

CURRICULUM VITA

Vidhu Verma

Vidhu Verma is currently a Professor, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. She has been educated at the universities of Delhi, JNU, and Oxford. She has also been Chairperson of the Centre for Political Studies (CPS), the Gender Sensitization Committee against Sexual Harassment (GSCASH), and the Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion (CSDE), in JNU. She was also Director of the Educational Records Research Unit (ERRU), School of Social Sciences, JNU.

She teaches courses in Political Philosophy and Political Theory. Her areas of research include Comparative Political Theory, feminist political theory, State, religion and democracy, affirmative action policies, and social justice in India. She has recently edited 'State in India: Ideas, Norms and Politics' (Orient Black Swan, New Delhi 2018), 'Unequal Worlds' (OUP, New Delhi 2015), and Secularism, Religion and Democracy (OUP, New Delhi 2019). She has co-edited and contributed to volumes on State, Law and Adivasi: Shifting Terrains of Exclusion (Sage, New Delhi 2022) and 'Empire of Disgust' (OUP, New Delhi 2018). She is the author of three books including "Non-discrimination and Equality in India: Contesting boundaries of Social Justice" (Routledge, London 2012), and articles in several journals.

She has forged outstanding international collaborations in research and publications with scholars from the USA, UK, Japan, Italy, France, Germany and South East Asia. She was a visiting fellow, at Maison Des Science de L'Homme, Paris, under UGC sponsored Indo-French cultural exchange program in 1994 and under the ICSSR-sponsored Indo-French cultural exchange program in 2006. She was a General Fellow (2000-2002), and Senior Fellow at, the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi (2008-2010). She was a senior fellow with ICAS at the University of Erfurt, Germany (1st October- 10th December 2019).

She has been involved with many projects as Director, Political Institutions (Collaborative), UPOE, JNU, (2005-2007), and as Principal Investigator, of the sponsored project on 'Changing Conceptions of Legal Justice in India', ICSSR, (2014-2016). She is also a core member of the ICAS TM4 module based in Germany.

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EDUCATION

B. A. M.A. MPhil, Ph.D

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Total teaching experience around 33 years (as in 2024)

Presently Professor, Centre for Political Studies, SSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

Professor, Centre for Political Studies, SSS, JNU (26.08.2006 onwards)

Chairperson, Centre for Political Studies, SSS, JNU (August 2013- July 2015).

Chairperson, Centre for Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, SSS, JNU (July 2012-2013 August)

Director, Educational Records Research Unit, ERRU, SSS, JNU, (December 2011- 2012 July)

Chairperson, Gender Sensitization Committee Against Sexual Harassment, GSCASH, JNU (July 2004-2006).

Professor, Centre for Political Studies, SSS, JNU (26.08.2006)

Associate Professor, CPS, JNU, SSS (30.06.2003)

Reader Gargi College, Delhi University, (27.07.98)

Senior Lecturer, Gargi College, Delhi University, (11.09.94)

Permanent Lecturer, Gargi College, Delhi University, (28.8. 89)

Temporary Lecturer, Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University (1988-89).

Temporary Lecturer, Hindu College, Delhi University (1985-86)

Courses Taught

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- Political Philosophy: Concepts/ Readings in Political Thought (compulsory)
- Equality and Distributive Justice (optional PO 535)
- Early Modern Political Thought, Gender and Politics (optional)
- Indian Political Thought (compulsory)
- State in India (optional PO 531)

Ph. D

- Approaches, Concepts and Methods of Political Analysis (compulsory)
- State, Law, and Legitimacy (optional)

Innovations/Contributions in Teaching

Development of courses:

- Introduced 2003, Equality and Distributive Justice, M.A. in CPS, SSS, JNU optional course;
- Member, Committee on Revision of courses, CPS, SSS, 2006;
- Introduced Ph.D. optional course on State, Law and Legitimacy, CPS, SSS, JNU ; Revised M.A. optional courses on Early Modern Political Thought/ State in India, CPS, JNU.
- Convener, M.A. course in Concepts, One year course in Political Science under NEP (2024-2025)

PUBLICATIONS

Select Books

(2025) (eds) *Radical Imaginaries of Life Beyond 'Growth': Challenges and Pathways* (with Antje Linkenbach). Routledge (Forthcoming)

(2022) (eds) *State, Law and Adivasis: Shifting Terrains of Exclusion*. New Delhi: Sage. (with Antje Linkenbach). <https://spectrum.sagepub.in/book/state-law-and-adviasis-antje-linkenbach-9789354795275/16> ; <https://micasmp.hypotheses.org/antje-linkenbach-and-vidhu-verma-state-adviasis-and-property-rights-changing-norms-of-justice-2022>).

(2019) (ed) *Secularism, Religion and Democracy in Southeast Asia*. New Delhi: OUP.

(2018) (ed) *The State in India: Ideas, Norms and Politics*. New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan.

(2018) (eds) *The Empire of Disgust: Prejudice, Discrimination and Policy in India and the US*. (with Martha Nussbaum, Zoya Hasan, and A. Aziz) New Delhi: OUP.

(2015) (ed.) *Unequal Worlds. Discrimination and Social Inequality in Modern India*, New Delhi: OUP.

(2012) *Non-discrimination and Equality. Contesting Boundaries of Social Justice in India*. London: Routledge. (2017 Paperback Edition for South Asia Routledge).

(2002) *Malaysia: State and Civil Society in Transition*. Lynne Rienner Publishers, Colorado, USA.

(2000) *Justice, Equality and Community. An Essay on Marxist Political Theory*. New Delhi: Sage Publishers.

Selected Articles in books and journals

1. (1997) Essay on Isaiah Berlin', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 29 November - 5 December, vol. 32.

2. (1997a) Femininity and Sexual Difference: A critical reading of Helene Cixous', in: Meenakshi Thapan (ed.) *Embodiment: Essays on Gender and Identity*. OUP, New Delhi, 271-290.

3. (1998) Exploitation and Justice: Should we be interested in a theory of exploitation?' *Economic and Political Weekly*, 17 January - 23 January, vol. 33, no. 3, 115-121.

4. (1999) Colonialism and Liberation: Ambedkar's Quest for Distributive Justice, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 25 September – 1 October, vol. 34, no. 39, 2804-2810.

5. (2000) Malaysian Elections 1999: Unfinished Journey, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 29 July – 4 August, vol. 35, no. 31, pp. 2717-2724
6. (2002) Debating Rights in Malaysia: Contradictions and Challenges in Democratisation, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, vol 32, no.1, 108-130.
7. (2004) Engendering Development. Limits of Feminist theories and Justice, *EPW*, vol.34, no. 49. December 4-10, 5246-5252.
8. (2006) The State, Democracy and Global Justice, *EPW*, 25 August, 3728-3735.
9. (2006a). Reframing Human Rights: State, Gender and Politics. *Human Rights Global Focus*. December, volume 3, no. 2, 40-51.
10. (2007) Globalization and the State in India, in Kameshwar Choudhary, ed. *Globalisation, Governance Reforms and Development in India*, Sage, New Delhi. 465-490.
11. (2007a) Bonnie G. Smith, Caste and Caste Systems : Varna and Jati. An Overview. *Encyclopedia of Women in World History*. OUP, New York.
12. (2008) Class Democracy and Conceptions of Justice in India in Rajeev Bhargava, Michael Deusche and Helmut Reifeld. eds. *Justice. Political, Social and Juridical* Sage, New Delhi.
13. (2010) Reinterpreting Buddhism: Ambedkar on the Politics of Social Action. *EPW*, vol. XLV, no. 49, December 4. 56-65.
14. (2010a) India United on Corruption. *Mainstream*, December 4, vol. XLVIII, no. 50.
15. (2011) Representing Diversity: The Malaysian Experience in Gurpreet Mahajan (ed.) *Accommodating Diversities: Ideas and Institutional Practices*, New Delhi: OUP, 289-312.
16. (2011a) Conceptualising Social Exclusion: New Rhetoric or Transformative Politics? *EPW*, vol. VLVI, no. 9, December 10, 89-97.
17. (2012) UPA's Tough Times, *The Pioneer*, Sunday, 1 January.
18. (2014) The Lost Legacy, *The Pioneer*, Sunday, 14 January.
19. (2014a) Public Religions in a Post-secular Era: Habermas and Gandhi on Re-visioning the Political, *Telos*, volume 167, Summer, June.
20. (2015a). 'Introduction', In *Unequal Worlds*, ed. Vidhu Verma, New Delhi: OUP, 1-35.
21. (2015b) 'The Promise and Challenge of non-discrimination: Developing an Ethics of Political Action'. In *Unequal Worlds*. Ed. Vidhu Verma. 66-93. New Delhi: OUP.
22. (2015c) 'The World of Work: Gender Discrimination and Rights at the Workplace'. In *Unequal Worlds*. Ed. Vidhu Verma. 214-242. New Delhi: OUP.
23. (2015d) Democracy and the Politics of the Spectacle, Symposium review article, *Global Discourses*, July.
24. (2016) 'Secularism in India', in *The Oxford Handbook of Secularism*, co-edited by John Shook and Phil R. Zuckerman, London: OUP. 214-234.
25. (2018b) 'Gender and Anti-discrimination Laws in India: Modesty, Honour and Defiled bodies'. In *Empire of Disgust. Prejudice, Discrimination and Policy in India and the US*. (Eds). Hasan, Haq, Nussbaum and Verma. New Delhi: OUP. 104-126.
26. (2018c) 'Gender, Rights and the Justice Gap: Going beyond the Politics of Difference', in *Discourse on Rights in India: Debates and Dilemmas*, eds. Bijayalakshmi Nanda and Nupur Ray. New York: Routledge, 88-113.
27. (2018d) 'Introduction: The State in India: Contesting Perspectives, in *State in India: Ideas, Norms and Politics*, ed. Vidhu Verma. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 1-37.

28. (2018e) 'The State, Law and Multiple Legitimacies. A Case of Khap Panchayats', in *State in India: Ideas, Norms and Politics*, ed. Vidhu Verma. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan. 117-45.
29. (2018f). 'State, Social Justice and Reservation Policies: Reframing the Debate' in *State in India: Ideas, Norms and Politics*, ed. Vidhu Verma. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan. 256-284.
30. (2019a). 'Introduction: Secularism, Religion and Democracy – Changing Landscapes', in *Secularism, Religion and Democracy in Southeast Asia*, ed. Vidhu Verma. New Delhi: OUP. 1-26.
31. (2019b). 'Ambedkar and Gandhi: Exploring aporias in social justice and practices' in *Social Justice: Interdisciplinary Inquiries from India*, ed. Cybil K. Vinodan, New York and London; Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429264573> 18-45.
32. (2019c). 'A Crisis of Representation: Interests, Identities and Politics', *Journal of Social Exclusion Studies*. 11 July, 2019, 1-18.
33. (2020) 'Social Inequalities and Democratic Inclusion: A Study of Public institutions in India since the 1990s', in *Constitutional and Democratic Institutions in India. A Critical Analysis*. Ed. Sudha Pai. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 90-104.
34. (2020a) 'Modernity, Colonial Injustice and Individual Responsibility: Reading Ambedkar and Gandhi', in *Gandhi in the Contemporary World*, ed. Sanjeev Kumar, New Delhi: Routledge, 113-128.
35. (2020b) Ashoke Kumar Sarkar and Abdus Samad Gayen (Eds.), Karl Marx, Bicentennial (1818–2018) Lectures" Social Change, September, Vol. 50, No.3/ <https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/scha/50/3>
36. (2021) 'Discrimination, Colonial Injustice, and the Good Society' in *Quest for Justice*. Ed. Aakash Rathore, vol. 1. New Delhi: OUP, 145-173.
37. (2022a) 'Introduction: The Rights of Adivasi: Historical Predicaments and Contemporary Horizons'. In *State, Law, and Adivasi: Shifting Terrains of Exclusion*. Co-ed. Antje Linkenbach and Vidhu Verma. New Delhi: Sage, 1-33.
38. (2022b) 'Adivasi and Natural Resources: Self-ownership, Dispossession, and Self-determination. In *State, Law, and Adivasi: Shifting Terrains of Exclusion*. Co-ed. Antje Linkenbach and Vidhu Verma. New Delhi: Sage, 75-106.
39. (2022c) "Ambedkar, Buddhism, and Post-secularism: Inner Life, Politics, and Subalternity", *South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal* (SAMAJ) [Online], 28 | 2022, Online since 28 February 2022, connection on 07 July 2022. URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/samaj/7749> (106-126).
40. (2022d) "South Asian Political Thought." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. Ed. Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press.
41. (2022e). 'Group Representation and Reservations for Minorities in Colonial India'. Ed. Sudha Pai and S. Thorat, *Politics of Representation*. USA: Springer; 46-67. <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-981-19-1544-4>
42. (2023) "Review Essay" of Jacques Berlinerblau, *Secularism: The Basics*, *Secular Studies*, 5, 42–47.
43. (2023a) 'Gender Quotas and Representation in Politics (Cross Country)', in Ed. Ashwini Deshpande, *Handbook on Economics of Discrimination and Affirmative Action*. Springer: Singapore. 761-778. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-19-4166-5>
44. (2023b) 'Taking EWS Quota Seriously: Are they Fair and Just?' *Social Change*. March, vol 53, no.1, 98-107. [in.sagepub.com/journals-permissions-india](https://journals.sagepub.com/journals-permissions-india) DOI: 10.1177/00490857221151 <http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/scha/current>

45. Book Review of Dalits in the New Millennium, Indian Express, 08.October 2023. Magazine Section.
<https://indianexpress.com/article/books-and-literature/dalits-in-the-new-millennium-edited-by-sudha-pai-d-shyam-babu-rahul-verma-complexities-of-the-current-historical-moment-8972403/>

KEYNOTE ADDRESS/INAUGURAL/SPECIAL Lecture

Gandhi on Non-violence and Courage, Conversation with Neville Tuli, Depth and Diversity, Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre, 12-1 pm, Tuesday 29th April 2025.

‘Understanding Indian Political Thought: Challenges, Scope, and Future’, Keynote, Inaugural Session, Hindu College, Delhi University, 28th March, 10.30- 11.30 pm, 2025.

‘Renewing Radical Democracy’ Keynote address, in RUSA Sponsored National Seminar on ‘Rethinking Democracy’, 10.30 am, Conference 21-22nd March 2025, Department of Political Science, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

‘B. R. Ambedkar’s Philosophical Legacy’, Keynote address, 10. am, 7th February 2025, ICSSR North Western Regional Centre, Punjab University, Chandigarh.

‘Renewing Liberal Democracy: Lessons from Ambedkar’, Keynote address, 4th Abdul Ghaffar Khan Annual Memorial Lecture, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, India, 2.30 pm. 28th March 2024.

‘Gender and Pandemic, Miranda House’, 3 September, 2020, Delhi University (zoom link).

‘Democracy and Rights discourse in India: Norms, Institutions and Practices, Keynote address, 28th July, 2017, 10-12.30 am. Department of Political Science, Delhi University.

‘State, Democracy and Decentralization: Competing Sovereignties’, Keynote address, National Seminar on Panchayati Raj Institutions and Local Governance in India, Department of Political Science, Utkal University, Odisha, March 29, 2012.

SELECT SEMINARS/ Webinars AND WORKSHOPS

‘Federalism in times of Electoral Autocracy’ in Federalism and Democracy, IIC, New Delhi, Saturday, 3 May 2015, 10-1 pm.

‘The Discontents of Liberalism: Populism, Nationalism, and Illiberal democracy’ in International Conference Democracy at Crossroads: The European and Indian Experience, SIS, JNU, 10 am September 26th, 2023.

‘Music of Solidarity:’, ICAS-MP International Conference - The social and political life of Experience-Near Concepts, CSDS, New Delhi, 23-24 September 2022.

‘Ambedkar, Buddhism and Post-secularism: Inner life, Politics and subalternity’, in Visible (and Invisible) Boundaries of Distinction and Exclusion: Understanding Subalternity in Contemporary South Asia, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, 16-20 January 2020.

‘State, Development and Democracy’, Erfurt University, Erfurt, Germany, 28th October, 2019.

‘Atrocity, Ostracism and Social Norms: The limits of Liberal Legalism’, Max Weber Kellog, Erfurt, Germany, 3 December 2019.

‘Ambedkar, Buddhism and Social Change’, in Ambedkar’s contribution on National Reconstruction., September 11-12, 2019, Convention Centre, JNU, New Delhi, September `11-12, 2019.

‘A Comparative assessment of the State and Civil society in India and Malaysia’, in a Roundtable on Contemporary India-Malaysia Relations, SIS, JNU, New Delhi, 5 March, 2019.

‘Issues and Theoretical perspectives to Political Participation’, in conference on Political Participation of caste, ethnic, religions minorities and women: A study of the impact of under-representation and nominal – representation, February 5, Amaltas, Habitat Centre, New Delhi 2019.

‘Intersectionality, Positionality and Affirmative Action Policies’, in International Conference on Affirmative Action and the Sustainable Development Goal of Gender Equality, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Tiruchirappalli, India, 22-23 September 2018.

‘The Crisis of Representation: Critical Perspectives’, in a conference on Political Representation: Theory, Practice and Emerging challenges in India. Convention Centre, JNU, India, August 23-24, 2018.

‘Community and land rights: Some legal and normative issues’, in International Conference on ‘Rethinking Property Rights and Natural Resources: Changing Norms of Justice’, IIC, 9th March 2018.

‘Democracy and Rights discourse in India: Norms, Institutions and Practices, 28th July, 2017, 10-12.30 am. Department of Political Science, Delhi University.

‘Ambedkar, Buddhism and Post-secularism’, in Conference on Buddhism, Religion and Democracy, Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai, March 22-24, 2017.

‘Unburdening Proof’: Discrimination and Atrocity Laws since 1990s’, in International Conference on Thinking with Evidence: Seeking Certainty, Making Truth – 2016, 10-12 December 2016.

‘Women, Virtue and Law: Modesty, Honor and Defiled bodies’, International Conference, Prejudice, Stigma, Discrimination: Combatting Exclusions through Policy and Law, Chicago Centre, New Delhi, December 16th-17, 2016.

‘Self-ownership, Dispossession and the ‘Politics of Nature’, in a conference on Nature, Object, Subject: Semantics and Politics of Human-Nature-Relationships, 3-4th October 2016, International Conference, CSDS, New Delhi.

‘Debate on Backwardness’, in International Conference on Agenda for Equality: The possibilities and Limits of Affirmative Action, University of Warwick, UK 16-18 May, 2016.

‘State, Law and Multiple Legitimacies’ in a conference on Discrimination, Difference and Legal Justice, 3-4 February, 2016, SSS, JNU.

‘Duties and Duty-bearers’, The Draft of Anti-discrimination Bill, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, Friday 18 December 2015.

‘Multiple Legitimacies: Justice, Legality and Indigenous Systems of Law in India’, in Conference on Non-state Legal Practices in India, Manipal, 5-7 December 2015.

‘Gandhi on Authority, Autonomy and Moral Action’, in Debating Swaraj, 4-6 October 2015, Centre for Gandhian Thought and Peace Studies, Gujarat.

‘Can there be an Indigenous Theory of Justice’, Creative Theory Colloquium, IIC, New Delhi, 5-6 September 2015. ‘Human Rights: Challenges and Dilemmas’ in Essence of Human Rights Education in a Transitional Society, Amity University, Lucknow, India, 12-13 March 2015.

‘Ambedkar on the problem of order and the politics of social action’, Ambedkar Memorial Lecture, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, 3pm January 29, 2015.

‘Social Justice and Its Aporias; Exploring Gandhi and Ambedkar’, in Social Justice and the Empirical Sciences, Teen Murti Memorial Library, New Delhi, 10-11 December, 2014.

‘Religion, Culture and Democracy, 17 September, 2014, Berggruen Institute of Philosophy and Culture, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, USA.

‘Difference, Oppression and Intersectionality’, CPS, ICSSR conference on Methodological Horizons: Changing Frontiers of Political theory, 9-10 January, 2014.

‘Countering Sexual Harassment – Perspectives, strategies and challenges’ in Commitment to Gender Justice: Zero Tolerance to Sexual Harassment, Miranda House, Women Development Cell, Delhi University, 14 December 2013.

‘Civic Education, Urban spaces and building Democracy in India: A Civil Society in Transition’, International Conference, March 18, 2013, Kings College, London.

‘Reclaiming ‘Women’, Category and Politics’ in ‘Women and Affirmative Action’, Panel Discussion, Institute of Social Studies Trust and Heinrich Boll Stiftung, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, 15 March, 2013.

‘Muslim minorities in Margins: Declustering the Disadvantaged’, in seminar in Mainstreaming Minorities: Human Rights Discourse, Zakir Hussain College, Delhi University, 12 February 2013.

‘Habermas and Gandhi: Beyond Secularism? In ‘Are we postsecular? Contesting Religion and Politics in Comparative Contexts’, 13-14 December 2012, International Conference, Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi.

‘Urban Futures: Capital and the moral politics of the good life’, Urban India and new forms of democratic politics, International workshop CPS, JNU and University of Göttingen, October 25-26, 2012, Committee Room, SSS II, JNU

The Making of Swadeshi Samaj: Rethinking Politics and Action in Tagore’, in Institute of Public Administration (with Ministry of Culture, GOI) New Delhi, May 1-2, 2012.

‘Social Justice and its Discontents’ in seminar on Indian Republic at 60s: Appraisal from the Margins, ICSSR-PSS National Seminar, Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi, March 21-22 2012.

‘Affirmative Action policies in Malaysia : Recent Trends and Challenges’, in Protective Discrimination: Comparative Inquiries. International Workshop, Academic Research Centre, DCRC, Delhi University, October 14-15, 2011.

‘Gandhi and Moral Action’, in Workshop Reading Gandhi, ILLI, University of Delhi, August 26 and 27, 2011

‘Research Cultures in India’, in seminar on The Future of Universities: India’s Experience and Comparative Perspectives. CPS, JNU and University of Chicago. March 21-22, The India International Centre, Delhi, 2011.

‘Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam: A Study of Iqbal, in seminar on Politics, Philosophy and Aesthetics: Revisiting Gandhi, Tagore and Iqbal, National Archives, Delhi, 11-13 March, 2011.

‘Politics, Action and the Human Condition’, in a workshop on Hannah Arendt on Science and the Human Condition, International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI) Ankara, Turkey, 2-6 August 2010.

‘On Diversity: The Malaysian Experience’ in an International Seminar on Representing Diversity, April 3-4, 2008, Centre for Political Studies and IAS, Simla, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

‘Rights, Freedom and Justice. Contesting approaches in Buddhist view of social justice’ in Conceptions of Justice in Asia, 23-25 November, 2007, New Delhi, Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA), Third International Congress.

‘The National Commission for Women’, 28 March 2007, Workshop on Political Institutions in India, ICSSR, New Delhi, India.

‘Feminist Perspectives on Citizenship: Between Nation State and Human Rights’, in workshop on The Nation State, Embodied Practices, and the Politics of Identity: Changing Perspectives. Department of Sociology, Delhi University, 1-2 March, 2007.

‘Globalisation, State and Gender inequality’, in seminar on Women, Reforms and Globalization 14 October 2006, MSH Paris, CNRS, South Asia centre, Paris and CNRS, Université de Caen, Normandy, Paris.

‘Gender and the Human Rights Paradigm: Displacement and Women in conflict situations’, International Jurist Organisation and The Academic Council on the United Nations System Conference (IJO-ACUNS) 16-17 December 2005, New Delhi, India.

‘Citizenship and Local Governance in India: Exploring Gender representation within Panchayati Raj’, 3rd International Conference on Women and Politics in Asia, The Researchers, Islamabad, Pakistan. 24-25 November 2005.

‘Debates on Equality and Distributive Justice’ in Civil Society on the Move, International Convention of Asia Scholars, ICAS 4 Shanghai, China, 20-24 August 2005.

‘Insights on Discrimination and Remedies’, National Summit on Reservation in Private Sector, 2.30 pm 8 August 2005, Mavlankar Hall, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.

‘The Limits of Citizenship: A Study of the Debates on Representation and Rights in India’, Women’s Worlds 2005: 9th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, 19-24 June 2005, Seoul, Korea.

Political citizenship and affirmative action: the Gender Paradox in India,’ CPS , CERI and CHS seminar, JNU, New Delhi, India 24-25 February, 2005

‘Religion, Human Rights and the Law,’ International Conference on Cultural and Religious Mosaic of South and Southeast Asia Conflict and Consensus through the ages, organized by South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Religion, IIC, New Delhi, India , 27-30 January 2005

‘Political aspects of Globalisation and Governance reforms with a focus on nation-state in India’, Paper presented in Workshop: Globalization, Governance, Reforms and Development, December 15-17, 2004, Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA), Gujarat, India.

‘Malaysian experiences of Affirmative action Policy,’ in Seminar on Civil society’s initiative on remedies against discrimination and reservation policy for private sector in India. 15 July, 2004, Constitution Club, Rafi Marg, New Delhi. 9.30 a.m. – 6.00 p.m

Class and Conceptions of Justice,’ in workshop on: Justice: Political, Social and Juridical, November 7 – 10, 2003, Jaisalmer, India, organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

‘Islam, reformasi and civil society,’ in Civil Society – East and West, Seminar at Leidecker Center for Asian Studies, Mary Washington College, Virginia, USA. April 4-7 2002.

‘Challenges to Democratisation and Islam in Malaysia,’ 56th Annual Conference of the New York Political Science Association, Niagara University, USA , 19-20 April 2002.

‘A South-Asian Feminist critique of Development’ in a symposium on Women and Gender at the 14th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences from July 26 - August 1, 1998, Williamsburg, Virginia, USA.

‘A Critical reading of Helene Cixous,’ in a seminar The Female Body and Sexuality, Teen Murti Library, New Delhi, India. November 22, 1994.

‘Ambedkar: The debate on Distributive Justice,’ in a seminar Colonialism and Liberation, 19 September, 1997 Dyal Singh College and DCRC, Delhi University, India.

‘State, Democracy and Decentralization: Competing Sovereignties’, in National Seminar on Panchayati Raj Institutions and Local Governance in India, Key note address, Department of Political Science, Utkal University, Odisha, March 29, 2012.

Select Participation

Panelist, ‘Ambedkar on Constitutionalism’, in Constitutionalism and Casteist Hegemony, Conference, IIC, Thursday, 1 May 2025, 6- 8 pm.

Panelist, 'Ambedkar on Political Democracy, in Convention on Dr Ambedkar's Legacy, Advancing Rights, Justice and Constitutional Governance', O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, 12th April 2025, 2.00-3.30 pm

Chair, 'Roundtable: Social and the Political', 28-29 October, 2024, Young Scholars Conference, Convention Centre, CPS, JNU, New Delhi.

Chair, Panel discussion on Book, Political Future of Indian Muslims, by Mujibur Rehman, 18th October 2024, 3-5 pm, CPS, JNU, New Delhi.

Discussant, Federalism and Political Process, 17 November 2023, 10-1.00 pm, IIC, New Delhi.

Chair, Alternative visions and Contestations of the rural change, 24th February, 11.45-1.15 pm. Room 204, SSS, III, in the International Conference, Globalisation and Future of rural-agrarian in 21st century. 23-24th February 2023.

Discussant, Panel, 'Capital, Culture and Commons', in Book Discussion, JNU Academic, SSS Committee Room, New Delhi, 18 January 2023, 4-6 pm.

Chair, Panel 'The Future of Indian Political Thinking' in 'The Future of Indian Political Theory'. Seminar, JNU Academic, JNU Auditorium, New Delhi, 4 -5 December, 2022.

Discussant, 'Census categories at the intersection of normative order, representation and anti-discrimination' by Anne-Kathrin Will, 4-6pm, ICAS office, IIC, New Delhi.

Participant, ICAS-MP International Conference - The social and political life of Experience-Near Concepts, CSDS, New Delhi, 23-24 September 2022.

Chair, Keynote Address by Rajeshwari Raina, 'Degrowth, Postgrowth or Reinventing Life', CSDS, New Delhi 5 pm, 20 September 2022.

Participant, 'Degrowth, Postgrowth or Reinventing Life: Prospects and Projects', ICAS, CSDS and Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, NCR, 20-22 September 2022

Chair and Discussant, 'Gandhi's Vision' by Uday Mehta, Gandhi Study Circle, 20th August 2022, Zoom link.

Panelist, 'Samajkee journal release', IIC, 18th November 2021, New Delhi. 6-8.pm.

'Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on science and research in India,' Thursday, 15 July 2021, 8.30-10.30 pm, Border Crossing Solidarities, Leipzig, Germany 14-17 July 2021.

Live-streaming available at: <https://www.globe-festival.de/merian-centres> ; <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpK1KLAe9PChTcYZ7aCvqk>

Panelist, 'Ambedkar's Constitution: A Radical Phenomenon in Anti-Caste Discourse', 4 pm-6pm, June 10, 2021, webinar, IIDS-RLS project.

The zoom link :

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QffzHm-RDmLxygMpH6Qpw

Author Speak, 'Reclaiming Concepts', Department of Political Science, Miranda House, Delhi University, 11 am, 29 January 2020.

Participant, Roundtable on 'Kashmir: The Way Forward', IIC, 27 April, 2019.

Chair, 'Muslim Homogeneity and the discourse of Unity in diversity in postcolonial India', in International Workshop organised by ICAS on 'Deep Diversity', 28th February 2019, CSDS, New Delhi.

Chair, Gender and Political Representation, in Workshop on Underrepresentation and Nominal Representation, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Amaltas, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, February 5, 2019.

Chair, 'Affirmative Action Beyond the Legislature', in International Conference on Affirmative Action and the Sustainable development Goal of Gender Equality, Tamil Nadu National Law University, Technical Session III, 22 September, 2018.

Panelist, Book Launch, 'Rise of Saffron Power' edited by Mujibur Rahman Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. 2.p.m.,27th September, 2018.

Chair, 'Envisioning State: An Alternative vision', in conference on Swatantra: Principles, People and Politics, Teen Murti Memorial Library, New Delhi, 3 February, Saturday, 2.00-3.30 pm., 2018.

Chair, 'Debating Democracy/Rethinking Democracy'. ICAS/MP Conference, Berlin, Germany, 9-10 October 2017.

Chair, 'Women, Work and Employment', 12th Global Labour University Conference, 'Reincarnation or Death of Neoliberalism? JNU, 6thOctober, 2017.

Chair, 'The Categorical Turn in Philosophy', Session 4, The Creative Theory Colloquium, IIC and ICSSR, New Delhi, 5-6 September 2017.

Panelist, Book launch, 'As if Women Matter' by Ruchira Gupta, IIC, New Delhi 6.30 pm., 24th May, 2016.

Panelist, Book Launch, 'Caste Discrimination and Exclusion in Modern India', IIC, New Delhi, 4 January, 6.00 p.m. 2016.

Chair, Political Players in 2014, in "A Paradigm Shift in Indian Politics", Conference Hall, IIC, New Delhi, October 28, 2014.

Chair, The 2014 Lok Sabha Elections in urban and Rural India, ICSSR session 6, 19-20 August, 2014. Indian European Research Networking Project, ICSSR, New Delhi.

Chair, Going Beyond Dualisms in Thinking about the Global South: Critical Reflections, AISC, SIS, JNU 10 December,2013 3.15-4.45 p.m.

Chair, 'Religion, Caste and Ambedkar', National Conference on Caste, Religion and Reservation, 19-20 November, 2013, JamiaMillia Islamia, New Delhi.

Chair, Documentary screening, Where Knowledge is Free, National conference on Dalit Art and Imagery, 6th March, 2013, 10 am-1.00

Chair, Session II, CPS Conference on Political mobilization and social movements, 31 January 2012, CPS, SSS, JNU.

Discussant, Panel Discussion on Ashwini Deshpande' The Grammar Of Caste', 28 September 2011. 3.00 pm, PSDE, SSS I, JNU.

Chair, 'Categories and Labels' in National Conference on Exploring Disability: Exploring in Social Science Research, CSSS, JNU, 25 March, 2011.

Chair, Session V, Just Access and Quotas, in Seminar on Changing Paradigms of Governance, Law and Rights, JNU-Warwick, Conference Room, Centre for Study of Law and Governance, JNU, February 2011.

Chair, Session 4, Minorities and the Margins. Colonial Encounter and Post-Colonial discourses. 17-18 February, PSDE, SSS I, JNU, 2011.

Discussant, Dialogue on Democracy and Pluralism in South Asia, Centre for Law and Governance, JNU, May 1-2, 2007.

Workshop, Sexual Harassment at Workplace, Human Rights Law Network, 27-28 October 2005 , Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Workshop on Democracy and Muslim Societies: The Asian Experience. 13 September 2005, Observer Research Foundation New Delhi.

Workshop 'India and Financial Globalization', MSH, Paris 28 September 2006.
Discussant, Dialogue on Democracy and Pluralism in South Asia, Centre for Law and Governance, JNU, May 1-2, 2007.

Discussant, Beyond the Social Contract: Capabilities, Global Justice and Gender Equality. Lecture by Martha Nussbaum, 11 March 2004, 4.00 p.m. UNDP, New Delhi
Discussant, Global Justice, Lecture by Martha Nussbaum, 9 March 2004, 3.00 p.m. SSS committee room, JNU, New Delhi.

SELECT LECTURES

'The Political Theory of B. R. Ambedkar', 10.30 pm IST, March 12, 2024, University of Florence, Italy.

www.juragentium.eu

meeting online: <https://meet.google.com/qcf-ptdw-rya>

'Constitutional and Democratic Institutions in India. A Critical Analysis', Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, 11 am, 4 February 2020.

'Contemporary Relevance of Political Philosophy' Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University, 7 February 2019.

'State and Social Justice', in Refresher Course in Political Science, and Law/Public Administration, Tuesday, 28th August 2018, 9.30 am-11 am, JNU.

'Ambedkar, Buddhism and Post-secularism', Public Lecture, Department of Political Science, Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Hyderabad 8th March 2017.

'New Hegemonies: Transnational Feminism and Intersectionalities', Lecture Series on Transnational Feminism organised by University of Wisconsin and IDS, 7th January, 2017, 2.30-5.00 pm, CSR, SSS, JNU, 2017.

'Labour, Gender and the Workplace', Orientation Programme UGC-HRDC, JNU, 9 December, 2015.

'Gender and Sex', Orientation Course, 24 November 2014, Womens' Studies Centre, CPDHE, Delhi University.

'The limits of the Governance discourse', Orientation course, 1 July 2014, 10-1.00 p.m, CPDHE, Delhi University.

'Less of Government, More of Governance', Orientation course, 1 July, 2014, CPDHE, 2.00 – 4.00 pm. Delhi University.

'Changing Conceptions of Legal Justice in the Post-liberalization period in India', Refresher Course, 11 October, 2013, 3.30-5.00.CPDHE, Delhi University.

'Law, Sovereignty and Justice', Refresher Course, 11 October, 2013, 2-3.30pm, CPDHE, Delhi University.

'Imagining the Democratic Polity in Divided Societies', 14 October, 2013, Refresher Course, JNU

'Reclaiming Democracy: Agnostic pluralism for Divided Societies', Refresher Course, 11 March 2013, CPDHE, Delhi University

'Social Justice and the moral compass in an age of Durable Inequalities', 25 February, 2013, CPDHE, Delhi University.

'Equality and Sexual Difference', Refresher Course, CPDHE, Delhi University, Wednesday, 10-11.30, 26 September, 2012

'Women's Rights at the Workplace: Protections against Sexual Harassment', CPDHE, Delhi University, Wednesday 11.30-1.00, 26 September, 2012.

'Discrimination and Marginalization' Refresher course, Sociology, Academic Staff College, JNU, 31 August 2012.

‘Orientation Session on Sexual Harassment’, GSCASH, SSS, JNU, 22 August, Wednesday 2012.

‘Political Theory and the displacement of master concepts’, Refresher course in Political Science, Academic Staff College, 9 April, 2012.

‘Democracy, Corruption and the Public Interest’, PGDAV College Delhi University, 27 March, 2012.

‘Changing Imagination of Social Justice’, Refresher Course in Sociology, 20 March, 2012, Academic Staff College, JNU.

‘Inclusive Growth: Rhetoric or a Reality’, 28 December 2011, 12. pm, Manav Rachna International University, Faridabad.

Changing Conceptions of Social Justice, Refresher course in Sociology, Academic Staff College, JNU, 7 March 2011.

Cosmopolitan Citizenship, Refresher Course, CPDHE, Delhi University, 11.30 am, 13 March 2007.

Global Justice and Citizenship across national boundaries, Refresher Course, CPDHE, Delhi University, 10.00 am, 13 March, 2007.

Gender and Human Rights, Refresher course, October, 2006, Academic Staff College, JNU,
Equality and Justice, Refresher Course in Political Science, 9.00 am. 3 March, 2006, Academic Staff College, JNU.

Equality and Discrimination, Guest Lecture, 10 February 2006, 10.30 a.m. College Auditorium, Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

Justice and Utilitarianism, Guest Lecture, 10 February 2006, 2.00. p.m. Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

Gender and Human Rights, Refresher Course on Gender and Human Rights, Academic Staff College, Chandigarh, Panjab University 7 October 2005, 12.00 noon.

Global Justice, Human rights and Sovereignty, Refresher Course on Gender and Human Rights, Academic Staff College, Chandigarh, Panjab University, 7 October, 2.30 p.m.

Equality and Justice, 31st Refresher course, Political Science, Academic Staff College, JNU, New Delhi, India. 7 March 10.45 a.m.

Science and Social Sciences, Lecture on Foundation Course on Social Enquiry, CPDHE, Delhi University, New Delhi, India 28 September 2004, 2.00 –3.30 p.m
State and Civil Society, 27 March 2004, 10.00 a.m. Department of Sociology, University of Jammu, India.

Conceptions of Justice, Refresher course in Political Science, 10.am. October, 2003, Academic Staff College, JNU, New Delhi.

Methodology in Social Sciences, Refresher Course in Political Science, 10.am. March 2004, Academic Staff College, JNU, New Delhi.

Lecture on Challenges to Democracy in India and Malaysia, School of Continuing and Professional Studies, New York University, 30 October, 2001 Tuesday 6.20 pm, Cooper Square, New York, USA.

CONSULTANCY AND RESEARCH

Consultant, Department of Political Science, School of Social Sciences, Indira Gandhi Open University (July – December 1989).

Visiting Fellow, Maison Des Science de L’Homme, Paris, UGC sponsored Indo-French cultural exchange programme (February-March 1994).

Fellow, Developing Countries Research Centre (DCRC), Delhi University, 1998-1999.

General Fellow, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, 2000-2002.

Visiting Fellow, Maison Des Science de L'Homme, Paris, ICSSR sponsored Indo-French cultural exchange programme (September-October 2006).

Senior Fellow, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, 2008-2010.

Visiting Fellow, Department of Political Science, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Hyderabad, 5-8 March 2017.

Senior Fellow, University of Erfurt, Germany, ICAS, 30 September – 10 December 2019.

Social media

Audio interview Ambedkar's Radical interpretation of Buddhism, in The Religion and Ethics Report with Andrew West. ABC Radio, Wednesday 26 May 2021, 5.50 pm.

www.abc.net.au

Lecture on Ambedkar's legacy, Punjab University, 2025.

<https://www.cityairnews.com/content/national-seminar-on-dr-br-ambedkars-philosophical-legacy-indias-quest-for-social-justice>

Chair and discussant, Gandhi's vision by Uday Mehta, Gandhi's Vimarsh, 3 September 2022.

PROJECTS

Director, Political Institutions (Collaborative), UPOE, JNU, 2005-2007

Member, Indo-European Research Networking Project 'From Identity to Interests? Quantitative and Qualitative Explanations of Electoral Change in Rural and Urban India' (2013-2015)

Principal Investigator, Changing conceptions of Legal Justice in India, ICSSR, 2014-2015.

ADMINISTRATION

Chairperson, Centre for Political Studies (CPS), SSS, JNU, August 2013-2015 July.

Chairperson, Centre for the Study on Discrimination and Exclusion (CSDE), SSS, JNU September 2012-2013 August

Director, Educational Records Research Unit (ERRU), SSS, JNU 2011 December- August 2012.

Chairperson, Gender Sensitization Committee against Sexual Harassment, GSCASH, JNU 2004-2005.

Coordinator, 31st Refresher Course in Political Science, Academic Staff College, JNU, October-November 2004.

Coordinator, 35th Refresher Course in Political Science, Academic Staff College, JNU, February 2008.

Warden, Ganga Hostel, JNU (18th September 2003-December 2007)

Subject Expert for JNU Entrance Exam JNUEE – 2021. Test Development of following Programmes/Subjects: M. A. POLM (220) Political Science

Organizer, Conferences

Member, Organizing committee, International Conference, Prejudice, Stigma, Discrimination: Combatting Exclusions through Policy and Law, Chicago Centre, New Delhi, December 16th-17, 2016.

Organizer and Convener, IInd National Workshop, Discrimination, Difference and Legal Justice, 3-4 February, 2016, SSS, JNU (ICSSR project).

Organizer and Convener, 1st International Workshop, 'Discrimination, Difference and Legal Justice', 14 October, 2014 SSS, JNU, (ICSSR).

Organizer and Convener, International Conference, 'Methodological Horizons: Changing Frontiers of Political Theory', 9-10 January, 2014, SSS, JNU.

Organizer, 'Orientation Course, ICSSR (Northern Region) on Social Science Research" titled 'Social Exclusion and Liberal Democracy'. The orientation programme was especially for Research Scholars and Teachers belonging to Scheduled Castes and other Marginalised Social Groups 17-19th July, 2013, School of Social Sciences Building, JNU

Organizer, Research Scholars Workshop on 'Creating Equality', Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, 29-30 November, 2012, SSS, JNU.

Organizer and Convener, International Conference, 'Beyond Structures of Discrimination', CSDE, 10-11 January, 2013, SSS, JNU.

Member, Organizing Committee, 40 years of SSS, International Conference on Democracy, Pluralism and Justice. February 28-2 March 2012, SSS, JNU.

Member, Organizing Committee, Conference on Affirmative Action in Higher Education in India, The US and South Africa. 19-21 March, 2009, New Delhi. Organized by the Programme for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, Centre for Comparative Constitutionalism, University of Chicago.

Member, Organizing Committee, Conceptions of Justice in Asia, 23-25 November, 2007, New Delhi, Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA), Third International Congress, Delhi University.

Member, Organising Committee, APISA Conference, New Delhi, November 2007.

Convener and Organizer, Seminar on Political Institutions in India: Critical Perspectives, CPS, JNU, January 18, 2007

Convener and Organizer, Workshop on Political Institutions in India, ICSSR, Aruna Asif Ali Road, Delhi, 28 March 2007.

Convener and Organizer, Steering Committee on Democracy and Cultural nationalism for the CPS, JNU Conference on Cultural Nationalism and Indian Democracy 17-18 March 2004.

Member, CPS Conference Committee, Anti- Discrimination and Affirmative Action in a Comparative Perspective, 24-25 March 2005, JNU.

Social Sciences School Representative, JNUTA, 2006-2007

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Certificate of Merit, 10th Position, Humanities, All India Senior School Certificate Examination (1979)
- Gold Medal for standing First in B.A. (Hons), Political Science, Delhi University (1982).
- M.A. Merit Scholarship by the Delhi University (1982-1984).
- Junior Research Fellowship by the University Grants Commission on qualifying at the National Education Test (1984-1986).
- Inlaks Scholarship for study at St Annes College, Oxford University (1986-1988).
- ICCR Chair, Singapore (2015) Could not accept the invitation.
- Visiting Fellow, Maison Des Science de L'Homme, Paris, under UGC sponsored Indo-French cultural exchange program (1994)
- Visiting Fellow, Indo-French cultural exchange program, ICSSR (2006).
- General Fellow (2000-2002), and Senior Fellow, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi (2008-2010).
- Visiting Fellow, University of Hyderabad (2017)
- Senior Fellow with ICAS at the University of Erfurt, Germany (1st October- 10th December 2019).

- Distinguished Fellow, University of Erfurt, Germany, 1 October 2022 – 31st March 2023. I could not take up the invitation as leave was not granted.

Manuscript Reviewer (Books) (Journals)

Oxford University Press; Sage; Routledge; Orient Black Swan

Referee, Jurnal Bina Praja, Indonesia ; Open Theology, Notre Dame; Contributions to Sociology; Journal of Social Exclusion ; Social Change, Journal of the Council of Social Development; Social Identities, Taylor and Francis; Peace Review, Taylor and Francis.

Research Supervision (JNU)

Ph.D : Registered, Supervised and Awarded around 32; M.Phil: Supervised and Awarded around 37

MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHERS

Member, Selection Committee for recruitment of Faculty and Researchers in Political Science/Social Sciences in various Indian Universities/Research Institutes.

Member, Board of Studies of the School of Liberal and Creative Arts (Social Sciences and Languages), Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar

Member, External, Political Science Department, BHU (2024-2025)

Member, ICAS-MP, Joint Committee (2024-2025)

Member, External, Board of Studies, Politics, Krea University (2022-2025)

Member, Governing Board, G. B. Pant Social Science Institute, (2023-2025).

Member, Managing Committee, Salwan Public School, Gurugram, Haryana (2021-25)

Member, Academic Council, JNU (2022-2024)

Member, Editorial Board, Current Research Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities

Chairperson nominee, Governing Body, Miranda House, Delhi University (2019-2020)

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Social Inclusion Studies, New Delhi.

Member, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, JNU, (2016-2018).

Member, Editorial Advisory Boards, Journal of Public policy and research, Mumbai (2017)

Member, Doctoral Committee, Gender and Development Programme, IGNOU (2013-2022)

Member, Advisory Committee, “Connect to India Programme”, UGC and JNU (2014)

Member, Standing Committee, Programme for the Study on Discrimination and Exclusion (PSDE), JNU 2006-2011

Member, Advisory Committee, DCRC, Delhi University (2008-2010)

Member, Selection Committee, Inlaks Scholarship, New Delhi (2004-2010)

Member Selection Committee, Rhodes Scholarship, New Delhi (2009)

Member, Selection Committee, Felix Scholarship, New Delhi (2010)

Member, Expert Committee, Introduction of new course on Contemporary Democratic Theories, Department of Political Science, IGNOU, March 11-12, 2008.

Member, Asian Political and International Studies Association, (APISA) (2007)
International Political Science Association (IPSA 1996-98)

American Political Science Association (APSA 2001-2002)

The Association for Asian Studies, USA (AAS 2002)

The New York State Political Science Association (2002)

The International Jurist Council with The Academic Council on the United Nations System, ACUNS, Canada
(2005-2007)

Member, British Association of South Asian Studies, BASAS (2011)

Life Member, Indian Association for Women's Studies, New Delhi

Interested in theatre, music, yoga and meditation.