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Education

Ph.D., Jawaharlal Nehru University, Centre for Historical Studies 2022. Thesis Title: ‘Ahmadiyah: The Making of an Identity in Colonial Punjab.’ Supervisor: Dr. Sangeeta DasGupta.

M.Phil. Jamia Millia Islamia, Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and Civilizations 2015. Thesis Title: ‘Fostering Collective Memories and Historical Tradition: A Case Study of *Rozabal Shrine*.’ Supervisor: Prof. Sameena Hassan Siddiqi.

M.A., University of Kashmir, 2012

B.Ed., University of Kashmir, 2013.

B.A., Anantnag College, 2010.

Research Interests:

Intellectual and Social History in Modern South Asia with special emphasis on Punjab, Identity formation/contestation among Muslims, Christian missionaries, Sacred Spaces, History and Memory

Teaching Statement:

Primarily trained as a historian engrossed in Multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and trans-disciplinary aspects of teaching across Social Science and Humanities.

Current Employment

Research Assistant at the National University of Singapore (NUS) in the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) under its Director and Associate Professor Iqbal Singh Sevea.

Previous Employment

Former Senior Research Consultant in Center for Equity Studies. (New Delhi).

Research & Documentation Officer in *Aspire: A Society for the Promotion of Inclusive & Relevant Education*. (New Delhi).

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University.

Guest Faculty in Jamia Millia Islamia.

Awards

Awarded the Junior Research Fellowship from the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) from 2018 to 2020.

Publications

Articles

Sacred Spaces as Markers of Disputes: Ahmadiyya Claims on Rozabal Shrine and Political Intervention in Kashmir, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/e27027150>. pp. 57-68, *Social Scientist*.

'Historiography of Rozabal Shrine in Srinagar, Kashmir' https://aphistorycongress.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/APHC-Proceedings_2022.pdf. Proceedings of the Forty-Fourth Session of A.P. History Congress, UGC-CARE Approved in January 2022 in Section-IV: Historiography under the title.

“Between Myth, Memory and History: Persian Texts and the Making of the ‘Tomb of Jesus’ in Kashmir” in *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*. (Forthcoming Publication).

Projects

Historical Profile of Village Sopat Tangopora. History Department, University of Kashmir 2012. Supervisor: Professor MA Wani.

Towards Harmony, Justice, and Reconciliation: A People's Archive. Centre for Equity Studies. In collaboration with the National Law University, University of Cambridge, and University of California, Berkeley 2023. Supervisor: Dr Harsh Mander.

Conference Presentations

'Historiography of *Rozabal* Shrine in Srinagar, Kashmir,' 44th Andhra Pradesh History Congress held on 4th and 5th January 2020.

'Exploring the Contours of Historiographical debate around the *Rozabal* Shrine in Srinagar, Kashmir', 40th South Indian History Congress held at Annamalai University Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, from 31 January to 2 February 2020.

Research Skills

Experience of working on the diverse topics across the boundaries of South Asia. Framing and making an archive.

Computer Skills

Experience working with Windows, M.S. Office, SPSS, Excel and STATA.

Personal Information

Date of Birth: 14/12/1988.

Language skills: English, Hindi, Urdu, Arabic, Persian, Kashmiri.

Referees

- Associate Professor Iqbal Singh Sevea is the Director of, the Institute of South Asian Studies at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Phone: 6591711488. Email: iqbal@nus.edu.sg.
- Dr Sangeeta DasGupta Associate Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Phone: 9868907393. Email: sangeetadasgupta@hotmail.com.
- Dr. Nonica Datta Associate Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Phone: 9899326175. Email: nonicadatta@mail.jnu.ac.in, nonica.datta@gmail.com.
- Prof. Sameena Hassan Siddiqi, Centre for the Study of Comparative Religion and Civilizations. Jamia Millia Islamia University, Phone: 9873411072. Email: sameena.hs1@gmail.com.
- Dr Harsh Mander, Director of Centre for Equity Studies, Phone: 9810523018. Email: hmander@protonmail.com

Declaration

I hereby declare that all the above details furnished by me are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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