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Education:

PhD, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1999

MPhil, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1992

MA, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 1990

BA, Presidency College, 1987

Research Interests:

Adivasi Studies; Environmental History; Colonial Ethnography; Missionary Studies; Visual Representations

Profile:

Employment

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Associate Professor, 2011 onwards

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Assistant Professor, 2008-2011

Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan, Senior Lecturer, 2004-2008

Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan, Lecturer, 2001-2004

Gokhale Memorial Girls' College, Calcutta, Lecturer, 1999-2001

Fellowships, Grants and Honours

UK Visiting Fellowship, Nehru Trust for the Indian Collection at the Victoria and Albert Museum, 2020-2021

Senior Research Associate, Centre for World Environmental History, University of Sussex, 2018 (Ongoing)

Asa Briggs Fellow, University of Sussex, 2017

Visiting Fellow at the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, 2016

Research Award, University Grants Commission, 2012-2014

Invited to the Program in Agrarian Studies and the Program in South Asian Studies, Yale University, 2013

Research Grant, Charles Wallace India Trust, 2011

International Visiting Fellow, Grinnell College, 2010

Agatha Harrison Memorial Fellow, St. Antony's College, Oxford, 2005-2007

UK Visiting Fellowship and Small Study and Research Grant, Nehru Trust for the Indian Collection at the Victoria and Albert Museum, 2003-2004
Scholarship from the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), 1994-1995
Junior and Senior Research Fellow, University Grants Commission, 1992-1997
Kuruville Zachariah Prize, Presidency College, 1987

Publications

Books

Reordering Adivasi Worlds: Representation, Resistance, Memory, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2021.

The Politics of Belonging in India: Becoming Adivasi (with D.J. Rycroft), Routledge, London and New York, 2011.

(The Paperback Edition was published in 2013, and the First Indian Reprint was published in 2014)

Special Issue of Journals

Reading the Archive, Reframing 'Adivasi' Histories, *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Vol. 53, Issue 1, Special Issue, January – March 2016, Guest Editor: Sangeeta Dasgupta

'Margins and the State: Caste, 'Tribe' and Criminality in South Asia', *Studies in History*, Vol. 36, Issue 1, February 2020, Guest Editor: Sangeeta Dasgupta (with Joy L.K. Pachuau)

'Many Worlds of the Adivasis', *Modern Asian Studies* (forthcoming, 2022). Guest Editor: Sangeeta Dasgupta (with Vinita Damodaran)

Occasional Paper

Beyond the Frames of Environmental History: Reading an Adivasi Movement in Colonial India, NMML Occasional Paper, Perspectives in Indian Development, New Series, 51, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, 2015, pp.1-38

Articles

The Oraons of Chhotanagpur: A journey through colonial ethnography, *Modern Asian Studies* (forthcoming, 2022).

Religion as protest: Tana Bhagats, in Marine Carrin ed., *Brill's Encyclopedia of the Religions of the Indigenous People of South Asia (BERIPSA)*, Brill, Leiden and Boston, 2021, pp. 283-292.

Adivasi Studies: From a historian's perspective, *History Compass*, First Published: 11 September 2018 (<https://doi.org/10.1111/hic3.12486>)/ *History Compass*, Vol. 16, Issue 10, October 2018.

From 'heathen aboriginals' to 'Christian tribes': Locating the Oraons in missionary writings on Chhotanagpur, in Pius Malekandathil, Joy L.K. Pachuau and Tanika Sarkar eds., *Christianity in Indian History: Issues of Culture, Power and Knowledge*, Primus, New Delhi, 2016, pp. 143-158.

Mapping histories: Many narratives of Tana pasts, *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, First Published: February 10, 2016 (<https://doi.org/10.1177/0019464615619546>)/ *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Vol. 53, Issue 1, Special Issue, January – March 2016, pp. 99-129.

Introduction: Reading the archive, reframing 'adivasi' histories, *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, First Published: February 2, 2016 (<https://doi.org/10.1177/0019464615619527>)/ *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Vol. 53, Issue 1, Special Issue, January – March 2016, pp. 1-8.

'Heathen aboriginals', 'Christian tribes' and 'animistic races': Missionary narratives on the Oraons of Chhotanagpur in colonial India, *Modern Asian Studies*, First Published: July 24, 2015 (<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0026749X15000025>)/ *Modern Asian Studies*, Vol. 50, Issue 2, March 2016, pp. 437-478.

Locating adivasi movements in colonial India: The Oraons and the Tana Bhagats in Chhotanagpur, in Crispin Bates and Alpa Shah eds., *Savage Attack: Tribal Insurgency in India*, Social Science Press, New Delhi, 2014, pp. 112-139.

Indigenous pasts and the politics of belonging (with D.J. Rycroft), in D.J. Rycroft and S. Dasgupta eds., *The Politics of Belonging in India: Becoming Adivasi*, Routledge, London and New York, 2011, pp. 1-13.

Recasting the Oraons and the 'tribe': A study of Sarat Chandra Roy's anthropology, in Patricia Uberoi, Nandini Sundar and Satish Deshpande eds., *Anthropology in the East: Founders of Indian Sociology and Anthropology*, Permanent Black, New Delhi, 2008, pp. 131-168.

Probing anthropological representations: An analysis of Sarat Chandra Roy and his writings on the tribe and the Oraons, in Gautam Sengupta, Suchira Roychoudhury and Sujit Som eds., *Past and Present. Ethnoarchaeology in India*, Pragati Publications in Collaboration with Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Eastern India, New Delhi, 2007, pp. 85-98.

The journey of an anthropologist in Chhotanagpur, *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, First Published: April 1, 2004 (<https://doi.org/10.1177/001946460404100203>)/ *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Vol. 42, Issue 2, 2004, pp. 165-198.

Constructing a tribe: A case-study of the Oraons and the Tana Bhagats in late nineteenth and early twentieth century, in Padmaja Sen ed., *Changing Tribal Life: A Socio-Philosophical Perspective*, Concept, New Delhi, 2003, pp. 16-32.

Reordering a world: The Tana Bhagat movement, 1914-1919, *Studies in History*, First Published: February 1, 1999 (<https://doi.org/10.1177/025764309901500101>)/*Studies in History*, Vol. 15, Issue 1, 1999, pp. 1-41.

Available Online

Reading Adivasi Histories: Tana Bhagats in Colonial and Postcolonial Times', Yale Program in Agrarian Studies, Archive, Colloquium, Spring 2013.
(<https://agrarianstudies.macmillan.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/colloqpapers/12dasgupta.pdf>)

Projects

Project Lead for 'Planning Grant' from the Modern Endangered Archives Programme, UCLA Library and Arcadia for the project titled 'Political Pamphlets, Photographs and Local Journals: Narrating ideas of indigeneity in Jharkhand, India' (<https://meap.library.ucla.edu/indigeneity-jharkhand-india-jnu>). Co-applicant: Vinita Damodaran, University of Sussex.

Principal Investigator for the project titled 'Life History and Speeches of Jaipal Singh Munda in Constitutional Committees and in the Parliament', funded by the Dr Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Research Welfare Institute, Ranchi. Co-applicants: Saagar Tewari, O.P. Jindal Global University, and Sourav Mahanta, Independent Researcher.

Member of Advisory Council of the Leverhulme project titled 'An Antique Land: Geology, Philology and the Making of the Indian Subcontinent, 1830-1920', Department of History, University of Kent, 2013-2015.

Lecture Courses

Number	Title
M11404/P11204	Historical Methods
M41424/P41220	'Tribes' and History: Categories, Communities and Practices (19 th and 20 th Century India)
M44414	Elites and the Modern State: Reading African History
D12203	Reading Texts
D12202	Reading Sources
D12401	Historiography

Seminar Courses

Number	Title
P42411/D42411	Problems of Modern Agrarian History in India I
P42412/D42412	Problems of Modern Agrarian History in India II
M42410	Popular Protest & Politics 1919-47
