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FELLOWSHIPS

National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute (ARI), December 2015 to June 2017

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai

Visiting Fellow and Lecturer, Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, 2014-2015

American Institute of Indian Studies, New Delhi, India & Chicago, U.S.A.

Junior Research Fellowship, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, 2010-2011

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.

Presidential Fellowship, 2005-6; Eli and Dorothy Berman Institute Fellowship, 2006-2007

CONSULTING

Economic & Political Weekly (EPW), Mumbai

Editorial Consultant, 2014; Consulting Editor, August 2016 to Present

Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM), Mumbai

Advisor to Deputy Municipal Commissioner (Improvements), 2014 to Present

New York Public Library (NYPL), New York City, U.S.A.

Project Consultant, Maps Division and NYPL Labs, 2008-2015

Library of Congress, Washington, DC, U.S.A.

Consultant, Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI), 2009-2014

CRIT (Collective Research Initiatives Trust), Mumbai

Co-Founder and Executive Member, 2003-2012

Center for History and New Media, George Mason University, U.S.A.

Zotero Project Evangelist, Mozilla Foundation Fellowship, 2007-2008

Srishti School of Art, Design & Technology, Bangalore

Research Consultant and Visiting Faculty, New Media, 2003-2005

PUKAR (Partners for Urban Knowledge Action & Research), Mumbai

Co-Founder and Associate Director, 2001-2003

The Globalization Project, University of Chicago, U.S.A.

Research Assistant and Project Coordinator, 2000-2001

TEACHING

Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), TIFR, Mumbai

Graduate School PhD Seminar on "Education, Science & Society in Modern India", 2015

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Teaching Assistant, History Dept and Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence Lab, 2007-2009

Kamala Raheja Vidyanidhi Institute of Architecture (KRVI), Mumbai

Visiting Faculty in Urban History & Sociology, 2004-2005

Mumbai Study Group, Academy of Architecture, Mumbai

Co-Founder and Joint Convenor, 2000-2002

GRANTS & AWARDS

Human Economy Programme (HEP), University of Pretoria, South Africa

Associate Member, 2014 to Present

Harvard University Center for Geographic Analysis (CGA), U.S.A.

Advisory Board Member, Harvard WorldMap Project, 2013 to Present

National Endowment for Humanities (NEH), Washington, DC, U.S.A.

Digital Humanities Startup Grant, NYPL New York City Chronology of Places, 2012-13

Vodafone Digital Empowerment Foundation, New Delhi, India

mBillionth Award South Asia, Free Software Foundation of India, 2012

Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS), Bangalore, India

"Sankranti Transform Urban India" First Prize Award & Startup Grant, 2011-12

Columbia University, New York City, U.S.A.

Exchange Scholar, Dept of Middle East, South Asian & African Studies (MESAS), 2006-7

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangkok, Thailand

"Mumbai Freemap Community GIS" Asia-Pacific Research & Development Grant, 2005-7

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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.

PhD in History and Anthropology of Science & Technology, 2005-2013

- PhD Thesis “Empire’s Metropolis: Money, Time & Space in Colonial Bombay 1860-1920”
- MIT Presidential Fellowship, 2005-6; Eli and Dorothy Berman Institute Fellow, 2006-7

School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), University of London, U.K.

M.A. in South Asian Studies and Politics, 1998-1999

- M.A. Thesis (with Distinction) “The Analytics of Caste Power in Modern India”
- Major in South Asian Politics, Minors in History of Science and Social Anthropology

Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC, U.S.A.

B.S.F.S. (Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service) with Honours, 1993-1998

- Certificate in Asian Studies, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP), 1995-96
- Honors Thesis in Culture & Politics “Critical Possibilities in Subaltern Studies”, 1997

MAJOR ARTICLES

“Mumbai ‘Trump Tower’ Baandhataana” (“मुंबईत ट्रम्प टॉवर बांधताना”), Avadhoot Dongre, trans. (Marathi), *Parivartanacha Vatsaru* (Pune/Mumbai, India), 16-31 August 2016

“When Donald Trump Came to Mumbai”, *Economic and Political Weekly* (Mumbai: Sameeksha Trust), Vol.51, No.23, 4 June 2016

“The City as Extracurricular Space: Re-Instituting Urban Pedagogy in South Asia”, *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* (London: Routledge), Vol.6, No.3, Fall 2005

“Les espaces de Mumbai à l’ère post-industrielle”, Stephen Wright, trans. (French), *Mouvements* (Paris, France), No.39/40, May-August 2005

BOOK REVIEWS

“Future Sense: *A History of Future Cities* by Daniel Brook”, *TimeOut Mumbai* (Mumbai: TimeOut/Paprika Media), 25 April 2013

“Do Buildings Have Agency?: *Chawls of Mumbai: Galleries of Life*, ed. Neera Adarkar”, *Economic and Political Weekly* (Mumbai: Sameeksha Trust), Vol. XLVI, No.30, 23 July 2011

“Skyscrapers and Sweatshops: *The Triumph of the City* by Edward Glaeser”, *Mint*, 28 May 2011

“Micro-History of Mumbai: *Theatre of Conflict, City of Hope* by Mariam Dossal”, *Economic and Political Weekly* (Mumbai: Sameeksha Trust), Vol. XLV, No.36, 4 September 2010

“*The Worlds of Indian Industrial Labour*, Jonathan Parry, Jan Breman, and Karin Kapadia, eds.”, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (London), Fall 2001

“*Untouchable Pasts* by Saurabh Dube”; “*The Concept of Race in South Asia*, Peter Robb, ed.”; “*Wages of Freedom: 50 Years of the Indian Nation-State*, Partha Chatterjee, ed.”; “*Democratic Politics and Economic Reforms in India* by Rob Jenkins”, *Contemporary South Asia*, vol.8, nos.1 & 3, vol.10, no.1, Carfax Publishing (Bradford), 1999-2000

SELECTED TALKS

“From Pathan Menace to Frontier Gandhi: Afghans in Early 20th Century Bombay”, keynote lecture at ‘Mounstuart Elphinstone between Local & Global Forces’, Jnanapravaha Mumbai, April 2017

“Unresolved Histories” & “Royal Indian Navy in World War II”, talks at ‘Insurrection 1946: Meanings of Failed Action’, Prince of Wales Museum (Chhatrapati Shivaji Vastu Sangrahalaya), Mumbai, March 2017

“Plotting & Scheming: Constructing Sandhurst Road in Colonial Bombay”, seminar at Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (CSSS), Kolkata (Calcutta), March 2017

“Land Acquisition & Market Values in Colonial Bombay, 1890-1910”, Faculty of Arts & Sciences (FASS) Cities Programme and Geography Department, National University of Singapore (NUS), January 2017

“Bombay Time: Turning the Clocks Back”, presented at University of Mumbai Department of History Conference on “Power, Public Culture & Identity”, Vidyanageri, Mumbai, January 2017

“The Woman Who Won’t Let Donald Trump Mumbai”, seminar at South Asian Studies Programme (SASP) and Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore (NUS), November 2016

“Cotton Famine: Money and the Making of Colonial Bombay”, presented at ‘Money in the Making of World Society’, University of Pretoria, South Africa, August 2014

“Open Data and Free Maps”, keynote lecture and presentation at 1st Annual Open Data Camp India, Google India and Microsoft Research, Bangalore, March 2012

“Mapping the Maximum City” presented at ‘Urban Ecologies in Asia’, Hong Kong Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences, Hong Kong University, March 2010

“Ethnohistories of the Global City”, presented at ‘Citizenship, Civility and Environmental Sustainability Across Urban Asia’, Yale University Department of Anthropology, January 2009

“Bombay Cotton: Share Mania in the Colonial City”, presented at ‘Political Economy of Modern Capitalism’ Workshop, Harvard University, April 2008