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**ICSSR-Amartya Sen Award** for Distinguished Social Scientist (Sociology) 2012.  
**Visiting Professor** (ICCR Chair), University of Lund, Sweden. October 2012-June 2013.  
**Visiting Associate Professor**, University of Bergen, Norway. May-June 2005.  
**Honorary Visiting Fellow**, University of Wisconsin, Madison: January-June 2002.  
**South Asian Visiting Scholar**, University of Oxford: January- June 1997.  
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### **Other Appointments**

**Affiliate Senior Researcher** Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, New Delhi.  
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**Chairperson** and Concurrent Faculty, Centre for the Study of Discrimination and  
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**Chairperson**, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New  
Delhi 2011 - 2012.  
**Director**, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, 2008-2010  
**Member**, General Body, Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation (BRLF), Government of  
India 2014-  
**Member, Board of Governors**, Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA). Since  
April 2013-15.  
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**Member, Editorial Board**, *Pacific Affairs*. 2015-  
**Member, Editorial Advisory Board**, *Contributions to Indian Sociology* 2013-

**Advisor**, Indian Council of Social Sciences Research, New Delhi. Since June 2010-2012.  
**Honorary Fellow**, Indian School of Political Economy, Pune. Since 2009-  
**Country Coordinator**, Religions and Development Research Programme (DFID-University of Birmingham) 2006-2011.  
**Member International Advisory Board of *Sociology***, official journal of the British Sociological Association (2004-2008).  
**Member Editorial Board of *Sikh Formations***, Routledge, London (since 2005).  
**Member**, 'The Global Network on Inequality', Princeton University, Princeton, USA.  
**Member**, Academic Council, Central University of Gujarat. Since 2009-2012  
**Member**, Academic Council, Central University of Tamil Nadu. Since 2009-2012.  
**Member**, Assessment and Monitoring Authority, Planning Commission, Government of India 2008-2011.

### **Areas of Specialization:**

Social Inequality;  
Caste in Contemporary Times;  
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**Professor**, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi (2006-).  
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**Reader**, Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh (1998-2001)  
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**Associate Fellow**, Centre for Social Studies, Surat (1990-1991).

### **Publications: Books (authored, edited, co-edited): 12**

*Waning Hierarchies, Persisting Inequalities: Caste and Power in 21<sup>st</sup> Century India*. Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan (forthcoming 2017. Edited with James Manor).

*The Indian Middle Class*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. May **2016** (with Aseem Prakash).

*Caste in Contemporary India*. London, New Delhi: Routledge **2015**.

*Interrogating India's Modernity: Democracy Identity and Citizenship*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press (edited) **2013**.

*Culture and Economic Transformation: Perspectives from India and China*. New Delhi: Indian Council of Social Science Research and Rawat Publications. (Edited with Surjit Singh **2013**)

*Caste*. Oxford India Short Introductions. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. **2012**

*Village Society: Culture, Politics and Social Life in Rural India*. Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan. Edited. **2012**

*Changing Caste: Mobility, Ideology and Identity*. New Delhi: Sage Publications. Edited. **2012**.

*Religions, Communities, Development: Changing Contours of Policy and Politics in Contemporary India* (edited with Gurpreet Mahajan): New Delhi: Routledge. **2010**

*Contested Transformations: Changing Economies and Identities in Contemporary India*. New Delhi: Tulika Press (edited with Mary E. John and Praveen Jha), **2006**

*Community and Identities: Contemporary Discourses on Culture and Politics in India* (edited) New Delhi: Sage Publications **2001**.

*Debt, Dependence and Agrarian Change*. Jaipur: Rawat Publishing House, **1995**.

### **Editorial Work:**

**Book Series editor:** Religion and Citizenship. New Delhi: Routledge.  
3 books published in the series.

Edited “Review of Rural Affairs”, Special Issue of *Economic and Political Weekly*, on Revisiting the Rural in 21<sup>st</sup> Century India. 25 June 2016. Volume 51 (26-27)

Edited “Review of Rural Affairs”, Special Issue of *Economic and Political Weekly*, December 26 2015. Volume 50 (52)

Edited (with Divya Vaid) Special Issue of *Seminar* on ‘Exclusion, Discrimination, Disparity: A Symposium on Emerging Patterns of Social Inequality in India. August 2015.

Edited Special Issue of *Seminar* on Caste Matters: A Symposium on Inequalities, Identities and Disintegrating Hierarchies in India (Number 633. May 2012).

Edited Special issue of *Economic and Political Weekly* (January 7, 2012) on Religion and Citizenship.

Edited Special Issue of *Seminar* on India’s Religious Minorities (Number 602. October 2009).

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Meanings of Change: Culture and Social Transformation in India and China, ICSSR Seminar, Jaipur April 8-9 2011.

‘Plural Societies and Imperatives of Change’. International seminar April 19-20 2010.

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Co-ordinated (with Dipankar Gupta) a Refresher Course for college lecturers at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi July-August 2002

Organised a National Workshop on the theme ‘Community and Identities: Interrogating Contemporary Discourses on India’, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, India. March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 1998.

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### **Special/ Important Lectures (last 6 year):**

‘Caste in Contemporary India: Why should it still matter?’ Public Lecture. University of Kassel, Germany. June 22 2016.

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‘Religious Diversities and the Indian Middle Classes’. December 8 2015. University of Aarhus, Denmark.

‘Caste Matters: Aspirations, Identities and Political Orientation among the Youth in Delhi’. Paper presented at a seminar on Youth in Contemporary South Asia, St. John’s College, University of Oxford, Oxford. May 21-22 2015

‘Old Realities, New Perspectives: Towards a Comparative Sociology of Caste’ Giri Institute, Lucknow. February 16 2015.

‘Revisiting Caste, Reimagining India’. Azim Premji University, Bangalore. February 5 2015.

‘Ascriptive Hierarchies: Caste and Comparative Understanding of Social Inequalities’. Presidency University, Kolkatta December 22 2014.

‘Revisiting the Rural, Re-framing ‘Ruralilty’: ‘Rural Sociology’ and the Study of Village Society in Contemporary India’ **A. R. Desai Memorial Lecture**, University of Bombay, Mumbai. November 28 2014.

‘How do we frame the study of the Rural’. **Keynote address** at Third Workshop of the Network of Rural and Agrarian Studies (NRAS). Bhopal. October 30 2014.

‘Inequalities; Quantitative and Qualitative’. Keynote speaker at conference on Rethinking Social Inequality. **Volkswagen Foundation, Hannover**, Germany May 13-15, 2014.

‘Young People in Delhi: Aspirations, Identities and Politics’. **National University of Singapore, Singapore**. April 16. 2014.

‘Neo-Liberal Ruralities: Re-visiting agrarian changes in northwest India’. Professor Pradeep Kumar Memorial Lecture. Department of Political Science. **Panjab University, Chandigarh**. March 27 2014.

Making Sense of Rural Social Change. **Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi**. 21 March 2014 (Two days seminar on Econom Growth and Social Transformations)

‘Caste and Power: Emerging Patterns and Perspective’. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture. **NISSWAS, Bhubneshwar**. February 14 2014.

‘Caste Question in Punjab Studies’. Paper presented in a seminar on Punjab Today, Department of Sociology, **University of Delhi**. February 6 2014.

‘Secular State, Religious Communities and Politics of the Public Sphere in Democratic India’, paper presented in a seminar on Society, Religion and Modernity in India. **University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad**. November 27 2013.

‘Battling for dignity: mobility, identity and Dalit initiatives for change’. Paper presented in a seminar on ‘Social Mobility and Inequality in post-reform India’. Department of Sociology, **University of Delhi**. November 7, 2013

‘Caste and Class Inequalities in India’. **University of Bologna, Italy**, October 11 2013.

The Myth of “Global Village”. Guest Speaker at the Graduation Ceremony, Masters Programmes in Social Sciences, **University of Lund, Lund, Sweden**. June 11 2013.

‘The Pursuit of Happiness?’. Guest Speaker at the BIDS Graduation Ceremony. **University of Lund, Lund, Sweden**, June 10 2013.

‘Indian Village in Neo-liberal Times’. Centre of Global South Asian Studies, **University of Copenhagen, Denmark**. 2 May 2013.

‘The Indian Middle-Class: Number Games and Social Change’. SASNET, **University of Lund**, Sweden. 24 April 2013.

‘Futures of Caste and Power’. Department of Literature, History of ideas and Religion (LIR), **University of Gothenburg**, Sweden. 19 April 2013.

‘Neo-liberal Ruralities’. Development Studies Group, Department of Political Science, **University of Lund**, Sweden. 16 April 2013.

‘Engaging with Caste in Contemporary India: Changes and Reproduction of Social Inequality’. International Workshop on ‘Better Business without Caste Discrimination’ **Oslo, Norway**. April 5 2013. (Keynote speaker).

‘Could there be a Future of Caste?’. International Seminar, Entrenched Inequalities - East and West. Theories of inequality. **University of Lund** March 27 2013.

‘Rise of the Plebeian: Re-imagining Caste and Politics in Contemporary India’. **Department of Political Science, University of Lund**, Sweden. March 20 2013.

‘Beyond the Binaries of ‘Bharat’ and ‘India’: Reimagining the Rural-urban in Contemporary Times’. International workshop on “Urbanization and Migration in Transnational India: Work and Family Life from a Welfare Perspective”, organized by **ISEC-Lund University, Bangalore** 5 March 2013 (Keynote speaker).

‘Caste in Constructs. Caste in life’. **University of Lund, Lund**, Sweden. February 26 2013.

‘Colonialism and constructions of ‘rurality’ and ‘backwardness’ in India’. **University of Lund, Lund**, Sweden. February 25 2013.

‘Caste and Democracy: Dalit Identity and Politics of Citizenship’. Department of Political Science, **University of Stockholm, Sweden**. February 15 2013.

What’s Happening to the Countryside? Agrarian Change and the Social Order of Caste in Northwest India. Department of Sociology, **University of Lund**, Lund, Sweden. November 1, 2012.

‘The Futures of Caste’. **University of Bergen**, Bergen, Norway. November 24, 2012.

‘A Forgotten “Revolution”’: Revisiting Rural Life and Agrarian Change in Haryana’. Village Conference. **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi** November 19 2012.

Indian Village in the ‘Neo-Liberal’ Times: Changing Economies, Power and Identities. **University of Lund, Lund, Sweden**. October 12, 2012.

‘Making Sense of Caste in Contemporary India’. **Humboldt University, Berlin**, Germany. June 07 2012.

‘In the Footsteps of Ambedkar: Dalit Activists of Delhi’: Department of Sociology, **Delhi School of Economics**. April 13 2012.

‘Communities: Old and New’. Plenary Lecture, **Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai**. February 17 2012.

‘Rural Social Change: Learning from the Indian Experience’. **SANPAD, Durban**, November 22 2011.

‘Agrarian Changes in the Times of (Neo-Liberal) “Crises” Revisiting Attached Labour in Haryana’. **University of Oxford**. July 2011.

‘What is happening to the rural?: Revisiting marginalities and dominance in rural northwest India’. **University of Oxford, Oxford**, March 29 2011.

Can the Language of Social Exclusion help us Develop a Critical Sociology of Caste? **University of Hyderabad**, March 23 2011

‘Biography of Rural Development in India’. SANPAD seminar on Rural Development, **Beijing, China**, February 29 2011.

‘Challenges of diversity and the Indian Youth’. **Macau**, November 2 2010

Dalit Religious Movements. Paper presented at the conference of **European Association of South Asian Studies, Bonn**, Germany, July 27 2010

Religion, Politics and Governance: The Indian Experience. **University of Birmingham**, July 21 2010.

‘Dalits and Religious Minorities’. Presented at the **Kolkatta Group** meeting on ‘Eliminating Injustices’, February 16 2010. Kolkatta.

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‘Targeting Marginalized Minorities: Religion and Community in the Pursuit of Development’, University of **Birmingham, UK**, January 20 2009.

‘Marginalities: Old and New’, **Plenary Lecture** at the meeting of the Indian Sociological Society, Jaipur, December 28 2008.

‘State, Politics and the Reproduction of Caste: The Making of Dalit Political Agency in Punjab, India’ Lecture deliver at the **University of Pennsylvania, USA** December 5, 2008.

‘Roundtable Talk on Poverty and Human Rights’, **Rafto Foundation, Bergen**, Norway, August 10 2008.

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