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General Information

Department: Sociology

Designation: Assistant Professor

Qualification: MA (2009), MPhil (2012), PhD (2016) in Sociology, JNU

Specialization: Urban Sociology, Diversity Studies, Community and Identities, Ethnography

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Teaching Experience

Miranda House, University of Delhi (July 2015-August 2019)

RKSMVV, West Bengal State University (September, 2019 – present)

Research Interests

I am interested in the features and transformations of urban spaces in South Asia with a focus on ethnographic interventions.

Publication

Books

1. Chatterjee, A. (2017). Margins of Citizenship: Muslim Experiences in Urban India, Routledge, UK and India.

Articles in Journals/ E – journals/Edited Books

Chatterjee, A. (2022). Neighbourhoods and Neighbourliness in Urban South Asia: The Case of Kolkata's 'Para-s' in *Asian Studies*, Volume pp. 90--98 Amsterdam University Press, Amsterdam.

Chatterjee, A. (2022). Reframing the para?: The "Muslim" neighbourhoods of Kolkata in Sadan Jha and Dev Pathak (eds.) *Neighbourhoods and Neighbourliness in Urban South Asia*, pp. 145-162, Routledge India.

Chatterjee, A. (2022). 'Rights', 'Lived Worlds' and Citizenship: The Case of Kolkata's Muslims in Gorky Chakraborty (ed) *Citizenship in Contemporary Times*, pp. 201-214 Routledge India.

Chatterjee, A. (2021). (Review Article) Book Review: Engagements with the Ordinary: A Reading of Veena Das in the *Indian Journal of Human Development*. 15(1): 165-167.

Chatterjee, A. (2019). Negotiating a Better Life: Emerging Trends in the Politics of Ordinary and Poor Muslims in Kolkata, *Journal of South Asian Development*, 14(2): 223- 243.

Chatterjee, A. (2018) (Review Article). Politics and State-Society Relations in India, *Contemporary South Asia* Vol. 26 (1): 103-104.

Chatterjee, A. (2015). Narratives of Exclusion: Space, Insecurity and Identity in a Muslim Neighbourhood in Kolkata, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 50(52): 92-99.

Chatterjee, A. (2015). Muslim Middle Classes and the Ghetto, *Seminar*, Vol. 672.

Chatterjee, A. (2012). (Review Article) Subaltern Citizens and their Histories, *Seminar*, Vol. 633.

Seminar/ Conference Proceedings

Chatterjee, A. (2015). Interrogating Urban Closures in the South Asian City: Kolkata's Muslim Neighbourhoods available online as Conference Proceeding of RC21 of the ISA available at <http://www.rc21.org/en/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/E3.1-Chatterjee.pdf>

Chatterjee, A. (2019). Exclusion, Urbanity and Education: A Case Study of a Muslim Neighbourhood in Kolkata' in Working Paper Series on Education and the Urban, German Historical Institute London, Max Weber Stiftung available at https://www.perspectivia.net/servlets/MCRFileNodeServlet/pnet_derivate_00000809/education_anasua_published.pdf pp. 1-39.

Invited Lectures/ Paper Presentations

1. Participated and presented paper titled 'The Disappearing 'Para'? A Study of Transformations in the Everyday Inhabitation of Urban Space in South Asia' at Conference, South Asia in Transformative Times organized by the Ireland India Institute at the Dublin City University from April 19 - 21, 2023.

2. Was invited as a resource person and delivered two lectures at Workshop "Doing Ethnography: On Writing, Experience, and Explanation(s)", organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IISER Bhopal on 23-24 March 2023.

3. Presented a paper titled 'Neighbourhood and Neighbourliness in Urban South Asia: The Case of Kolkata's Paras' in the Twelfth International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 12) organised by Kyoto Seika University, Japan and the International Institute for Asian Studies, the Netherlands and held virtually from 24-28 August 2021. (International Level)
4. Chaired a session titled 'Cities, Localities, Neighbourhoods and Alleyways the Twelfth International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 12) organised by Kyoto Seika University, Japan and the International Institute for Asian Studies, the Netherlands and held virtually from 24-28 August 2021. (International Level)
5. Delivered Special Lecture 'The Ethnographic Method: Themes, Perspectives and Scope' at hosted by the Department of Sociology and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Loreto College, Kolkata on May 12, 2022. (State Level)
6. Delivered Invited Lecture 'Doing Urban Ethnography: A Discussion' (Google Meet) at the Department of Sociology, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, University of Calcutta on 11th September, 2020. (State Level)
7. Delivered Seminar Talk 'Framing Spatial 'Stigma': Observations from a 'Muslim' Neighbourhood in Kolkata' (webinar, Zoom) for Citiesque Urban Seminar Series of the Urban Research Lab (URL) at the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi (IIITD) on 24 th February, 2021. (National Level)
8. Presented paper 'Community, Belonging and the Urban: Graves and Burial as Sites of Identity among the Muslims of Kolkata' in the INDAS-South Asia International Symposium, "Life and Death in Contemporary South Asia: Living through the Age of Hope and Precariousness" organized by the Integrated Area Studies on South Asia held at Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan, 14-15 December, 2019
9. Presented paper 'Informality and Citizenship: Politics and the Everyday State in a Muslim Neighbourhood in Kolkata in Two-Day National Seminar on Citizenship in Contemporary Times organized by the Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, 19th - 20th November, 2019.
10. Presented paper 'Identities and Exclusions: The Muslims of Kolkata' in the Two Day International conference on Bengali Muslim at the Crossroads: Possibilities and Challenges organized by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Aliah University and Bengali Academia for Social Empowerment at Aliah University Park Circus Campus, Kolkata , 16th and 17th November, 2019.
11. Presented paper 'Different Spaces, Unsafe Spaces: Diversity, Order and Threat and the 'Musholman Paras' of Kolkata in Diversity, Threat and Morality in Urban Spaces organized by the Collaborative Research Centre 923 'Threatened Orders', University of Tubingen at Tubingen, Germany, 10th-12th October, 2018.
12. Presented paper 'Ghosts of Partition? Muslim Identities in Contemporary Kolkata' in Asia in Motion: Geographies and Genealogies, organized by the AAS-in-Asia at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi, 5th-8th July, 2018

13. Participated as discussant in International Workshop “Marwaris in Social and Cultural Spheres” organized by the Global Initiative Centre, Kagoshima University at the Ramkrishna Mission, Kolkata, 5th and 6th January, 2018
14. Presented paper ‘Spatial Exclusion and Muslim Identities in Contemporary Urban India: A Case Study from Kolkata’ in State, Civil Society and India’s Religious Margins held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 7th and 8th December 2017
15. Presented paper ‘New Politics of Development: A Study of the Everyday State and Local Participation in a Muslim Neighbourhood in Kolkata’ in Development in the Face of Global Inequalities Conference held at IBEI, Barcelona, Spain, 11th -13th May 2017
16. Presented paper ‘Interrogating Urban Closures in the South Asian City: Kolkata’s Muslim Neighbourhoods’ in the ISA RC21 Conference 2015 ‘The Ideal City: Between Myth and Reality’ held at the University of Urbino Carlo Bo, Italy, 27-29 August 2015
17. Presented paper ‘Spatial Segregation and Social Stigma: Space and Identity in a Muslim Neighbourhood in Kolkata’ in ESA RN 37 Mid Term Conference ‘Public and Private Lives in the Contemporary City’ held in Lisbon, Portugal, 19-22 November 2014
18. Participated and made two paper presentations in Comparative Urban and Regional Research: A PhD Workshop held in Bangalore, India, 28-30 July 2014

Awards/ Fellowships/ Grants

1. Max Weber Stiftung Grant for Working Paper for Transnational Research Group (TRG) Education and the Urban in Modern India, April 2018.
2. Research and Travel Grant from Collaborative Research Centre 923 ‘Threatened Orders’, University of Tubingen, for Working Paper and Conference Participation, February 2018.
3. ICSSR Travel Grant for Participating in International Conference of the ISA RC21 Conference 2015, University of Urbino Carlo Bo, Italy, 27-29 August 2015
4. Junior/Senior Research Fellowship (JRF/SRF) from the University Grants Commission for pursuing research in India (2010-2015).
5. Research and Travel Grant from Collaborative Research Centre 923 ‘Threatened Orders’, University of Tubingen, for Working Paper and Conference Participation, February 2018.

Administrative Responsibilities in College

1. Member, Internal Quality Assessment Cell (IQAC)
2. Joint Convener, Website Committee