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Education:

Ph.D Cambridge

MPhil CHS/SSS JNU

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Research Interests:

memory, history and the archive; histories of violence and landscapes; histories of marginalized communities and castes identities; Partition studies; history of colonial Punjab, Haryana and North-West Frontier

Employment

2010- 2015 Associate Professor of History, Miranda House, Delhi University

2013- Chair (offered), South Asia (Culture and Society), University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

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

2011-Visting 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

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

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

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

Publications

1. Books

- *Violence, Martyrdom and Partition: A Daughter's Testimony* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009; reprint 2010; 2011). Shortlisted for the Crossword Award, 2009. 2010, 2011, Paperback 2012. ISBN 0-19-808399-8
- *Forming an Identity: A Social History of the Jats* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999). ISBN: 9780195647198
- *Encyclopaedia Britannica: Indian History: Modern* (Encyclopaedia Britannica: India, 2003) edited by Nonica Datta. ISBN 10: 8181310616

2. Chapters in Edited Books

- '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.

- ‘Gujarat and Majority Women’, in Chaitanya Krishna (ed.), *Fascism in India: Faces, Fangs and Facts* (New Delhi: Manak, 2003).
- ‘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’, *Südasien-Chronik-South Asia Chronicle* (July 2017), pp. 61-93.
- ‘The Language of Narendra Modi’, *Economic and Political Weekly* (4 May 2013)
- ‘*Desh ke Bashinde?:*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.
- ‘Rajasthan: Backward Caste Movement Gains Ground’, *Economic and Political Weekly* (11-17 September 1999), pp. 2630-31.

- ‘Jats: Trading Caste Status for Empowerment’, *Economic and Political Weekly* (6-12 November 1999), pp. 3172-73.
- ‘Arya Samaj and the Making of Jat identity’, *Studies in History* 13, 1 (1997), pp. 97-119.

4. Distinctions/ Honours

Awards & Honours

- Book: *Violence, Martyrdom and Partition: A Daughter's Testimony* (Oxford University Press, Delhi), 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
- 1990-1993 Awarded Cambridge Nehru Fellowship

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