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Educational Qualifications

M.A. in Political Science from Department of Political Science, University of Delhi in the year 1985.

M.Phil. on the topic “Political Economy of Technology: A Case Study of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy” from Department of Political Science, University of Delhi in the year 1987.

Ph.D. on the topic: “Power, Culture, Medicine: Ayurvedic Pharmaceuticals in India”, from the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi in the year 1996.

Areas of Interest/ Specialization

Public Policy, Political Economy, Politics of Knowledge, Politics of Development, Politics of Knowledge Systems (with special reference to medical knowledge, Ayurveda)

Career Profile

Undergraduate teaching:

Laxmibai College, Hindu College, Lady Shri Ram College, Temporary Lecturer, 1985-1995;

Gargi College, Permanent Lecturer, 1995-2004;

Postgraduate teaching:

Department of Political Science, University of Delhi (North and South campuses):2004— present.

Research Guidance

1. Supervision of awarded Doctoral Thesis: Ten
2. Supervision of Doctoral Thesis, under progress: Six
3. Supervision of awarded M.Phil dissertations : Eight
4. Supervision of M.Phil dissertations, under progress: Three

PUBLICATION PROFILE

1. Monograph (Popular Book): The Herbal Sutra: Indian Wisdom and Wellness Through 100 Herbs Lustre Press, Roli Books, New Delhi, 2023.
2. Monograph: ‘Power, Knowledge, Medicine: Ayurvedic Pharmaceuticals at Home and in the World’, Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2009.
3. Co-authored Text Book: Human Rights, Gender and the Environment Pearson Education, New Delhi, 2009.
4. Research papers published in Refereed/ Peer Reviewed Journals/Books:
 - a. ‘Politics of Knowledge in Development: An Analytical Frame’, *Studies in Indian Politics*, Vol 9, pp.1-13, 2021.
 - b. ‘Ayurveda Deserves Better’, *Indian Express* op-ed, 2 July, 2020.
 - c. ‘Ayurveda and Covid-19: The Politics of Knowledge Systems, Yet Again’ Hot Spots, Fieldsights, *Journal of Cultural Anthropology* June 23, 2020

<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/ayurveda-and-covid-19-the-politics-of-knowledgesystems-yet-again>

- d. 'AYUSH' in Bhaya Nair, R. & P, d'Souza (eds.) *Keywords for India* Bloomsbury, New Delhi, 2019.
- e. 'Contemporary Conversations between Ayurveda and biomedicine: from reformulating drugs to refashioning parameters', *Asian Medicine: Tradition and Modernity*, (an international, peer reviewed journal published by Brill) 8 (2014): 53–79.
- f. 'Politics of Knowledge in The Debates On Toxicity In Ayurvedic Medicines: Recent Controversies Over Bhasmas', *Asian Medicine: Tradition and Modernity*, (an international, peer-reviewed journal published by Brill) 9 (2014):141–170.
- g. Support For Ayush in Public Health: At the Cost Of the Environment? *Social Development Report* Council for Social Development, New Delhi in September 2014.
- h. 'Standardisation as Pharmaceuticalisation: Ayurveda in Post-Colonial India' in Wujastyk, D. And F. Smith *Local and Global Ayurveda*, State University of New York Press, 2007.
- i. 'Local Knowledge for World Market: Globalising Ayurveda' *Economic and Political Weekly* January 3, 2004 reprinted in Ranade, P. S. ed. *Globalizing Ayurveda: Opportunities and Challenges* The ICFAI University Press, 2007.
- j. 'Public Policy and Ayurveda: Modernising a Great Tradition' *Economic and Political Weekly* March 23-29, 2002.
- k. 'Power, Culture, Medicine: Ayurvedic Pharmaceuticals in the Modern Market' *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, October 36(3) 2002 reprinted as *Marketing of Ayurvedic Medicine* in edited by Nirmal Sengupta *Economic Studies of Indigenous Knowledge System and Development* Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2007.
- l. 'Whither indigenous medicine?' *Seminar* May 2000.
- m. (with Satyajit Singh and Subir Varma) 'Peoples Science Movement' in Neera Chandoke and Ashish Ghosh (eds.) *Grassroots Movements and Social Change*, Developing Countries Research Centre, University of Delhi, 1995.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS (*a selected few*)

1. 'Politics of Knowledge: Ayurveda in Contemporary India', at Brown University, United States, Centre for Anthropology, 12th May, 2013.
2. Public Health as if People Mattered: Which Medical System Would be Best?' Medical Humanities Conference, Aberdeen University, United Kingdom, 9th July 2013.
3. 'Teaching is the Right Profession for Women' Lecture delivered at the Regional Resource Centre for Elementary Education, CIE, University of Delhi, 27 September, 2013.
4. 'Politics, Power and People: What Democracy Means in India', Department of Political Science, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, 23 October, 2013.
5. 'For a Fresh Perspective on the Politics of CSR' International Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility, Shyamlal College (Evening), University of Delhi, 6th February, 2014.

6. Social Movements and Civil Society: The Role of Environmental Movements', Janaki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, 12 March , 2014.
7. What do Transdisciplinary Insights on Ayurveda indicate for the Effective Globalisation of Ayurveda? Kochi, Global Ayurveda Congress (International Conference), 21 February, 2014.
8. Lecture on "A Nation and its Knowledges: Nationalism and the People that Make India" at the Zakir Hussain College Seminar on Nationalism, April 2017.
9. Paper titled, Locating the 'U' in AYUSH: The making of the Unani pharmaceutical in post-colonial India accepted for presentation in the panel on Asian Medical Industries at the International Conference for Traditional Asian Medicines, Kiel, Germany 6-9 August, 2017.
10. Lecture on "The State and Development in India: Is the Indian state committed to a Knowledge Society?" at the Motilal Nehru College Golden Jubilee Plenary in 7th September 2017.
11. Presented a paper titled, Gender, Knowledge, Medicine: recipe and formulation, song and text at the "Workshop on Feminist Methodology", under the aegis of UGC CAS-SAP at the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, from 18-22 September 2017.
12. Lecture on 'Alternative Medicine Marketplace' at The Wellcome Institute, London, on 15 February 2018.
13. Lecture on "Responding to The Gauri Lankesh Reader" at City Scripts, a two-day literary even organized by the Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bangalore, at Max Mueller Bhavan, New Delhi on 10th March, 2018.
14. Presented a paper titled "Knowledge at multiple locations" in a National Seminar on "Indian History- Multiple Locations" organised by the Department of History, Shivaji College, University of Delhi on Thursday-Friday, 5th-6th April 2018.
15. 20th April, 2018: Whose Knowledge Is it Anyway? Lady Shri Ram College for Women, New Delhi.
16. Lecture on 'Gandhi's Life; Is swaraj possible?' at Janaki Devi Memorial College organized by Gandhi society on 14th September 2018.
17. Participated in Shanti Vikalp Sangam meeting on "Local knowledge as a factor in dignity and peace" at Tilda(Chhatisgarh) on 8th-9th June organized by CGNet Swara and Sittlingi (Tamil Nadu) on 12-13th June organized by Tribal health initiative.
18. Lecture on the topic "Already existing knowledges for a sustainable present and future: a mirage or reality?" on 20th October organized by Faculty development programme on sustainable development at Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, University of Delhi.
19. Lecture on the topic "Contemporary Conversations between Ayurveda and Biomedicine: From Reformulating Drugs to Refashioning Parameters" on 26th October, 2018 at Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi.
20. Lecture delivered on "Human Rights, Environment and Development" on 24th October 2018 at the Ramanujam College under the aegis of the National Resource Centre (NRC) for the Disciplines on "Human Rights, Environment and Ethics" for the Annual Orientation Programme of Higher Education Faculty, 24th Oct, 2018.
21. 5th of December, 2018: Critique of Modernity, Critique of Tradition: On Method to study the Politics of Knowledge at a day-long workshop on Ethnography and Political Life, South Asian University, New Delhi.
22. 6th March, 2019: Aaj ke Gandhi, on the occasion of the 150th year celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi, Kalindi College, New Delhi.

23. 8th March, 2019: Mixed Methods in Research, Faculty Development Programme, Daulat Ram college, New Delhi.
24. 11th March, 2019: Aaj ke Gandhi, on the occasion of the 150th year celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi Motilal Nehru College, New Delhi.
25. 13th March, 2019: A Nation and its Development: The Excluded Knowledge Society G. D. Goenka University, Gurgaon.
26. 14th March, 2019: Plenary Lecture For The National Seminar “The Saga of Food: Politics, Aesthetics, and Technology” 13-14 March 2019, Vivekananda College, New Delhi.
27. 9th April 2019: Presentation at the Weekly Seminar series of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi: A Nation and its Development: The Excluded Knowledge Society.
28. 17th September 2019: Lecture To Mark Vidyasagar’s Bicentenary Year, Bengali Society, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi.
29. 20th September, 2019: Living Gandhi Inaugural lecture in the Series of the same name hosted by Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi, Delhi.
30. 25th September, 2019: Politics of Knowledge: A Transdisciplinary Frame of Analysis, presentation at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.
31. 27th September, 2019: Service and Artisan castes in a conference titled, “Beyond Productivity and Populism: Reimagining India's Agricultural and Rural Policies”, held at the IIT Delhi.
32. 15th October, 2019: Panelist on a book discussion on Arima Mishra ed. Local Health Traditions: Plurality And Marginality In South Asia, at the COPASH Symposium.
33. 23rd October, 2019: Convened a panel on Satyagraha and Swaraj in Ideas at the conference on Celebrating Gandhi’s 150 years, Council for Social Development, New Delhi.
34. 7th November, 2019: Indigenous Knowledge and Innovation
35. 20th November, 2019: Panelist on Book discussion : Commercialisation Of Medical Care In China: Changing Landscapes by Rama Baru and Madhurima Nandy Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.
36. 6th February, 2020: Aaj ke Gandhi, Presentation at an International Conference on Celebrating 150 years of Gandhi, Zakir Hussain College, New Delhi.
37. 7th February, 2020: Gandhian Vision Of Democracy: Drawing Inspiration From Living Gandhis Frank Thakurdas Memorial Lecture, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, Delhi.
38. 27th February, 2020: Democracy, Governance and Public Health, at SIT Study Abroad, New Delhi.
39. 27th June, 2020: Transforming Education Systems for Sustainable Development, paper presentation at the Opening Workshop for Transforming Education Systems for Sustainable Development (TES4SD) Network Plus Project, New Delhi and Bangalore.
40. 26th March, 2021: Chaired an EXPERT PANEL that I proposed and organised: Discourse Analysis of Public Policy on Knowledge in Development at the Indian Public Policy Network Conference, held online, coordinated from the Indian School of Business, Mohali, Chandigarh.
41. 26th March, 2021: Organised a session on “Dialogue between Academics and Activists” at the Indian Public Policy Network Conference, held online, coordinated from the Indian School of Business, Mohali, Chandigarh.

42. 18th December 2021, presented a paper titled, 'Science and other knowledge systems in India: Relationships now and for the future' as part of a series of lectures on Science and the Local, organised by Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal.
43. 18th April 2022: Gandhi, Knowledge And Swaraj: Always Made In India Presented to the Gandhi Study Circle, Miranda House as part of the lecture series on "Khadi: Ideology and Movement".
45. 28th September 2022 : Presented a paper titled, The Politics of Knowledge in Development: An analytical Framework at the Wednesday Seminar Series of the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi.
46. 8th October 2022 Chaired a session on One Health and Ayurveda: Discussion on online, as a part of the pre-conference activities of the World Ayurveda Congress (WAC), December 2022, Goa.
47. 10th November 2022: Contributed to a workshop Preserving The Future: Latin America Between Creation And Devastation, organised at The New Institute, Hamburg, Germany.
48. 29th November 2022: 'Cognitive Justice: The Politics of Knowledge', as part of a module for the course on 'Philosophy of Knowledge: inter-cultural perspectives' organized by the Transdisciplinary University, Bengaluru (online).
49. 16th December 2022: Integrating Indian Knowledge Traditions Into Mainstream Higher Education: Lessons from Ayurveda at a Symposium organized by GD Goenka University, Gurugram on Exploring Integration Of Indian Knowledge Systems Into Mainstream Higher Education (online).
50. 25th January 2023: Already Existing Futures? Knowledges and The Climate Crisis, Presented at the Monastery Wednesday Seminar Series of The New Institute.
51. 20th February 2023: Politics Of Knowledge In Development: Understanding Already Existing Knowledge Systems in Political Economy at the Centre for the Study of University of Coimbra, Portugal.
52. 12th April 2023: Understanding the Epistemology of 'Other' Knowledges: Preliminary Explorations Department of Philosophy, University of Hamburg.
53. 22nd April 2023: 'Traditional/ Local' Knowledges and Contemporary Societies: Existing solutions from the Global South to the Climate Crisis Claremont MacKenna College, California.
54. 16th May 2023: 'The Political Economy of 'Traditional/ Local' Knowledges in the Global South: Existing and Possible Solutions to the Climate Crisis, Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Heidelberg, Germany.
55. 31st May-2nd June 2023: Knowledge, Labour and the Commons at the workshop on Beyond Liberalism: Commons, Constitutionalism and the Common Good held at the Catholic Academy of Berlin.
56. 20th June 2023: Democracy and its Exquisite Others: Who has power? Where is power? A conversation with Bayo Akomolafe and Minna Salami for the Being and Othering Institute, University of California, Berkeley(online).
57. 21st-23rd June, 2023: 'Participatory Democracy: Claiming India with Knowledge from Below, at a conference on Towards Democratic Renewal: Theory and Practice, organised at the Institute of Human Sciences, Vienna, Austria.
58. 28th -29th June 2023: My Elbe Story: Conversations on Knowledge, Politics and the Climate, at the end of Year Celebration Conference of The New Institute, Germany.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ORGANISED

1. Co-organised and chaired a panel at the “Workshop on Feminist Methodology”, under the aegis of UGC CAS-SAP at the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, from 18-22 September 2017.
2. A National-level Round Table Round Table on the ICSSR Sponsored Research Programme “Knowledge, Development and Politics in Post-Colonial India: Contestations in State, Market and Civil Society” on 5-6 February 2018.
3. Organized a Round Table Discussion ‘On Possibilities For Collaborative Research’ on A Broad Frame of “KNOWLEDGE AND DEVELOPMENT” with The Wellcome Institute, London, Centre for Development Practice, Ambedkar University Delhi and Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, held on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at The Department of Political Science, University of Delhi.
4. Inter-disciplinary meeting on “Ethnographic Research” at the University of Chicago Centre on 9th JUNE 2018.
5. 5th June, 2018: “Ethnography: Teaching and as Method in Research on Politics” Luncheon roundtable discussion with Professor Lisa Wedeen, Mary R. Morton Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago at the UChicago Center in Delhi located in New Delhi.
6. 22nd May, 2018: Round Table Discussion On Possibilities For Collaborative Research On Knowledge And Development at The Department of Political Science, DU.
7. 5th-17th June, 2018: Civil Society meetings on alternatives in Development: Shanti Vikalp Sangam meeting in Tilda, Chhatisgarh and Swasthya Vikalp Sangam meeting in Sittlingi, Tamil Nadu.
8. 17th -21st September, 2018: Five Lectures On Science And Indian Nationalism: Explorations On A Theme by Prof. Shiv Visvanathan of O.P. Jindal University, under the aegis of the ICSSR Sponsored Research Programme Knowledge, Development and Politics in Post-Colonial India, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi.
9. 1st February, 2019: First Meeting Of The Network On Knowledge, Development And Democracy, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi.
10. 6th-8th February, 2019: Member of the Organising Committee of the International conference on Politics and Public Policy, Conference Centre, Delhi University.
11. 14th February, 2019: Meeting of Visiting Professor form UCLA, Prof. Ravi Rajan with researchers of the Programme, “Knowledge, Development and Politics in Post-Colonial India, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi.
12. 10th -11th May 2023: Organised a workshop of Scholar _activism for Transformative Knowledges at the Humanities Centre for Futures of Sustainability at the University of Hamburg, Hamburg.

RESEARCH PROJECTS (MAJOR GRANTS AND COLLABORATION)

- a. Member of the Advisory body of the International Collaborative Research Group on Education for Sustainable Futures, hosted among others by the Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Bangalore.
- b. Principal Investigator in an Indian Council for Social Science Research sponsored Research Programme, “Knowledge, Development and Politics in Post-Colonial India:

Contestations in State, Market and Civil Society” (2017-19), located at the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi.

c. Co-organiser of the Annual week-long programme, “Politics of Health”, held at Sambhaavnaa Institute of Public Policy and Politics, Palanpur, Himachal Pradesh, 2017 and 2018.

d. Participated in PHARMASUD: Innovating from the South: Production, invention and appropriation of pharmaceutical knowledge in Brazil and India, a collaboration between French, Brazilian and Indian scholars funded by the ANRS, France, 2009-2014.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

a. Currently in a fellowship awarded by The New Institute, Hamburg for the academic year October 2022-July 2023.

b. Visiting Researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development at Berlin, Oct 2009- Jun 2010.

c. Travel Grant awarded for research at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, London for a comparative the study of herbalists in Britain and practitioners of traditional medicine in India in the nineteenth century in terms of their political organisation in June 2002.

d. Recipient of a six-month fellowship under the aegis of the South Asian Visiting Scholars Programme of the Queen Elizabeth House (International Development Centre), University of Oxford in 1997.

e. Recipient of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Scholarship for the academic year 1988-89, for research at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex.

f. Awarded Junior Research Fellowship of the University Grants Commission in 1986.

ASSOCIATION WITH PROFESSIONAL BODIES

1. *Member of the Editorial Board* of Indian Politics and Policy, is a publication of the Policy Studies Organisation, Washington, DC.

2. *Reviewing*: Austrian Academy of Sciences (research organization), Orient Blackswan (publisher), Indian Economic and Social History Review, Medical History, Pratiman (journals).

2. *Advisory*: Invited to be a *member of Advisory Committee* to Dastkar Andhra, a non-governmental organization working with handloom technology and weavers' livelihoods in Andhra Pradesh.

3. *Member of the Governing Body* of Sambhaavnaa Trust, Palanpur, Himachal Pradesh.

4. *Committees and Boards*: *Member of Review Committee* for Seva Mandir, a major non-governmental organization based in Udaipur, Rajasthan

5. *Memberships*: *Life Member* of the Indian Institute of Public Administration, An honorary Fellow of the Developing Countries Research Centre, an Interdisciplinary Studies Centre of the University of Delhi.

6. *Member of the Organisations*: Knowledge in Civil Society, Hyderabad, Teachers Against Climate Crisis, New Delhi.

7. *Mentor to an International Project*: Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures, Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Bangalore, 2021-23.

Personal Details

Languages Known : Hindi, English, Bengali

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