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Language Proficiency: English, Odia, Hindi, Dutch(Basic)

Education:

Ph.D: Political Science, Delhi University, Delhi
Thesis: 'Politics and Ideology of the RSS(1973-1990'

MA: Political Science, Delhi University, Delhi
Thesis: 'A Comparative Study of the Views of the Three Communist Parties on the Nature of Indian State'

Employment:

Oct 2019 -- DAAD Guest Professor, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany

2018-2019 Fellow, Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Erfurt University, Germany

2013-2018 Professor/ICCR Chair of Contemporary India Studies, Leiden Institute for Area Studies (LIAS), Leiden University & Fellow, International Institute for Asian Studies(IIAS), Leiden, The Netherlands

Since 2006 Professor, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

1998-2006 Associate Professor, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi & Reader, Ramjas College, University of Delhi

Administration:

2012-2013 Chair, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

2008-2010 Director, Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

AWARDS/HONOURS:

Fellow, International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden (Since 2013)

Fellow, Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Erfurt University, Germany (2018-)

Guest Professor, Sichuan University, Chengdu (2015-2020)

Honorary Professor, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne (2015-2018)

Visiting Professor, MSH, Paris (2010, 2007 & 2005)

Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi (2001-2003)

Associate Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla (September 2001)

Visiting Professor, Panjab University, Chandigarh (March 2005)

Member-Expert, Political Science, Commonwealth Scholarship/Fellowship Plan (2012)

Member, Civil Services Personality Test Board, Union Public Service Commission [Govt. of India] (2011)

Member, Editorial Committee, *Diaspora Studies*, a bi-annual referred journal, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Member, Advisory Board, *The South Asian Multidisciplinary Academic Journal (SAMAJ)*, Paris (Since 2007)

Member, Selection Committee for recruitment of Faculty and Researchers in Political Science/Social Sciences/Law in various Indian Universities/Research Institutes

Manuscript Reviewer

Hurst, Oxford University Press; Sage; Routledge; Springer; Orient Blackswan; Primus; Manohar

Referee in Journals

Religion; Critical Research on Religion; Religion, State and Society;

South Asia, India Review; SAMAJ; Contemporary South Asia

Ethnicities; Journal of Borderlands Studies;

Contributions to Indian Sociology; Economic and Political Weekly; Studies in Politics

External Assessor (Faculty Promotion) Manchester University, Various Indian Universities
RESEARCH

Areas of Research:

Religion and Politics: Hindu Nationalism (ideology/everyday practice/ Political ethnography);

Democracy in India: Ideas, Institutions, Processes and Policies/ Governance; Electoral and Party Politics; Regional/State Politics, Urban Governance

Indigenous Communities: Cultural/Political Mobilisation (Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Odisha); Development and Resistance

Globalisation, Culture and Identity: Indian/Hindu Diaspora;

China-India Connection/Comparison: Civilizational & Contemporary (Religion, Development)

Research Supervision (JNU, New Delhi and Leiden University):

Ph.D Awarded (16) +Submitted (3) + ongoing (6)

M.Phil Awarded (30)

MA Awarded (6)

BA Awarded (4)

External PhD Examiner:

Leipzig University, Germany;
Manchester University, UK; Leiden University, The Netherlands;
Various Indian Universities

RESEARCH PROJECTS/INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- Principal Indian Investigator, Indian-European Research Networking Programme in Social Sciences on 'From Identity to Interests? Quantitative and Qualitative Explanation of Electoral Change in Rural and Urban India' (2012-2016)
- Steering Group Member, Research and Networking Project (India-UK-USA) on 'The Public Representation of Hinduism: Postcolonial Patterns in India, Britain and the US' (2008-2010)
- Collaboration with French Anthropologists on a Research Project on 'Cultural Entrenchment of Hindutva' (2004-2007)
- Principal Investigator, Major Research Project on 'A Study of the Pracharak System of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh' (2006-2009)
- Research Project on 'Constructing a Hindu Identity in the United States: Diasporic Politics of Hindu Nationalism'(2001-2003)[as Fellow at Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi
- Collaboration with CeMIS, University of Gottingen, Germany on a Project on Urban Politics in India
- Research collaboration with French Anthropologists Marin Carrin, Centre d'Anthropologie Sociale, Toulouse, France and Gerard Toffin, CNRS, Paris
- Research Adviser on India, Research Project entitled 'Scale of Governance of Indigenous Peoples'(SOGIP), Paris (2010-2015) Irene Bellier, Director, LAIOS, CNRS, Paris]
- Convener, India-China Networking Project (IIAS, Leiden, Chinese and Indian Universities/Research Institutions) to promote comparative research on India and China

Current Research Initiatives/Collaboration:

- Religion and Urbanity (Varanasi, India –Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt University)
- Religion in China (Collaboration with Sichuan University, Chengdu)
- Fellow/Guest Researcher IIAS & Leiden University, Leiden

PUBLICATIONS:

Book/Edited Books

- 2002** *RSS's Tryst with Politics: From Hedgewar to Sudarshan*, New Delhi: Manohar.
- 2019** *The Algebra of Warfare-Welfare: A Long View of India's 2014 Election* (with Irfan Ahmad), Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- 2014** *The Politics of Ethnicity in India, Nepal and China* (with Marin Carrin and Gerard Toffin), Delhi: Primus.
- 2012** *Public Hinduisms* (with John Zavos, Deepa Reddy, Maya Warriar and Raymond Williams), Delhi: Sage.
- 2011** *Cultural Entrenchment of Hindutva: Local Mediations and Forms of Convergence* (with Daniela Berti and Nicolas Jaoul), Delhi: Routledge.

Book Chapters

- 2019** 'Gurus and Hindu Nationalist Politics: The Baba Ramdev-BJP Partnership in the 2014 Elections', in Irfan Ahmad and Pralay Kanungo (eds.), *The Algebra of Warfare-Welfare: A Long View of India's 2014 Election*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- 2019** 'Afterword', in Irfan Ahmad and Pralay Kanungo (eds.), *The Algebra of Warfare-Welfare: A Long View of India's 2014 Election*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- 2019** 'Sangh and Sarkar: The RSS Power Centre Shifts from Nagpur to New Delhi', in Angana P. Chatterjee, Thomas Blom Hansen and Christophe Jaffrelot (eds.), *Majoritarian State. How Hindu Nationalism is Changing India*, London: Hurst.
- 2016** 'Public Hinduism and Hindutva', in Brian Hatcher(ed.), *Hinduism in the Modern World*, New York: Routledge.
- 2014** 'In Defence of their Endangered Lifeworlds: The Adivasi Uprisings in Contemporary Odisha', in Marin Carrin, Pralay Kanungo, Gerard Toffin(eds.) *Politics of Ethnicity in India, Nepal and China*, Delhi: Primus; 101-20.
- 2013** 'Political Parties and the Indian Diaspora', in Ajay K. Mehra(ed.), *Party System in India: Emerging Trajectories*, Delhi: Lancer; 491-507.
- 2012** 'Fusing the ideals of the Math with the Ideology of the Sangh: Vivekananda Kendra', in John Zavos, Pralay Kanungo, Deepa Reddy, Maya Warriar, Raymond Williams (eds.), *Public Hinduisms*, Delhi: Sage; 119-40.

- 2012** 'Community Mobilisation: An introduction', in John Zavos, Pralay Kanungo, Deepa S. Reddy, Maya Warriar, Raymond Brady Williams (eds.), *Public Hinduisms*, Delhi: Sage; 257-63.
- 2012** 'Marginalised in a Syncretic City: Muslims in Cuttack', in Laurent Gayer and Christophe Jaffrelot (eds.), *Muslims in Indian Cities: Trajectories of Marginalisation*, Hurst, UK; 237-61.
- 2011** 'Diasporic Politics of Hindu Nationalism in the United States', in Eric Leclerc (ed.), *International and Transnational Political Actors: Case Studies from the Indian Diaspora*, Delhi: Manohar; 127-48.
- 2011** 'Casting Community, Culture and Faith: Hindutva's Entrenchment in Arunachal Pradesh', in Daniela Berti, Nicolas Jaoul and Pralay Kanungo(eds.), *Cultural Entrenchment of Hindutva: Local Mediations and Forms of Convergence*, Delhi: Routledge; 91-117
- 2010** 'Hindutva's Discourse on Development' in Gurpreet Mahajan and SurinderJodhka (eds.), *Religion, Communities, Development: Changing Contours of Politics and Policy in India*, Delhi: Routledge; 83-101.
- 2007** 'Globalisation, Diaspora and Hindutva' in Bhupinder Brar et al.(eds.), *Globalisation and the Politics of Identity in India*, New Delhi: Pearsons; 50-63.
- 2006** 'The Navigators of Hindu Rashtra: RSS Pracharaks' in Satish Saberwal and Mushirul Hasan(eds.), *Assertive Religious Identities: India and Europe*, New Delhi: Manohar; 233-54.

Select Publications in Journals

- 2015:** 'The Rise of the BJP in West Bengal', *Studies in Indian Politics*, 3, 1, June; 50-68.
- 2014** 'Shift from Syncretism to Communalism' (Special Issue on Odisha), Special Article, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 49, 14, April 5; 48-55.
- 2012** 'Hindutva Combats Christianity in Orissa', *Purusartha* (EHESS, Paris), 30, February; 215-39.
- 2010** 'Carving out a White Marble Deity from a Rugged Black Stone?: Hindutva Rehabilitates Ramayana's Shabari in a Temple'[co-authored], *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, 13,3; 279-99.
- 2008** 'Tracking Moditva: An Analysis of the 2007 Gujarat Elections Campaign'[co-authored], *Contemporary Perspectives* 2, 2; 222–245.
- 2008** 'Hindutva's Fury against Christians in Orissa', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 43, 37, September 13; 16-19.

- 2006** 'Hindutva and Federal India: Inherent Tensions and Strategic Alliance', *Indian Journal of Federal Studies*, 14, July-December; 67-87.
- 2006** 'Myth of the Monolith: The RSS Wrestles to Discipline its Political Progeny', *Social Scientist*, 34, 11-12; November-December; 51-69.
- 2003** 'Hindutva's Entry into a "Hindu Province": Early Years of RSS in Orissa', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 38, 31, August 2; 3293-3303.
- 2002** 'Pracharaks of Hindu Rashtra', *Contemporary India*, 1, 2, April-June; 175-97.

Select Articles in Magazines/Newspapers

- 2019** 'Identities in the Transnational Lifeworld: Individual, Community and Nation', *The Newsletter*, 84, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden; Autumn.
- 2019** 'The Rise of the NaMo Cult and What Lies Ahead of New India', *The Wire*, 26 May 2019.
- 2018** 'To Win 2019 Elections, Sangh Parivar May Use Its Last Lethal Weapon-- Construction of Ram Temple', *Outlook*, 06 December.
- 2017** 'Birth of a New Hindu Nation', *Outlook*, 11 December.
- 2017** 'A Yogi for New India', *Outlook*, 3 April.
- 2014** 'Democracy on the march: dissecting India's 16th general elections', *The Newsletter*, 69, IIAS, Leiden; Autumn.
- 2013** 'Hindutva's return from Vanavas', *Hard News*, December.
- 2013** 'Parivar's Predicament', *Frontline*, Vol. 30, Issue 3, February 22.
- 2013** 'Attempts at Appropriation', *Frontline*, Vol. 30, Issue 2, February 8.
- 2008** 'Will Moditva Travel Beyond Gujarat?' *The Economic Times*, January 1.
- 2005** 'Are We Witnessing the Rebirth of BJP?', *The Economic Times*, June 14.
- 2005** 'Advani has No Grand Plan to Sever the Umbilical Cord', *The Financial Express*, September 26.

Select Research Papers Presented (2009-2019):

- 2018** 'Trajectories of Radicalization in India: Discourses, Processes and Manifestations', International workshop organized by Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan (18-21 February)
- 2017** 'Sacred River, Syncretic City: Co-living and Contestations in Varanasi', Conference organised by Universitas Airlangga (Unair) in Surabaya, Indonesia, 11-12 December.
- 2017** 'Re-imagining the Transnational Lifeworld: The Changing Configuration of the Individual, Community and the Nation'', Key Note Address delivered at the Eighth Annual Symposium of the Consortium for Asian and African Studies (CAAS), Organised by the Asia Centre, Leiden University, 21-22 October.
- 2017** 'Reflections on the Confucian Philosophy and Praxis of Harmony', the 8th World Forum on Confucianism, organized by the Advanced Institute of Confucian Studies, Shandong University, Qufu, PRC, 20-21 September.
- 2017** 'Back to Tao: In Search of a Humane and Harmonious Universe', 4th International Taoist Forum, Wudangshan, Shiyuan, PRC, 10-12 May.
- 2017** 'Community, Culture and Religion: Chinese Indians of Kolkata', International Conference on Reflections on India and China, IIAS, Leiden, 6-7 April.
- 2016** 'Civilisational Connection, Coexistence and Convergence: China, India and the Silk Road', International Conference of Indologists, Shenzhen, PRC, 11-13 November.
- 2015** 'Hindutva and the Adivasi/Tribal Elites', Aarhus University, Denmark, 5-6 May.
- 2015** 'Politics of Citizen Participation and Representation: A Profile of the Aam Aadmi Party' CERI, Paris, 22-23 June.
- 2013** 'Hari is Still Far Away from "Harijans": "Untouchables" and the Temple Entry Movement in Odisha', CeMIS, University of Gottingen, Germany, 4 December.
- 2014** 'Indian Judiciary and Minority Rights', Department of Political Science, Sapienza, University of Rome, 9-10 June.
- 2014** 'Explaining the Rise of the BJP in West Bengal in the 2014 Lok Sabha Elections', Workshop organised by Indian-European Research Networking Project, New Delhi, 19-20 August.
- 2014** 'Re-colonisation of the Public Policy Sphere', Conference on 'Interrogating Swaraj in Ideas', organised by Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 21-22 July.

- 2013** 'Hari is Still Far Away from "Harijans"': "Untouchables" and the Temple Entry Movement in Odisha', CeMIS, University of Gottingen, Germany, 4 December.
- 2013** 'Confirming the Pattern: Analysis of the 2012 HP Elections', King's College, London, 18-19 March.
- 2013** Keynote Address: Conceptualising Indian Nationalism: Contributions of Madan Mohan Malaviya and Swami Vivekananda, Benaras Hindu University, Varanasi, 27-28 February.
- 2013** ' "Untouchables" and the Temple Entry Movement in Odisha', Conference on Living with religious Diversity, organised by University of Ottawa, Indian International Centre, New Delhi, 18-19 February.
- 2012** 'Informal Hindutva', Conference on "Extra-politics: Indian Democracy and the 'Political Outside'", CeMIS, University of Gottingen, Germany, 5-7 December.
- 2011** 'The Steel Frame of Hindu Nationalism', Amherst College, Massachusetts, USA, 18 October.
- 2011** 'The Changing Dynamics of Party Politics in Odisha and Social Profile of Members of Legislative Assembly', in a Conference on 'How Representative is Democracy in South Asia Today?', New York University, USA, 14-15 October.
- 2011** 'Hindutva Combats Christianity in Orissa' in a Conference on 'Religion and Politics in South Asia', MSH/CERI, Paris, June 30.
- 2011** 'Mobilizing Dongria Kondhs against Vedanta: Actors, Strategies and Organizations in Niyamgiri, Odisha', Workshop organised by SOGIP, EHESS, Paris, 29 June-1 July.
- 2010** 'Hindutva and the Changing Contours of Christianity in Orissa', ECMSAS, University of Bonn, Germany, July 26-29.
- 2010** 'Secure, yet Poor!: Muslims in the Historic City of Cuttack', CERI, Paris, 17 June.
- 2009** 'Vivekananda and the Expanding Network of Vivekananda Kendra', Wabash College, Indiana University, Indiana, USA, 23-24 March.

Media Interface:

Commentator on current Political, Social, Cultural/Religious issues and events on TV/News Channels:

CNN-IBN, Star News, Times Now, NDTV, News X, E-TV, Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha TV