

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Dr. SMITA AGARWAL

Educational qualifications:

Doctoral Thesis: ‘Situating Women in Grassroot Governance: A study of Panchayats in Bihar’, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi (2014).

M. Phil. Thesis: ‘Situating Women in Grassroot Governance: A Structural-Political Approach’, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi (2009).

M. A. in Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi with 55% (2007).

B. A. in Political Science, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi with 61% (2005).

JRF/ NET: Awarded in Political Science by University Grants Commission in the year June 2008/ December 2006.

Teaching Experience

- Assistant Professor in Department of Political Science , University of Delhi.(7.11.2022 till date)
- Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc), in Department of Political Science, University of Delhi (28.07.2015 – 05.11.2022).

Publications

- Article (2021) (co- Author) ‘**The women’s reservation Bill: Analysing its case through a study of Assembly elections in Bihar**’ in Indian Journal of Political Science. Vol LXXXII, no 4 October- December, 2021 pp 505-514.
- Article (2016) ‘**Bheete se badhti, bahar se jhusti : Rajnitik shakti ka Vimarsh Mahila Mukhiya Ke Dristikon se: Bihar Panchayat ka Adhyan**’ in Pratiman, CSDS, Volume 7 January-June, pg 312-328
- Article (2016) ‘**Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection Act) 2015: A Review**’ (co-authored) in *Space and Culture, India* (online), Volume 3, No. 3, pg. 5-9, ISSN No. 2052-8396
- Article (2015), ‘**Revisiting the discourse on Quotas for Women: Field inputs from India**’ published as Paper proceedings of *Second International Conference on Advances in Women studies* by Unique Conference Canada, ISSN No. 9780993988905, pg. 192-198 (2015).

- Research Article,(2015) ‘**Cosmopolitanism: A Boon or Doom for Feminist Struggle for Recognition**’ in *International Journal of English Language, Literature and Humanities*, Volume III, Issue III, ISSN 2321-7065 pp (150-160)
- Research Article,(2015) ‘**Rural Governance in India: Rethinking Women’s Participation**’ in *Indian Journal of Research*, Volume 4, Issue 6, ISSN 2250-1991 pg 50-51
- Research Article (2014) ‘**The other Voices: in search of Justice**’, in *Journal of Interdisciplinary Policy and Research Action*, Volume 7, Issue 3-4, ISSN 0975-0568, pg. 70-84

Book

(Co-Authored) State Politics in India: Issues and Concerns. Isbn: 978-81-969833-7-6. 2024

Chapters in Books

- Article Titled ‘local Self- Government’ published in Indian Politics and Political Process: Ideas , Institutions and Practices’ Ed Kamal Nayan Choubey and Mithlesh Kumar Jha . Routledge India 2023 pp 389-408
- Article (2021) Co-author ‘**Making Indian women Atmanirbhar: A case study of Amul,Sewa and Navdanya**’ in Swadesh Singh and Vandana Mishra (ed) *Atmanirbharta: Revisting the ideas and Practices*. Ane Books: Delhi
- Article (2021) co author ‘**samanta**’ in Sanjeev kumar (ed) *Rajniti sindhant : avdharna aur vimarsh* : sage basha
- Article (2019) co author ‘**Affirmative Action in India : The case of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in India**’ in Abhay Kuamr Prasad and Krishna Murari(ed) *Political Processs in Contemporary India*. Pearson Delhi
- Article ‘**UN Human Rights Declarations and Covenants**’ in Radhanath Tripathy (ed.) *Human Rights Gender and Environment*. MKM Publishers Pvt Ltd ISBN 978-93-87273-35-1 .Pp 78-91
- Article (2019) ‘**Tarabai Shinde**’ and ‘**Pandita Ramabai**’ in Dev N. Pathak and Sajeev Kumar H.M (ed) *Modern South Asian Thinkers* . Sage Delhi
- Article ‘**Accountability of Mukhiyas : Strengthening of Panchayats in Bihar**’ in Yatindra Singh Sisodia, Ashish Bhatt and Tapas kumar Dalapati (ed) *Two Decades of Panchayati Raj in India: Experiences, Issues Challenges and opportunity* Rawat Publications ISBN 978-81-316-0927-9
- Chapter ‘**Party System**’ published in Sanjeev Kumar and Neha Singh (ed) *Fundamentals of Comparative Government and Politics*, Bookage ISBN 978-93-83281-73-2
- Chapter ‘**Social Movements**’ in Tapan Biswal (ed.), *Comparative Politics: Institutions and Processes*, Macmillan Publishers, ISBN 935-059-310-6 (2013).
- Chapter ‘**Interrogating the Role of Women as leaders: A study of Panchayats in Bihar**’ in Payal Kumar (ed.), *Women and Leadership*, , ISBN 9781137547040 (2015)

Book Reviews

- **समकालीन समय में नारीवादी विचार** बनास जन अंक 67 वर्ष 15 ISSN 2231-6558 PG 37-41 (2023)
- Review Article, ‘**Review of Modernity in Contemporary Perspectives**’ (co-authored with Nishant Kumar) in *Anashakti Darshan*, Volume 7 No.2, 2011, ISSN No. 2277-9590, pg. 90-97 (2011).
- ‘**The Post-Hindu India: A Discourse on Dalit- Bahujan, Socio- Spiritual and Scientific Revolution**’ by Kancha Ilaiah (co-authored with Nishant Kumar) in *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, Volume XXVI, No. 3, ISSN No. 0970-7794, pg. 145-150 (2009).
- ‘**Caste based reservations and Human Development in India**’, by K.S Chalam, in *South India Journal of Social Science*, A.P. Academy, Volume 2, ISSN No. 0972 8945, Page no 78-80 (December 2007).

Other Articles in Magazines

- Article (2021) **India-Ethopia Cultural Relationship in Diplomacy and beyond plus: A journal of foreign policy and National affairs**, Available at <https://diplomacybeyond.com/india-ethiopia-cultural-relationship/>
- Article (2021) **India- Germany relations** in *Diplomacy and beyond plus: A journal of foreign policy and National affairs*, ISSN -2581-8929
- Article (2021) **India-Zambia relations** *Diplomacy and beyond plus: A journal of foreign policy and National affairs*. ISSN -2581-8929
- Article (2021) **Accountability of Mukhiyas/sarpanches of Panchayats in India** in *Panchayati Raj Sandesh* Nov-Dec 2021 . RNI 32376/77
- Article (2021) **Women representation in Panchayats: A structural Political approach to transform their ‘presence’ to ‘empowerment’** in *Panchayati Raj Sandesh* Oct-Nov 2021 RNI 32376/77

E – Content developed for School of Open Learning University of Delhi

Subject: - Constitutional government and Democracy in India, B.A. (H) Political Science, Semester-I:

- Lesson 9; *Panchayats*; Pp 99-112.
- Lesson 10; *Municipalities*; Pp 113-123.

Subject: - Political Process in India, B.A. (H) Political Science, Semester-II:

Unit-IV: Caste and Politics; *Lesson-2: Affirmative Action in India: Intersectionality of Caste, Class and Gender*; P 89-102.

International Relation, B.A. (H) Political Science, Semester-III:

- *Cold War*; Pp-130-141.
- *Post Cold War Era: Rise of Third World World Countries and Other Centers of Power*; Pp-151-160

Subject: - Your Laws, Your Rights, B.A. (H) Political Science, Semester-III:

Gender: The Protection of Women against Domestic Violence, Rape and Sexual Harassment; Pp. 31-41

Subject: - Indian Political Thought – II, B.A. (H) Political Science, Semester-VI

Unit 3 : Pandita Ramabai; Pp. 28-37.

Subject: - India's Foreign Policy in a Globalizing World, B.A. (H) Political Science, Semester-VI:

- *Unit 2 : Indo-US, India-Russia Relations*; Pp. 14-23.
- *Unit 4 : India and South Asia*; Pp. 36-47.

Research Experience

- Worked as a Data Analyst in IRRI for Project Titled ‘ Women in Nursery Enterprise in Bihar’
- Worked as a consultant in ICSSR sponsored Research Project ‘ Pedalling Their Way to Empowerment: The Changing Contours of Girl Child Education In Bihar’
- Worked as Regional Coordinator for Bihar under UNDP-CDLG Project Sponsored by Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India with Indian Institute of Dalit Studies Delhi, titled ‘Study of Social Inclusion at the level of PRIs, ZillaParishad, PanchayatiSamiti, Gram Panchayat (GP) and Gram Sabha (GS) level in select States with a particular focus on disadvantaged groups such as Women, SCs, STs, OBCs and Differently abled and also documenting select number of cases highlighting Success and Failure’ (October, 2012).
- Worked as Project Fellow in “Mapping Social Exclusion and Right to Representation: A Study of Students’ Union Bodies in Eight Central Universities in India”, Major Research Project sponsored by the University Grants Commission, India. 2007-08.

Invited Lectures

- Lecture delivered on '**Women and Electoral Participation in India**' in The second batch of the Rajya Sabha Internship Programme (RSIP-I) 8th July, 2024 and conclude on 2nd August, 2024.
- Speaker in Human Rights Training Program on '**Status of Child Rights in India**' in Dyal Singh College on 16th-17th March,2024.
- Guest lecture for NSS Orientation Program on '**Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's vision of community work and its relevance for present times**'. 25th September,2023. Dyal Singh College
- **Chaired a session** on Annual Conference- AIPPC'23, and the International Young Researcher's Conference Amity Institute of Public Policy in collaboration with the Jean Monnet Module of JNU, co-funded by Erasmus on 12th April 2023
- Lecture delivered on '**Women and Economic Disparity**' in FDP titled Gender Contours and Biasness: Mapping Pay Disparity and its Intrinsic and Extrinsic Challenges" on 14th March 2023.
- Invited as delegate to International seminar on the themes "**Future of work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21 Century**" and "**Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance**" which is in Consonance with the motto of G20, 2023 that is 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'. March 4th, 2023
- Lecture delivered on setting **Model answer and Marking scheme** in Amity Institute of Social Sciences on 24th November,2022
- Lecture delivered on the topic '**Women Performative in Indian Politics: A Study of panchayats**' delivered at Amity Institute of social sciences on 10th March,2022
- Lecture delivered on '**Gender, Law and Society**' in Online Value added course conducted by Vivekannada school of law and legal studies on 22nd June 2020
- Lecture delivered on '**International Relations, Law and Politics**' in Online value added course conducted by Vivekananda School of Law and legal studies on 10th June 2020
- Lecture delivered on '**Human Rights and United Nations**' for UGC sponsored Online three Month Executive certificate Programme on Human rights organized by Ramanajuna College.
- Lecture delivered on "**International Bill of Human Rights**" for Centre for Human Rights Ramanajuna College on 27th January 2018

MOOC/FDP

- Attended course on Democratic development by Stanford University from courser.org. in 2013
- Attended FDP on 'Ambedkar and the idea of India' from Teaching learning centre Ramanajun College 13th-19th April,2021

- Attended FDP on ‘Hind Swaraj’ Mahatma Hansraj Faculty Development centre , 23rd January-30th January 2021.
- Attended Faculty Orientation Program from Teaching learning centre Ramanajun College 20th September – 19th October ,2022
- Attended FDP on NEP Orientation and sensitization from HRDC centre Jamia Millia Universit , 5th February 2024,- 14th February,2024
- Attended FDP on ‘Indian Knowledge Tradition: A multi-dimension legacy’ from Teaching learning centre Ramanajun College 13th-27th July,2023

Workshops/ Seminars

INTERNATIONAL

- ‘ **BJP Rise in 2014 elections**’ Paper presented in *International Seminar on "Changing Trends in Political Parties and Party System in India"*, 14th-15th March
- ‘ **Factoring Women in 2019 Election**’ Paper presented in Electoral Dynamics and Contours of Party System: Run up to 2019, Delhi, 1st-2nd March,2019.
- ‘ **Toilet- A Necessity or an Incentive: A study of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan (Gramin) in West Champaran District of Bihar**’. Paper presented in Second Indian Public Policy Network Politics and Public Policy , Delhi, 4-6th february,2019.
- ‘ **Revisiting Discourse on quotas for women: A study of panchayat in Bihar**’, Paper presented in *Second International Conference on Advances in Women Studies*, Colombo, 25-27 February, 2015.
- ‘ **Forward-Backward: Contemporary Middle Class Indian Women and the Question of Morality**’, Paper presented in conference titled *Locating Gender in the New Middle Class in India*, Indian Institute of Advance Study Shimla,11-13th March, 2014.
- ‘ **Situating Women in Grassroot Governance: A Case study of Heterogeneous Subjectivity**’, paper presented in conference titled *Ethnographies of Gender and Conflict*, LOVA, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 6-8 July, 2011.
- Attended St Gallens Symposium on ‘Leaders of Tomorrow’, St Gallens, Switzerland (May 10-12, 2011).
- Participated in SEPHIS SEARSAP workshop on *Alternative Research Methodology – IV*, in Manila, Phillipines, 4-15th October, 2010.
- ‘ **Cosmopolitanism: A Boon or Doom for Feminist Struggle for Recognition**’ paper presented at IIT Madras (13-15th December, 2010).

NATIONAL.

- Paper presented “ **Beyond Feminism: The Humanist Outlook of Kamladevi Chatopadhyay**” in National Seminar on "*Celebrating Women in Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*", 2 & 3 March 2023.

- Presented paper ‘**Pandita Ramabai**’ and ‘**Tarabai Shinde**’ in ICSSR sponsored two day National Seminar titled ‘Modern South Asian Thinkers’ in Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, 17th and 18th February, 2017.
- Presented a paper titled ‘**Participation of a Dalit Mukhiya in Bihar Panchayat: Re-interrogating representation**’ in Two day National Seminar titled ‘Democracy, Social Exclusion and Rights in India’, Miranda House 18-19th April, 2016
- Presented a paper titled ‘**Interrogating the concept of proxy: Women Experience in Bihar Panchayats**’ in one day Department Seminar in Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, April 2nd, 2016.
- Presented a paper titled ‘**Was Ramabai a Feminist? Reflections through her writings**’ in one day National Seminar Organized by Zakhir Hussain College Delhi titled Ways of seeing critical questions on Indian Political Thought on 8th March, 2016.
- Presented a paper titled ‘**Using Information Technology for Welfare Administration: A Case Study of EPFO**’ in Two day National Seminar ‘Social Welfare Administration : Linking with Digital India’ in IIPA, 26-27th November, 2015
- Attended one day international workshop on ‘Laws, Institutions and Political Philosophy’ organized by Department of Political Science, University of Delhi on 21st -22nd August, 2015.
- Discussant in panel discussion for ‘**Understanding the Migrant Body**’, in ICSSR sponsored national seminar on ‘Gender, Identity and Migration in India’, organized by Department of Political Science, University of Delhi in 7 to 8 Aug 2015
- Attended workshop on *Advance level in Research Methodology and Research Ethics* conducted by Lingya’s University and ELTAI on 24th April, 2015.
- Attended Workshop on *Constitutional Litigation and Human Rights Advocacy* conducted by IBA Chair on Continuing Legal Education, National Law School of India, Bangalore in Association with Llyod College, Greater Noida 4 - 8 March, 2015.
- ‘**Seeing Power through a Woman Mukhiya lens: A study of Panchayat in Bihar**’ Paper presented in *National Conference on Power, Culture and Marginality*, in Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, 16 - 17 March, 2015.
- ‘**Issue of Accountability of Mukhiyas: A case Study of Panchayat in Bihar**’, Paper presented in National Conference titled **Two Decades of Panchayats: Issues and Challenges** organized by MPISSR, Ujjain, 15-16 January, 2015.
- ‘**Understanding the Role of Rural Governance in dealing with Naxalism in Bihar**’, Paper presented in seminar organized by Geography Department, Banaras Central University, 5-7 May, 2012.
- ‘**The Philosophy of Humiliation: Indian Women’s Experience**’, Paper presented in *First Asian Philosophy Congress* organized by Indian Council of Philosophy Research Delhi, 6-9 March 2010.
- ‘**Social Exclusion of Dalit women**’, Paper presented in Maulana Azad University Hyderabad, Feb 22-24, 2010.

- **‘Mapping Marginality: Inter-sectionality of Cultural Violence and Humiliation against Dalit Women’**, Paper presented at Centre for Human Rights, Hyderabad Central University, Feb 20-22, 2010.
- **‘Issues in Local Governance: Women in Panchayats’**, Paper presented at National Seminar titled India: Country and the State, Raja Peary Mohan College, Howrah, Feb 5-6, 2010.
- **‘Gendering Grassroot Governance in India: Rethinking Women’s Participation’**, Paper presented in Indian Social Science Congress, Delhi, 17-19 December, 2008.
- **‘Struggle for Recognition: Dalit Women in Panchayats’**, Paper presented in Women Studies Development Center, University of Delhi, 22-24 November, 2008.
- **‘The Other Voices: In search of Justice’**, Paper presented in Department of History, Osmania University in the conference titled *Privileging Women Agency In History: Work, Worship, Leisure And Pleasure*, 26-27 March, 2008.

Additional Qualifications:

- Pursued Certificate Course on **‘Researching the Contemporary’** from Centre for Studies and Developing Society, Delhi, July – August, 2011.
- Pursued Advance Certificate Course on **‘Gender’** from Women Studies Development Centre, University of Delhi, 2011.
- Pursued Certificate Course on **‘Gender and Society’**, from Women Studies Development Centre, University of Delhi, 2008.
- Pursued Course on **‘Environment Awareness’**, from University of Delhi, 2003.

Awards received:

- Awarded ICCSR grant to attend Advance Women Studies conference in Colombo
- Selected to Attend 40th St Gallen Award in St Gallen University Switzerland
- Awarded University of Delhi Travel Grant to attend Lova Conference in Amsterdam
- Awarded First position in Academic Ranking in Political Science from North Campus, University of Delhi, for the academic year 2005
- Award All Round Student of the year, 2004-05
- Nominated by the College for All Round Best Student for Political science for the year 2004-5.

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