

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### **Academic Details**

- PhD from Centre for Political Studies (CPS), School of Social Sciences II, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, May 2015
- M. Phil from Centre for Political Studies (CPS), School of Social Sciences II, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), with CGPA 7.3 and grade A<sup>-</sup>
- M.A. in Political Science from Centre for Political Studies (CPS), School of Social Sciences II, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi with CGPA 7.1 and grade A<sup>-</sup>
- B.A. (Honors) Political Science from Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University with 61% marks (First Division)

### **Fellowships**

Received the ICAS: MP<sup>1</sup> post-doctoral fellowship on the topic Gender, Caste and Political Representation: the case of Dalit women panchayat members in the state of Haryana in January 2018, for the duration of 4 months at the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi.

Received a fellowship from the Institution of Eminence at the Delhi School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Delhi from 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2024.

### **Projects**

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<sup>1</sup> M.S. Merian- R.Tagore International Centre of Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences: Metamorphoses of the Political (ICAS: MP)

Received a minor research grant under the Faculty Research Programme of the Institution of Eminence (IOE), University of Delhi as co-principal investigator for 2021-22 titled *Political Ecology of Traditional Water Systems: Exploring Possibilities and Potential in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana*

## Research

- Nature of Indian democracy: Study of political change in the post liberalization period -a case study of Andhra Pradesh (MPhil)
- Democratic development in India in the post liberalization period- A comparative study of Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.(PhD)

## Appointments Held

- Working as Professor in Department of Political Science, Motilal Nehru College, Delhi University. Joined as Assistant Professor in January 2006.
- Worked as Lecturer (Temporary) in Department of Political Science, Gargi College, Delhi University from October 2000 to January 2006.

## Publications

- 2022. Marketing Affect: Mapping the centeredness of the election campaign through a comparison of party strategies in the Delhi Assembly Elections, *Contemporary South Asia*, 30 May, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09584935.2022.2072473>
- 2021. Electoral campaign as a performative plebiscite: Mapping the changing nature of political communication in India. In de Souza, P.R., Alam, M. S. and Ahmed, H. (eds.) *Companion to Indian Democracy* (pp. 53-62). Routledge India. DOI: 10.4324/9781003219477
- 2021. Songs of Protest, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 56(43), October 23, pp.63-64 [online]. Available at: <https://www.epw.in/journal/2021/43/postscript/songs-protest.html>
- 2021. Dalit Women Panchayat Members in Haryana: Gender, Caste and Political Representation, *South Asia Research*, 41 (2) April 23, pp. 203-219, Online ISSN 1741-3141
- 2021. Fluid Identities, Contested Categories: Jats, Patels and the Demand for Reservation in India, *Asian Ethnicity*, February 9, DOI: [10.1080/14631369.2021.1886579](https://doi.org/10.1080/14631369.2021.1886579)or
- 2021. Review for the book, Election commission of India-institutionalizing democratic uncertainties, *South Asian History and Culture*, 12:4, 481-483, DOI: [10.1080/19472498.2021.1956120](https://doi.org/10.1080/19472498.2021.1956120)

- 2021. A community, their voices brushed under the carpet, *The Indian Express*, Kumar, R. and Panwar, K. January 24, 2021. Available at: <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/a-community-their-voices-brushed-under-the-carpet-7159319/>
- 2019. Why a Nationalist rhetoric failed the BJP in Haryana, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 54(51), December 28, 2019, [online]. Available at: <https://www.epw.in/engage/article/why-nationalist-rhetoric-failed-bjp-haryana>
- 2019. Affirmative Action and Women in India. In: Singh, A.P. and Murari, K. (eds.) *Political Process in Contemporary India*, Pearson, Noida, pp. 279-296, ISBN 978-93-534-3245-4
- 2018. ‘Paradise Lost’, *The Tribune*, (in-focus), September 03, [online]. Available at: <https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/in-focus/paradise-lost/646810.html>
- 2018. Nationalism (Hinduism). In: Jain P., Sherma R., Khanna M. (eds) *Hinduism and Tribal Religions*. Encyclopedia of Indian Religions. Springer, Dordrecht. Online ISBN 978-94-024-1036-5
- 2018. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). In: Jain P., Sherma R., Khanna M. (eds) *Hinduism and Tribal Religions*. Encyclopedia of Indian Religions. Springer, Dordrecht Online ISBN 978-94-024-1036-5
- 2018. Strengthening Democracy through Good Governance. In: Singh, A.P. and Murari, K. (eds) *Governance- Issues and Challenges*. Pearson, Noida, ISBN 978-93-528-6933-6
- 2018. Sushasan dwara Loktantra ka Sudhridikaran. Kumar, R and Pandey, S. In: Singh, A.P. and Murari, K. (eds.) *Shasan: Mudhe aur Chunnautiya*, Orient Blackswan, New Delhi, pp.49-65, ISBN 978-93-5287-202-2
- 2017. ‘A Great Divide’, *The Hindu*, (op-ed), August 15, [online], available at: <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/a-great-divide/article19493440.ece?homepage=true>
- 2017. ‘Padayatras and the Changing Nature of Political Communication in India’, *Studies in Indian Politics*, 5(1), June, p.32-41, Sage Publications. ISSN 2321-0230
- 2017. ‘Exploring the Twin Tracks of Economic and Governance Reforms in the two States of Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh’ in *The Indian Journal of Public Administration*, 63(1), March, p.124-135, Sage Publications, ISSN 0019-5561
- 2016. ‘Stooping to Conquer: Jats and Reservations in Haryana’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 51(16), April 16, 2016, p.15-18, 2016
- 2015. ‘The Women’s Movement in India’ in *The Indian Journal of Public Administration*, (Reprint) July-September, LXI (3) (Special Issue on Pressure Groups and Democratic Governance), p.423-444, ISSN 0019-5561
- 2015. ‘The Women’s Movement in India’ in *Development Process and Social Movements in Contemporary India* (ed.) A. P. Singh, New Delhi: Pinnacle Learning, p.171-193

- 2015. ‘Saffronising Jatland’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 50(19), May 09, p.73-76, ISSN 2349-8846
- 2014. ‘Demise of the Developmental State or a Re-definition: Lessons from the State of Andhra Pradesh, in *Neoliberal State and its Challenges* (eds.) Bhupen Sarmah and Joydeep Baruah, New Delhi: Aakar Books, ISBN 978-93-5002-301-3
- 2014. ‘Political Communication and the Electoral Campaign: A case study of the 2014 National Election’ in *Journal of Politics and Governance*, 3(4) October-December, ISSN 2278-473X
- 2013. ‘Upstaging Anti-incumbency’ in *Economic and Political Weekly*, 48(24), June 15, p. 20-23. ISSN 2349-8846
- 2013. ‘Governance Reforms and the Politics of Development: A case analysis of Andhra Pradesh’ in *Journal of Politics and Governance*, 2(1/2) June, ISSN 2278-473X
- Web lesson on ‘*Politics*’ for the Bachelors Program Course on ‘Social Enquiry’
- Web lesson on ‘*Human Rights*’ for the Bachelors Program course on ‘Legal Literacy’
- Chapter on the ‘*Human Rights Movement*’ for a diploma course on Human Rights at the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi. <http://egyankosh.ac.in//handle/123456789/43835>
- Chapter on ‘*Role of NGOs*’ for a diploma course on Human Rights at the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi. <http://egyankosh.ac.in//handle/123456789/43210>
- Review for the book, *Women, Citizenship and Difference*. By Nira Yuval Davis and Prina Werbner (eds.) for the *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, New Delhi: Sage. ISBN 0971-5215

### **Papers presented at various national and international conferences**

- *From identity to affect: Exploring technology and the sonic in Dalit music in Punjab* at the international conference, Punjab Sounds Colloquium jointly organized by the University of Sheffield and Ambedkar University from 16 to 18 August 2021
- *Sculpting an identity: Music and Memory amongst Dalits in Punjab* presented at SASNET 2020: Rethinking the Politics of Memory in South Asia Conference (Virtual) held on December 9 and 10, 2020
- *Mimicking the urban: Loss of Land, Livelihood and Location in the peri-urban* at the international conference on ‘Urban Transformations, Youth Aspirations and Education’ held at IIT Gandhinagar on 20-21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 in collaboration of NIEPA, New Delhi and IIT Gandhinagar

- *Identities, Contested Categories: Negotiating Ethnicity through Affirmative Action* at the International Political Studies Association (IPSA), Joint Colloquium on ‘Diversity and Democratic Governance: Legacies of the Past, Present Challenges and Future Directions?’ at the University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 11-15<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- *Gender, Caste and Political Representation: the case of Dalit women panchayat members in the state of Haryana* at the International Workshop on ‘Gender, Civil Society and the Role of the State, held on 19-20 March 2018, at Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi, organized by Thematic Module 5 (The Challenge of Gender), ICAS: MP
- *Gender, Caste and Political Representation: the case of Dalit women panchayat members in the state of Haryana* at the Fellows’ Lecture, held on March 7, 2018 at the Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi under the aegis of the ICAS: MP Post-Doctoral fellowship
- *Mimicking the urban: Loss of Land, Livelihood and Location in the peri-urban* at the International Conference on ‘Development, Agrarian Change, and Gender in India: Exploring Interdisciplinary Approaches’, held on 6-7 February 2018, in Gujarat Institute of Development Research (GIDR), Ahmedabad in collaboration with The Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, Australia.
- *Fluid Identities, Contested Categories: Elite castes and the demand for reservation in India* at the conference on ‘Modern Matters: Negotiating the Future in Everyday Life in South Asia, Panel 5: Transformation of Caste’, held on 20 — 22 September 2016 at Lund University, Sweden organised by the Swedish South Asian Studies Network (SASNET) 2016.
- *Qualifying to be elected: Mapping representational shifts in Haryana’s panchayati raj elections 2016* at the final conference, ‘From Identity to Interests? Quantitative and Qualitative explanations of electoral change in rural and urban India of the EECURI (Examining Electoral Change in Urban and Rural India) network, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June 2016, London School of Economics and Political Science) LSE, London, 2016
- *Electoral campaign as a performative plebiscite: Mapping the changing nature of political communication in India* at the seminar, The Question is Democracy organised by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi on March 14-16, 2016
- *Treating the Unequal Unequally: Redefining the Democratic Cartography of the Elite in Liberalized India* at the Young Scholar’s Conference organised by the Centre for Political Studies (CPS), SSS II, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi on March 3-4, 2016

- *Electoral Campaign as a Performative Plebiscite: Mapping the Changing Nature of Political Communication in India* at the International Conference on Elections and Political Parties in South Asia: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Perspective jointly organised by the Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal and Research Committee 23, International Political Science Association (IPSA RC-23) 2015
- *Electoral Campaign as a Performative Plebiscite: Mapping the Changing Nature of Political Communication in India* at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference organised at the University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada on August 26-29, 2015
- *Political Communication and Electoral Padyatras in India* at The Future of India's Democracy: Social, Economic and Political Aspects organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, New Delhi on January 30-31, 2015
- *Rallies, Rathyatras and Padyatras: Changing Nature of Electoral and Political Communication in India* at the International Conference on Performative Communication: Culture and Politics in South Asia jointly organized by the Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia and Department of Sociology, South Asian University, New Delhi on January 20-21, 2015
- *Political Communication and the Electoral Campaign: A case study of the 2014 National Election* at the 'National Conference on Politics and Governance' organized by the Academy of Politics and Governance at the India International Centre, New Delhi on August 3, 2014
- *Governance Reforms and the Politics of Development: A case analysis of Andhra Pradesh* at the 'National Conference on Politics and Governance' organized by the Academy of Politics and Governance at the India International Centre, New Delhi on May 5, 2013
- *Sub-national diffusion of the neo-liberal economy: a case study from India*, at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention at San-Francisco, California, U.S.A on April 3-7, 2013
- *Upstaging anti-incumbency: The experience of state elections in India*, at the International conference on 'Governance, Democracy and Political Parties' on jointly organized by the Hyderabad University, Andhra Pradesh, India and Deakin University, Australia on December 1-3, 2012
- *Exploring the twin tracks of economic and governance reforms in the two states of Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh* at the International conference on 'Public Policy and Governance (PPG)' jointly organized by the Public Affairs Centre and Department of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, India on September 4-6, 2012

- *The Political Economy of Governance Reforms: The instance of reforms initiated by Chandrababu Naidu in Andhra Pradesh* at the Platinum Jubilee Conference on 'Globalisation and Social Transformation: The Indian Experience' organized by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) at Mumbai, Maharashtra, India on February 17-19, 2012
- *Demise of the Developmental State or a re-definition: lessons from the state of Andhra Pradesh* at the seminar on the 'Neo-liberal State and its Challenges' organized by the Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISD), Guwahati, Assam, India on December 20-21, 2011
- *Development and the Capabilities Approach: A study of the Education Guarantee Scheme in Madhya Pradesh* at the First International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD) organized by the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand on May 19-20, 2011

#### ***Invited Lectures***

- *Women's Movement in India-Issues and Challenges* at the Social Science Forum organized by the K. L. Mehta Dayanand College for Women, Faridabad, Haryana on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- *Women and Affirmative Action in India* as part of the Faculty Development Program on 'Educational Leadership and Gender: The Current Face of Higher Education' organised by IQAC, Bharti College, Delhi University and UGC-HRD Centre, Savitribai Phule University, Pune, Maharashtra on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- *Women and Panchayati Raj: A case study from Haryana* as a part of the Women Leadership in Panchayati Raj seminar Sponsored by DGHE, Panchkula at the K. L. Mehta Dayanand College for Women, Faridabad, Haryana on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018
- *Women's Movement and Empowerment in India* as part of the National Seminar on 'Women Empowerment in North-Western Region of India' held at Goswami Ganesh Dutt Sanatan Dharma College, Palwal, Haryana on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2017
- *Fundamental Duties*, on 'Constitution Day' at Aggarwal College, Ballabhgarh, Haryana, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- *Treating the Unequal Unequally: Jats and the demand for reservation in Haryana* at the seminar 'Religion and Democracy in Contemporary India: Dr Ambedkar's Perspective' organized by the Dr. Ambedkar Center for Social Justice, University of Mumbai on March 27 – 28, 2016.
- Delivered an invited lecture on '*Human Rights*' at IIT, Mumbai 2006

#### ***Lectures and Workshops attended:***

- Workshop on ‘Research Methodology’ organized by the Human Resource Development Centre-Jamia Millia Islamia University, December 17-23, 2020
- Workshop on Qualitative Methods in Social Sciences: Ethnography, Narratives and Social Stories from 11<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019, organized by the Council for Social Development and G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad at Sangha Rachana, 53 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi 110003
- As a part of ‘Co-operative’ teaching, delivered 12 lectures on New Public Administration and Good Governance included in the paper on Administrative Theory (Paper 102) for the M.A (Previous) students at Delhi University, South Campus, February 2014 and 2015
- Doctoral Supervisor for a thesis on *Biometric Identification Practices in India*, registered with the Department of Political Science, Delhi University.
- Participated and presented a paper at a Comparative Politics workshop at CPS, JNU, 2013
- Workshop on ‘Legal Literacy’ organized by Delhi University 2006
- Workshop on ‘Human Rights’ organized by IIPA and NHRC 2004

### ***Activities***

- Member of the Ambedkar Study Circle, Motilal Nehru College, 2021-22
- Convenor of the Film Screening Society, Motilal Nehru College 2021-22.
- Convenor for the Add-on course on Research Methodology conducted by the Department of Political Science, Motilal Nehru College 2021-22
- Convenor for the National Conference on Asymmetrical Federalism -Problems and Prospects (NCAFI 22) organized by the Department of Political Science, Motilal Nehru College, 3 and 4 March 2022
- Member of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Motilal Nehru College 2020-2022
- Member of the Time-Table Committee, Department of Political Science, Motilal Nehru College, 2018-19, 2019-2020, 2020-2, 2021-22 and 2022-23
- Convener of the Women’s Development Committee, Motilal Nehru College 2019-20 and 2018-19
- Member of the college prospectus committee 2019-20
- Member of the Internal Complaints Committee, (ICC), Motilal Nehru College 2019-20, 2018-19 and 2017-18
- Member of the Fine Arts Committee, Motilal Nehru College 2018-19 and 2021-22.
- Member of the Academic Supervisory Committee, Motilal Nehru College 2017-18
- Member of Admission Committee, Motilal Nehru College 2017-18 and 2021-22
- Teacher in charge, Department of Political Science, Motilal Nehru College 2017-18 and 2021-22
- Member of Examination Board for Semester Exam, May 2017
- Member of Examination Board for Semester Exam, December 2016
- Member of the Women’s Development Committee, Motilal Nehru College 2014-2015
- Convener of Subject Society, Department of Political Science, Motilal Nehru College 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016.
- Staff Advisor to the Gargi College Students Union 2005- January 2006



- Convener for the certificate course on 'Human Rights' conducted in association with the South Asian Human Rights Development Centre (SAHRDC), New Delhi
- Convener for the Add on course on 'Social and Political Surveys' Conducted in collaboration with CSDS in Gargi College 2004-2005
- Field Supervisor for 'Delhi Election Survey' 2003 conducted in Collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) 2003-2004
- Member of Staff Organizing Committee for 'Human Rights' Course, Department of Political Science, Gargi College 2002-2003
- Staff Advisor to the Political Science Association, Gargi College 2002-2003, 2003-04, 2004-2005, 2005-2006
- Research Assistant for the Human Rights section of a Pearson Publication on '*Gender, Human Rights and Environment*' 2006

### **Papers Taught**

- Classical and Modern Political Philosophy
- Understanding Political Theory
- Political Theory: Concepts and Debates
- Development Process and Social Movements in India
- Citizenship in a Globalizing World

### **Distinctions and Prizes**

- Rank holder in Delhi University in BA (Honours) Political Science 1997
- President, Political Science Association: 1996-97 at LSR, N. Delhi
- Department Prize for Academic Excellence and Outstanding Contribution to Political Science Department 1996-97