-Language-Policy.pdf>

**Local Government in India: Responses to Urban Rural Challenges**, November 2021 (The Country Report on Local Government in India is a product of the LoGov project "Local Government and the Changing Urban-Rural Interplay" as part of the H2020-MSCA-RISE 2018-24 project, EURAC Research, Bolzano, Italy).

**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*, (Routledge Publications: USA), 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, 200, 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). PP123-129  
<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>

### ***Articles in Academic Magazines, Newspapers and E-portals:***

**2024 Elections amidst Authoritarian Centris: A Mandate Against Democratic Backsliding in India**, Published by ACL-AIDC Blog, November 21, 2024; link <https://blog-iacl-aidc.org/2024-posts/category/Federal+Coalitions>

**Re-amalgamation and Challenges of Decentralized Local Governance: The Case of Delhi**, an editorial in LoGov Newsletter, February 2024.

**Atrophy of Languages in Times of Digitization** in *Seminar*, #742, June 2021, pp 20-24

**Too Diverse a Nation** in *Frontline*, Vol 39, No 11, May 21-June 3, 2022, ISSN 09701710,  
<http://frontline.thehindu.com> (special issue on *Language Imperialism*)

**Hindi Card for a Hindu Rashtra** in *Frontline*, October 11, 2019,  
<https://frontline.thehindu.com/the-nation/article29506894.ece>

**Language Resistance to Formula** in *Frontline*, July 19, 2019.

<https://frontline.thehindu.com/cover-story/article28259443.ece>

**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**, op-ed in *The Hindu*, June 1, 2015

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/telangana-rising-social-justice-and-equality/article7268429.ece>

**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). <https://www.deccanherald.com/content/347514/development-secularism-mantra.html>

<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)

### ***Book-Reviews:***

**Reconceptualizing Power in Language Policy: Evidence from Comparative Cases**, A review published in *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*, January 2024.

**A Life Reduxed: An Autobiography** in *The Book Review*, Vol XLIII, No 10, October 2019, pp. 33-34 <https://thebookreviewindia.org/>

**Will to Argue: Studies in Late Colonial and Post-Colonial Controversies** in *Studies in History*, Volume: 35 issue: 2, August 1, 2019, page(s): 285-289

**From Dialect to Language: A Historic Struggle** in *The Book Review*, Vol XLIII, No 5, May 2019, pp 49-51 <https://thebookreviewindia.org/from-dialect-to-language-a-historic-struggle/>

**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). <http://thebookreviewindia.org/politics-onof-language-in-pakistan/>

**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.

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

Invited to be a *member of the Editorial Board of the Occasional Paper series of the Forum of Federation*, 2021-22 (ISSN: 1922-558X (online ISSN 1922-5590).

Invited to join as a collaborator on the *Forum of Federation Project* on Federalism and Language Policy.

Invited to join the *Constitutionalism and Societal Pluralism: Diversity Governance*

*Compared* of The International Association of Constitutional Law (<https://iacl-aidc.org/index.php/en/research/research-groups/constitutionalism-and-societal-pluralism>)

Invited to be an academic collaborator for the *Global Humanities Project of the Cambridge University, Cambridge, London, UK, 2021-22.*

Invited to be a *Jury Member for the Federal Scholar in Residence Program 2020, Bolzano, Italy.*

Invited to be a non-funded academic partner of the *EURAC Research RISE 2018-24* on behalf of CPS/JNU

*Jury Member for the Federal Scholar in Residence Program 2020, Bolzano, Italy.*

Invited to be a non-funded academic partner of the *EURAC Research RISE 2020.*

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.*

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", Geneva, Switzerland for the period of 2012-15.

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 Experiences:***

2008, Was invited to teach a course at Centre for Linguistics of the School of Languages, Literature and Culture, JNU.

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.

### ***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***

*Chairperson*, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University from 1.7.2019 to 30.06.2021.

*Member, Board of Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU since 2014 onwards.*

*Member, Corpus Fund Committee, J.N.U, w.e.f. 04.06.2018*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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. Program 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:**

Reviewer for *Economic and Political Weekly* and *South Asia*.  
External Expert Member, Board of Studies, School of Liberal Arts, MIT-World Peace University, Pune.  
External Expert Member, Board of Studies, School of Liberal Arts, IP University, New Delhi.  
Member, Expert Committee to review/revise the syllabus of IGNOU's course.  
Peer Reviewer for the EURAC Federal Scholar in Residence Program, Bozano, 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 Springer Nature Publication, Switzerland.  
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).

**Membership:**

Association of Asian Studies  
Indian Association of Asian and Pacific Studies.  
Member, Research Committee 50 of International Political Science Association on 'Language and Politics'.

**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.
9. Invited to be a Panelist for the panel discussion on Crisis in Indian Political Thought organized by CPR and Lokniti-CSDS on October 8, 2020 at 4 pm via online zoom.

***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.

***M.Phil Dissertations and Ph.D Theses Supervision at CPS/SSS/JNU.*** Have supervised more than sixty theses and dissertations.

***International Presentations & Conferences:*** Have presented a large number of papers in various national and international conferences and seminars.