

Curriculum Vitae



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Education

PH. D. 1995: Cambridge, St Catharine's College (UK): Thesis Title: 'The Making of a Jat Identity in the Southeast Punjab, circa, 1880-1936.' Supervisor: Professor CA Bayly.

M. PHIL. 1990: Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University: Thesis Title: 'Chaplains, Soldiers and Townsmen: A Cantonment Town in North India (Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century).'

M.A. 1988: Modern History, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Research Interests

Modern South Asia; Contemporary History; Histories of Colonialism, Race, Mapping, Borders, Boundaries & Frontiers; Historical Cartography; Partition (1947, with a focus on the history of Punjab); Comparative Asian Perspectives; History & Memory; Histories of Landscapes & Violence, Microhistory: Communitarian and Caste Identities; Women's History; Heritage Studies.

Employment

2015-Present: Associate Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

1998-2015: Associate Professor/Lecturer in History, Miranda House, Delhi University.

2012: Visiting Professor, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

2011: Visiting Professor, University of Toronto, Toronto.

2007-2010: Reader, Department of History, Miranda House, Delhi University.

2007-2008: Visiting Professor, Humboldt University, Berlin.

2006-2009: Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi.

2004-2005: Reader in History, Centre of Advanced Study, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

2002-2007: Senior Lecturer, Department of History, Miranda House, Delhi University, Delhi.

1998-2002: Lecturer, Department of History, Miranda House, Delhi University, Delhi.

1997-1998: Lecturer, Department of History, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

Scholarships/Fellowships/Awards

- Book: *Violence, Martyrdom and Partition: A Daughter's Testimony* (Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2009), shortlisted for the Vodafone-Crossword Award, 2009.
- 2012 Visiting Professor, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.
- 2011 Inaugural Professor, Chair South Asia, University of Toronto.
- 2007-2008 Visiting Professor, Rotating Chair, Humboldt University, Berlin.
- 2006-2009 Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi.
- 2004-2005 Deputy Director, Centre for Women's Studies, Aligarh Muslim University.
- 2000 The Charles Wallace India Trust Fellowship, UK.
- 1991 Fellow, Cambridge Commonwealth Society, Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, UK.
- 1990-1993 Awarded Cambridge Nehru Fellowship.

Reviewer (peer)

- Journal of Social History (US)
- International History Review (UK)
- Indian Economic and Social History Review (London/New Delhi)
- Studies in History (New Delhi)

Languages

- Fluency in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu.

Publications

1. Books

- *Violence, Martyrdom and Partition: A Daughter's Testimony* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009; reprint 2010; 2011). Shortlisted for the Vodafone-Crossword Award, 2009. Paperback 2012. This work, based on an oral testimony of a rural woman, engages with the multiple experience of trauma and retribution during the Second World War and after. Concentrating on 1942, and not 1947, this extraordinary memory defies the opposition between subject and agent, victim and victimizer.

- *Forming an Identity: A Social History of the Jats* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999). A pioneering social history of a peasant community, this work focused on the diverse narratives that shaped a Jat identity in colonial Punjab in the late-nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It is also a careful study of the political aims of Chhotu Ram, one of the most important political leaders of modern India, and the Unionist party of colonial Punjab.
- *Britannica: Indian History: Modern* (Encyclopedia Britannica: India, 2003) edited by Nonica Datta. This Indian edition incorporates and adds hitherto neglected and unexplored entries pertaining to modern Indian history.
- *Jallianwala Bagh: A Groundbreaking History of the 1919 Massacre* (Penguin: Random House, 2021) by V.N. Datta with an Introduction by Nonica Datta.

2. Chapters in Edited Books

- ‘Cities and Rehabilitation Following Partition in 1947’, in Martino Stierli edited, *The Project of Independence: Architectures of Decolonization in South Asia, 1947–1985* (Museum of Modern Art, New York, March 22, 2022), pp. 110-116.
- ‘A Conspiracy that Stirred A Nation’s Consciousness’, in Rajesh Ramachandran (ed.), *Martyrdom to Freedom: 100 Years of Jallianwala Bagh* (New Delhi: Rupa, 2019), 37-47.
- ‘Honoured Mother and ‘Honour’ Killing: Ammaji in NH 10 (2015)’, in Saswati Sengupta, Sharmila Purkayastha, Shampa Roy (eds.), *‘Bad’ Women of Bombay Films: Studies in Desire and Anxiety* (New Delhi: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019), 259-274.
- ‘Dayanand Saraswati’, in Knut. A. Jacobson et al. (ed.), *Brill’s Encyclopedia of Hinduism* (Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2013), pp. 453-460.
- ‘Memory and History: A Daughter’s Testimony’, in Charu Gupta (ed.), *Gendering Colonial India: Reforms, Print, Caste and Communalism* (New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan, 2012), pp. 287-317.
- ‘Transcending Religious Identities: Amrita Pritam and Partition’, in Anjali Roy and Nandi Bhatia (eds.), *Partitioned Lives: Narratives of Home, Displacement, and Resettlement* (New Delhi: Pearson Education, 2008), pp.1-25.
- ‘Partition Memories: A Daughter’s Testimony’, in Nariaka Nakazato and Mushirul Hasan (eds.), *The Unfinished Agenda: Nation-Building in South Asia* (New Delhi: Manohar, 2001), pp.17-48.

- 'The Subalternity of Education: Gurukuls in Colonial Southeast Punjab', in Mushirul Hasan (ed.), *Knowledge, Power and Politics: Educational Institutions in India* (New Delhi: Roli Books, 1998), pp. 27-65.

3. Articles in Journals

- 'Reframing Partition: Memory, Testimony, History', *Südasiens-Chronik - South Asia Chronicle* (July 2017), Humboldt (Berlin), pp. 61-93.
- 'Desh ke Bashinde? [Citizens of the Country?]: Nats and the Politics of Double Name', *Seminar* (April 2012), pp.16-21.
- 'Shadab Bano, Bijayalaxmi Nanda, Mahuya Bandyopadhyay, Nonica Datta, 'Women on Campus: Negotiating Spaces and Silences', *Economic and Political Weekly* (31 December 2011), pp.27-29.
- 'A Samvad with Ramachandra Guha', *Economic and Political History* (4 October 2008), pp. 81-84.
- 'Partition and Many Nationalisms', *Economic and Political Weekly* (9 July 2005), pp. 3000-02.
- 'Haryana: Resounding Verdict', *Economic and Political Weekly* (12-18 March 2005), pp. 2004-05.
- 'Fleeting Impressions: A Girls' College in Lucknow', *Economic and Political Weekly* (27 January-2 February 2001), pp. 279-280.
- 'Jats: Trading Caste Status for Empowerment', *Economic and Political Weekly* (6-12 November 1999), pp. 3172-73.
- 'Rajasthan: Backward Caste Movement Gains Ground', *Economic and Political Weekly* (11-17 September 1999), pp. 2630-31.
- 'Arya Samaj and the Making of Jat identity', *Studies in History* 13, 1 (1997), pp. 97-119.

4. Book Reviews

- Ramachandra Guha, *Rebels against the Raj* (Penguin Random House, 2022), in *The Tribune*, 06 February 2022.
- 'A Miniature's Hidden Figures', Supriya Gandhi, *The Emperor Who Never Was: Dara Shukoh in Mughal India* (Harvard University Press, 2020),

Outlook India, 09 August 2021.

- Ira Mukhoty, *Akbar: The Great Mughal* (Aleph Book Company, 2020), *South Asia*, July 2021.
- Anshu Malhotra, *Piro and the Gulabdasis: Gender, Sect and Society in Punjab* (Oxford University Press, 2017), *South Asian Studies*, Vol 36, Issue 2, 2020.
- Jayanti Basu, 'Reconstructing the Bengal Partition: The Psyche Under A Different Violence', *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, Volume 50, Issue 2, 1 June 2016.
- Farina Mir, *The Social Space of Language: Vernacular Culture in British Colonial Punjab* (Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2010), *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, October-December 2012.
- Saurabh Dube, *Modern Makeovers* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2011), *Mail Today*, 18 December 2011.
- Ishtiaq Ahmed, *The Punjab: Bloodied, Partitioned and Cleansed; Unravelling the 1947 Tragedy through Secret British Reports and First Person Accounts* (New Delhi: Rupa Books, 2011), *The Indian Express*, 17 September 2011.
- Shail Mayaram, *Against History, Against State: Counterperspectives from the Margins* (New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2004), *The Book Review*, February 2005.
- Malavika Kasturi, *Embattled Identities: Rajput Lineages and the Colonial State in Nineteenth-Century North India* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2003), *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, September-October 2004.
- Antoinette Burton, *Dwelling in the Archive: Women Writing House, Home, and History in Colonial India* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2003), *The Hindu*, 7 September 2003.
- Ian Talbot, *The Punjab Unionist Party and The Partition of India* (Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2002), *The Book Review*, January 2003.
- Anshu Malhotra, *Gender, Caste and Religious Identities: Restructuring Class in Colonial Punjab* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2002), *The Book Review*, October 2002.
- G.P. Deshpande (ed.), *Selected Writings of Jotirao Phule* (New Delhi: Left Word, 2002), *The Book Review*, August 2002.

- Harnik Deol, *Religion and Nationalism in India: The Case of the Punjab* (London: Routledge, 2000), *The Book Review*, 10 October 2001.
- Ravi Kant and Tarun K. Saint (eds.), *Translating Partition* (New Delhi: Katha, 2001) in *The Hindu*, 19 August 2001.
- Ranabir Samaddar (ed.), *Reflections on Partition in the East* (New Delhi: Vikas, 1997), *International Studies*, 37, 3, 2000.
- Vijay Prashad, *Untouchable Freedom. A Social History of a Dalit Community* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2000), *Economic and Political Weekly*, October 7-13, 2000.
- John Lall, *Begum Samru: Fading Portrait in a Gilded Frame* (New Delhi: Roli Books, 1997), *The Hindu*, 1997.
- R. Champakalakshmi and S. Gopal (eds.), *Tradition, Dissent and Ideology: Essays in Honour of Romila Thapar* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1996), *The Hindu*, 5 January 1997.
- Christopher Ondaatje, *Sindh Revisited - A Journey in the Footsteps of Sir Richard Burton, 1842-49* (Toronto: Harper Collins, 1996), *The Hindu*, 6 October 1996.
- Ian Talbot, *Khizr Tiwana: The Punjab Unionist Party and the Partition of India* (Surrey: Curzon Press, 1996), *The Hindu*, 16 June 1996.

5. Newspaper/Popular Articles

- ‘Dyer’s Rage Didn’t End’, *The Print*, 03 April 2021.
- ‘Punjab and Protest’, *The Open Magazine*, 12 February 2021.
- ‘Legacy of Jallianwala Bagh’, *The Tribune*, 02 February 2021.
- ‘Kartarpur Corridor: Sacred Geography’, *The Open Magazine*, 08 November 2019.
- ‘The Jat Pivot’, *The Open Magazine*, 01 November 2019.
- ‘From Margin to Centre’, *The Open Magazine*, 20 September 2019.
- ‘The Forgotten History of Hussaini Brahmins’, *The Wire*, 13 September 2019.
- ‘No Politics Over Jallianwala Bagh’, *Outlook Magazine*, 23 August 2019.

- ‘Remembering Jallianwala Bagh – Khoo Korian’, *The Tribune*, 14 April 2019.
- ‘A Conspiracy that Stirred the Nation’, *The Tribune*, 14 April 2019.
- ‘Ram Rahim's monstrosity survived due to governance crisis: How Dera Sacha Sauda rose and Abused Power’, *Firstpost*, 11 September 2017.
- ‘Jat Quota Stir Highlights Disconnect Between Judiciary and Executive’, *Hindustan Times*, 17 March 2016.
- ‘Time, Teleology, Change and History’, *India International Centre Diary*, September- October 2013.
- ‘A Point in Time: Purkersdorf’, *Birthday Tributes to Ranajit Guha*, in Rukun Advani (ed.) (Permanent Black, 2013).
- ‘The Pill that Failed’, *The Tribune*, 21 December 2011.
- ‘Fixing Histories’, *The Tribune*, 15 November 2011.
- ‘Personal Histories’, *Tehelka*, 20 January 2007.
- ‘An Alternative Voice of History’, *The Hindu*, 4 December 2005.
- ‘Bhindranwale’s Martyrdom’, *The Hindu*, 19 June 2003.
- ‘Are the Sikhs Hindus?’, *The Hindu*, 4 March 2003.
- ‘Gujarat and Majority Women’, *The Hindu*, 15 June 2002.
- ‘The Punjab Puzzle’, *The Hindu*, 29 January 2002.
- ‘From Lahore to Lucknow: An Interview with Ram Advani’, *Biblio*, March-April 2001.
- ‘Caste in Indian Politics: A Case Study of Rajasthan’, *The Tribune*, 1 September 1999.
- ‘A Gurukul Flourishes but in Appalling Conditions’, *The Tribune*, 24 February 1999.
- ‘Fazilpur Jharsa: A Metro Village’, *The Hindustan Times*, 30 December 1998.
- ‘In Sati We Trust’, *The Hindustan Times*, 29 November 1998.

- ‘A Forgotten Heroine’, *The Tribune*, 7 March 1998.
- ‘What Pepper and Spice did to India’, *The Hindu*, 6 July 1997.
- ‘Logic in Haryana’s Jat Politics’, *The Tribune*, 26 April 1996.

Some Lectures/Seminars/Conferences in India

- ‘In the Spotlight’, Panel Discussion, Dehradun Literary Festival, Dehradun, 29 October 2023.
- ‘Jallianwala Bagh’, Lecture, 40th Refresher Course in History, HRDC JNU, September 2023.
- *Zikr* by Muzaffar Ali, Book Discussion, India International Centre, New Delhi, 17 January 2023.
- *Zikr* by Muzaffar Ali, Book Discussion, Khushwant Singh Literary Festival, Kasauli, 16 October 2022.
- *Crimson Spring* by Navtej Sarna, Book Discussion, India International Centre, Delhi 12 September 2022.
- ‘Waiting for Swaraj’, Ashoka History Book Discussion, Ashoka University, 23 March 2022.
- ‘Community, Memory and History’, Panel Discussion, History Society, St. Stephen’s College, Delhi, 27 February 2022.
- ‘Jallianwala Bagh’, Special Lecture, I. P. College, University of Delhi, 24 November 2021.
- ‘Jallianwala Bagh’, Lecture, Department of History, University of Delhi, 02 July 2021.
- ‘Jallianwala Bagh Through Memory and History’, Lecture, History Society, Miranda House, University of Delhi, 16 April 2021.
- ‘The Underbelly of the Empire: Workers, Contracts, and the Social Economy of the Industrial Turn’, Discussant, Conference, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, 11-12 December 2019.
- ‘Early Modern and Colonial in History’, Lecture at Farook College, Kozikhode, 04 April 2019.

- ‘Celebrating Birth Centenary: Kaifi, National Lecture [Plenary Speaker], CILL University of Calcutta, 30 January 2019.
- ‘Forgotten Genealogies’, A History and Theory Roundtable (with William Pinch, Gary Shaw, Claudine Ang, Xupeng Zhang), AAS-in-Asia Conference, New Delhi, 6 July 2018.
- ‘Seventy Years of Partition: Some Questions’, Panel Discussion, *The Partition of India: Revisiting after 70 Years*. Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, Jadavpur University, The Indian History Congress Session, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 29 December 2017.
- ‘Reconfiguring Caste: Jats and OBC Politics in contemporary India’, International Workshop, *History and Democracy*, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, 11-12 December 2017.
- ‘Cartographic Violence: Mapping Landscape, Cantonment and Frontier in Colonial North India’, International Conference, *Entangled Cartographies: An Interconnected History of Mapping in Europe and Asia, 16th to 20th Centuries*, 4 October 2017.
- ‘Live Witness Panel: Voices of Partition’, Panel Discussion, Bikaner House, India Gate, New Delhi, 24 August 2017.
- ‘Landscapes of Violence/Spaces of Memory’, Public Lecture, Ashoka University, Sonapat, 3 May 2017.
- ‘The Many Sides of History: Gender, Caste and Community’, Panel Discussion, The History Society, St Stephen’s College, University of Delhi, 8 April 2017.
- ‘Reframing Partition: Memory, Testimony, History’, International Conference, *‘Historiography of Nineteen Forty-Seven’*, Department of History, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, 10 March 2017.
- ‘Complex Subjectivities: Women’s Narratives, Violence and Marginality’, Panel Discussion: ‘Women’s Rights: Individual and Collective’, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi, 8 March 2017.
- ‘The Afghan Script: Imperial Violence, Memory and “Umballa Durbar” (1869), International Conference: *Crossing Boundaries*, Department of History, University of Delhi, 27-28 February 2017.
- ‘Revisiting Partition Through Oral History’, Workshop, *Memorializing Partition*, The 1947 Partition Archive & Centre for Studies in Violence,

Memory, and Trauma, Department of English, University of Delhi, 22 February 2017.

- ‘Women and Partition (1947): Memory, Testimony, History’, Public Lecture, Lakshmibai College, University of Delhi, 17 February 2017.
- ‘Memory, History, and the Archive: Some Methodological Questions’, Kerala History Congress, Methodology Workshop, January, PG Department and Research Centre in History, UC College, Aluva, Kerala, 20 January 2017.
- ‘A Daughter’s Testimony: Crafting a Parallel History’, Kerala History Congress, Methodology Workshop, January, PG Department and Research Centre in History, UC College, Aluva, Kerala, 20 January 2017.
- ‘Memory and History: Notes from Colonial India’, Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 3 September 2016.
- ‘The Colonial Conception of Landscape’, UGC-Human Resource Research Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1 September 2016.
- ‘Environmentality, Space and Violence’, UGC-Human Resource Research Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1 September 2016.
- ‘Rural Landscape, Ethnic Minorities’, International Workshop, Centre for Social Sciences- CSH, IIC, New Delhi, 04 May 2016.
- ‘Celebrating Feminisms’, School of Gender Studies, TISS, Hyderabad, 08 March 2016
- ‘Memory and History’, UGC-Human Resource Research Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 20 January 2016.
- ‘Memory and History: A Contending Narrative’, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi, 02 November-04 November 2015.
- ‘Modern Trends in History-Writing’, The Doon School (Dehradun, 29 April 2015).
- ‘Memory and Partition: A Daughter’s Testimony’, National Seminar, ‘Women’s Lives in Colonial India’, University of Calcutta, 19 September 2014.
- ‘The Natnis of Outcast Delhi’, Panel Discussion, ‘Delhi’s Histories’, India International Centre, New Delhi, 12 April 2014.

- ‘Samajik Badlav Mein Mahilaon Ki Bhumika’, International Women's Day, State Resource Centre, Haryana, State Resource Centre, Haryana, Karnal, 8 March 2014.
- ‘Khap Panchayats’, Women’s Day Special Discussion, Hindu College, University of Delhi, 07 March 2014.
- ‘Honour Killing and Khap Panchayats’, National Workshop: ‘Honour Killings’, Agricultural University, Hissar, 25-26 February 2014.
- ‘Towards Contemporary India: The last Fifty Years’, International Summer School, Jamia Millia Islamia, 12 July 2013.
- ‘Challenges in History-Writing and Changes in Academic Publishing’, Seminar, ‘Social Sciences and Academic Publishing Today’, India International Centre, 22 March 2013.
- ‘Memory and History: Crafting a Parallel History of Partition’, National Seminar, ‘The Line that Divides: Understanding Partition from Women and/in Partition Narratives’, Shivaji College University of Delhi, 23 January 2013.
- ‘Women, Violence and the State’, Centre for Political Science/Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 16 October 2012.
- ‘Women’s Testimonies and History of Violence’, CPDHE, Delhi University, New Delhi, 1 October 2012.
- ‘The Political Narrative of Partition’, Seminar, ‘Partition of India’, Miranda House & King’s College, London, 27 August 2012.
- ‘Landscape and Memory’, Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, 18 May 2012.
- ‘Biography and History’, Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, 18 May 2012.
- ‘Disturbing the Region: Retrieving the Local’, International Workshop, ‘Regional Histories: Perspectives on Punjab and the North West’, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 25 February 2012.
- ‘Writing the Oral: A Daughter’s Testimony’, Oral History Workshop, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 28 January 2012.
- ‘Ramanujan’s Essay: The Predicament of History’, Panel Discussion, ‘The

Many Ramayanas', Ambedkar University, New Delhi, 16 November 2011.

- 'Memory and History', Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, 5 October 2011.
- 'Colonialism, Women and Partition', Department of Political Science, Miranda House, University of Delhi, 24 November 2010.
- 'Memory, Orality, History' (Discussant), Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 6 October 2010.
- 'Memory and History: Crafting a Daughter's Testimony', International Seminar, 'Modernity and Changing Social Fabric of Punjab and Haryana', Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, 27-28 September 2010.
- 'Who's Afraid of Love', Panel Discussion, 'Honour Killing', Jawaharlal Nehru University, 16 August 2010.
- 'Beyond Archives and Biography', International Conference, 'Biography as History', Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, 12-13 February 2010.
- 'Memory and History: Crafting a Daughter's Testimony', Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 12 August 2009.
- 'Memory as History: A Daughter's Testimony', India International Centre, New Delhi, 28 May 2009).
- 'Violence, Martyrdom and Partition: A Daughter's Testimony', Department of History, University of Delhi, 3 March 2009.
- 'Violence, Martyrdom and Partition: A Daughter's Testimony', Autumn School, 'The Oral as Resource', Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 3-8 November 2008.
- 'A Daughter's Testimony and Partition of Punjab', International Seminar, 'Oral History, Issues and Methods', The American Centre, Kolkata, 12 December 2005.
- 'Interpreting Partition', Refresher course in History, Jamia Millia Islamia, 30 October 2005.
- 'Caste identities and the Arya Samaj', Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, 18 March 2005.

- ‘Empowering Women and Struggle for Justice’, Centre for Women’s Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, 7 March 2005.
- ‘Gandhi and Gender Equality: Nationalism, Empowerment and Women’s Agency’, National Conference: ‘Women and Development’, Centre for Women’s Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, 10-11 October 2004.
- ‘Oral History’, National Seminar: ‘Different Kinds of History’, Department of History, Calcutta University, 24-25 September 2004.
- ‘Perspectives on Partition’, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi, 25 February 2004.
- ‘Conceptualising Regional Nationalism’, National Seminar, ‘Indian Nationalism: Re-examination of its Concept and Relevance in the Present Context’, Maulana Abul Kalam Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, 11-12 November 2003.
- ‘Contrasting Identities: Two Faces of Womanhood in Punjab’, International Seminar, ‘Assertive Religious Identities’, Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, 16-18 October 2003.
- ‘The Unionist Tradition in Punjab’, National Seminar, ‘Ideological Aspects of Anti-Colonial Thought and Politics 1880’s to 1950s’, Swami Shraddhanand College, University of Delhi, 21 August 2003.
- ‘Partition Memories: A Daughter’s Testimony’, National Seminar, ‘Communities, Identities and the Nation’, Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, 24 March 2003.
- ‘Postscript on Partition: Two Faces of Womanhood in South Asia’, Aligarh Muslim University, 23 December 2002.
- ‘Negotiating Identities in a Locality’, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, 20 December 2001.
- ‘The Making of an Identity in a Locality’, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, 7 November 2001.
- ‘Partition Memories in a Locality’, St Stephen’s College, University of Delhi, 9 October 2000.
- ‘The Making of a Jat Identity’, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 15 November 1995.

Public Lectures Abroad

- ‘Landscape and Violence: The Making of Ambala Cantonment in the 1840s’, ‘Cultures of Violence Workshop’, Georgetown University, Washington DC, 22 February 2013.
- ‘Indira After Nehru: Unsettling the Idea of India’, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, 25 October 2012.
- ‘Landscape, Memory and Violence’, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, 16 May 2011.
- ‘Crafting a Parallel History of India’s Partition’, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, 25 March 2011.
- ‘Arya Samaj and Identity’, Maison des Sciences de l’Homme/ EHESS, Paris, 8 February 2008.
- ‘Violence and India’s Partition’, The Institute for South Asian, Tibetan, and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, Vienna, 29 January 2008.
- ‘Image and Oral History’, Research Institute and Graduate School of Cultural History, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, 21 January 2008.
- ‘Fear, Violence and Partition’, The International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, 21 January 2008.
- ‘Ritual and Identity: Jats and Arya Samaj (1875-1947)’, South Asian Institute, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, 14 January 2008.
- ‘Fear, Violence and Partition: A Daughter’s Testimony’, Asian History Department, University of Humboldt, Berlin, 11 December 2007.
- ‘One Culture Two Nations’, Government College, Punjab University, Lahore, 3 December 2005.

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

- Centre for Historical Studies, JNU: M.A. Lecture Course: ‘Colonialisms: Ideas and Practice’ (Colonial Spaces and Politics of Violence).

M.A. Lecture Course: ‘Social Power

and Social Subordination in Colonial India: “Low Castes”, Women, and Modern Labour Force’ (Alternative Histories and Popular Narratives).

Seminar Courses:

1. Aspects of Historical Study,
2. Aspects of Mass Mobilisation.

- Miranda House, University of Delhi: B. A. Honours (History):
 1. History of India’ 1750s-1950)
 2. ‘Modern India’
 3. ‘Environmental Issues in India’
 4. ‘Rise of the Modern West’(from the Renaissance to Industrial Revolution).
- University of St Gallen: 4th year undergraduate course ‘The Making of Modern India: An Interdisciplinary Approach’
(Prepared a Reader on the course)
- University of Toronto: 4th year undergraduate course:
‘Alternative histories of Modern India: History, Memory and Archives’.
- Humboldt University: Undergraduate and postgraduate courses:
 1. ‘Modern India’
 2. ‘India’s Partition’Supervised postgraduate students on Partition.
- Aligarh Muslim University: M.A. /M.Phil.:
 1. Nationalism and Imperialism’
 2. History of Modern Europe
 3. ‘Women’s History India.Supervised 1 Ph.D. Student.
- Jamia Millia Islamia: MA. / M.Phil.:
 1. ‘Trends in Historiography
 - 2) ‘Themes in Social History’.

At the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, I have supervised M.Phil. and Ph.D. theses on modern South Asian history:

M.Phils Supervised: Centre for Historical Studies, JNU

1. Iffat Rashid: Thesis Title: 'Nineteen Forty-Seven Mapping Histories of Partition in Kashmir.' Awarded
2. Venna Abhilash: Thesis Title: 'Religion and Nationalism among the Madigas of Gadwal Samasthan, Hyderabad State, circa 1898-1960.' Awarded
3. Steven Mace: Thesis Title: "Returning the British to South Asian History"- The Colonial Soldier as a Case Study.' Awarded
3. Mohammad Afzalur Rahman: Thesis Title: 'The Bangladesh Liberation War of 1971: People, War, Memory.' Awarded
4. Sarika Choudhury: Thesis Title: 'Interpreting Region and Culture: Rajasthan in the 19th and 20th Centuries.' Awarded
5. Salma Wasi (co-supervisor): Thesis Title: 'Feeding the Indian Soldier, c. 1880-1946.' Awarded
6. Amit Kumar: Thesis Title: 'Caste, Identity and the making of Dalit Consciousness: The Chamars of Uttar Pradesh, c. 1919-1996.' Awarded
7. Nilza Angmo, Thesis Title: "Borderland spaces: A regional study of Zangskar Valley in Ladakh". Awarded.
8. Srinita Majumdar, Thesis Title: 'Work, Family, and Humanitarian Aid: A History of Women in India during the Two World Wars, 1914-45.' Awarded.

Ph.Ds Supervised: Centre for Historical Studies, JNU

1. Madhavi Jha: Thesis Title: 'Labouring Women and Public Works in Colonial North India.' Awarded
2. Dhaneesh M. P. (co-supervisor): Thesis Title: 'A New Cultural Artefact: The Book in Colonial Keralam (1829-1950).' Awarded
3. Pavel Tomar: Thesis Title: 'Ideological Discourses and Cultural Practices: The Making of French Colonialism in India, c. 1730-1860.' Awarded
4. Geeta Thatra: Thesis Title: 'City, Community, Partition: Sindhis and the Making of Bombay in the Twentieth Century.' Awarded
5. Sana Kochak: Thesis Title: 'Gender Discourses, Community Narratives: Women in Twentieth-Century Kashmir.' Awarded
6. Venna Abhilash, Locating Untouchables in Hyderabad State: A Study of Culture and Politics (1890-1950)'. Awarded
7. Nirmal Kumar: Thesis Title: 'General Elections in India: A Historical Perspective c. 1952-1962.' Awarded.
8. Salma Wasi (with co-supervisor): Thesis Title: 'Reworking Muslim Gentility: Food, Manners and Morals in North India, c. 1880-1952'. Awarded.
9. Satnam Singh: Thesis Title: 'The Chamar Regiment (1942-1946): History and Reassertion.' Awarded.
10. Mohammad Afzalur Rahman, 'Partition in the East: Minorities, Violence and the Refashioning of East Bengal, 1947-1971.' Submitted.

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