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Education

- **Ph.D. (Anthropology and Sociology of Development), 09/2014-25/6/2019**
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
Thesis Title, *Boundaries of Citizenship: Social Practices and Negotiations in the Former Border Enclaves of Bangladesh and India* (2019)
Date of Defense and award of PhD: 25.06.2019; PhD Advisor: Prof Dr. Alessandro Monsutti, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Second Reader: Prof Dr. Shalini Randeria, Graduate Institute, Central European University; External Examiner: Prof Dr. Willem van Schendel, University of Amsterdam
- **M.P.A (Master in Public Administration) 07/2011- 08/2012**
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Awarded Li Ka Shing Scholarship (2011-2012)
- **M.Phil. Sociology, 08/1997-07-1999**
Centre for Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Dissertation Topic '*Environmental Movements in India: A Sociological Analysis*'; Supervisor: Professor Susan Visvanathan, Awarded Ambedkar Scholarship (1997-1999)
- **M.A, Sociology, 08/1995-07/1997**
Delhi University, New Delhi, India; Awarded National Scholarship (1995-1997)
- **B.A (HONOURS) Sociology, 08/1992-07/1995**
Calcutta University, Asutosh College, Kolkata, India

Institutional Affiliations (Honorary)

Visiting Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Development, Delhi, India (July 2022-November 2023)

Senior Fellow, National Centre for Human Settlements and Environment (NCHSE), Bhopal, India (November 2020-present)

Research Fellow, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, The Graduate Institute (October 2019-October 2020)

Employment History

Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Development, Delhi, India (November 2023- present)

- Director for Research Programme on RiverCities and Sustainability in India
 - Principal Investigator for a major research programme funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) entitled, "*Ecosociality of the Ganga Riverscapes: A study of the riverine sub-cultures, folk traditions and community practices in the Ganga Basin*" that explores the nature -culture bind of Ganga riverscapes and river-based life.
 - Local Principal Investigator for study on '*Shifting societal and material relations of Yamuna in Delhi, India*' as a member of the River Cities Network (RCN): Engaging with Waterways in the Anthropocene

International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden University, the Netherlands

- Leading an interdisciplinary book project entitled *Thinking, Linking, Revitalising RiverCITIES*, is to be published shortly by Springer as part of their SDG Series on Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11) with scholars from Australia, Brazil, Egypt, Germany, the Netherlands, India, Indonesia, Serbia, and Vietnam. Using an interdisciplinary approach, this book explores how local communities, governments, and various stakeholders can work together for river cities, with a focus on inclusivity and equity;

Research Assistant, Global Migration Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland (15/12/2015 -31/12/ 2016)

Research project on Changes of Border Policy and Border Identities: A Case Study of the Indo-Bangladesh Border Enclaves, conducted as part of PhD fieldwork.

Regional Programme Officer (Anti-Trafficking) UNIFEM (Now UN Women), South Asia Office, New Delhi (12/2005-03/2010)

Worked under the broad theme of Women's Human Rights that required addressing sensitive and complex human rights problems, affecting women and children in the South Asian countries (India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Afghanistan). Worked across twenty states of India on US State Department Projects.

- Worked with national governments, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and civil society organizations on CEDAW, CRC and the Palermo Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children.
- Managed partnerships: The Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT, Global), United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF, India) Violence against Women Cluster, National Governments of SAARC countries (with special emphasis on Government of India), NGOs (SAARC member states)
- Programme Management and administration, Donor Reports, NGO Liaison, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Supervised the Impact Evaluation of the Regional Anti-Trafficking Programme (2000-2009)
- UNIFEM's contributor to the International Framework for Action to Implement the Trafficking in Persons Protocol (UNODC, 2009)
- Led the formation of the South Asia Anti-Trafficking Think Tank, a UNIFEM and UNODC (UN Office on Drugs and Crime) collaboration- a coordination mechanism of South Asian governments, civil society, UN agencies and bilateral donors on combating Trafficking in Persons in South Asia
- Focal Point for South Asia for UN Women's Fund for Gender Equality (FGE)
- Member and Alternate Chair for the Local Management Acquisition Review Committee (LMARC) for UNIFEM South Asia

Resource Person, Gender Community, Solution Exchange, Knowledge Management Initiative, UNDP, India, New Delhi (12/2004-11/2005)

- Set up the e-Gender Community of Practice (COP), under the brand name Solution Exchange, as part of UNDP India's Knowledge Management Partnership Initiative, e-knowledge sharing platform for all development practitioners working on gender issues in India
- Programme Management, Communications and Coordination: Anchored Community collaboration
- Technical Support: Research, moderation and compilation of Consolidated Replies

Research Associate, Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS), New Delhi (05/2000-11/ 2004)

- Research and coordination assistance on following projects: An assessment study of the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (National Credit Fund for Women) across nineteen states of India; Gender and Governance project involving women's networks, training and information resources covering the three Indian states, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

- Areas of Research: Micro-finance credit and services, micro-enterprises, the socio-economic empowerment of poor women, formation and stabilization of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), enterprise development for poor women

Research Scholar, Council of Social Development, New Delhi, India (September 1998- April 2000)

- Research and Analysis for the Project Social Development in Independent India; Research Areas: Social Sectors in Five Year Plans of India (I-IX)

Part Time Employment During PhD Study (2014-2019)

Teaching Assistant Position with Inter Disciplinary Masters Programme, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

- Assisted Class on Qualitative Methods (February-July 2018)
- Assisted Class on Applying Organization Theories to Practice (February-August 2017)
- Assisted Class on Qualitative Methods (September-January 2017)

Teaching Assistant position with the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, The Graduate Institute, Geneva (01/09/2015-15/12 2015)

- Assisted for Mobilities: Critical Perspectives on Forced and Voluntary Migration
- Assisted for Environment and Society

Approved Research Projects:

Field Researcher for project “Changes in Border policy and Border identities: A case study of the Indo-Bangladesh border enclaves”, with Principal Investigator Prof Shalini Randeria and Co-Principal Investigator Prof Alessandro Monsutti, Partner Principal Investigator Prof Ranabir Samaddar; Period: 15/12/2015- 31/12/2016, administered by Global Migration Centre, The Graduate Institute. Approving Institution: Flash Research Programme, Cooperation and Development Centre, (CODEV) EPFL, Lausanne. The fieldwork was conducted for my PhD project.

Teaching and Research Interests

Environmental Sociology

Migration and Mobilities

Borders and Borderlands

Qualitative Research Methods

Supervision of Students:

Across 5 courses through 4 semesters, I have been directly responsible for tutorials and feedback to a total of 117 M.A. students, other than managing Moodle for 3 courses.

Teaching Activities:

I have conducted weekly tutorials, giving one course in each of 5 modules I have assisted other than managing and supporting grading for these 117 students.

Teaching Session (Honorary) University of Chittagong, Bangladesh

- Seminar on the State and Margin for the M.A course, Department of Anthropology, 12/2020
- Seminar on Ethnographic Methods for the M.A course, Department of Anthropology, 08/2021

Contributor to CUSO Doctoral Programme in Political Science Workshop titled, *Going Ethnographic: Fieldwork Lessons for Political Scientists* at the University of Geneva, 4-6 November, 2021

Active Memberships:

American Anthropological Association,

European Association for South Asian Studies,

Personal Skills:

Language competency in English, Bengali and Hindi

Excellent skills in undertaking field based and digital ethnographic research

Consistency in pursuing time bound projects and research

Collaborating and coordinating programmes and research with governments, public sector organizations and civil society organizations

Competency in working with stakeholders in small and large groups

Research Outputs

1. Publications

Movement of Internal Migrants During the Covid-19 Pandemic in India: Enacting Embodied Citizenship

(November, 2022, Special Issue on the Citizenship in Pandemic Times, *Journal of Citizenship Studies*, Routledge, Taylor and Francis)

Changes in Border Policy and Border Identities: Post LBA transitions in the former Bangladeshi enclaves in Cooch Behar, India, *Refugee Watch*, Issue Number 49, June 2017

<http://www.merg.ac.in/ci.asp>

In India's Assam, a solidarity network has emerged to help those at risk of becoming stateless, *The Conversation*, 16 December, 2019

<https://theconversation.com/in-indias-assam-a-solidarity-network-has-emerged-to-help-those-at-risk-of-becoming-stateless-128558>

Et l'Inde créa 2 millions d'apatrides, *The Conversation*, 5 September, 2019 <https://theconversation.com/et-linde-crea-2-millions-dapatrides-122992>

How the National Citizenship Registration in Assam is shaping a new national identity in India, *The Conversation*, 29 August, 2019 <https://theconversation.com/how-the-national-citizenship-registration-in-assam-is-shaping-a-new-national-identity-in-india-121152>

Battle of Identities at the India-Bangladesh Border, in special issue on Borders in Global Challenges, Research Dossier published by The Graduate Institute, Geneva

<https://globalchallenges.ch/issue/4/battle-of-identities-at-the-india-bangladesh-border/>

Bayart, J. F., Segura Cobos, S., Bocco, R., Sen Mookerjee, A., Yilmaz, Ö., Galvin, M., & Heo, S. E. (2018). *Epidemia of walls in an (un) free world* (No. ARTICLE).

Feeling Unsettled in the field: The influence of emotions on "idea of the field" in *The Palgrave Handbook of Social Fieldwork*, Edited by Nasir Uddin & Alak Paul, Palgrave (April 2023)

Circular Labour Migration and Women in the Indian Sundarbans: Subjective experiences of Gendered Belonging South Asia Migration Report 2024, Edited by S. Irudaya Rajan, Routledge (**Forthcoming**)

2. Book Review

Dasgupta, A. (2016). *Displacement and exile: The state-refugee relations in India*. Oxford University Press.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/7fkruigCkhECneZhexVD/full?target=10.1080%2F00856401.2019.1584839&>
Mookerjee, A. S. (2019). *Displacement and Exile: The State-Refugee Relations in India*.

3. Contributions to Conferences

Speaker at **MAHE Public Policy Conversations**, International Online Webinar, Challenges in Policy Making-A Regional Perspective, Organized by Department of Public Policy, Manipal Academy of Higher Learning, Bengaluru, 22 November 2024

Convened IHD-NIUA Panel titled ***Role of Riverscapes in supporting River Sustainability: Research and Policy Concerns*** at IAASI Conference, BIT Mesra, Ranchi, 26 October 2024

Paper titled, ***Political Economy of Migration in the India–Bangladesh Borderlands: Identity, Labour and Affect in the Former Chhit Mahals in Cooch Behar*** at Indian Society for Labour Economics (ISLE, 2024) Conference, 27-29 March, 2024 Hyderabad

Presented paper titled, ***Recovery of River Yamuna in Delhi: Actors, Narratives and Temporalities in the shaping of Urban Resilience*** at Global Conclave 2024: Advancing Human Development in the Global South, Organized by Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi (January 11-13, 2024)

Presented paper titled, ***Circular Labour Migration and Women in the Indian Sundarbans: Subjective experiences of Gendered Belonging*** at the in IHD organized Thematic Panel at Global Conclave 2024: Advancing Human Development in the Global South, Organized by Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi (January 11-13, 2024)

Paper titled ***Voices of Women Rice Farmers in the Indian Sundarbans: An analysis of translocal social resilience***, World Anthropology Congress, 2023, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, 9-14 August 2023

Paper entitled, Identity, ***“Labour and Subjectivity: Political Economy of Migration in the Bengal Borderland”***, at National Seminar on Border and Boundaries, organized by ICSSR-NERC, Shillong, 1-2 December, 2022

Paper proposal entitled, ***Movement of Internal Migrants During the Covid-19 Pandemic in India: Urban Space, Socio-economic Inequalities and Embodied Citizenship*** at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, USA, November 2022, Session ID: 2-490; Session Title: Citizenship and Governmentality in Pandemic Times,

Place, Translocality and Body Politics: Identity Formation in the former border enclaves in Bangladesh and India at the Workshop, titled *Trans-border Communities, Connections and Bordering: Belonging and political membership across India’s borders*, organized by Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Documentation of Inner and South Asian Cultural History (CIRDIS), University of Vienna, 23 July 2021

Citizenship Struggles and Development: Bordering experiences of the pandemic among internal migrants from Cooch Behar (India) at the Conference on Citizenship in Pandemic Times organized by the Centre for Citizenship Studies, Wayne State University, Centre for Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law (CISRUL) University of Aberdeen and the Citizens, Nations and Migration (CNaM) Network based at the University of Edinburgh, 9 June, 2021

Paper titled ***Postcolonial Border as a Region: Continuities of Marginalisation in the Former Border Enclaves in Cooch Behar, India*** at the panel on “(Re)thinking, Acting, and Inhabiting the Border-Temporality Nexus” at the Conference of Italian Society for Applied Anthropology, 2-6 December, 2020.

Paper titled, ***Resisting State Hegemony and Exclusion: Social practices and Negotiations in the former border enclaves of Bangladesh and India***, September 2019, at the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Paper titled, ***Boundaries of Citizenship: Social Practices and Negotiations in the Former Border Enclaves of Bangladesh and India***, presented at The World Conference on Statelessness, The Hague, 26-28 June, 2019

Paper titled, ***Citizenship and National Identity: Being Bengali speaking Muslim Indian citizens of the former India-Bangladesh border enclaves***, presented at the American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, San Jose, USA, 14-18 November 2018

Paper titled, *'Being 'Aalim Siddique': Being a new Indian Citizen from a former Indian enclave in Bangladesh*, presented at the 15th Annual Conference on Citizenship, April 12-14, 2018, Centre for the Study of Citizenship, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, USA

Paper titled, *Critical Citizenship in the India-Bangladesh Borderscape: Post-LBA transitions in the former Bangladeshi enclaves in Cooch Behar, India*, presented at the 14th Annual Conference on Citizenship, March 30-April 1, 2017, Centre for the Study of Citizenship, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, USA

Paper titled, *Changes in Border Policy and Border Identities: Post LBA transitions in the former Bangladeshi enclaves in Cooch Behar, India*, presented at International Research Workshop, on Borders, Violence and Challenges to Identities, 20-23 December 2016, organized by Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, India

Changes in Border Policy and Border Identities: Post LBA transitions in the former Bangladeshi enclaves in Cooch Behar, India, presented at the Fifth Asian Borderlands Research Network Conference, Kathmandu, Nepal, 12-14 December 2016

Vulnerability of women and girls in post-conflict Iraq: Bridging gaps in education and employment for sustainable reconstruction, presented at the First Annual Symposium on Peacebuilding and Education, Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies, University of Duhok, Iraq, May 2014

'Ideology in Environmental Movements: Readings from the Indian Experience', presented at the World Congress of Sociology, Brisbane, Australia, July 2002.

'The Fisher-folks Movement in Kerala: A Perspective of Gender', presented at The Indian Social Science Congress, Chandigarh, March 2001.

4. Outreach activities

Interview on NRC in Assam, *Toekomst van duizenden hangt af van papiertjes*, De Standaard, 20 December 2019, https://www.standaard.be/cnt/dmf20191219_04775641

Published Interview on PhD Thesis, The Boundaries of Citizenship in the former Border Enclaves of Bangladesh and India <https://graduateinstitute.ch/communications/news/boundaries-citizenship-former-border-enclaves-bangladesh-and-india>

As part of events to commemorate the 5th anniversary and mid-point of the #IBelong Campaign of UNHCR, a special screening of the award-winning movie Capernaum was hosted by the Graduate Institute Geneva on 4 November. The movie was followed by a panel discussion, in which I participated with Emma Batha, Journalist at Thomson Reuters, and Melanie Khanna, Statelessness Section Chief of UNHCR. <https://www.refworld.org/pdfid/5e1c4b124.pdf>

Participated in the Drafting of Women's Policy of the Government of Madhya Pradesh with Mahila Chetna Manch, and UNICEF (Madhya Pradesh State Office) in India, 2002

Evaluation team member of the Women's Policy of Madhya Pradesh Government, India, 1995

5. Unpublished work

Place, Translocality and Body Politics: Identity Formation in the former border enclaves in Bangladesh and India (To be submitted shortly for publication)

Sen Mookerjee, Anuradha. "Boundaries of Citizenship: Social Practices and Negotiations in the Former Border Enclaves of Bangladesh and India." PhD thesis, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 2019

https://repository.graduateinstitute.ch/record/297219?ln=en&_ga=2.144032247.334639105.1582895116-56718176.1582895116

