

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Current Designation:

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Areas of Specialization: Political Sociology, Sociology of Development, Sociology of Religion

Education:

- Ph.D. (Sociology), on “Religion and Civil Society in India: A Study of Ramakrishna Mission, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) and Don Bosco Foundation”,

Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2015, under Professor Anand Kumar.

- M.Phil. (Sociology), on “Associational Culture and Civil Society in India”, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2012 (FGPA –7.83, 83.3%, A Grade, First Class).
- National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lectureship (Sociology), University Grants Commission, 2010.
- M.A. (Sociology), Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2009 (7.68, 82%, A Grade, First Class).
- B.A. (Hons.) (Sociology), Hindu College, University of Delhi, Delhi, India, 2007 (First Division, 3rd position in Delhi University, 1st position in Hindu College, 63.62%).
- Higher Secondary (10+2), Cotton College, Guwahati, Assam Higher Secondary Education Council, Assam, India, 2004 (First Division, 79.4%)
- Matriculation, St. Mary’s English High School, Guwahati, Board of Secondary Education, Assam, India, 2002 (First Division, 84.16%)

Teaching and Research Experiences:

- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Central University of Punjab, from December, 2015 to current.
- Assistant Professor and Teacher-in-Charge, Department of Sociology, Central University of Haryana, July, 2014 to December, 2015 (on contract basis).
- Guest Faculty, Department of Sociology, Hindu College, University of Delhi, September, 2012.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, July, 2011 – May, 2012. (on ad-hoc basis)
- Project Manager, of the “*Sociogeek*” project – India Chapter, under the supervision of the India co-ordinator, Dr. Santosh Kr. Patra, November- December, 2010.
- Research Assistant on a project entitled “*Spending Time with Family: A Study of Four Cities in India*”, under Centre for Applied Sociology, New Delhi, 2010.

Honors, Awards and Distinctions:

- Fully sponsored visit to Thailand for 20 days under ICSSR-NRCT Bilateral Programme for Exchange of Scholars, in connection with my research work on “Prospects of Agri-Tourism and Sustainable Rural Development in North-East India: Lessons from Thailand”, during Financial year 2017-18.
- Full conference bursary to present a plenary address on “Beginning with Polanyi: Global Capitalism Vs. Civil Society Movements in Neo-liberal India”, in the international conference, *A Great Transformation? Global Perspectives on Contemporary Capitalisms*, at Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria, from 9th to 13th January, 2017.
- Doctoral Fellowship by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, 2012-2014.
- Full conference bursary, awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru University, to present a paper entitled, “Religious Associations and Development in India: A Study of the Ramakrishna Mission”, in the 2nd International Conference of Social Sciences (ICSS), organized by the University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, November, 2013.
- 3rd Position in Delhi University and 1st Position in Hindu College, New Delhi, in B.A. (Hons.) Sociology 3rd Year Examination, 2007.
- 2nd Position in North East India I.T. Olympiad, organized by the North East Information Technology Association, 2001.

Ongoing Research Projects:

- “Voluntary Organizations, Drug De-addiction and Rehabilitation in Punjab: Sacred Vs. Secular Approaches”, funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) under Major Projects, awarded on 29th of December, 2017 (amount 7 Lakhs)
- “Prospects of Agri-Tourism and Sustainable Rural Development in North-East India: Lessons from Thailand”, partially funded by ICSSR (India) and NRCT (Thailand).

Publications:

- Dutta, Sumedha. 2018. Review of the book, *Revolution, Yes! Right Liquidationism, No!*

Series of Letters Sent to the Headquarters of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) by Yogendra Dhakal. *Society and Culture in South Asia*, Vol. 4, Issue 2, July: 323 - 326

- Dutta, Sumedha. 2018. Review of the book *Decentralisation, Governance and Development*, by Pranab Kumar Das. *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 67, No. 1, April: 130-132
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2017. “Mapping the Plight of the Urban Poor in the Era of LPG”, in Anand Kumar, Sarada Prasanna Das and Ashish Kumar Das (ed.), *Chronic Poverty in India: Issues, Policies and Challenges*, New Delhi: Vitasta Publishing: 420-440
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2016. “Urban Living and Quality Time with Family” in *Research Journal Social Sciences*, 24(1&2): 154-176
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2016. “The Politics of Power Vs. The Politics of Identity: Understanding the Dynamics of Statehood Demands in Assam”, in *IGPP-VMF: Papers in South Asian Governance, Policies and Politics*, April, No. 2.
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2014. “Religious Associations and Development in India: A Study of the Ramakrishna Mission”, *Journal of Social Sciences (Kelaniya University, Sri Lanka)*, Vol. 6, No. 2: 96 - 111
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2014. “Dvaitvaad se pare: Aadhunik Bharat Mein Dhaarmik Sansthaon ki Bhoomika”, in *Bharatiya Samaj Shastra Sameeksha*, Vol. 1, No. 1.: 107- 112

Invited Talks:

- Dutta, Sumedha. 2017. “Religious Associations as Civil Society? The Case of India”, at Institute Fur Asien-und Afrikawissenschaften, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2017. “People’s Movements”, Competitive Examination Cell, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, Punjab, India.

Invited interviews (International):

- Interviewed by Lukas Weiselberg, for the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation ORF, on the relevance of Karl Polanyi’s *The Great Transformation*, for understanding the social, economic and political realities of contemporary India, on the 11th of January, at Linz Austria.

Resource Person:

- In the session, “Research Report Preparation and Publication” in a one week workshop on *Research Methodology and Data Analysis Using SPSS*, jointly organized by the Department of Statistics and Department of Education, Central University of Haryana (15th - 20th April, 2015).

Paper Presentations at Seminars and Conferences:

- Paper entitled, “Beginning with Polanyi: Global Capitalism Vs. Civil Society Movements in Neo-liberal India”, in the international conference, *A Great Transformation? Global Perspectives on Contemporary Capitalisms*, at Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria, from 9th to 13th January, 2017.
- Paper entitled, “Religion and Welfare in the Indian Scenario: A Study of Ramakrishna Mission and Salesians of Don Bosco”, at the 42nd All India Sociological Conference, held at Tezpur University, Assam (27th – 30th December, 2016)
- Paper entitled, “A double movement? Global Capitalisms vs. Civil Society Movements in Neo-liberal India”, at the 42nd All India Sociological Conference, held at Tezpur University, Assam (27th – 30th December, 2016)
- Paper entitled, “The Salesian Movement and Civil Society in Guwahati”, at the 40th All India Sociological Conference, held at the Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi (29th November - 1st December, 2014).
- Paper entitled, “Forced Nationalisms, Failed Development and the Politics of Recognition: Understanding the Dynamics of Statehood Demands in Assam” at the 39th All India Sociological Conference, held at the Karnataka State Open University (27th - 29th of December, 2013).
- Paper entitled, “Negotiating the Adaptability of Tradition: The Role of Religious Associations in Modern India”, at the Interdisciplinary National Seminar on ‘Towards Understanding Modernization of Indian Tradition’, honoring the contributions of Prof. Yogendra Singh and celebrating 40 years of his book, *Modernization of Indian Tradition*, organized by the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, in collaboration with ICSSR (9th - 11th December, 2013).
- Paper entitled, “Religious Associations and Development in India: A Study of the Ramakrishna Mission”, at the 2nd International Conference of Social Sciences (ICSS),

organized by the University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka (22nd - 23rd of November, 2013).

- Paper entitled, “The Politics of Power vs. the Politics of Identity: Understanding the Dynamics of Statehood Demands in Assam” at the seminar entitled “North-east: New Issues, Young Voices”, organized by the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) in collaboration with India International Centre (IIC), at IIC, New Delhi (23rd of August, 2013).
- Paper entitled, “Urban Associational Cultures and Civil Society in India”, at the 38th All India Sociological Conference, of the Indian Sociological Society, held at the Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur (27th - 29th of December, 2012).
- Paper entitled, “Frenzied Urban Living and Quality Time with Family”, at the 37th All India Sociological Conference, of the Indian Sociological Society, held at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (11th - 13th of December, 2011).
- Paper entitled, “Rise of Residents Welfare Associations and the Phenomenon of Urban Development- A Case- study of Three RWAs in South Delhi”, at the 36th All India Sociological Conference, on the theme *Development, Polity and Social Tensions*, held at the Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Orissa (27th - 29th of December, 2010).

- Paper entitled, “The Dynamics of Displacement in North East India: A Reflection”, at the National Seminar on *Social Research on North East India: Issues and Challenges*, organized by the North East India Studies Programme (NEISP), Jawaharlal Nehru University, at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (25th -26th February, 2010).
- Paper entitled, “Mapping the Plight of the Urban Poor in the Era of Globalization: A Sociological Study” at the 35th All India Sociological Conference on the theme *Identity, Development and Nation Building*, organized by the Indian Sociological Society, held at the Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Kashmir (10th - 12th of October, 2009).

Participation in Seminars, Conferences and Workshops:

- National Seminar on “India between *Caste and Casteless-ness in the Era of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization (LPG)*” organized by Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), in collaboration with ICSSR and Ambedkar Chair, at JNU (25th - 27th July 2014).
- *Peace Symposium on Interfaith Harmony*, organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, in the Chinmaya Mission, New Delhi (13th of April, 2013).
- International Seminar on *International Understanding for Human Unity: Past Lessons and Present Prospects*, organized by the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, in collaboration with Ministry of Culture, Government of India (1st - 3rd March, 2013).
- International Conference on *Sociology Matters: Challenges and Possibilities of Social Science Knowledge in Contemporary India*, in view of the completion of 40 years of the Centre for the Study of Social Systems (CSSS), JNU, New Delhi (18th - 20th December, 2012).
- International Conference on *Studying Social Sciences in the Era of Globalization*, organized by the Global Studies Programme, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU, in collaboration with the University of Freiburg, University of Cape Town and FLASCO, at JNU (30th March - 2nd of April, 2012).
- *Democracy under the Challenge of War: Comparing the US and India*, organized by the United States- India Educational Foundation and Global Studies Programme, Centre for the

Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (18th - 19th of April, 2011).

- *Dealing with Controversies - Workshop with Prof. Bruno Latour*, organized by the European Studies Programme, University of Delhi, at Delhi University, New Delhi (3rd - 5th of January, 2011)
- *Workshop for Young Sociologists*, on the theme, *Sociology in Action*, held at the Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Orissa (25th - 26th December, 2010).
- International Seminar on *Human Migration and Displacement: New Challenges to National, Regional and Global Governance*, organized by the International Jurist Organization and Centre for the Study of Social Systems, at Jawaharlal Nehru University, (11th - 12th of December, 2010).
- *Academic Writing and Publication Workshop*, organized by the Central University of Gujarat, in collaboration with ICSSR- Western Regional Centre, Mumbai at the Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar (16th - 20th November, 2010).
- *Hind Swaraj Centenary Workshop: Dynamics of Modernization – Understanding the Gandhian Approach*, Centre for the Study of Social Systems (CAS/GSP), Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi, and Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi (26th - 28th March, 2009).
- *Prof. M.N. Panini Felicitation Seminar: Economy, Society and Sociology*, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (7th - 8th March, 2009).
- *International Conference on Eradicating Chronic Poverty in India: Policy Issues and Challenges*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (1st - 3rd of October, 2008).
- *Satyagraha Centenary International Conference*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and Bheetiharwara, Champaran, Bihar (13th - 20th November, 2007).

Served as Reviewer for:

- *Research Journal Social Sciences, Punjab University, Chandigarh*

Membership of Learned Bodies:

- Life Member of Indian Sociological Society (ISS)

Faculty Training Programme Attended:

- Attended the 115th Orientation Programme organized by UGC-HRDC, Panjab University, Chandigarh, from 28th June, 2017 to 25th July, 2017.

Courses Taught:

Sl. No.	Course Name	Duration	Number of Times Taught	UG/PG
1.	Classical Sociological Tradition	1 Semester	Taught once	PG
2.	Gender and Society	1 Semester	Taught once	PG
3.	Science, Technology and Society	1 Semester	Taught once	PG
4.	Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology – Part 1	1 Semester	Taught once	PG
5.	Sociology of Change and Development	1 Semester	Taught once	PG
6.	Social Movements in India	1 Semester	Taught once	PG
7.	Social Movements	1 Semester	Taught once	PG
8.	Sociological Concepts	1 Semester	Taught once	PG
9.	Sociology of Development	1 Semester	Taught once	PG
10.	Polity and Society in India	1 semester (currently teaching)	Taught once	PG
11.	Environment and Society	1 semester (currently teaching)	Taught once	PG
12.	Indian Society: Structure and Process	1 semester	Taught twice	PG
13.	Urban Sociology	1 semester (currently teaching)	Taught once	PG
14.	Methodology of Social Sciences	1 semester	Taught once	PG

15.	Science, Technology and Society	1 semester	Taught once	PG
16.	Social Development in India	1 semester	Taught once	PG
17.	Sociology of Health	1 semester	Taught once (shared with two other colleagues)	PG
18.	Sociology of Family and Gender	1 semester	Taught twice	PG
19.	Social Stratification and Mobility	1 semester	Taught twice	PG
20.	Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology – Part II	1 semester	Taught once	PG
21.	Social Development in India	1 semester	Taught once	PG
22.	The Study of Society	1 semester	Taught once	PG
23.	Sociology of Environment	1 semester	Taught once	PG
23.	Introduction to Sociology – I	1 Semester	Taught once	UG
24.	Contemporary Indian Society	1 Semester	Taught once	UG
25.	Environment and Society - 1	1 Semester	Taught once	UG
26.	Sociology of Gender	1 Semester	Taught once	UG
27.	Sociology of India- I	1 Month	Taught once	UG
28.	Sociological Theories	1 Month	Taught once	UG

Supervision

- Guiding the Ph.D. thesis of Mr. Anoop Singh, who is working on the concept of “Seva” in Sikhism.
- Guided M.A. 4th semester student, Sathosh Gugulothu, who wrote his project on, “Understanding the Impact of Social Media on the Lifestyle of Youth: The Case-study of a University”, 2018.
- Guided M.A. 4th semester student, Ms. Tamim Akhter, who wrote her dissertation on the topic, “*Woman Empowerment through Higher Education: The Case of a Central University in Punjab*”, 2017.

Administrative and Other Responsibilities

- Member, Internal Complaint Committee, Central University of Punjab, 2018-19
- Member, Administrative Body, Teaching Learning Centre, under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching, Central University of Punjab, 2018-
- Secretary, Women’s Association, Central University of Punjab, 2017-
- Member, NSS Advisory Committee, Central University of Punjab, 2017-
- Co-convenor, Mountaineering Club, Central University of Punjab, 2016-
- Member, Committee for the Establishment of Women’s Studies Programme, Central University of Punjab, 2016-
- Member, Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan, Central University of Punjab, 2016-
- Member Board of Studies, Central University of Punjab, 2016-
- Teacher-in-charge, Department of Sociology, Central University of Haryana, 2015.
- Teacher-in-charge for dissemination of Social Skills, under Placement Cell, Central University of Haryana, 2015.
- Member, Board of Studies, Department of Sociology, 2014-2015, 2015-16.
- Member, Admission Committee, Central University of Haryana, 2015-2016.
- Coordinator of the event, “Youth Contribution to the Beijing +20 Review Debate”, jointly organized by Centre for Social Research (CSR), New Delhi, and Central University of Haryana, March, 2015.
- Member, School Board, School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Central University of Haryana, 2014-2015.

- Assistant Warden, Girls' Hostel, Central University of Haryana, 2014 – 2015.
- Member, Sports Day Organizing Committee, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, 2017.
- Member, Foundation Day Organizing Committee, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, 2017.
- Member, NAAC team Reception Committee, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, 2017.



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