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Education:

PhD, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1993

MA, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1979

BA, (Honours) in Economics, Indraprastha College, University of Delhi, 1977

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Research Interests:

The disciplines I have specialised in are history and economics, My research and writing has been in modern and contemporary history, focussing on India. The issues I have written on include the decline of the colonial state, national liberation revolution, history textbooks and right wing distortions, education and child labour and the practice of oral history. I hold an academic position in interdisciplinary studies, focussing on the interface between history and social theory.

Profile:

Employment

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Professor, 2007-

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Associate Professor, 2005-2007

Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, University of Delhi, Reader, Senior Lecturer and Lecturer, 1989-2005

Fellowships, Grants, and Honours

Visiting Professorship, College of Wooster, Ohio, USA, 2012

Nominated to Indian Council of Cultural Relations Chair at University of Tokyo, Japan, University of Technology, Sydney, El Colegio de Mexico and Ryokoku University, Japan, 2011-12

Visiting Professorship, Maison des Sciences de L'Homme, Paris, 2011

Chairperson, Archives on Contemporary History, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2007-2011

Residency Programme at Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio Center, Italy, 2007

Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme, 2001

Charles Wallace Trust, United Kingdom, Research Grant, 1997

Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 1993-1996

Publications

Books

RSS, School Texts and the Murder of Mahatma Gandhi- The Hindu Communal Project (with Aditya and Mridula Mukherjee) Sage Publications, 2008

Education for Social Change: MVF and Child Labour, National Book Trust, New Delhi, 2008, English, Hindi and Telugu editions

Independence and Partition: The Erosion of Colonial Power in India, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2000. The Sage Series in Modern Indian History was inaugurated with this volume. The Hindi edition was published as *Swatantrata aur Vibhajan* by Granthshilpi Prakashan, New Delhi, 2005

India's Struggle for Independence, Viking, 1988, Penguin India, 1989 (with Bipan Chandra et. al.), English, Hindi, Bengali and Marathi editions

Edited Books

Towards Freedom: Documents on the Movement for Independence in India, 1947, Part One, (edited and with an Introduction) Oxford University Press, New Delhi, in press, 2013

Composite Culture in a Multi-Cultural Society (Co-edited with Bipan Chandra and with an introduction) Pearson India and National Book Trust, New Delhi, 2006

Rites of Passage, A Civil Servant Remembers: H.M. Patel, (ed.), Rupa & Co., New Delhi, 2005. As the editor of this book, I have written an introduction, reconstructed the book from manuscripts left incomplete at Patel's death and added selections from classified documents as substantive appendices

Important Articles

Beyond the Archives: Doing Oral History in Contemporary India, *Studies in History*, 27.2, pp. 281-298

Communalizing the Tribal in the Name of Mainstreaming the Marginal: Adivasis in the Hindu Rashtra, *Social Science Probings*, Vol. 18, No. 2, December 2006, pp. 105-120

Railways and the Indian National Movement, *Our Indian Railway : Themes in India's Railway History*, Foundation Books, New Delhi, 2006 (co-authored with Visalakshi Menon) pp. 155-171

Congress and Partition, in S. Settar and Indira Baptista Gupta eds., *Pangs of Partition*, volume 1, Indian Council of Historical Research/Manohar, New Delhi, 2002, pp. 67-93

Gandhi's Swaraj or Hindu Raj? Making of Post- Independence Polity, in V. Damodaran and Maya Unnithan- Kumar editors, *Postcolonial India: History, Politics and Culture*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2000, pp. 55-72

Congress and Partition of Provinces, in Amrik Singh ed., *The Partition in Retrospect*, Anamika Publishers & Distributors (P) Ltd./ National Institute of Punjab Studies, New Delhi, 2000, pp. 222-245

Ces fractures ont une histoire--an article based on my discussion with F. Bourgeois and some of my papers was published in *Economie et Humanisme*, Lyon, France, no.343, Decembre 1997, pp. 34-37

British Policy, Nationalist Strategy and Popular National Upsurge, 1945-47", in A.K. Gupta ed., *Myth and Reality: The Struggle for Freedom in India, 1945-47*, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library / Manohar, New Delhi, 1987

Chapters in Books Published by Indira Gandhi National Open University (around 6000 words each)

“Imperialism”, “Colonialism” and “Decolonisation”, in Modern World, MHI-02, 2005, Block Five, Units 17, 18 and 19

“Colonialism” and “Patterns of Colonial Domination-1: Direct Rule” in Modern Europe (Mid Eighteenth to Mid-Nineteenth Centuries, EHI-07, 1999, Block Six, Units 21 and 22

"Communalism and the Partition of India" in *Modern India 1857-1964*, EHI-01, 1989-90, Block 37, Unit 36

"Indian Polity in the mid-18th Century" and "Constitutional Developments, 1757-1858" in India from the mid-18th to the mid-19th Century, EHI-05, Block One, Unit One and Block 6, Unit 23

Lecture Courses

Number	Title	Outline and Readings
	Histories and Theories of Nationalism	PDF
	Indian Politics (1933-1947)	PDF

Seminar Courses

Number	Title
	Popular Protest and Politics
	Problems of Social Change-II