

## Dr. Jyoti Atwal

### Designation:

**Associate Professor**, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (Assistant Professor, JNU 2001-2014) (Associate Professor, JNU 2014 - ).

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**Adjunct Professor**, Department of History, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Limerick, Ireland

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### Area of Specialization/Interest:

1) Indian women in the reformist, nationalist and contemporary perspectives; socio-cultural and religious aspects of women's lives in colonial and post colonial India; women's agenda and the nation; autobiographies of women and narratives of the personal and the political domains; politics of representations of gender relations in colonial India; entangled histories of Indian, Irish and British women.

2) Intellectual history of India (with special reference to 19<sup>th</sup> century).

*Recent project:* Writing biography of an Irish Suffragette, Margaret Cousins (1878-1954).

### Qualifications and Training:

Ph.D JNU (2011)

M.Phil JNU (2001)

M.A (Modern Indian History): Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU. (1999)

B.A History (Hons): Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, New Delhi. (1997)

2013: Completed a UGC sponsored Refresher course in Disaster Management, Academic Staff College, JNU.

2011: Completed a University Grants Commission (UGC) training on '**Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education: Sensitivity/Awareness/Motivation**' organized at GinniDevi Modi Girls PG College Modinagar, Uttar Pradesh, October 31-November 4, 2011.

2006: Completed *University Grants Commission* sponsored training course in History for University teachers (Academic Staff College, JNU) .

2007: Completed *University Grants Commission* sponsored training course in 'Orientation' to other disciplines for University teachers (Academic Staff College, JNU) .

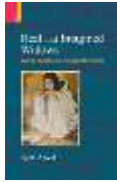
1999: Passed the University Grants Commission's *National Eligibility Test* (to teach at the higher education level)

1994: Completed two courses in French language one from Delhi University, other from Institut Francais, Tel Aviv, Israel.

1991-1993: St Mary's School, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi.

## Publications:

### **Book:**



Atwal Jyoti, ***Real and Imagined Widows: Gender Relations in Colonial North India***. New Delhi: Primus Books, 2016, xii + 282pp., ISBN 978-93-84082-98-7. (<http://primusbooks.com/2016/real-and-imagined-widows-gender-relations-in-colonial-north-india-2/>)

(Reviewed by Prof Rachana Chakraborty, *Indian Historical Review*, Vol 44, Issue 1, pp. 154 – 156, First Published June 30, 2017, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0376983617694693>)

Reviewed by Dr Shadab Bano, *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, Vol 25, Issue 2, pp. 320 – 323, First Published May 20, 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0971521518761444>)

### **Articles (International):**



Atwal, J. (2018). Embodiment of Untouchability: Cinematic Representations of the “Low” Caste Women in India. *Open Cultural Studies*, 2(1), pp. 735-745. (De Gruyter )DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/culture-2018-0066>.



Atwal, Jyoti. 'Cultural Trauma and Welfare for the War Widows in India' *Politička Misao (Croatian Political Science Review)* in a special issue titled *Faces of Cultural Trauma*, No. 1 (2017), 54, 52-73.

(The journal "Politička misao" is published by Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb and is financed by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia. The journal appears in 600 copies. UGC approved journal serial no 393, Journal no 38066, ISSN 00323241 (List of Political Science and International Relations journals)

Atwal, Jyoti. 'Foul unhallow'd fires': Officiating Sati and the Colonial Hindu Widow in the United Provinces', *Studies in History*, 29.2 (2013): 229-272.

Atwal, Jyoti. 'Entangled Histories and the Right to Education: African, Indian and Swiss Women's Experiences and Struggles', in Susan Imhoff and Guy Thomas (eds), *Africa and Switzerland: Women in Processes of Religious and Secular Transformation : A Reader*, Centre for African Studies and Mission 21, Basel, 2012.

### **Articles in Journal (Indian):**

Atwal, Jyoti. 'Donna Haraway and Feminist Philosophy : The Cyborgic moment in Indian Feminist history', ***Homosapiens: A Travancore Journal of Philosophy***, Oriental Institute of Religious Studies, Kottayam, Vol 1, Issue 1, January 2018, pp43-56.

Atwal, Jyoti. 'Gender Equality for a Progressive Society', in a special issue on Empowering Rural Women, ***Kurukshetra***, Ministry of Information and Broadcast, Government of India, New Delhi, January 2018 pp46-49.

Atwal, Jyoti. 'Women in Indian National Movement' (Special segment on Independence day), ***Yojana***, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, New Delhi, September 2016, pp31-34.

Atwal, Jyoti. 'Revisiting Premchand: Shivrani Devi on Companionship, Reformism and Nation', ***Economic and Political Weekly***, Vol 42, No 18, 2007, pp1631-1637.

### **Articles in Books (Indian):**

Atwal, Jyoti. 'Women, Violence and Portuguese Identity in the Seventeenth-century European Narratives' in Pius Malekandathil, Lotika Varadarajan and Amar Farooqui (eds), *India, the Portuguese and Maritime Interactions*, Primus, New Delhi, 2019, pp264-276.

Atwal, Jyoti. 'Rebuilding Contemporary Afghanistan: The Dynamics of Gender Reform', in Nasir Raza Khan (ed), *India and Central Asia: Geopolitics, Economy and Culture*, Primus, New Delhi, 2016, pp167-181.

Atwal, Jyoti. 'Paradhin Bharat mein Vidhwa ki Dasha' (The Status of Widows in Colonial India), in Deepak Kumar and Devender Choubey (eds), *Hashiye ka Vrataan: Stri, Dalit aur Adivasi Samaj ka Vaikalpik Itihas* (A View from the Margins: A History of Women, Dalit and Tribal Societies), Aadhar Prakashan, Haryana, 2011. (In Hindi)

Atwal, Jyoti. 'A Cross-Cultural Trajectory of Responses to Colonialism: The Gender Question in Colonial India and Korea', in Vyjanti Raghavan (ed) *India and Korea through the Ages: Historical, Religious and Cultural Perspectives*, Manak Publications, New Delhi, 2009.

Atwal, Jyoti. 'Hindu Vidhwa ka Prashn: Sudharvad se Rashtravad' (The Widowhood Question: From Reformism to Nationalism'), in Devendra Choubey (ed) *Sahitya ka Naya Soundarya Shastra*, (A New Aesthetics of Literature) Kitabghar Publications, New Delhi, 2006. (In Hindi)

### **Book Reviews :**

Stephen Legg, *Prostitution and the Ends of Empire: Scale, Governmentalities, and Interwar India* in **South Asia Research**, Volume: 37 issue: 2, page(s): 228-230 Article first published online: June 13, 2017; Issue published: July 1, 2017, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0262728017700208>

Ranjana Harish and V Bharathi Harishankar edited *Re-defining Feminisms*, **Economic and Political Weekly**, Vol. 43, Issue No. 49, 06 Dec, 2008

### **Miscellaneous Publications**

1) 'Women's Reform in Afghanistan: Western and the Indigenous Responses', ***Afghanistan Times***, Kabul, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2008, pp2-3.

2) 'Conceptualizing A Nation: The Afghan National Museum', ***Daily Outlook Afghanistan***, Kabul, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2008, p5.

### **Courses Taught:**

MA Compulsory lecture Course on **Historical Methods**

MA and MPhil lecture Course on **Women in Ireland: Reforms, Movements and Revolutions (1840-1930) (WIRE)** (4 credits)

MA and MPhil lecture Course on **Women in Colonial India (WICI)** (4 credits)

MA and MPhil lecture Course on **History of Ideas in Colonial India** (4 credits)

MA and MPhil Seminar course on **Problems of Intellectual History** (4 credits)

### **Visiting Fellowships/Grants/Memberships and Appointments :**

**2018-2019:** Grant of ₹1,50,000 under the UPE II (University of Potential Excellence scheme) at JNU for a project entitled '**Sister Nivedita, Swami Vivekananda and Hindu Spirituality: Ireland and the Reconstruction of Hinduism as a Universal Religion**'.

**2017:** Grant of € 5,500 by the **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Ireland** ( towards covering costs associated with visit of a professor from Ireland and books on Irish history and literature).

**2017:** Appointed as **Adjunct Professor** at Department of History, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Limerick, Ireland from September 2017 till August 2022 .

<https://www.ul.ie/ULH/sites/default/files/MA%20Booklet%2017-18.pdf>

<https://www.jnu.ac.in/content/jnu-achievements>

**October 2015** onwards: Member, Editorial Board, **Women's History Review**, Routledge, UK.

**February 2015** onwards: Member, Advisory Committee, **India Study Centre Cork**, University College Cork, Ireland

**2016** :SPECTRESS Visiting Research Fellow , The Long Room Hub, Arts and Humanities Institute, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. 15<sup>th</sup> May-15<sup>th</sup> August 2016

[https://www.tcd.ie/trinitylongroomhub/fellowships/2012-visiting/jyoti\\_atwal.php](https://www.tcd.ie/trinitylongroomhub/fellowships/2012-visiting/jyoti_atwal.php)

**2015** Visiting Scholar, College of Wooster, Ohio, USA, 13<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.

**2014** Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Education and Social Work, University of Sydney, Australia, 5<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.  
Visiting Scholar, Department of History and New Zealand South Centre, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.

**2013** Visiting Scholar, The Cluster of Excellence "Religion and Politics" at the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany, 25<sup>th</sup> May to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

Visiting Researcher, Department of Study of Religions, School of Asian Studies, University College Cork, Ireland, 18<sup>th</sup> May to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

Visiting Professor, School of Languages and Intercultural Studies, Dublin City University, Ireland, 25<sup>th</sup> March to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

**2012** Visiting Researcher, Department of Study of Religions, School of Asian Studies, University College Cork, Ireland. 1<sup>st</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

The Long Room Hub Visiting Fellow, Arts and Humanities Institute, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. (1<sup>st</sup> May to 30 June 2012)

**2011** Visiting Professor at the History Department, Basel University, Basel, Switzerland. ( 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011)

\_Visiting Research Associate at the School of History and Anthropology, Queens University Belfast, Northern Ireland. (1<sup>st</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> February 2011)

Charles Wallace Trust (UK) research grant for 2011, (for travel to conduct research in the United Kingdom).

**2010** Visiting Researcher at Centre for Gender Research, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden. ( 4<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010)

Guest Scholar, Steinhardt Institute for Higher Education Policy, School of Culture, Education and Human Development, New York University, United States of America. (28<sup>th</sup> April- 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010).

1999 Indian Council for Historical Research MPhil research grant. (1999-2001)

### Miscellaneous Assignments

Referee for grant of Major Research Fellowship, The Leverhulme Trust, UK.

External Reviewer for Fellowships, Trinity Long Room Hub, **Trinity College Dublin**, Ireland

Reviewer for various manuscripts from **Routledge** (UK); Journal of the Irish Society for the Academic Study of Religions (Cork, Ireland); **Cork University Press** (Ireland); **Contemporary South Asia** (Routledge, UK), **Journal for Women's History** (John Hopkins University Press, USA).

**Dec 2018: Advisory Member, University College Dublin** research project led by **Prof Deirdre Raftery** to examine the professional needs and career trajectories of women teachers in India and in Pakistan (with UK Advisory Prof Maria Jaschok, University of Oxford).

Dec 2018: Bhagat Singh Chair Committee Member, CHS, JNU

April 2018 onward: Coordinator, Modern Indian History Section, CHS, JNU

September 2017 onward: Coordinator, Educational Research Records Unit, CHS, SSS, JNU

**August 2011- December 2014:** Coordinator of the Modern Indian History Section, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU.

**May 2017 & May 2015:** JNU Representative, All India JNU Entrance Exam, New Delhi Centre.

**December 2015:** CBSE NET EXAM Observer, Jaipur

**2014:** JNU Representative for conducting All India JNU Entrance Examination at Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir)

**2014:** Dean's Nominee to oversee the extension of Senior Research Fellowship at CSSS, SSS, JNU

**2010:** External member of the Question paper committee for Senior Secondary School Teacher's Recruitment Examination, Uttar Pradesh (State Government).

**2007:** External member of the Question paper committee of the All India Entrance Exam for admission to Bachelor of Arts degree programme of Jamia Millia University, New Delhi.

**2008-2010:** Member of the **Board of Studies** and **Academic Council** of JNU.

**2004-2006:** JNU Representative for conducting **All India JNU Entrance Examination** in Srinagar (2004), Imphal (2005) and Goa (2006).

**2002 -2012:** Performed additional duties of a **Warden** of a JNU student residence.

### Lectures delivered outside JNU:

**2018:** November 9th (Friday): 2018 1st KINDAS-Group 2 International Seminar (16:00-17:30) on *The Widowhood Question in Colonial and Contemporary India*, Centre for South Asian Studies, Yoshida Main Campus, Kyoto University, Japan

<https://www.indas.asafas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kindas/seminar-en/%E3%80%90kindas%E3%80%912018-1st-kindas-group-2-international-seminar-the-widowhood-question-in-colonial-and-contemporary-india/?lang=en>

November 14th (Wednesday): lecture to graduate students on *Emergence of Feminism and Mother India*, Centre for South Asian Studies, Yoshida Main Campus, Kyoto University, Japan <https://www.indas.asafas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kindas/seminar-en/%E3%80%90kindas%E3%80%912018-kindas-special-lecture-mother-india-and-emergence-of-feminism-in-india/?lang=en>

Delivered second V V Giri Memorial Lecture on 23 May 2018 at University College Dublin, Ireland **Magaret Cousins (1878-1954) in India and Ireland: Revisiting Suffragettes, National Ideals and Anti Imperialist Politics.**

<https://www.ucd.ie/law/newsandevents/events/vvgirilecture/>

Lecture at National Library of Ireland on ***Irish women in Indian History: Revisiting Sister Nivedita, Anne Besant and Margaret Cousins*** (hosted by **Women's History Association of Ireland** in association with the NLI), 5 June, 2018, Dublin.

2017 Lecture to MA class on ***Gender Debates in 19th c India: Perspectives on Acts relating to Sati (1829), Hindu widow remarriage (1856) and Age of Consent (1891)***, at Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Limerick, Ireland, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Delivered a guest lecture on ***Role of Women in the Indian National Movement***, at Department of History, Aggarwal College Ballabgarh, (affiliated to M.D.University, Rohtak) on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Delivered a lecture on 'Irish Women in the Indian Freedom Struggle' at a panel on ***India-Ireland: Pasts and Futures***, with Guest of Honour. Mr John Halligan. Hon'ble Minister of State Department of Training and Skills, Ireland, HE Ambassador Brian McElduff, Embassy of Ireland (New Delhi); Dr Anil Patil, Director, Board of College and University Development University of Mumbai; Prof Manjiri Kamat (Head, History Department, University of Mumbai) <http://mu.ac.in/portal/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/India-Ireland-Event-Invite-22.2.17.pdf>, at Department of History, University of Mumbai, Vidyanagari, Kalina campus, Santacruz ( East), Mumbai. 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.

Lecture on Margaret Elizabeth Cousins (1878-1956) at Special Lectures Series on *The Contribution of Protestant Women To the Nation's Birth* hosted by **Carrick On Shannon & District Historical Society**, Carrick On Shannon, Ireland 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

Lecture on 'Women's Movements in India: Reformism Vs Feminism (1900-2000)' at the **Institute for Social Movements at Ruhr University, Bochum**, Germany 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Lecture on 'Gender, Caste and Violence in Contemporary India', Lecture series on **Cultural Contexts of Gender-based Violence**, Cluster of Excellence (Religion and Politics), **University of Munster**, Germany, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

Lecture on Poziv na predavanje: 'Widows' Perspectives in Colonial India: Writing the Self', at **Faculty of Political Science of Zagreb University**, Zagreb, Croatia, May 27, 2016. <https://www.fpzg.unizg.hr/?@=2e1ou>

Lecture on '*Women, empire and resistance in colonial India: revisiting Gretta Cousins (1878-1954)*' at the **Centre for Contemporary Irish History**, Seminar Series 2014-15, **Trinity College Dublin**, Ireland, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 [https://www.tcd.ie/trinitylongroomhub/events/details/2015/centreforcontemporaryirishhist2014\\_15.php](https://www.tcd.ie/trinitylongroomhub/events/details/2015/centreforcontemporaryirishhist2014_15.php)

13<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> April 2015: three lectures for undergraduate students delivered at **College of Wooster, Ohio, USA** on British Imperialism in India; Gender and Colonialism; Transnational Feminisms and delivered a public lecture on *Margaret Cousins: An Irish Suffragette in Colonial India*.

Lecture on '*Women and Theosophy in Colonial India*', at the Cluster of Excellence (Religion and Politics), **University of Munster**, Germany, 29 May 2013.

Lecture on "*Cinematic Representations of Sexuality of Indian Women and Widows*", Open postgraduate lecture in Sexuality Studies and research cluster 'Expressions, Research, Orientations: Sexuality Studies (EROSS), **Dublin City University**, 2 April 2013

Lecture on "*Conflicts in India*", lecture in a postgraduate course on The Experiences of War, MA in Intercultural Studies, **Dublin City University**, Ireland, 2 May 2013

'*An Irish Woman in the Indian Freedom Struggle: The Case of Margaret Cousins (1878-1954)*', Irish India Institute, **Dublin City University**, Ireland. 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

'*Raj Niti vs Dharma Niti in colonial North India: some perspectives on the Hindu Widows Right of Maintenance Bill of 1933*', at Centre for South Asian Studies, **University of Cambridge**, UK, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013.



'Experiences of Widowhood in Uttar Pradesh: As Sati, As Vidhwa and As 'Mother India' at **Ginnidevi Modi Girls PG College**, Modinagar, Uttar Pradesh, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

Delivered a lecture at **Gargi College**, University of Delhi on "Gender, Nationalism and Domesticity in Colonial India". This lecture was part of a series of lectures conducted for a Delhi University course on 'Women in Indian History and Contemporary World', 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

'Education as Reconstruction: Perspectives on Teaching of History in India and Afghanistan' at **Kabul Education University**, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

'Recent Trends in History Writing' at the History Department, Faculty of Social Sciences, **Kabul University**, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

'Economic Relations between India and Afghanistan' at the Economics Department, **Kabul University**, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

'The Role of State in India: Democracy and Social Justice' at the **Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission, Kabul**, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007

Delivered lectures in the Sociology Department, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and at the History Department, Banaras Hindu University, Benaras, between the years 2004-2008

### Conference/Workshop Presentations:

**2018** Commentator at 11th Next Generation Global Workshop on Self, Others and Community, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan. Nov 10-11, 2018.

<http://www.kuas.cpi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/NGGW-program-1031.pdf>

Presented a paper on 'Theosophical Society: Weaving Modernization, 'Asian Womanhood' and Religious Universalism' at an international conference on **Rethinking Cultural Heritage: Indo-Japanese Dialogue in a Globalising World Order** by (Organised by Prof Himanshu Prabha Ray in collaboration with India International Centre & Institute of Chinese Studies Conference) at IIC, New Delhi Aug 17-18, 2018.

Presented a paper on *Transnational Experiences of Margaret Cousins (1878-1954) as a Suffragette and a Constitutional Feminist across Ireland and India*, at a international Conference on Education, College Women and Suffrage: International Perspectives, An Interdisciplinary Conference at Royal Holloway University, UK 13th-14th June 2018 <https://educationcollegewomenandsuffrage.wordpress.com/>

Presented a paper on 'Indian War Widows and Right to Pension in Colonial and Post Colonial India' at a National Conference on **Historical Perspectives on Predicaments and Rights of Women in India**, Sponsored by Indian Council of Historical Research, organized by Jagriti, Women's Development Cell, Bharati College, University of Delhi, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

**2017** Faculty Seminar on **Margaret Cousins (1878 – 1954): An Irish Woman in the Indian National Movement** at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Limerick, Ireland, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017

<https://www.ul.ie/artsoc/content/guest-lecture-prof-iyoti-atwal>

**2016** Paper presentation on 'Mapping Widowhood: Observations from Colonial North India', at an ArCHIAM Centre Conference on **Architecture and cultural heritage between the Ganges and Gibraltar, Settled Topographies: From Gibraltar to the Ganges**, University of Liverpool, UK, July 11 – 12, 2016.

Paper on 'Irish Women in India: Spirituality, Empire and Anti Colonialism' at **Ireland-India Conference**, Trinity Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 23-24 June, 2016.

[https://www.tcd.ie/trinitylongroomhub/events/details/2016/2016-06-23ireland\\_india.php](https://www.tcd.ie/trinitylongroomhub/events/details/2016/2016-06-23ireland_india.php)

Paper on 'Dalit women challenging knowledge production and power structures', at a workshop on **Knowledge Production Beyond the Norm** at Centre for Gender Research, Uppsala University, Sweden, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

<http://www.teknat.uu.se/calendar/event/?eventId=18726>

Paper on 'Traumatic Widowhood in India: Reformist, Nationalist and Feminist Discourses' at **SpeCTReSS SUMMER INSTITUTE ON CULTURAL TRAUMA: Double face of Cultural Trauma: Victim's and Perpetrator's side**, Inter University Centre, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 30 May - 4 June 2016.

Paper on 'An Irish Militant Suffragists Experience of Passive Resistance: Reading Margaret Cousins as a Gandhian', at **Passive Resistance: An Interdisciplinary Workshop**, hosted by Indiana University, American Institute of Indian Studies, Gurgaon, March 18-19, 2016.

Paper on 'Hashiye ka Mukhya Dhaara se Antah Sambandh', at a national conference on *Hindi Sahitya me Hashiye ka Vimarsh: Chunottian aur Sambhavnayen* at Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi, 15-16 March 2016.

**2015** Paper on 'Dalit Comparative Subalternities', at **Comparative Subalternities Workshop** hosted by Indiana University, American Institute of Indian Studies, Gurgaon, Dec11-14, 2015

Presented a paper on '*Representing Motherhood in Indian Cinema*', at '**Aesthetics and the Feminine**', annual international conference of the **Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP Ireland)** at University College Cork, Ireland 17-18 July, 2015. <https://www.ucc.ie/en/philosophy/events/fullstory-555387-en.html>

Paper presentation on "*Margaret Cousins in Ireland and India: Medialising Culture, Memory and Nation in 'We Two Together' (1950)*" at an international workshop on "**Medialising Tradition –South Asia Transforms**" hosted by **India Study Centre Cork (ISCC)**, University College Cork, Ireland, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 <http://www.ucc.ie/en/cacsss/news/fullstory-529489-en.html>

**2014** Keynote lecture on '*Dimensions of Vulnerability: Caste, Gender and Hierarchy in India*' at **New Zealand South Asia Centre annual symposium**, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, 22 August 2014. <http://www.nzsac.canterbury.ac.nz/>

Delivered ADRI Public Lecture on '*Nation and Imagination: Widowhood in the 1950s in India*', at Alfred Deakin Research Institute, **Deakin University, Melbourne**, Australia, 18 August 2014

<http://www.deakin.edu.au/alfred-deakin-research-institute/events/past-events.php>

Presented a paper on '*The 'Dying' and the 'Living' Sati: Chastity and Widowhood in India*', organized by South Asia Regional Advisory Group, **University of Sydney, Australia**, 13 August 2014.

Lecture on '*Gandhi's 'Sita' Cinematic Embodiment of Widowhood & the Nation*', at Australia India Institute, **University of Melbourne, Australia**, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014. <http://events.unimelb.edu.au/tags/1312-gandhi>; <http://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/4346-gandhi-s-sita-cinematic-embodiment-of-widowhood-the-nation>

**2013** Presented a paper on '*Music, Musings and Anti Colonialism: Margaret Cousins (1878-1954)*' in a two day international Conference on '*Ireland-India-Asia: Entangled Histories and Cultural Processes*', in collaboration with the School of Asian Studies, **University College Cork**, Ireland on 28 - 29 October 2013.

Presented a paper on 'History, Identity and Empowerment: Experiences of Bhangi Caste in Modern India', at an International Conference on *RE-Claimings, Empowerings, Inspirings:Uppsala 3rd Supradisciplinary Feminist Technoscience, Symposium*, **Uppsala University**, Sweden, October 14–19, 2013. & Discussant for Marie Persson's paper on "The mineral politics of Sweden – a violation of Indigenous rights and a continuing colonization of Sápmi and northern Sweden". <http://www.gender.uu.se/information/conferences/re-claimings/?languageld=1>

Paper on '*Women, Theosophy and the National Movement in India: Besant and the Cousins*', at an International Conference on 'Ireland, America and Transnationalism: Studying Religions in a globalised world' **University College Dublin**, Ireland, 10-12 May 2013.

**2012** Presented a paper on "*Margaret Cousins: The Irish Feminist in Colonial India*", at a conference on '1912: Irish Women before the Revolution' organized by **Women's History Association of Ireland -Annual Conference**, Mater Dei Institute of Education, **Dublin City University**, Ireland, 25-26 May 2012.

**2011** Presented a paper on '*Entangled Histories and the Right to Education: African, Indian and Swiss Women's Experiences and Struggles*', at a Conference on **Africa and Switzerland: Women in Process of Religious and Secular Transformation**, organized by Centre for African Studies Basel and Mission 21 at **Basel, Switzerland**, October 14-16, 2011.

Presented a paper on "*The Widow as 'Mother India': Notions of Honour and Chastity in Colonial India*", at a conference on *Geschlechtergeschichte Global (on Gender History as Global History)* organized by Historisches Seminar, Basel, Switzerland, May 21, 2011.

Seminar presentation on '*The Widow and the Nation: Gandhian – Nehruvian visions of Bharat Mata or 'Mother India*', Department of History, Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, April 12, 2011.



Seminar presentation on '*Aspects of Caste, Land and Widowhood in colonial North India*' at Research Seminar Series, Department of History, King's College London, UK., Feb 24, 2011.

Presentation on '*Widows in Contemporary India: Single and Sacred*', at Department of Politics and History, School of Social Sciences, Brunel University, West London, UK, Feb 23, 2011.

Seminar presentation on "'Foul unhallowed fires": the burning of Hindu widows (Sati) in 19th-century India and the British public' at a seminar on 'Burning Women/Mourning Women', organized by The International Research Forum on Women, Queens University Belfast, Northern Ireland, February 7, 2011.

**2010** Paper presentation on '*A Hindu Widow's Narrative of the Body: Priyamvada Devi*', at "Writing South Asia" organized by Copenhagen South Asia Workshop, Centre of Global South Asian Studies and Asian Dynamics Initiative, University of Copenhagen, at Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 28, 2010.

Seminar presentation on '*Widowhood, autobiographical self and literary consciousness in Colonial India*' at Centre for Gender Research, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, September 23, 2010.

### **Workshops/Conferences and academic events organized**

Co organised an international symposium on *Female Enfranchisement and its Limitations* at Trinity College Dublin along with Prof Eunan O'Halpin, Prof Catherine Lawless and Prof Ciara Breathnach 29-30 May 2018, Dublin, Ireland

<https://www.tcd.ie/trinitylongroomhub/whats-on/details/event.php?eventid=127826195>

Presented a paper on 'Irish Women in India: Transnational Feminisms'.

Organised a day long workshop cum roundable on ***Incriminating Women: Abandonment, Prisons and Witchcraft in India and Ireland in Historical and Contemporary perspectives*** on 23rd March 2018, Room 447, SSS 3, JNU

Organised the **Second Irish Studies Lecture** on 27<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday 2018, at JNU.

Organised a visit of Ms Mitchell-O'Connor, Hon'ble Minister of State for Higher Education, Ireland and University of Limerick delegation to JNU on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2018 to hand over the new Irish history books at CHS.

Organized ***Irish Studies Lecture Series*** at the Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University in Collaboration with ***Embassy of Ireland*** and ***University of Limerick*** at Convention Centre, JNU on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Organized a reproduction of the exhibition on '***Hunger Strikes in Ireland : 1871-1981***' at JNU. Courtesy: Dr Ciara Breathnach (main curator), Niall Begin (Kilmainham Jail, Dublin) and Dean, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Limerick.

Organised a two day international conference with University College Dublin (Ireland) on "**Women in India and Ireland: Connected Pasts, Nation and Feminist Representations**" on 29-30 March 2017 at JNU

Workshop cum Exhibition on **1916 Easter Rising in Ireland**, CHS, School of Social Sciences, JNU 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.(aided by Embassy of Ireland, Royal Irish Academy and JNU)

Organized *Indo-German International Conference on Gender and Violence in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives* at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Co- organized a two day international Conference on ***The Politics of History and the History of Politics: History, Policy, Media*** with Prof. Bhagwan Josh, (CHS and the Deakin University, Australia), 27-28 November 2014.

<http://www.jnu.ac.in/ssss/chs/conf.htm>

Co-organized a Session on 'Empowering and Reclaiming' with Dr. May-Britt Öhman at an International Conference on ***RE-Claimings, Empowerings, Inspirings:Uppsala 3rd Supradisciplinary Feminist Technoscience, Symposium***, Uppsala University, Sweden, October 14–19,2013.

<http://www.gender.uu.se/information/conferences/re-claimings/?languageld=1>

Organized a two day international Conference on '**Ireland-India-Asia: Entangled Histories and Cultural Processes**', in collaboration with the School of Asian Studies, University College Cork, Ireland on 28 - 29 October 2013.

**Organized** a two day international conference on '**India-Ireland: From Colonialism to Nation Building**' at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in collaboration with and Dublin City University on 28-29 January 2013.  
Co -Presented a paper with Prof. Eunan O'Halpin (Trinity College Dublin) entitled '*Ireland, India and the shared anti-colonial paradigm*'.

**Organized** an international workshop on '**Women in India and Ireland: Engendering the Historical Experiences**', at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute for Advanced Studies, JNU, September 7, 2012.

**Organized** a one day workshop on '*Gender Relations in Indian Cinema*' at the Academic Staff College, University Grants Commission, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, March 8, 2010. (Presented a paper titled '*Representations of Widowhood in Indian Cinema*', at this workshop).

### **Ongoing Research Supervision:**

Women and Violence in Colonial Punjab (1 PhD; 1 MPhil)  
Widowhood Practices and Widow Remarriage in Colonial Punjab (PhD)  
Emergence of Women intelligentsia in Assam (PhD )  
Women's Movements in Manipur: Colonial times to the Present ( PhD)  
Prostitutes and the Empire : Colonial Bombay (MPhil)  
Ambedkar and his political ideas. (PhD)  
Disability, Empire and Contemporary India (MPhil)  
Organising Handloom and Textile in Colonial and Contemporary India (MPhil)  
Tomb Gardens of Delhi (PhD)  
*Akharas* in Sirsa (Haryana): Past and Present (MPhil)  
Harbilas Sharda: The Making of a Feminist (MPhil)  
*Akharas* in Punjab: Constructions of Masculinity and Femininity (PhD)  
Cinematic representation and Dalit identity (1 Phd)

### **Students' Achievements:**

2018 Anisha Deswal received Charles Wallace UK Trust grant (£1400)  
2017 Sangeeta Besoya selected for the post of Research Officer at National Archives of India  
2017 Punita Kapoor received a Visiting Research scholarship to University of Limerick, Ireland for two months  
2017 Yogesh K.Yadav selected for post of Assistant Professor at Aligarh Muslim University  
2017 Twisha Singh received a full funding towards PhD in history at McGill University at Montreal, Canada

Several research students have been receiving ICHR Fellowships for PhD and Mphil courses.

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