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Education

D.Phil., University of Oxford, 1998

Research Interests: History of money, banking, credit and international exchange, history of literary culture, book production and circulation, history of secretarial classes, history of Delhi

Profile

Employment

Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, From 2010

Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2004-2010

Lecturer, Medieval Asian History, University of Delhi, New Delhi, 1998-2004

Publications

1. *Money, Networks of Exchange and Currency Systems in Medieval India*, Primus, Delhi, 2023 (Forthcoming)
2. *Minting, Coinage and Credit in Mughal India*, Primus, Delhi, 2023 (Forthcoming)
3. *Social Groups, Communication and Conflict in Mughal India*, Delhi, 2024 (Forthcoming)
4. 'Flows of Money and Material in Medieval South Asia', *Cambridge History of International Law*, vol. 2, International Law in the Asian Region, Cambridge University Press, 2024 (Forthcoming)
5. 'Justice, Love and the Creative Imagination in Mughal India' in *Bombay Cinema's Islamicate Histories*, eds. Ira Bhaskar and Richard Allen, Orient Blackswan-Intellect Books, Delhi-Bristol, 2022
6. 'The Representation of the Indian Ocean in Mughal Texts and Miniatures', *Roads, Winds, Spices in the Western Indian Ocean*, Eds. Nutan Kapoor Mahawar & Pragya Pandey, Macmillan, New Delhi, 2022
7. "Violence and Defiance of Authority in Mughal India. A Study of the Shoe Sellers' Riot of Shahjahanabad", *Studies in History*, vol. 36, August 2020
8. 'Wealth and Status in Indo-Islamic Intellectual Traditions', *Alternative Arguments, Essays in Honour of Surendra Gopal*, Primus, Delhi, 2020
9. 'The Moneychangers (*Sarrafs*) of Mughal India', *Studies in People's History*, vol. 6. Special Issue on India's Business Class (Sage, 2019)
10. 'A Sturdy Regional Currency: The Continuous use of Mahmudis in Gujarat under the Mughals', *Studies in People's History* vol. 4, no. 2, (Sage, 2017)
11. 'Between Two Worlds: Faith and Reason in Medieval India', in *Histories, Regions Nodes*, Ed. Salma Ahmed Farooqui (Primus, 2017)
12. 'Money and Social Inequality: The Views of Abu'l Fazl', *Studies in People's History*, vol. 3 (Sage, 2016)
13. 'The Composition and Circulation of Mughal Chronicles', *Indian Horizons*, (ICCR, 2015)
14. 'Fractional Pieces and Non-Metallic Monies in Medieval India (1200-1750)', *Money in Asia (1200-1900): Small Currencies in Social and Political Contexts*, eds. Jane Kate Leonard & Ulrich Theobald (Brill, 2015)

15. 'A Lost City of Delhi through Persian Histories', *Studies in People's History*, vol. 1, no. 1 (Sage, 2014)
16. 'Language, Caste and the Secretarial Class in Mughal India', *The Development of a Nation. Essays in Memory of R. S. Sharma*, ed. D. N. Jha (Manohar, 2014)
17. 'Ancient India in Persian Histories', *Different Dimensions of History Writing*, ed. P. K. Shukla (Grantha Shilpi, 2012. In Hindi)
18. 'Norms of Professional Excellence and Good Conduct in Accountancy Manuals of the Mughal Empire', *International Review of Social History* (vol. 56, Special Issue, 2011)
19. Chapters on 'Coinage and the Silver Crisis' and 'Foreign Trade of India' in *Economic History of Medieval India (1200-1500)*, ed. Irfan Habib, (Pearson, 2011)
20. 'Once More unto the Breach. Money Matters in the Writings of Irfan Habib', *Excursus in History. Essays on Some Ideas of Irfan Habib*, ed. Prabhat Patnaik (Tulika, 2011)
21. 'Minting Technology in Mughal India', *Felicitas. Essays in Numismatics, Epigraphy & History in Honour of Joe Cribb*, eds. Shailendra Bhandare and Sanjay Garg (Mumbai, 2011)
22. Edited with Introduction (with Christine Chojnacki) Special Issue of *Studies in History* on 'The Dynamics of Religious Pluralism Conflicts, Assimilation and Innovation in Pre-modern India' (Sage, 2011)
23. 'Translating Texts and Straddling Worlds. Intercultural Communication in Mughal India', *The Varied Facets of History. Essays in Honour of Aniruddha Ray*, eds. Ishrat Alam and Syed Ejaz Hussain (Primus, Delhi, 2011)
24. 'Book Production and Preservation in Mughal India', *Journal of the Asiatic Society* (vol. 52, no. 1, 2010)
25. 'Standardization and Empire: A Study of the Exchange Rates of Mughal Currencies', *Mind over Matter. Essays on Mentalities in Medieval India*, eds. Eugenia Vanina and D. N. Jha (Tulika, 2009)
26. 'Justice and Political Authority in Medieval Indian Islam', *Justice: Political, Social, Juridical*, eds. Rajeev Bhargava, Michael Dusché and Helmut Reifeld (Sage, 2008).
27. 'Structure and Movement of Wages in the Mughal Empire', *Wages and Currency: Global and Historical Comparisons*, ed. Jan Lucassen (Peter Lang, 2008).
28. 'The Network of Monetary Exchange in the Indian Ocean Trade: 1200-1700', *Cross Currents and Community Networks: The History of the Indian Ocean World*, eds. Himanshu Prabha Ray and Edward Alpers (Oxford University Press, 2007).

29. 'Kings and Chronicles: The Mughal Court' in *Themes in Indian History*, Class XII Text Book, National Council for Education, Research and Training (2007)
30. 'The Monarch and the Millennium: A New Interpretation of the *Alf* Coins of Akbar', *Coins in India: Power and Communication*, ed. Himanshu Prabha Ray (MARG, 2006).
31. 'The Central Islamic Lands 600-1200' in *Themes in World History*, Class XI Text Book, National Council for Education, Research and Training (2006).
32. 'A Holi Riot of 1714: Versions from Ahmadabad and Delhi', *Living Together Separately: Cultural India in History and Politics*, eds. Mushirul Hasan and Asim Roy (Oxford University Press, 2005).
33. 'The Monetary Integration of India under the Mughal Empire', *India Studies in the History of an Idea*, ed. Irfan Habib (Munshiram Manoharlal, 2005)
34. 'Business Practices and Monetary History', *Economic Structures in India*, (Indira Gandhi National Open University, 2005)
35. 'Prices and Wages in India: 1200-1700. Source Material, Historiography and New Directions', International Conference on "Historical Wages and Prices", Utrecht, 19-22 August, 2004 (www.iisg.nl/hpw/conference.html)
36. 'Mughals and Mahmudis: The Incorporation of Gujarat into the Imperial Monetary System', *Negotiating India's Past. Essays in Memory of Partha Sarathi Gupta* (Tulika, 2003)
37. 'Global Networks of Exchange, the India Trade and the Mercantile Economy of Safavid Iran', *India and Iran*, ed. Irfan Habib (Tulika, 2002)
38. 'The Monetary Basis of Credit and Banking Instruments in the Mughal Empire', *Money and Credit in Indian History*, ed. Amiya Bagchi (Tulika, 2002)
39. 'The Quantity Theory and Mughal Monetary History', *Medieval History Journal*, vol. 2, no. 2 (1999)
40. 'International Trade in Precious Metals and Monetary Systems of Medieval India', *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress* (Patiala, 1998)
41. 'The Disappearance of Coin Production in 1580s: A Note on the *Alf* Coins of Akbar', *Akbar and His India*, ed. Irfan Habib (Oxford University Press, 1997).
42. 'Precious Metal Flows and Currency circulation in the Mughal Empire', *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*. Special Issue 'Money in the Orient' (Brill, Leiden, June 1996)

43. 'The Coinage of the Lodi Empire: Some Questions', *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress* (Gorakhpur), 1989.

Book Reviews

1. Review of Margrit Pernau and Yunus Jaffery ed., *Information and the Public Sphere. Persian Newsletters from Mughal Delhi* (OUP, 2009) in *Contemporary Perspectives. History and Sociology of South Asia* (vol. 3, no. 2, July-December 2009).
2. Review of Shireen Moosvi, *People, Taxation, and Trade in Mughal India* (OUP, 2008) in *The Hindu* (2009)
3. Review of Raziuddin Aquil, *Sufism, Culture, and Politics. Afghans and Islam in Medieval North India* (OUP 2007) in *Medieval History Journal*, 11 (2), 2008
4. Review of Eugenia Vanina, *Ideas and Society India between the Sixteenth and Eighteenth Centuries*, 2 ed. OUP, Delhi, 2004 in *The Medieval History Journal*, vol. 8, no. 2 (2005)
5. Review of Ghulam Yahya, *Crafting Traditions*, text and translation by Mehr Afshan Farooqi, in *Summerhill*, IAS Review, 2006

Papers Presented in National/International Conferences/Workshops

1. 'Mughal India in Global Exchange of Money and Merchandise', *India and Global Histories*, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Global History and Culture Centre, University of Warwick (UK), JNU, 5 April 2023
2. 'Language, State and Identity in a Hindwi Autobiography of Mughal India', paper presented to the Fourth International Suleymaniye Symposium, Istanbul, 16 September 2022 (Online on Zoom)
3. 'Flows of Money and Materials', Cambridge History of International Law Workshop, 1 July, 2022 (Online on Zoom)
4. 'Forms of Corruption in Mughal India: Judges, Revenue Officials and Nobles', Workshop on *Corruption in the Ottoman Empire: A Comparative Perspective*, 26 November 2021 (Online on Zoom)
5. 'Accountancy, Record Keeping and *Raqam* Notation in the Mughal Empire: Reading BNF Manuscript of the *Khulasatu's Siyaq* (Suplement Persan 303)', Center for a History of Philosophy and Sciences as Viewed from Asia, Africa and So on, University of Paris-Diderot 19 November 2021

6. 'Thinking with Numbers: Quantification and Mathematical Practices in Early Modern South Asia, Centre for History and Philosophy of Science as Viewed from Asia, Africa, and so on, University of Paris-Diderot, 15 November 2021
7. 'Indic and Islamic Aspects of Slavery in the Ghaznavid and Ghorid Empires (c. 1000-1400)', *Textual Sources and Geographies of Slavery in the Early Islamic Empire*, Online workshop, University of Leiden, 3 December 2020 and 3 March 2022
8. 'The Representation of the Indian Ocean in Mughal Texts and Miniatures', Webinar on *Roads, Winds and Spices in the Western Indian Ocean*, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, 6 July 2020
9. 'Deep Monetization and Ottoman-Mughal Commercial Exchange in the Sixteenth Century', Suleymania Symposium, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, 26 September 2019
10. 'The Materiality of Money in the Mughal Empire', Workshop on Material Culture in the Ottoman and Mughal Empires, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 16 September 2019
11. 'The World of the Mughal Money-changers (*Sarrafs*)', Workshop on Money Use in Pre-Modern India, South Asia Centre, University of Pennsylvania, 2-3 May 2019
12. 'Wages, Wage payment and small change in the Delhi Sultanate (c.1300-c.1500)', Workshop on Wages, Wage Payments and Small Change in India 1300-1875, International Centre of Advanced Studies (MP), Max Weber Stiftung, New Delhi, 3 April 2019
13. 'Money and Monetary Economy in the Ain i Akbari', International Conference on "The Classification of Indic Knowledge at the Mughal Court: The Ain i Akbari", Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, 9-10 March 2019
14. 'Mob Violence and Defiance of Religious Authority in Late Mughal India', International Workshop on The Fragmentation of Religious Authority in Muslim South Asia, Indiana University India Gateway Office, New Delhi, 18 January 2019
15. 'Shahjahanabad in the Gentil Collection', Paper presented to Revisiting Dill 6, Janaki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, 26 October 2018

16. 'Mughal Justice in Literature and Cinema', Paper presented to the conference "State and Society in South Asia", St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, 31 January, 2018
17. 'History, Fiction and Popular Imagination: Narratives of Nurjahan's Life', International Workshop on "Female Participation in *Macht* and *Herrschaft*", 12 December 2017, University of Bonn
18. 'Fact and Fiction in Mughal Historiography: A Study of the Life of Nurjahan', Paper presented to the Workshop on "Contextualizing History Writing in the Ottoman and Indian Worlds (C. 1400-1850)", Department of History, Istanbul Bilgi University, 10 and 11 June 2017
19. 'Teaching Mathematics, Accountancy and Revenue Practices in Mughal India' Workshop on History of Vernacular Mathematical Practices in India. A Study of Textbooks Written for the Secretarial Class, IFP, Pondicherry, 29 January 2017
20. 'Political Economy of Prices and Wages in the Delhi Sultanate (c.1300-c.1500)', Paper presented to the International Conference in Honour of Professor Noburo Karashima on Political Economy in South Asia, 4 January 2017, JNIAS, JNU
21. 'The Empire and its Regions: The Distinct Monetary Regimes of Mughal India', Paper presented to the Aligarh Historian Society's Panel on India and its Parts, Indian History Congress, 30 December 2016, Thiruvananthapuram
22. 'Law, Identity and Local Administration in Mughal India', Paper presented to the International Interdisciplinary Workshop on "South Asian Legal History, Beyond Boundaries", NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad and Max Planck Institute for European Legal History (Frankfurt, Germany), Hyderabad 7th & 8th December, 2016
23. 'Trade and Economic Relations Between India and Iran in Medieval Times', Paper presented to the International Conference organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and Farhangistan-e-zaban-o-adab-e-farsi, Tehran, 24th May, 2016
24. 'Money, Monuments and the Majesty of the Mughal Empire', International Conference on "Afkar-e-Taza: Rescuing the Past, Shaping the Future", Department of Humanities, Information Technology University of the Punjab, Lahore, 3 April 2016
25. 'Money and Inequality in Indo-Islamic Intellectual Traditions', Institute for South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, 16 March 2016

26. 'Acculturation and the Language of Administration in Mughal India', International Seminar on "Acculturation: Religion, Language and Society", Shivaji College, University of Delhi, 17 February 2016
27. 'Book Collection and Circulation in Mughal India', Workshop on *Making Of Museum Collections, With Special Reference To Gandhara* organized by Ludwig-Maximillan University, Munich, India International Centre & National Museum Institute, New Delhi, 16-17 April 2015, India International Centre, New Delhi
28. 'Fly Leaf Inscriptions and the History of the Mughal Book', Institute of Persian Research, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, 11 March 2015
29. 'Your Money or Your Life: An Episode of *Thagi* in a Braj Autobiography', Literary Cultures & History in South Asia, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 12 March 2015
30. 'Customary Law in Mughal India', Workshop on *Law Addressing Diversity: Pre-Modern Europe and India in Comparison*, University of Vienna, May 2014
31. 'The Char Bahar of Balkrishnan Brahman: A New Source for the History of People and Places During Shahjahan's Reign', Workshop on *The Mughal Empire Under Shah Jahan New Trends of Research*, Institute of Iranian Studies and Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, May 2014
32. 'Law and the Mughal State', *State in Medieval India*, Centre of Advanced Study in History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, March 2014
33. 'Persian Records of the Great Famine of Gujarat and the Deccan (1630-32)', *Botanical and meteorological history of the Indian Ocean, 1500-1900*, Centre for World Environmental History, University of Sussex-Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, 30 August, 2013
34. 'A History of Ideas in Medieval India', Keynote address, Seminar on *The History of Ideas in Pre-colonial Bihar*, Organized by K. P. Jaiswal Research Institute, Patna-Rajgir, 16 March 2013
35. 'The Work of the Secretarial Class in Mughal India', IXth International Conference on Labour History, Association of Indian Labour Historians, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA 22- 24 March 2012
36. 'The Monetary Economy of India in the Eighteenth Century', Revisiting the Eighteenth Century in Indian History, Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 21-22 March 2012

37. 'Persian Histories and a Lost City of Delhi' *Articulating the OUV of Delhi's Ancient and Sultanate Period*, INTACH, Delhi, 10 November, 2011
38. 'Prices and Wages in Northern India: 1303-1526 AD)', Hi-Pod Conference, India and the Great Divergence', Neemrana, 19-20 September, 2011
39. 'Caste and the Secretarial Class in Mughal India', Aligarh Historians' Society Panel on *Caste in Indian History*, Indian History Congress, Malda, 12-13 February 2011
40. 'South Asian Economy During 16th-18th Centuries and the Great Divergence Debate', Asian Historical Economics Conference, Beijing 19-21 May 2010
41. 'Money as a Factor of Change in the Economy of Medieval India', Aligarh Historians' Society Panel on *Economic Change in History*, Indian History Congress, Delhi, 16-17 May 2010
42. 'Erasing the Mosque', Workshop on *Beyond the Ayodhya Judgment*, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2010
43. 'Notes on a Mughal Document from Sanghol', Workshop on *History and Archeology of Sanghol*, India International Centre, 2010
44. 'Indo-Islamic Traditions of Work and Professional Excellence: A study of *Dastur ul Amal* and *Akhlaq* Literatures', Fifth Workshop of the Global Collaboratory on the History of Labour Relations, Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Düsseldorf, Germany, November 2009
45. 'Money and Wealth in Medieval Indian Islam: Meaning and Practice', Workshop on 'Money and Wealth in Indian History', School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, 9-10 October 2009
46. 'Conversation through the Night: Emperor Jahangir's Dialogue with Muslim and Christian Scholars', India International Centre, New Delhi, 30 October 2009
47. 'Justice, Mughal Imperial Ideology and the Creative Imagination', Islamicate Cultures of Bombay Cinema, New York University Institute, Abu Dhabi, 20 March 2009
48. 'The Historiography of Money in Medieval India: 1200-1800', *Writing Indian Economic History: Trends and Prospects*, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 27-28 February 2009
49. 'Muslim Christian Polemics in Mughal India: Evidence from Jahangir's Night Sessions (*majalis i shabana*)', *The Dynamics of Religious Pluralism in India:*

Conflict, Innovation and Assimilation, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 19 February, 2009

50. 'Alterity and Ethnography: Images of Assam in the Persian Literature of Mughal India', *Writing the North-East. New Perspectives*, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, 14 January 2009
51. 'The treatment of India's Ancient Past in the Persian Histories of Mughal India', Aligarh Historians Society's Panel on *The History of History Writing*, Indian History Congress, Kunnur, 29-30 December 2008
52. 'The Historiography of State in Medieval India', Manipur University, Imphal, December 2008
53. 'Why Small Currencies Matter: Fractional Pieces and Non-Metallic Monies in Medieval India (1200-1800)', Third International Workshop on 'Monies, Markets and Finance in China and East Asia, 1600-1900', Tübingen, 1 October, 2008
54. 'Imperial and Non-Imperial Currencies of Mughal India', Workshop on 'Multiple Monies in Asia and Africa', Institute of Oriental Culture, Tokyo, 30 June-1 July 2008
55. 'Persian Manuscripts as Books in Medieval India', *Persian Literature in Multilingual India: Genres, contexts, styles*, Cambridge, 16-18 June 2008
56. 'Accountancy and Record Keeping in the Mughal Empire', Oxford Early Modern South Asia Workshop on *Munshis, pandits and record-keepers: the politics of knowledge in India, C16th - early C19th*, 13-14 June 2008
57. 'Cities in Medieval India: Historiography, Problems and Prospects', International Seminar on *Cities in Medieval India*, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, 6-7 March, 2008
58. 'Money and Accumulation in Indian Islam: Two Views from Fourteenth Century Delhi', École Pratique des Hautes Études Sciences Historique et Philologiques, Sorbonne, Paris, 11 June, 2007
(<http://myindias.blogspot.com/2007/06/confrence-par-najaf-haidar-lundi-11.html>)
59. 'Between Two Worlds: Persian Translations of Atharveda, Mahabharata and the Bible in Mughal India', Journée d'étude on Inde Medievale et Moderne: Textes et Contextes, *Littérature indo-persane (XI^e-XVII^e siècles): questions de traduction [Translation Related Issues in Indo-Persian Literature (11th-17th Centuries)]*, EPHE (SHP), à la Sorbonne, Paris, 22 June, 2007

60. 'Faith and Reason in Medieval India', *Reason and Tolerance in Indian History*, Seminar to Commemorate Akbar's Centenary, Indian Council of Historical Research and Aligarh Historian Society, New Delhi, 28-30 October 2006
61. 'Reason and Religion in Abul Fazl's Economic Thought', Workshop on *Reason and Religion in Akbar's India*, Department of History, University of Mumbai and Indian Council of Historical Research, 14-16 September, 2006
62. 'Currency Depreciation and Monetary Policy of the Mughal State', International Economic History Congress, Session 106, Helsinki, 21-25, August 2006
63. 'Monetary Circulation and Mercantile Credit in Medieval India: 1200-1700 AD', International Economic History Congress, Session 2, Helsinki, 21-25 August 2006
64. 'Customary Law as an Institution of Civil Society in Mughal India', Workshop on *Civil Society-Historical and Comparative Perspectives*, Max Mueller Bhavan, Delhi, 9-11 March, 2006
65. 'The Cultural Legacy of Alexander in Medieval Islam and India', *Memory as History: The Legacy of Alexander in Asia*, Central for Historical Studies, JNU and Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, 27 February- 1 March, 2006
66. Standardization and Empire: A Study of the Currency Regulations of Akbar', Panel on *Akbar and His World*, Indian History Congress, 66 Session Santiniketan, 28-30 January, 2006
67. 'The Technology of Mint Production in Mughal India', National Seminar on *History of Science and Technology in India*, Department of History, University of Hyderabad, 1-2 September, 2005
68. 'Philosophy and Realism in Abul Fazl's Monetary Thought', National Seminar on *Art, Literature and Secular Thought in Medieval India*, Centre of Advanced Study in History, Aligarh Muslim University, 5-7 April, 2005
69. 'The Historiography of Money and Trade in Medieval India and Central Asia', National Seminar on *Medieval Historiography in India and Central Asia*, Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library and Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi, 29-30 March, 2005
70. International Trade', 'Currency and Credit' and 'Movement of Prices and Price Revolution', Workshop-Seminar on *Economic History of Medieval India*, Project of History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture (PIHSPC), Aligarh, 2004.

71. International Seminar on *Rethinking a Millennium: India from the Eighth to the Eighteenth Centuries*, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 2-4 February 2004.
72. International Seminar on *Narratives of the Sea: Encapsulating the Indian Ocean World*, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, 10-12 December 2003.
73. Workshop on *Justice: Political, Social and Juridical*, Konrad-Adenauer Foundation, Jaisalmer, 7-10 November 2003.
74. Panel on *The History of the Idea of India*, Indian History Congress, Amritsar, January 2003.
75. International Conference on *Living Together Separately: Cultural India in History and Politics*, The Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, December 2002.
76. International Seminar of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, Dushanbe (Tajikistan), September 2002.
77. International Symposium on *Wages and Currency: Global and Historical Comparisons*, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, May 2002.
78. Panel on 'Iran and India', Indian History Congress, Bhopal, January 2002.
79. Workshop on *Economic History of Medieval India*, Project of History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture (PIHSPC), Aligarh, 2002.
80. Panel on *History of Finance and Banking*, Indian History Congress, Calcutta 2001.
81. Workshop on *Social History of Medieval India*, PHISPC, Delhi, 2001.
82. Workshop on *Social History of Medieval India*, PHISPC, Aligarh, 1999.
83. Workshop on *Quantitative Techniques and Serial Methods in History*, UNESCO, New Delhi, 1987.

Project: University with Potential for Excellence (UPE II) grant for “Memoirs, History and Visual Representation - a study of texts and images from European Archives” (with Professors Dhir Sarangi and Kavita Singh)

Awards/Honours/Fellowships

1. Erasmus Visiting Professor, University of Gottingen, Germany, 5-11 July 2023

2. Visiting Professor, University of Paris-Diderot, 7-21 November 2021
3. Visiting Professor, Department of History Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, 26-29 February, 2020
4. Visiting Professor, Sonderforschungsbereich, University of Bonn, 11-23 December 2017
5. Visiting Professor, Institute for South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, 10-20 March 2016
6. Erasmus Mundus Visiting Fellow, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Vienna, May-June 2014
7. Samir Shamma Visiting Fellow, St Cross College and Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford, Trinity Term, 2013
8. Visiting Fellow, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, 2008
9. HERMES Postdoctoral Fellow, Maison des Sciences de L'Homme, Paris, 2007
10. Indo-French Exchange Fellow of Indian Council of Historical Research and Maison des Sciences de L'Homme, Paris, June-July, 2006.
11. Visiting Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 2005
12. *Proxime accessit*, Frere Exhibition for Indian Studies, University of Oxford, 1994
13. Overseas Research Student Award, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, U.K., 1992-93.
14. Inlaks Fellow, Oxford, 1990-93
15. Junior Research Fellow, University Grants Commission (N.E.T.), 1987-89.
16. Post-Graduate National Merit Scholarship University Grants Commission, 1983-85.
17. University Medal for standing first at the M. A. (History) examination, 1985
18. Graduate National Merit Scholarship, A.M.U., 1980-83.
19. University Medal for standing first at the Pre-University examination, A.M.U., 1980

Membership of Board/Committee

1. Sectional President (Medieval), Indian History Congress, 82 Session, Kakatiya University, Warangal University, 2023
2. Member, Expert Committee, Department of Delhi Archives, New Delhi, 2021-23
3. External Member, Departmental Committee, Department of History, School of Social Sciences, Central University of Hyderabad, 28 August 2021-2023

4. Member Selection Committees: Banaras Hindu University, Central University Hyderabad, Jamia Millia Islamia, University of Srinagar, Shiv Nadar University, University of Exeter (UK), NALSAR Hyderabad
5. Member Screening cum Evaluation Committee (CAS): Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Varanasi, 30 May 2023; Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, 12 April 2023; Aligarh Muslim University 17 April, 2018
6. Chairperson, NAAC Peer Review Committee, BSVP First Grade College, Bangalore, 25-26 May 2023
7. Member Coordinator, NAAC Peer Review Committees, PSMO College, Thirurangadi, Calicut, 2022; Sri Bhuvanendra College, Karkala, 30-31 Jan 2023; RBNAMS College, Bangalore 23-24 February 2023
8. Member, NAAC Peer Review Committee, St. Joseph College, Trichy, 2019
9. Member Editorial Board, *International Journal of Asian Studies*, Cambridge University Press, From 2018
10. Member, Editorial Committee, *Studies in History*, Jawaharlal Nehru University-Sage, 2008-2013
11. Member, Sub-Committee, Heritage Building, National Library, Kolkata, 2009-11
12. Member, Executive Committee, Indian History Congress, 2006-7; 2009-11
13. Member, Standing Committee and Advisory Committee, Programme for Studies on Discrimination and Exclusion (PSDE), JNU, 2005-6.
14. Member, Gender Sensitization Committee Against Sexual Harassment (GSCASH), JNU, 2005-6.
15. Member, Organising Committee, International Colloquium of the Vice-chancellors of South Asian Universities on 'Challenges and Prospects of Higher Education in the Context of Globalisation', 2005, JNU

Sessions and Lectures Chaired

1. Delivered Welcome Address and Chaired Inaugural Session, International Conference on 'Goddesses in South Asia', Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, 3 May 2023
2. Chaired, Lecture by Dr. Swapna Liddle on 'Shahjahanabad-living in a Mughal City', History and Heritage Series, India International Centre, 16 March 2022

3. Session Chair, Roundtable on 'Reading the Economy: Harnessing Vernacular Diaries, Travelogues, and Other Literary Works as Sources of Indian Economic History', Association for Asian Studies Conference, New Delhi, 6 July 2018
4. Session Chair, National Conference on Archaeology, Heritage and Religion in South Asia, Presidency University, Kolkata, 14 March 2018
5. Chaired, Lecture by Dr. Lauren Minsky on 'Commerce and the Cult of Khizr: The Sacred Geography of Healing in the Indian Ocean World', India International Centre, 16 May 2014
6. Chaired, Lecture by Dr. Kavita Singh on 'Fantasies of History in Indian Painting' in the Series *Frontiers of History*, India International Centre, Delhi, April, 2009
7. Session Chair, Workshop on 'The Dynamics of Religious Pluralism Conflicts, Assimilation and Innovation in Pre-modern India' Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study, 19 February, 2009
8. Chaired, Third Lecture of the *Tattvabodha* Series by Professor Shireen Moosvi, Mission for Manuscripts, New Delhi, 2005

Discussant

1. Panel discussion on Carlo Ginzburg's Works, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 12 February 2019.
2. "Dynamics Around Culture and Language in Indian History", Panel Discussion, Shivaji College, New Delhi, 6 April 2018
3. "Aurangzeb and Dara Shukoh: A Tale of Two Brothers", Panel Discussion, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, 10 February 2018
4. Discussion on Audrey Truschke's books entitled "Aurangzeb: the man and the myth" and "Culture of Encounters: Sanskrit at the Mughal Court" 12 July, 2017, India International Centre, New Delhi
5. Discussant of Romila Thapar, *The Past Before Us. Historical Traditions of Early North India*, India International Centre, 4 December 2013
6. Discussant, *Information and the Public Sphere Persian Newsletters from Mughal Delhi*, eds. Margrit Pernau and Yunu Jaffery, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March 2009.
7. Discussant, *Asian Perspectives on Civilization Dialogue*, Institute of Chinese Studies, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, December 2004

8. Discussant, 'Jahangir's Court through Jesuit Spectacles: The *Tratado da Corte e Casa de Iamgir Pacha Rey dos Mogores* (ca. 1610) by Father Jeronimo Xavier' by Jorge Flores, Embaixada De Portugal, December 2003.
9. Discussant, 'In Search of an Indian Islamic Architecture', Monica Juneja, Max Mueller Bhavan, Delhi, August 2002.
10. Discussant, *War and Peace in Islam*, Asghar Ali Engineer and A. G. Noorani, Delhi Policy Group, September 2001.

Lectures Delivered

1. 'Recent Trends in the History of India's Economic Past, and the Great Divergence Debate' University of Gottingen, Germany, 6 July 2023
2. 'Agrarian and Urban Economies in Medieval India with special reference to Technology', University of Gottingen, Germany, 11 July 2023
3. 'Persian Book Production, Collection and Circulation in the Mughal Empire', Lecture cum Reading Session, University of Gottingen, Germany, 12 July 2023
4. 'India's Commercial linkages and the role of Money, Banking and Credit in Early Modern World', Public Lecture, University of Gottingen, Germany, 13 July 2023
5. 'Mughal Urbanism: Case Study of Delhi and Agra, Past and Present', Lauder Program, University of Pennsylvania, 16 October 2022, India Habitat Centre, Delhi
6. 'Persian Literary Culture and Exchange of Books between Mughal India and Central Asia', King's College, University of Cambridge, 14 September 2022 (On line)
7. 'Persian-Sanskrit Bilingualism and Inter-Cultural Communication in Mughal India', Shameer Memorial Lecture, Department of History, Sri Sankracharaya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala, 30 September 2022
8. 'Language and Identity in the *Ardhakathanak* of Banarasidas', Shivaji College, University of Delhi, 22 September 2022
9. 'Quantitative Techniques and Serial Methods in Indian Economic History', Research Methodology Web Lecture Series, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, 10 December 2021

10. The 39th Dr. M. A. Ansari Memorial Lecture on 'Persian and Hindwi Bilingualism in Medieval India' Jamia Millia Islamia, 27 March 2021
11. 'Economic History of India: Trends and Prospects', Lecture Delivered in all India History Summit, Central University Punjab, 16 March 2021
12. 'The Siyaq Manuals of Mughal India', Workshop on Reading Early Material Texts: A Paleography and Codicology, Chicago University Centre New Delhi, 22 May 2019
13. 'Changing Trends in Indian history and Historiography', Valedictory Address, MANNU 21 March 2018
14. 'Bhakti and Sufi Traditions in Medieval India', Keynote Address, Odisha History Congress, Paradip, 30 January 2016
15. 125 Foundation Year Lecture, The National Archives of India, New Delhi, 16 October 2015.
16. 'History and Symbolism in Mughal Painting', Laxmi Bai College, University of Delhi, 9 October 2015
17. 'Contemporary Studies of Islam', Refresher Course in *Contemporary Studies* Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 7 April 2015
18. 'India in the Medieval World', Workshop for students of the University of Venice, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, September 2014
19. 'State, Caste and the Secretarial Class in Mughal India', Public Lecture, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Vienna, June 2014
20. 'The Transition to Persian as the Language of Record Keeping in Mughal India', Jamia Millia Islamia, February, 2014
21. 'State and the Secretarial class in Mughal Bihar', K. P. Jayaswal Memorial Lecture, Patna, November 2013
22. 'Language, Caste and the Secretarial Class in Mughal India', Samir Shamma Public Lecture, University of Oxford, 28 May, 2013
23. 'India and the Great Divergence', Public Lecture, India and the Wider World Series, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 4 April 2013
24. 'Reading Accountancy and Record Keeping in a Manual of Mughal Punjab', Sita Ram Kohli Memorial Lecture, Punjabi University, Patiala, 9 February 2012
25. 'Deciphering Persian Manuscripts', Lecture delivered at the National Archives, December 2010
26. Lectures delivered at the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, 2011

27. Lectures delivered at the Department of History, Jamia Millia Islamia, 2010
28. Symposium Lecture on 'Money and Credit in Indian History', Indian History Congress, 70th Session, Delhi, 16 May 2010
29. Lecture delivered at Rabindra Bharati, Kolkata, 2008
30. Lecture delivered at Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, 2008
31. Lecture delivered at Tamkang University, Taipei, Taiwan, 2007
32. Lecture delivered at National Cheng Chi University, Taipei, Taiwan, 2007
33. Lectures delivered to the Academic Staff College/MHRD Centre, JNU, 1999-2001, 2004-2007, 2022
34. Lectures delivered to the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Dehradun, 2005, 2007
35. Lectures delivered at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, as Visiting Fellow, 2005

Panel Discussion

1. 'Shahjahanabad in the Eighteenth Century', Urdu Ghar, 27 March 2022
2. 'Heritage and History', Jamia Millia Islamia, 2013
3. 'Rethinking Mughal Historiography', Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, 2012

Organizer of Academic Programme

1. Organizer, Workshop on Material Culture in the Ottoman and Mughal Empires, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 16 September 2019
2. Organizer, "Cultural Encounters and Interactions: Ottoman, Mughal, Vijaynagar Empires and Beyond", International Conference of the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Bilgi University, Istanbul, 7, 8 and 9 November 2015
3. Co-organizer, 'Historiographical Engagements in India: A Symposium in Honour of Professor R. S. Sharma', 27-29 January 2012
4. Co-organizer, Workshop on 'The Dynamics of Religious Pluralism Conflicts, Assimilation and Innovation in Pre-modern India' Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study, 18-19 February, 2009

5. Co-organizer of Conference on 'Memory as History: The Legacy of Alexander in Asia', Jawaharlal Nehru University-University of Sydney, New Delhi, 27 February-1 March 2006
6. Co-organizer of Workshop on 'Power and Communication: Coins as Political and Cultural Documents', Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, 20-21 January 2005
7. Coordinator, Refresher Course in History, Academic Staff College, JNU, 2004

Courses Designed and Taught

1. *Economic History of India 1000-1600 AD*. M.A., Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, 2013 and 2015 (with Professor Shireen Moosvi, Visiting Professor)
2. *State and Society in the Central Islamic Lands: c. 600 AD – c. 1258 AD*. M.A., Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, 2005-2020.
3. *State in Medieval India: Power and Legitimacy*. M.A. 1st Semester, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, 2004-2020.
4. *Persian Documents of Mughal India*, Seminar Course, 2004-2020.
5. *Festivities and Culture*, Seminar Course, 2010-2020.
6. *Political History and Administrative Institutions: Akbar and Jahangir*. M.A. 2nd Semester, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, 2004.
7. *State and Society in India: 1540-1605*, M. A., Part II, Department of History, University of Delhi, 1999-2004.
8. *Medieval European and Islamic Societies*, M. A., Part I, Department of History, University of Delhi, 1998-2004.
9. *Quantification in History*, M. Phil., Department of History, University of Delhi, 1999-2001.
10. *Numismatic Methodology in History*, M. Phil., Department of History, University of Delhi, 1999-2003

Script Advisor/Consultant/Podcast

1. 'Arthur C. Clark's Treasure Ship', Podcast by Scrolls and Leaves: World History Podcast, 5 January 2022
2. 'Secrets of the Taj', National Geographic Channel (Grupp 3 Franco-German film)
3. 'Ishq e Dilli', *Son et Lumiere*, Old Fort, New Delhi (ITDC, Government of India)

4. 'Taj Mahal', *Superstructures* Series (BBC/Discovery channel)
5. 'Forts of India', Doordarshan