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ICSSR-Amartya Sen Award for Distinguished Social Scientist (Sociology) 2012.
Visiting Professor (ICCR Chair), University of Lund, Sweden. October 2012-June 2013.
Visiting Associate Professor, University of Bergen, Norway. May-June 2005.
Honorary Visiting Fellow, University of Wisconsin, Madison: January-June 2002.
South Asian Visiting Scholar, University of Oxford: January- June 1997.
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Other Appointments

Member, Editorial Board, Sociological Bulletin. 2024-

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Chairperson and Concurrent Faculty, Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. September 2013-14

Chairperson, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi 2011- 2012.

Member, General Body, Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF), Government of India 2014-2020

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Country Coordinator, Religions and Development Research Programme (DFID-University of Birmingham) 2006-2011.

Member, Editorial Board, Pacific Affairs. 2015-18.

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Contributions to Indian Sociology* 2013-Member International Advisory Board of *Sociology*, official journal of the British Sociological Association. 2004-2008.

Member Editorial Board of Sikh Formations, Routledge. since 2005.

Member, Editorial Advisory Board *Journal of Social and Economic Development.* since 2020.

Member, 'The Global Network on Inequality', Princeton University. 2007-10.

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Meanings of Change: Culture and Social Transformation in India and China, ICSSR Seminar, Jaipur April 8-9 2011.

'Plural Societies and Imperatives of Change'. International seminar April 19-20 2010.

Co-organized a national seminar on 'Changing Social Formations in Contemporary India', School of Scial Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. April 24-26 2003.

Co-ordinated (with Dipankar Gupta) a Refresher Course for college lecturers at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi July-August 2002

Organised a National Workshop on the theme 'Community and Identities: Interrogating Contemporary Discourses on India', Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, India. March 19th and 20th 1998.

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'Recasting the Rural'. Thapar School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Patiala. March 27, 2024.

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'Neo-liberal Democracies and Rural Futures: Making Sense of the Farmers' Movements in India 2020-21' South Asia Forum Lecture Series at the University of Zurich. March 09 2022. (online).

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'Social stratifications and identities in India' January 13, 2022. ISID, New Delhi.

'Persistence of Caste'. Foundation for Critical Discourse Nepal, Kathmandu. December 28 2021

'The Imaginaries of the rural'.. Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla. December 09 2021

'Farmers Movement and Emerging Solidarities in Rural Punjab: Caste, Class and Sikhi'. University of the Frazer Valley, Vancouver, Canada. April 23, 2021.

'Farm Bills and Current State of Indian Agriculture'. Department of HSS, IISER Mohali. 27 March 2021.

'Practice of science and the sociological imaginations'. The inaugural lecture, workshop on 'Social responsibility of Scientists: Pathways and outcomes'. NIAS, Bangalore. 15th March. 2021.

The Rural Conundrum: Making Sense of the Village in 21st Century India. IIT, Jodhpur. January 28 2021.

12th B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture, Beyond Politics and Political Action: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, The Social Scientist. Indian Institute of Dalit Studies. New Delhi December 30 2020 (online).

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'Diverse Diversities and State Policy: The Indian Experience of Living with Difference and Building Citizenship'. Keynote lecture. Asia as a Horizon for Thought: India, Experiences in Modernization and Development. Rabat, Morocco 11-12 December 2019

'Interrogating Dalitness'. Valedictory Lecture. Department of Sociology, Punjab University, Candhigarh March 28 2019.

'Social Change? Beyond the Hegemonic Narratives'. Keynote lecture at the annual conference of IASSI Conference, NIRD Hyderabad. January 11 2019.

'How do we make sense of caste in contemporary times?'. Ashoka University. November 26, 2018.

'Rural Conundrum' in seminar on a seminar on Transition to Transformation: Peace, Harmony and Happiness by CRRID and Pranab Mukherjee Foundation, IIC New Delhi. November 24. 2018.

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'How does caste matter in contemporary times?' Cultural Connection, Embassy of the United States of America. New Delhi. May 17, 2018.

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'Exclusion and inequality'. Institute of Social and Economic Change. Bangalore. April 24 2018.

'Being in the 'Middle', Being from the Margin: Revisiting Dalit Mobilities in Neo-liberal Times' Inaugural Lecture, International seminar on 'The political fate of egalitarian programmes: A comparison between India and Brazil' 19-20 March 2018 Council for Social Development (CSD), Hyderabad

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'Dalit Predicaments: Mobility, Mobilisations and Dilemmas of Identity'. 21 February 2018. All Souls College, University of Oxford. (Radhakrishnan Memorial Lectures).

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'Caste in contemporary times: Why and how does it matter?' Jindal Global University. Sonipat. August 24 2017.

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How not to study Caste. Plenary speaker, 42 Congress of the Indian Sociological Socoety, Tezpur University, Tezpur. December 27 2016.

'Exclusionary Rural Transformations: Social Dynamics of Caste and Community in the Non-farm Economy'. Paper presented at an international workshop on Social Inclusion and Poverty Eradication. Harvard University, November 17-18, 2016.

'Caste in Contemporary India: Why should it still matter?' Public Lecture. University of Kassel, Germany. June 22 2016.

'The "Other" Democracies: Caste, Power and Citizenship in Contemporary India'

'Counter-cosmopolitan? Ethnic Formations in the Campus Life of JNU'. University of Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany. June 17 2016.

'Reimagining the Rural'. Tata Institute of² Social Sciences, Hyderabad Campus. March 21 2016.

'Social Dynamics of Rural Non-Farm Economy'. South Asian University, New Delhi. February 17 2016.

'Identities Matter: Culture, Categories and Social Science Research. ISID, New Delhi. February 23 2016.

'Caste, Religion and Politics. Observer Research Foundation'. January 19 2016.

'Religious Diversities and the Indian Middle Classes'. December 8 2015. University of Aahrus, Denmark.

'Caste Matters: Aspirations, Identities and Political Orientation among the Youth in Delhi'. Paper presented at a seminar on Youth in Contemporary South Asia, St. John's College, University of Oxford, Oxford. May 21-22 2015

'Old Realities, New Perspectives: Towards a Comparative Sociology of Caste' Giri Institute, Lucknow. February 16 2015.

'Revisiting Caste, Reimaging India'. Azim Premji University, Bangalore. February 5 2015.

'Ascriptive Hierarchies: Caste and Comparative Understanding of Social Inequalities'. Presidency University, Kolkatta December 22 2014.

'Revisiting the Rural, Re-framing 'Ruralilty': 'Rural Sociology' and the Study of Village Society in Contemporary India' A. R. Desai Memorial Lecture, University of Bombay, Mumbai. November 28 2014.

'How ddo we frame the study of the Rural'. Keynote address at Third Workshop of the Network of Rural and Agrarian Studies (NRAS). Bhopal. October 30 2014.

'Inequalities; Quantitative and Qualitative'. Keynote speaker at conference on Rethinking Social Inequality. Volkswagen Foundation, Hannover, Germany May 13-15, 2014.

'Young People in Delhi: Aspirations, Identities and Politics'. National University of Singapore, Singapore. April 16. 2014.

'Neo-Liberal Ruralities: Re-visiting agrarian changes in northwest India'. Professor Pradeep Kumar Memorial Lecture. Department of Political Science. Panjab University, Chandigarh. March 27 2014.

Making Sense of Rural Social Change. Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi. 21 March 2014 (Two days seminar on Econom Growth and Social Transformations)

'Caste and Power: Emerging Patterns and Perspective'. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture. NISSWAS, Bhubneshwar. February 14 2014.

'Caste Question in Punjab Studies'. Paper presented in a seminar on Punjab Today, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi. February 6 2014.

'Secular State, Religious Communities and Politics of the Public Sphere in Democratic India', paper presented in a seminar on Society, Religion and Modernity in India. University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad. November 27 2013.

'Battling for dignity: mobility, identity and Dalit initiatives for change'. Paper presented in a seminar on 'Social Mobility and Inequality in post-reform India'. Department of Sociology, University of Delhi. November 7, 2013

'Caste and Class Inequalities in India'. University oif Bologna, Italy, October 11 2013.

The Myth of "Global Village". Guest Speaker at the Graduation Ceremony, Masters Programmes in Social Sciences, University of Lund, Lund, Sweden. June 11 2013.

'The Pursuit of Happiness?'. Guest Speaker at the BIDS Graduation Ceremony. University of Lund, Lund, Sweden, June 10 2013.

'Indian Village in Neo-liberal Times'. Centre of Global South Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. 2 May 2013.

'The Indian Middle-Class: Number Games and Social Change'. SASNET, University of Lund, Sweden. 24 April 2013.

'Futures of Caste and Power'. Department of Literature, History of ideas and Religion (LIR), University of Gothenburg, Sweden. 19 April 2013.

'Neo-liberal Ruralities'. Development Studies Group, Department of Political Science, University of Lund, Sweden. 16 April 2013.

'Engaging with Caste in Contemporary India: Changes and Reproduction of Social Inequality'. International Workshop on 'Better Business without Caste Discrimination' Oslo. Norway. April 5 2013. (Keynote speaker).

'Could there be a Future of Caste?'. International Seminar, Entrenched Inequalities - East and West. Theories of inequality. University of Lund March 27 2013.

'Rise of the Plebeian: Re-imagining Caste and Politics in Contemporary India'. Department of Political Science, University of Lund, Swedden. March 20 2013.

'Beyond the Binaries of 'Bharat' and 'India': Reimagining the Rural-urban in Contemporary Times'. International workshop on "Urbanization and Migration in Transnational India: Work and Family Life from a Welfare Perspective", organized by ISEC-Lund University. Bangalore 5 March 2013 (Keynote speaker).

'Caste in Constructs. Caste in life'. University of Lund, Lund, Sweden. February 26 2013.

'Colonialism and constructions of 'rurality' and 'backwardness' in India'. University of Lund, Lund, Sweden. February 25 2013.

'Caste and Democracy: Dalit Identity and Politics of Citizenship'. Department of Political Science, University of Stockholm, Sweden. February 15 2013.

What's Happening to the Countryside? Agrarian Change and the Social Order of Caste in Northwest India. Department of Sociology, University of Lund, Lund, Sweden. November 1, 2012.

'The Futures of Caste'. University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway. November 24, 2012.

'A Forgotten "Revolution": Revisiting Rural Life and Agrarian Change in Haryana'. Village Conference. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi November 19 2012.

Indian Village in the 'Neo-Liberal' Times: Changing Economies, Power and Identities. University of Lund, Lund, Sweden. October 12, 2012.

'Making Sense of Caste in Contemporary India'. Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. June 07 2012.

'In the Footsteps of Ambedkar: Dalit Activists of Delhi': Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics. April 13 2012.

'Communities: Old and New'. Plenary Lecture, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. February 17 2012.

'Rural Social Change: Learning from the Indian Experience'. SANPAD, Durban, November 22 2011.

'Agrarian Changes in the Times of (Neo-Liberal) "Crises" Revisiting Attached Labour in Haryana'. University of Oxford. July 2011.

'What is happening to the rural?: Revisiting marginalities and dominance in rural northwest India'. University of Oxford, Oxford, March 29 2011.

Can the Language of Social Exclusion help us Develop a Critical Sociology of Caste? University of Hyderabad, March 23 2011

'Biography of Rural Development in India'. SANPAD seminar on Rural Development, Beijing, China, February 29 2011.

'Challenges of diversity and the Indian Youth'. Macau, November 2 2010

Dalit Religious Movements. Paper presented at the conference of European Association of South Asian Studies, Bonn, Germany, July 27 2010

Religion, Politics and Governance: The Indian Experience. University of Birmingham, July 21 2010.

'Dalits and Religious Minorities'. Presented at the Kolkatta Group meeting on 'Eliminating Injustices', February 16 2010. Kolkatta.

"Engagements with Caste', Keynote Address to workshop on 'Mapping Marginalities', Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkatta. October 21 2009-10-22

'Changing Modes of Social Science Enquiry in India'. Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow, October 6 2009.

'Communities and Citizenship'. Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi. March 5 2009.

'Towards a Political Theory of Caste'. Centre for the Study Developing Societies, Delhi. March 3 2009.

'Development, Deprivation and Marginalization'. Keynote address. Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh, February 24 2009.

'Bondage and Beyond'. Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Debt Bondage in India 19 February 2009. organized by ILO sub-regional office, Delhi.

'A Forgotten "Revolution": Revisiting Agrarian Change in Haryana', Department of Sociology, Delhi University, February 6 2009.

'Targeting Marginalized Minorities: Religion and Community in the Pursuit of Development', University of Birmingham, UK, January 20 2009.

'Marginalities: Old and New', Plenary Lecture at the meeting of the Indian Sociological Society, Jaipur, December 28 2008.-_

'State, Politics and the Reproduction of Caste: The Making of Dalit Political Agency in Punjab, India' Lecture deliver at the University of Pennsylvania, USA December 5, 2008.

'Roundtable Talk on Poverty and Human Rights', Rafto Foundation, Bergen, Norway, August 10 2008.

'Social Movements for Social Change in Contemporary India: A Review of Literature'. University of Leeds, Leeds, UK. August 7 2008.

'Religion, Politics and Governance in Contemporary India'. University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, January 21 2008.

'Modernization, Development and Community'. School of Public Policy, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom, May 23 2007.

'In The Name of Globalization: Meritocracy, Productivity and the Hidden Language of Caste' International Conference on Discrimination, University of Princeton, Princeton, United States, May 18 2007.

'Who Will Speak for the Village: Agrarian Change and Marginalizing Ruralities in Contemporary India'. Department of Sociology, University of Pune, Pune February 27 2007.

'Development Deficit in the Muslim Minority: Making Sense of the Sachar Committee Report'. University of Birmingham, Birmingham (United Kingdom). January 23 2007.

'Religion, Reservations and Caste: Rethinking "Backwardness" of India's Minorities'. Institute of Human Development, Delhi. December 9 2006.

'Caste and Citizenship'. CIEFEL, Hyderabad August 10 2006-08-19

'Marginalizing Ruralities: 'Village' and 'Agriculture' in Contemporary India'. Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China. May 16 2006.

'Punjab after the Khalistan Movement'. CESS, Hyderabad. March 20 2006.

'Meanings of Dalit Identities in Contemporary India'. University of Bergen, Norway, June 7 2006.

'The Indian Village since Independence' India International Centre. October 5 2005. (New India Foundation lecture series).

'Beyond Crises: Rethinking Contemporary Punjab Agriculture'. Paper presented at a national seminar on Agrarian Distress and Farmers' Suicides in India. ANU, Guntur, A.P. February 24th 2005.

'Changing Caste and Local Democracy' Centre for Nepalese and Asian Studies, Kathmandu. November 30 2004.

'Globalisation and Agriculture' IRMA, Anand (Gujarat) December 15 2004.

'Globalization and India'. University of Bergen, Bergen. Norway. September 9, 2004.

'Dissociation, Distancing and Autonomy: Social Transformation and Caste Conflict in Rural Punjab'. Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan. June 26 2004.