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Work

2014 –

Associate Professor, Centre for English Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

2009-2014

Associate Professor, Department of English, Delhi University

2004-2009

Reader/Assoc Prof, Department of English, Hindu College, Delhi University

2006 - 2009

Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi

2000 – 2004

Senior Lecturer/Reader, Department of English, Hindu College, Delhi University

1999 - 2005

Cooperative M.A. Teaching: Department of English, Delhi University (North Campus)

1995- 2000

Lecturer, Department of English, Hindu College, Delhi University

Initiative

2011 – 2015 Co-Founder, *MargHumanities*, a platform for discussions on arts and literatures

Education

1995 Ph.D., Department of English, Boston University, USA.

- 1988 B.A. with Senior Status, and M.A. in English,
 St. Hilda's College, Oxford University, UK.
- 1985 B.A. (Honours) in English, Presidency College, Calcutta, India.

Scholarships/Fellowships/Visiting Professorships

Visiting Scholar, Centre for Humanities Research, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa. August, 2017.

Visiting Fellow, TORCH Institute for the Humanities, University of Oxford, UK. May-June, 2016

Fellow of the Workshops on Activist Humanities, SOAS London and TORCH, Oxford, March 2013.

Visiting Fellow, Institute for the Humanities and Global Cultures, University of Virginia, USA, April-May 2012.

Visiting Professor, Centres for South Asian Studies and Women's and Gender Studies, University of Virginia, USA, October 2009.

Charles Wallace Research Award for the British Library, London, UK, May-June, 2009.

Visiting Professor, Department of Anglophone and Cultural Studies, Saarland University, Saarbrücken, Germany. April-May 2009.

Visiting Professor, Department of English, University of Hyderabad. March, 2009.

Visiting Scholar, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, September 2008.

Visiting Research Scholar, AHRC Centre for Law, Gender, and Sexuality, Universities of Kent and Westminster, UK. September-October 2007.

Visiting Fellow, School of Social Sciences, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia. May-June 2007.

Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi. 2006-2009.

Resident Research Fellow, Rockefeller Center for Study and Research, Bellagio, Italy for 4 weeks, October-November, 2004.

Visiting Research Fellow, Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, Leeds University, UK, September 2004.

Visiting Fellow, Department of Women's Studies, Depauw University, USA, October 2002.

Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Law (Gender, Sexuality, Law Programme), Keele University, UK, June 2002.

Visiting Faculty, Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, March-April 2002.

Leverhulme Research Interchange Fellow in Gender, Sexuality and Law, 2001, for 6 weeks, Universities of Leeds and Keele, UK, May-June, 2001.

Faculty Research Fellow, 1999-2000, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, for research in Canada for 5 weeks, May-June, 1999.

Graduate Scholarship, Boston University, 1988-94.

Teaching Fellow, Boston University, Department of English, 1988-92.

J.C.R. Third World Scholarship from Oxford University (Overseas Development Association Shared Scholarship Scheme) for graduate studies at St. Hilda's College, Oxford, 1986-88.

National Merit Scholarship of the Government of India for First Class in English at the B.A. Examinations of Calcutta University, 1985.

Teaching/Research Interests

Modernisms, and the Avant-Garde
Indian Writing in English, and Indian Modernisms/Avant-Garde
Feminist/Queer Theory and Writing
Gender/Sexuality Studies
Film Studies
Humanities Studies/Politics and Aesthetics
Politics and Pedagogies of the University

PUBLICATIONS - BOOKS

[forthcoming] Editor. *Radical Aesthetics and the Avant-Garde in India* (2 volumes). Routledge, 2022-23.

Editor. *Humanities, Provocateur: Towards a Contemporary Political Aesthetics*. Bloomsbury, Summer, 2021.

Calcutta, Crow and Other Fragments. Hawakal Prokashona, 2020. [chapbook]

The Audacity of Pleasure: Sexualities, Literature and Cinema in India. Three Essays Collective. January, 2018. (monograph)

Co-Editor (with Subhabrata Bhattacharyya). *The Phobic and the Erotic: The Politics of Sexualities in Contemporary India*. Kolkata: Seagull Books and University of Chicago Press, 2007.

Editor. *Gender and Censorship*. (Issues in Contemporary Indian Feminism, Series Ed. R Sunder Rajan.) New Delhi: Kali for Women/Women Unlimited, 2006.

Editor. *Translating Desire: The Politics of Gender and Culture in India*. New Delhi: Katha, 2002.

Editor. *Amitav Ghosh: Critical Perspectives*. New Delhi: Pencraft International, 2002.

Editor. *Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press India, 2001.

Editor. *Virginia Woolf's Mrs Dalloway*. New Delhi: Worldview Publications, 2001.

Editor. *Lewis Carroll's Through the Looking Glass*. New Delhi: Worldview Publications, 2000.

Co-Editor (with Bishnupriya Ghosh). *Interventions: Feminist Dialogues on Third World Women's Literature and Film*. New York/London: Garland Publishing, 1997.

PUBLICATIONS - PAPERS

[Forthcoming] "I can go, but why should I? The Intransigent Aesthetics of Indian Avant-Garde Poetry". *The Routledge Companion to Global South Literatures* (Ed. Alfred J. López). Routledge, 2022.

[Forthcoming] "Gender, Sexualities and Decolonial Methodologies". *Decolonizing the English Literary Curriculum* (Eds. Ato Quayson and Ankhi Mukherjee). Cambridge University Press, 2022.

[Forthcoming] "Risk and Pleasure: A Case for Queer Erotica". *Sexuality, Abjection and Queer Existence in Contemporary India* (Ed. Pushpesh Kumar). Routledge, 2021-22.

[Forthcoming] "Suicide and the Erotic". *Essays on the Films of Ashish Avikunthak* (Eds. Erin O'Donnell and Šarūnas Paunksnis). 2021-22.

"Slouching Toward an Aesthetics of Failure". Special Issue: *Failure* (Ed. Ananya Vajpeyi). *Aroop Journal*, Vol. 4, 2020.

“Hijra Intimacies and Inheritances”. *Sexuality and Society in India* (Eds. Sanjay Srivastava and Rajeev Kumaramkandath). Orient Blackswan, 2020.

“The Rifle is a Bride Wearing Sackcloth and Ashes”. Exhibition Catalogue: *Vrindavani Vairagya, Film by Ashish Avikunthak*. Chatterjee and Lal Gallery, 2019.

“Teacher Provocateur”. Special issue, Upendra Baxi in *Our Times: Law, Life, Liminality, Jindal Global Law Review*. 2018.

“The Erotics of Risk: Feminisms and the Humanities in Flagrante Delicto”. *Economic and Political Weekly*, Volume LI No 18, April 30, 2016, 64-71.

“Civil War in Jefferson Country”. *Shrapnel Minima: Writings from Humanities Underground*. (Ed. Prasanta Chakravarty). Seagull Books and U of Chicago Press, 2015.

“Glass Consciousness” (with Prasanta Chakravarty). *Shrapnel Minima: Writings from Humanities Underground* (Ed. Prasanta Chakravarty). Seagull Books and U of Chicago Press, 2015.

“Why and How are We All Queer?” *What the Jaguar Knows We don’t Know*. Kindle Biannual, Ink Publications, December 2014.

“Queering South Asia and its Diasporas”. *The Cambridge History of Gay and Lesbian Literature*, (Ed. Mikko Tuhkanen and E. L. McCallum). CUP, 2014.

“‘Greek Flower, Greek Ecstasy’: H.D. and a Modernist, Feminist Erotics”. *Aspects of Modernity: American Women’s Poetry*. (Ed. Sukanya Dasgupta). Jadavpur University Press, 2014.

“Kolkata Turning: Contemporary Bengali Cinema and the Politics of Change” (with Prasanta Chakravarty). *Thesis Eleven: Critical Theory and Historical Sociology*, 2012.

“From Nashta Nir to Charulata: Ray’s Creation of a Postcolonial Aura for Tagore Fiction”. *Filming Fiction*, (Eds. M Asaddudin and Anuradha Ghosh). OUP, 2012.

“Of Desire and Dissensus.” Special Issue on Tagore, *Seminar* 623, July 2011.

“Cities, Sexualities and Modernities: A Reading of Indian Cinema”. *Thesis Eleven, A Journal of Critical Theory*, no 105, May 2011.

“Of Displaced Desires: Interrogating ‘New’ Sexualities and ‘New’ Spaces in Diasporic Indian Cinema”. *New Femininities* (Eds. Rosalind Gill and Christina Scharff). Palgrave 2011.

“Our Fate is in Our Stars: Gender, Culture and Sport in India”. Proceedings of the Transcultural Conference at Merzig (July 2006) (Eds. Martina Ghosh-Schellhorn and Roland Marti). 2009.

“Dreaming of the Stars: Sports Heroes as Lifestyle Models in India” (Translated into Chinese). *Theoria Annual*, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, 2008.

(With Vaibhav I Parel and Akhil Katyal). “Decolonizing the Classroom: In Search of ‘New’ Pedagogies for ‘New’ Literatures?” *Southern Postcolonialisms*, (Ed. Sumanyu Satpathy). Routledge, 2008.

“Globalised Agendas for the State: Sex-work in Contemporary India”. *Women, Crime and Social Harm: Feminist Perspectives* (Eds. Maureen Cain and Adrian Howe). London: Richard Hart, 2008.

“Modernity, Globality, Sexuality and the City: A Reading of Indian Cinema” *Global South 2:1*, (special issue), Spring 2008.

(With Akhil Katyal, Vaibhav I Parel and Shivani Mutneja). “TSL Goes to College: Of Politics, Pedagogy and Postcolonialism”. Amitav Ghosh’s *The Shadow Lines: A Critical Companion*, (Ed. Murari Prasad). Pencraft International (New Delhi), 2008.

“When the Towel Drops: Sexuality, Censorship, Cinema”. *Seminar* (journal, New Delhi), March, 2008.

“The Intimacy of Translation: The Case of *Draupadi*”. Mahasweta Devi: An Anthology of Recent Criticism (Eds. Nivedita Sen and Nikhil Yadav). Pencraft International (New Delhi), 2008.

“The Ubiquitous F-word: Musings on Feminisms and Censorships in South Asia”. Inaugural issue, *Contemporary Women’s Writing 1:1/2*, December 2007.

“The Long Arm of Colonial Rule”. *Index on Censorship* (Special Issue on India and China), Winter, 2006.

“In Desire and in Death: The Politics of Eroticism in Arundhati Roy’s *The God of Small Things*” (repr). *Arundhati Roy: Critical Perspectives* (Ed. Murari Prasad). New Delhi: Pencraft International, 2006.

“No Longer at Unease: Teaching Indian English Texts in the Indian Undergraduate Classroom”. *English Studies, Indian Perspectives* (Ed. Makarand Paranjape). New Delhi: Mantra Books, 2005.

“Postcolonial Feminisms: Nation, Gender and Sexualities in India”. Review article, *Feminist Theory*. 6(1). UK: Sage Publications, 2005.

“The Indian National Army”. *A Historical Companion to Postcolonial Literatures in English* (Eds. David Johnson and Prem Poddar). Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2005.

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"The Desiring Subject: Female Pleasures and Feminist Resistance in Deepa Mehta's *Fire*". *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, special issue on feminist resistance (Ed. Rajeswari S Rajan). New Delhi: Summer, 2000.

"Mahasweta Devi and Gayatri Spivak: Theory and Praxis in a Feminist Politics of Writing". *Memories of the Second Sex* (Eds. Dominique Verma and TV Kunhi Krishnan). New Delhi: Soumya Publications, 2000.

"Of voids and speculums; or, where is the woman in this text?" *The Fiction of St Stephen's* (Eds. A. Bhattacharya and L. Chatterjee). New Delhi: Ravi Dayal, 2000.

"In Desire and In Death: Eroticism as Politics in Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things*". *Ariel* (Calgary, Canada: University Press), Spring, 1998.

"Sex, Lies and the Genderscape: The Cinema of Aparna Sen". *Women: A cultural review*, Special Issue on India; London: Oxford University Press, August 1997.

"Transgressions: Female Desire and Postcolonial Identity in Contemporary Indian Women's Cinema". *Interventions: Feminist Dialogues on Third World Women's Literature and Film* (Eds. B. Ghosh and B. Bose). New York/London: Garland Publishing, 1997.

"Ruth Praver Jhabvala". *Magill's Survey of World Literature, Supplement*, Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1995.

"Lewis Nkosi". *Postcolonial African Writers: A Bio-Bibliographical Sourcebook* (Ed. Pushpa N. Parekh). New York and London: Greenwood Press, 1995.

"Shadows of Hinduism: The Novels of Bharati Mukherjee". *And the Birds Began to Sing* (Ed. J.M. Scott). Amsterdam: Rodopi Publishers, 1996.

"A Question of Identity: Where Gender, Race and America Meet in Bharati Mukherjee". In *Bharati Mukherjee: Critical Perspectives* (Ed. E. Nelson). New York and London: Garland, 1993.

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'Stage Whisper and Other Poems: Translations of Pranabendu Dasgupta'. Raiot, October 22, 2017. <http://raiot.in/stage-whisper-other-poems/>

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'Baiting Desire: The Politics of Women's Sexualities in Popular and Other Indian Cinemas'. Kafila, August 5, 2017. <https://kafila.online/2017/08/05/baiting-desire-the-politics-of-womens-sexualities-in-popular-and-other-indian-cinemas-brinda-bose/>

'A Café of One's Own'. Raiot, June 14, 2017. <http://raiot.in/author/brinda-bose/>

'The day, with all its pain ahead, is yours': Remembering Derek Walcott (1930-2017). Scroll.in, April 2, 2017. <https://scroll.in/article/832188/the-day-with-all-its-pain-ahead-is-yours-remembering-derek-walcott-1930-2017>

'No Country for Young Dreamers, This'. Raitot, March 16, 2017. <http://raiot.in/no-country-for-young-dreamers-this/>

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(with Rahul Sen) 'Chapal Bhaduri: Bengal's Last Living Female Impersonator'. www.raoit.in, April 24, 2016.

'There is a Season: A Cycle of Poems'. Raiot.in, March 13, 2016 <http://raiot.in/author/brinda-bose/>

'The Silence of the Lambs: The Case of Presidency University Now'. HumanitiesUnderground, May 24, 2015. <http://humanitiesunderground.org/the-silence-of-the-lambs-the-case-of-presidency-university-now/>

'Sex, the City and the University: Pleasure, freedom and safety for women in urban spaces and institutions'. Himal SouthAsian Magazine, January 6, 2016. <http://himalmag.com/sex-the-city-and-the-university/>

'Other Goddesses of the Forbidden Quarters'. Raiot.in, October 24, 2015. <http://raiot.in/author/brinda-bose/>

"The Outsider Within". Kindle Magazine, April 2015.

"Calcutta, Crow" (poems). www.humanitiesunderground.org. March 9, 2015.

"What Next?" www.humanitiesunderground.org. November 10, 2014.

"Event, Metaphor, Memory, Or, A Tale of Two Disciplines". www.humanitiesunderground.org. April 10, 2014.

"Vigilantism: Left, Right and Wrong". Kindle magazine, February 2014.

(with Prasanta Chakravarty). "Civility or Censoring?" Outlook Magazine, October 27, 2014.

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“A Messiah for Our Moderate Liberatti”. www.kafila.org, July 31, 2011

“That Undying Flame”. *The Hindu*, July 16, 2011

“Glass Consciousness”. www.humanitiesunderground.wordpress.com, May 30, 2011

“Kolkata Churning”. *The Hindu*, April 23, 2011

“New Vigilantism in Higher Education”. *The Hindu*, March 31, 2011

“Minefields of Interdisciplinarity”, *The Hindu*, March 13, 2011

“Let a Thousand Heretics Bloom”. *The Hindu*, December 26, 2010

“English at the Marketplace”. *The Telegraph*, Calcutta, June 24, 2010

REVIEWS (select)

‘Well-caught but Bravely Astir’. Review of Adil Jussawalla’s *Shorelines*. *Biblio*, July-September, 2020.

‘Body Politic, Body Poetic, Body Sensate’. Review of Gieve Patel’s *Collected Poems*. *Biblio*, July-September 2018.

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‘A fearless anti-novel’. Review of Arundhati Roy, *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness*. *Biblio*, July-September 2017.

https://www.academia.edu/34370338/A_Fearless_Antinovel_-_Review_of_Arundhati_Roys_The_Ministry_of_Utmost_Happiness.pdf

‘And thanks for what fell from the sky’. Review of Adil Jussawalla, *I Dreamt a Horse Fell From the Sky: Poems, Fiction and Non-Fiction 1962-2015*. *Biblio*, September-November 2016.

‘The Jinn is Out of the Lamp Again’. Review of Salman Rushdie, *Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Days*. *Indian Express*, September 12, 2015.

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'Risk, Resistance, Censorship, Pleasure: Notes on Gender/Sexuality Studies in India'. Lecture, Department of Gender Studies, Dibrugarh University, Assam, 4 March, 2020.

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"nobody comes, nobody goes": repetition, difference, death and life'. The First Sunil Dua Annual Commemoration Lecture, Hindu College, Delhi University, 12 February, 2020.

'The Body as Method: Queer-Feminist Poetics and the Humanities'. The English Literary Association, Lady Shriram College, Delhi University, 12 September 2019.

'Beckett and Avikunthak: Lineages of the Avant-Garde'. International conference on *Region/Nation/Trans-Nation: Literature-Cinema Interface*, BITS Pilani Goa Campus, January 31-February 2, 2019.

'Feminist Idealism, Feminist Materialism'. Faculty Development Programme on *Gender, Research Methodology, Pedagogy*, Hansraj College, Delhi University. November 23, 2018.

'Sex and Sensibility: Cinema in a Time of New Moralities'. The Literary Society, Hindu College, Delhi University. November 2, 2018.

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'Beyond the Barricade: Can the Public University in India be Saved?' Conference on *Local Universities, Global Knowledges*, University of Virginia, USA. March 22-23, 2018.

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'In Defense of Offense: Against Political Correctness for Literatures in India.' Seminar on *Notions of Tolerance in India*, Scottish Church College, Kolkata. November 23, 2017.

'The Aesthetic and the Erotic'. At the *Humanities Improvised* Winter School, Centre for Humanities Research, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa. August 8, 2017.

'Words more Naked than Flesh: Sapphic Lineages in the Body Poetic'. At 'The Body Speaketh: Interrogating Cultural Constructions of the Body', a 2-day National Seminar,

Department of English, Ramakrishna Vidyamandira, Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal, January 30-31, 2017.

'The Quilt is Not the Closet: Risk, Pleasure and Writing in India'. At Quest: An International Seminar on Queer Discourses and Social Dialogues. Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, December 16-17, 2016.

'Leadership and the Humanities'. At Rhodes House, Oxford University, Oxford, June 30, 2016.

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'Who's Afraid of Men in Sarees? Or, Being and Difference'. At Transgender Embodiments and Possibilities. Seminar organized by the Sociology Department, Presidency University. March 28-29, 2016. Kolkata.

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'Not Hiding Forlorn Among the Marigolds: Notes on the Humanities from a Public University in India'. At 'The Future of the Humanities'. Panel Discussion by the Columbia Global Centers – South Asia, at the NMML. September 3, 2015. NMML, New Delhi.

"Hiatuses and ruptures, stalling and short circuits": A reading of Modernist love letters and diaries'. At Third International Deleuze Studies in Asia Conference. June 5-7, 2015. Manipal University, Manipal.

Queer Erotics and Politics". Gender Economic Forum, Institute of Social Studies Trust. India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, May 21, 2015.

"The Recriminalization of Mr Malhotra's Party" – Conversation with photographer Sunil Gupta. VisionMix Conference, School of Arts and Aesthetics, JNU, New Delhi, March 28, 2015.

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“Will there be any Books and Rainbows left?” Panel on Censorship, Gargi College, University of Delhi, March 4, 2015.

“Can the Student Speak?” National Conference on Urban Spaces, Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi, 5-6 February, 2015.

“Sexy Modernities: Risk and Pleasure in the Age of Mechanical Interdiction.” Plenary, International Conference, Fractious Modernities. Jadavpur University, Kolkata, February 24-26, 2015.

“On Censorship”. JNU Free Speech Forum. January 13, 2015. Mahi Mandvi Hostel, JNU, New Delhi.

“The Outsider Within: Queer-Feminisms, Student Movements and the Left Imaginary”. International Conference, Left in the Dark? Jindal School of Law and Governance. October 16-17, 2014.

“Sexualities and Vigilantisms.” International Conference on The Unfamiliar Margins in the Social. University of Hyderabad, October 14-15, 2014.

“Hijra Intimacies and Inheritances.” International Workshop on Sexuality and Society in India. Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. September 2014.

“Politics of Porn”. Gender Forum, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi. September 8, 2014.

“Queerphobia and Vigilantism”. Panel on Sexualities and 377. NSIT, DU, March 29, 2014.

“ 377 Quit India! Queer Rights and the Humanities”. Activist Humanities Conference, Radcliffe Centre for the Humanities, University of Oxford, March 15, 2014.

“Vernaculars Underground: India” (with Prasanta Chakravarty). Activist Humanities Conference, SOAS, London, March 13, 2014.

“Risk and Pleasure: A Case for Queer Erotica”. Panel on Gender, Hindu College, DU, February 5, 2014.

“The Contemporary Politics of Section 377”. Plenary, National Seminar on ‘Society, Polity, Economy in Contemporary India’, Kanoria PG Girls’ College, Jaipur, January 24-25, 2014.

“Queering the Humanities”. University of Rome, South Asian Studies Centre. Rome, Italy, October 25, 2013.

Who’s Afraid of a Modernist Feminist?” Lady Sriram College English Literary Society, Delhi. September 28, 2013.

“India, the Humanities and the Queer Erotic”. Global Humanities Conference, University of Nanjing, China. May 17-18, 2013

“Fifty Shades of Gay”. International Seminar, Feminist Inscriptions in Social Theory. Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata, February 22-24, 2013

“Greek Flower, Greek Ecstasy: Feminist, Modernist Erotics in the Poetry of H.D.”. International Seminar on American Woman’s Poetry, Loreto College, Kolkata, December 17-18, 2012

“Dissensuality: Notes on New Feminisms”. National Seminar, Rethinking Women’s Issues in Contemporary India, University of Mumbai, January 12, 2013

“Humility and its Effects” (co-presented). Seminar on Global Humanities, University of Virginia, April 28, 2012.

“Fiction and Photography”. Panel Discussion at Dayanita Singh’s *House of Love* exhibition, Nature Morte Gallery, December 21, 2011

“Framing a Politics of Dis/Sensual Feminisms”. Notes from Underground: Feminism at the Crossroads, JNU, SAA, October 17, 2011

“Tagore and Ray: Women, Marriage, Desire”. Frontiers of History Lecture Series, India International Centre, New Delhi, September 9, 2011.

“Bengali Cinema, Gender and Modernities”. Rethinking English Literature: Politics, History, Pedagogy, Refresher Course at Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, August 19, 2011.

“Kolkata Turning: Contemporary Bengali Cinema and the Politics of Change”. Word, Image, Action: A Festival of Ideas on Popular Print and Visual Cultures. Thesis eleven Centre for Cultural Sociology, La Trobe University, Melbourne. June 7-9, 2011.

“377 and After: Documenting/Addressing the Phobic and the Erotic in India”. Conference on Marginalities, JNU School of Language, Literature and Culture, March 24, 2010.

“Ambiguous Intimacies: Reflections on the New Hindi Male ‘Buddy’ Film”. Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, USA, October 23, 2009.

“Addressing the Phobic and the Erotic in India”. Feminist Pre-Conference at the South Asian Studies Conference, University of Madison at Wisconsin, USA, October 22, 2009.

“The Transnational Trials of Taslima Nasrin”. Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Virginia, USA, October 16, 2009.

“Sexualities and Cultures in South Asia” (4 public lectures). Universitat des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken, Germany, April-May 2009.

“Looking Through Passion: Modernity, Sexuality and the City in Ray’s Cinema”. Seminar on The City and its Cultures, Department of English, Hindu College, Delhi, December 15-16, 2008.

“Cities, Sexualities, Modernities: A Reading of Indian Cinema”. Thesis Eleven Indo-Australian Workshop on Knowledges-Cities-Movements, Ranthambhore, Rajasthan, December 7-9, 2008.

“Oh, Calcutta! Urban Middle Class Male Dystopias in Modernist Bengali Cinema”. Seminar on “Interrogating South Asian Masculinities”, Rockefeller Centre for Study and Research, Bellagio, Italy, November 4-7, 2008.

“Culture for Change: Sexual Minority Rights and the Cinema in Contemporary India”. Seminar on ‘Re-Theorizing the Sexual’, Rockefeller Center for Study and Research, Bellagio, Italy, September 15-19, 2008.

“Star Gazing: Imaging Celebrity Bodies in the Indian Media”. South Asian Masculinities Travelling Seminar, Kathmandu, March 2008.

“When the Towel Drops: Sexuality, Censorship and Cinema in 21st Century India”. South Asian Masculinities Travelling Seminar, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, March 2008.

“Cinema, Modernity, Sexuality and the City: A Reading of Ray’s *Mahanagar* and *Charulata*”. Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi; Seminar Series. February 26, 2008.

“Private Selves/Public Cultures in Contemporary India”. Seminar on Popular Culture, Department of English, Sophia College, Mumbai, January 2008.

“Bodies That Matter: Celebrity Imaging in the Public Domain in India”. Workshop on Sexuality, Agency and Globalisation, organized by TISS (Mumbai) and Centre LGS (UK), Goa, December 11-13, 2007.

3 Lectures on Sexualities in Contemporary Indian Culture, as Visiting Scholar at the AHRB Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality, UK (Universities of Kent, Westminster and Keele). October 1-21, 2007.

“Cities and Sexualities in Contemporary India”. School of Social Sciences, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, May 28, 2007.

“‘Mixing Memory and Desire’: The (Dis)location of Nostalgia in Indian Diasporic Cinema”. Department of English, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, May 31, 2007.

“Indian Idol: The Making of the Sports Hero/ine in Contemporary India”. International Transcultural Conference on Culture and Sport, Merzig, Germany, July 10-12, 2006.

“Decolonising the Classroom: In Search of New Pedagogies for New Literatures?”. International Conference on New Literatures in English, Department of English, Delhi University, December 7-9, 2005.

“In/visible Loves: The Politics of Sexualities in Contemporary India”. Annual Conference, International Social theory Consortium, NUS, Singapore, June 9-11, 2005.

“Under Postcolonial and Feminist Eyes: Teaching Tagore and Ghosh in the Undergraduate Classroom”. National Seminar on Teaching Postcolonial Texts, IACLALS, Chennai, February 10-12, 2005.

“Different, Difficult Loves: The Politics of Sexualities in Contemporary India”. Rockefeller Center for Study and Research, Bellagio, Italy, November 6, 2004.

“Perspectives on Domestic Violence against Women in Urban India”. Workshop of the Global Network on Women and the New Criminologies, Birmingham, UK, September 9-11, 2004.

“The Road Not Taken: Imaging Nation and Desire in the Cinema of Satyajit Ray and Aparna Sen”. International Conference, ACLALS (Association for Commonwealth Language and Literature Studies), Hyderabad, August 4-8, 2004.

“Re-thinking *Ghare Baire*: Tagore, Ray and the ‘Sexing Up’ of Modernity”. International Conference, Re-thinking Modernity, Forum on Contemporary Theory and the University of Rajasthan. Jaipur, December 14-17, 2003.

“Dangerous Liaisons; Or, What Happens When the State Exploits Globalized Agendas for Sex Workers in India”. International Conference on Women, Crime and Globalization: Feminist Perspectives. International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Onati, Spain, September 23-26, 2003.

“No sex, please, we’re Indian!: Locating Feminisms and Censorship.” International Workshop on Gender, Sexuality, Law: Thinking Through Location, Keele University, UK, October 2-3, 2003.

“Cinema, Sexuality and Censorship in Contemporary India”. National Seminar, Gender and Culture, School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, March 27-28, 2003.

“Let the Madwoman out of the Attic! Or, Mainstreaming Gender in English Literary Studies”. International Seminar, W(h)ither English Studies?, Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, March 20-21, 2003.

“Horrors Re-visited: Conrad, Achebe, Coppola and the Postcolonial ‘Fix’”. Seminar on Race, Literature and Popular Culture, Department of English, Miranda House, Delhi University, October 22, 2002.

“Sex at the Cineplex: Representation and Censorship in India”. 31st International South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin – Madison, USA, October 10-13, 2002.

“Sex, Censorship and the Hindu Right in Contemporary India”. Departments of Women’s Studies and Asian Studies, Depauw University, USA, October 9, 2002.

“Difficult Desires: Gender and Sexual Identities in the Indian Diaspora”. International Conference II on Gender, Sexuality, Law, Keele University, UK, June 28-30, 2002.

“Cross-Cultural Gender Research: Questions of Agency”. Seminar on Gender, Sexuality, Culture: Conversations, Keele University, UK, June 26, 2002.

“Gender, Memory, Nostalgia: Representations of the British-South Asian Diaspora”. Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, April 11, 2002.

“Desire in the Diaspora: Negotiating Gender Identities in British-South Asian Cinema”. International Conference on ‘Globalisation and Identity Politics, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, March 26-28, 2002.

“Postcolonial Literary Theory”. English Literary Society, Daulat Ram College, Delhi University, January 29, 2002.

“Gender and Sexuality: Representation and Censorship in India”. Gender Issues series, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, October 9, 2001.

“Articulating Desire(s): Gender, Culture and Postcolonial Negotiations in Contemporary India”. International Seminar on Gendering Colonial Legacies, Gender Studies Forum, Keele University, UK, June 13, 2001.

“Gender Studies in India Today”. Presentation at the Department of Women’s Studies, Leeds University, UK, June 21, 2001.

“Footnoting History: The Diasporic Imagination of Amitav Ghosh”. International Seminar on The South Asian Diaspora: Histories, Theories, Texts; at the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, September 27-29, 2000.

“She Didn’t Start the Fire: Deepa Mehta and Feminist Cinema in the Canadian Diaspora”. International Seminar, Indian Association of Canadian Studies, Calcutta, April 4-6, 2000.

“Amitav Ghosh’s *The Shadow Lines*: The Historical Background”. Literary Society, Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi, February 14, 2000.

“Selling Like Hot Parathas: The Indian Novel in English and the Politics of its Reception”. International Seminar on The Many Worlds of 20th C Literature, Department of English, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, March 8-10, 1999.

"Gender, Culture and Translation; Or, the Death of English Literary Studies as We Know It". National Seminar on Indian Literature in English/Translation, Department of English, Delhi University, Delhi, February 23-25, 1999.

"The Importance of Being Spivak: Feminism and the Politics of Translation". Annual International Conference, Indian Association of Commonwealth Languages and Literatures, Pune, January 11-13, 1999.

"*Translating Desire: A Work in Progress*". National Workshop on Translation Practices, Katha and the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, IAS, Shimla, October 1-4, 1998.

"Mahasweta Devi and Gayatri Spivak: Theory and Praxis in a Feminist Politics of Writing". National Seminar on Women's Writing, Department of Germanic and Romance Languages, Delhi University, and others, India Habitat Centre, April 23-25, 1998.

"Shades of Red and Scarlet: The Politics of Being, and Reading, Arundhati Roy in India". National Seminar on English Literature and Indian Literature, Department of English, Delhi University, November 1997.

"A Feminist Introduction to Forster's *A Passage to India*". Literary Society, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, September 11, 1997.

"The Gay Alternative in the Age of Multiculturalism". Theory Workshop, Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University, April 2, 1997.

"Women Writers". Panel on "Indian Literature Today", Katha Colloquium, New Delhi: March 10, 1997.

"(Dis)Locating Sites of Power: A Reading of Violence as a Gendered Subject". National Seminar, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, February 23, 1997.

"An Introduction to Postcolonial Theory". Literary Society, Kirori Mal College, Delhi University, September 26, 1996.

"Postcolonial Feminisms". Theory Workshop, Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi, February 14, 1996.

"The (Fe)Male Gaze: Desire and Power in Contemporary Indian Women's Cinema". Seminar on Power and Punishment, St Stephen's College, Delhi University, December 11-12, 1995.

"Women and Orientals: Forster Defines England's Others in His Encounter with India". Central New York Conference on Language and Literature, State University of New York, Cortland, October 18-20, 1992.

"Between Two Worlds: Female Identity in Bharati Mukherjee's Early Novels". American Women Writers of Color Conference, Salisbury State University, Maryland, May 28-30, 1992.

"'Will you destroy all my papers': Autobiography, Fiction and Silence in Virginia Woolf". Midwest Feminist Graduate Student Conference, Northwestern University, Chicago, February 15-17, 1991.

Newspaper Articles (select)

Joint articles with **Prasanta Chakravarty** on education and culture, politics, aesthetics in *The Hindu*, *The Telegraph* (Calcutta) and *The Deccan Herald* (newspapers), and www.kafila.org and www.humanitiesunderground.wordpress.com (blogs/websites).

Some selected links:

<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/article981323.ece> - 'Let a Thousand Heretics Bloom', December 26, 2010

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Single-author articles (select)

"An Australian in New York: Face to Face with Peter Carey". *The Hindu*, March 9, 2003.

"Talking Writing: The South Asian Women Writers Conference". *The Hindu*, March 2, 2003.

"Battle of the Bookwriters: Arundhati Roy and Ramachandra Guha". *The Telegraph*, February 6, 2001.

"Binding with briars... Hindu Fundamentalism and *Water*". *The Telegraph*, February 14, 2000.

"On treacherously Shifting Ground: Salman Rushdie at the Turn of the Millennium". *The Telegraph*, June 29, 1999.

"It's Cool to Kill: Upper Class Violence in the Capital". *The Telegraph*, May 8, 1999.

"Literature versus Exotica: The Hype about Indian Writing in English". *The Telegraph*, April 27, 1999.

"Women Play Men: The New Lady Politicians of India". *The Telegraph*, April 24, 1999.

Script-Writing

Prepared script for 2-part television programme on the history of Indian Writing in English, for Doordarshan (National TV channel). Programme screened in November 2008.

Organisation

Organiser, International Seminar-Workshop, 'Avant-Garde for a Day'. Convention Centre, JNU, New Delhi, January 10, 2020.

Convenor, International Conference, "Inside, Out: Toward A Dissident Aesthetics for Our Times". Centre for English Studies, JNU, New Delhi, March 9-10, 2017.

Co-director (with Prasanta Chakravarty) of the 2nd MargHumanities Conference, "Vernaculars Underground: Histories, Politics, Aesthetics" in collaboration with the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, March 7-8, 2014.

Co-director (with Prasanta Chakravarty) of the 1st Conference of the Global Humanities Initiative of MargHumanities, "The Humanities in Ferment: Strategizing for our Times" in collaboration with the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, August 16-18, 2012.

Director, Annual International Conference of the Department of English, Delhi University, 'Gender, Sexualities and Multiple Modernities', February 14-16, 2011.

3 day IACLALS Annual International Conference, 'Image, Word, Music in the Age of New Media: Postcolonial Readings', Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, January 4-6, 2010.

3 day International Conference, 'New Cultures of Intimacy and Togetherness in Asia', co-organised with Sanjay Srivastava, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi. February 5-7, 2009.

2 day workshop, 'Sexualities and Visual Cultures in Contemporary India', with Shilpa Phadke, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, February 26-27, 2009.

Professional Positions/Affiliations

Member, Advisory Board, *Contemporary Women's Writing* (journal, Taylor and Francis/UK) - current

Member, Editorial Board, *Feminist Modernist Studies* (journal, Routledge/USA) - current

Member, Board of Studies, School of Liberal Arts, Ambedkar University, Delhi, 2017-2020.

Member, Nominating Panel for the Rolex Arts Initiative (Geneva/New York), 2011/12.

Member, Jury, The Hindu Literary Fiction Award (Delhi/Chennai), October 2011.

Secretary, IACLALS (2011-2014) and Treasurer, IACLALS (2005-2011) - *Indian Association of Commonwealth Language and Literature Studies*

Member, Jury, The Hindu Literary Fiction Award (Delhi/Chennai), October 2010.

Member, International Advisory Board, *Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality*, Universities of Kent, Keele and Westminster, UK.

Member, FCT (*Forum on Contemporary Theory*), MS University, Baroda.

Member, IAWS (*Indian Association for Women's Studies*).

Asian Reviews Editor, *Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies*, Oxford (Routledge), UK, 2006-2009.

Member, *Global Network on Women and New Criminologies*, University of Birmingham, UK, 2003-06.

Member, Board of Directors, CFLR (*Centre for Feminist Legal Research*), New Delhi, 2002-2005.