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St Stephen's College
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Present Address

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Personal Data

Born, 27th November 1970, Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh, India
Indian Citizen

Current Position

Associate Professor in History
St Stephen's College, University of Delhi, Delhi, India

I Education

A. Degrees

2008-13: Ph. D. in History, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
1994-98: M. Phil. in History, University of Delhi, Delhi, India
1992-94: M. A. History, University of Delhi
1989-92: B. A. (Honors), History, St Stephen's College

B. Academic Distinctions and Awards

2016-18: Fellowship, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, India
2009: History Department David McLean Prize for the most distinguished first year academic record in Ph. D., Emory University
2008-2013: Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Emory University
1994-95: Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India
1992-94: National Merit Scholarship, University Grants Commission, India
1994: Award for the Best Student in M. A. History, University of Delhi
1994: Award for the Love of Subject, St Stephen's College
1992: Award for the Student with Highest Percentage of Marks in B. A. (Honors), History, University of Delhi
1991, 92: Commonwealth Essay Prize, St Stephen's College
1991: Westcott Memorial History Prize, St Stephen's College
1989: Award for Best Student in School, Rajkumar College, Raipur, India

II Research Interests and Work

A. General Areas

History of Modern South Asia, History of Tribal Peoples in India, History of Chhattisgarh, Cultural Anthropology, Anthropological History and Philosophy of History.

B. Current Research

Princely Politics in Colonial Chhattisgarh (Korea, Changbhakar, Surguja, Sakti, Chhuikhadan, Kawardha, Rajnandgaon); Society in Princely Kanker

C. Research in Ph.D.

Ph. D. Dissertation titled 'Spirits, State Effects and Peoples' Politics: Negotiating Sovereignty in 20th Century Kanker, Central India' which, by juxtaposing statist records with oral accounts of the past contained in the ancestral deity practices of some tribal communities in southern Chhattisgarh (Central India), seeks to revisit questions about the nature of History and the archive, and histories of tribal peoples' relationship with state formations.

D. Research in M. Phil.

M. Phil. Dissertation on 'Politics in the Court of Aurangzeb: Shivaji's Visit to Agra, 1666', in which, through a reading of Mughal, Maratha and Rajput sources, I argued that the established political culture of the Mughals was not tolerant of deviation in political behavior and in order to achieve dominance, constructed the idea of loyalty/rebellion in a particular way through a complex of language and symbols. This was an intervention in the debate about state formation in the 17th-18 centuries.

III Employment

A. Teaching and Administrative Work at St Stephen's College, University of Delhi, Delhi, India, since 1995.

Courses taught to B. A. (Honors) History students: (1) History of Medieval India, 750-1540 (2) Rise of the Modern West: c. 1450 to the American Revolution (3) History of the USSR, 1917-61 (4) History of India, 1761-1950 (5) Social Formations and Cultural Patterns in the Ancient and Medieval World (6) Rise of Modern West I (7) Rise of Modern West II (8) Cultural Transformations in the Modern World (9) Fundamentals of Historical Methodology

Courses taught to B.A. (Pass/General) students: (1) History of India, 1000-1707 (2) Cultures of India (3) Social Enquiry (4) Delhi through the Ages (5) Cultural Transformations in Early Modern Europe

Courses taught to B. A. (Honors) students as subsidiary, concurrent and generic elective subjects: (1) History of India, 1750-1950 (2) Environmental Issues in India (3) Medieval Delhi (4) Delhi Through the Ages (5) Delhi Through the Ages: The Making of its Early Modern History

Administrative Work: (1) Tutor to a Hall of Residence (2) Staff Adviser to the History Society, Debating Society, Shakespeare Society, B. A. Society, Yearbook and Junior Combination Room (3) Deputy Superintendent of Examinations (4) Coordinator, IQAC (2020-23, 2024-26)

B. Assignments with the University of Delhi

Academic: (1) Formulation and Revision of Courses of Study (2) Setting question papers (3) Evaluation of answer books for annual examination (4) Writing for the Institute of Lifelong Learning (5) Member, Departmental Research Committee, History (6) Supervising Ph. D. dissertation

Administrative: Deputy Proctor (2007-8)

IV Professional Development

January 2021

Faculty Development Programme in 'Blended Learning: Alternative Dimensions' conducted by PMMMNMTTLC, Ramanujan College, Delhi (2 weeks)

December 2020-January 2021

Faculty Development Programme in 'ICT-based Learning and Developing MOOCS for Teaching Process in Higher Education' conducted by PMMMNMTTLC, Ramanujan College, Delhi (1 week)

December 2020

Faculty Development Programme in 'Qualitative Data Analysis' conducted by PMMMNMTTLC, Ramanujan College, Delhi (1 week)

December 2020

Faculty Development Programme in 'E-Learning and Developing MOOCS for Teaching Process in Higher Education' conducted by Department of Statistics and IQAC, Hindu College, and PMMMNMTTLC, Ramanujan College, Delhi (1 week)

2015

Refresher Course in Methodology in Social Sciences Research, HRDC, Kumaon University, Nainital (3 weeks)

2014

Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program, Laney Graduate School, Emory University, Atlanta (3 days)

2001

Orientation Course, Academic Staff College, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla (3 weeks)

V Publications

(a) Academic

2026

Co-Editor, with Dias Mario Antony, D. E. U. Baker, *City and College: St Stephen's College*, Delhi: Viva Books

2024

Review of Nirmal Kumar Mahato's 'Sorrow Songs of Woods: Adivasi-Nature Relationship in the Anthropocene in Manbhum', Delhi: Primus, 2020, in *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, Volume 58, Issue 1, 2024
<https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/EBQK22VE4C84TKHEHSDN/full>

2023

Editorial, *Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities*, Summer 2021
<http://14.139.58.200/ojs/index.php/shss/issue/view/127>

2023

Interview with T. K. V. Subramanian, *Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities*, Summer 2021
<http://14.139.58.200/ojs/index.php/shss/issue/view/127>

2023

Essay, 'Who can Speak, or write for Whom?: Meditations on the question of Voice in history?' in *Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities*, Summer 2021
<http://14.139.58.200/ojs/index.php/shss/issue/view/127>

2023

Review of Sangeeta Dasgupta's 'Reordering Adivasi Worlds: Representation, Resistance and Memory', New Delhi: OUP, 2022, in *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 60 (2), 2023
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/00194646231170440>

2023

Essay, 'Royalty, Caste and Patriarchy in Colonial-Princely India: The Case of Shobha Manjari and Govind Kumari of Kanker, 1934-37', *Summerhill: ILAS Review*, Summer 2017, Delhi: IAS

<http://14.139.58.200/ojs/index.php/summerhill/article/view/1457/1481>

2023

Interview with Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, *Summerhill: ILAS Review*, Summer 2017, Delhi: IAS
<http://14.139.58.200/ojs/index.php/summerhill/article/view/1452/1477>

2023

Interview with Chetan Singh, *Summerhill: ILAS Review*, Summer 2017, Delhi: IAS
<http://14.139.58.200/ojs/index.php/summerhill/article/view/1453/1478>

2023

Editorial, *Summerhill: ILAS Review*, Summer 2017, Delhi: IAS
<http://14.139.58.200/ojs/index.php/summerhill/article/view/1451/1476>

2022

Essay, 'D.E.U. Baker (1932-2021): A Life Extraordinaire', *South Asia: A Journal of South Asian Studies*, March 2022
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00856401.2022.2050550>

2021

Book, *Kings, Spirits and Memory in Central India: Enchanting the State*, London: Routledge
<https://www.routledge.com/Kings-Spirits-and-Memory-in-Central-India-Enchanting-the-State/Deo/p/book/9781032108377>

2021

Essay, 'Spirits of the State', *Seminar*, April 2021
<https://www.india-seminar.com/2021/740.htm>

2021

Editorial, 'The Problem', *Seminar*, April 2021
<https://www.india-seminar.com/2021/740.htm>

2021

Essay, Further Reading, 'Anthropological Histories', *Seminar*, April 2021
<https://www.india-seminar.com/2021/740.htm>

2020

Review of Pallavi Aiyar's *Smoke and Mirrors: An Experience of China*, New Delhi: Fourth Estate, 2008, in *Summerhill, ILAS Review*, Winter 2015, Delhi: IAS
<http://14.139.58.200/ojs/index.php/summerhill/issue/view/28>

2020

Editorial, *Summerhill, ILAS Review*, Winter 2015, Delhi: IAS
<http://14.139.58.200/ojs/index.php/summerhill/issue/view/28>

2019

'Interview with Gyanendra Pandey', *Summerhill, ILAS Review*, Winter 2016, Delhi: IAS
<http://14.139.58.200/ojs/index.php/summerhill/issue/view/27>

2019

Editorial, *Summerhill, ILAS Review*, Winter 2016, Delhi: IAS

<http://14.139.58.200/ojs/index.php/summerhill/issue/view/27>

2017

Review of Nandini Sundar's *The Burning Forest: India's War in Bastar*, Delhi: Juggernaut, 2017, in *Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences*, IAS, Delhi, Vol. 22, No. 1, Summer 2015

2016

Review of Mahesh Rangarajan's *Nature and Nation: Essays on Environmental History*, Delhi: Permanent Black, 2015, in *Book Review Literary Trust*, Vol. XL, No. 2, February

2015

Essay, 'Needed, A History for Nainital: Reflection of a Few History-minded Persons', *Journal of HRDC*, Kumaon University, Nainital

2013/14

Essay, 'Of Kings and Gods: The Archive of Sovereignty in a Princely State' in Gyanendra Pandey (ed.) *Unarchived Histories*, New York/New Delhi: Routledge

2009

Introduction, 'Reflections on the History of Chhattisgarh' in Hiltrud Rustau and Katja Eichner (eds.) *Schatzkammer Indiens Chhattisgarh*, Berlin: Trafo

(b) Other

2017

'Video Interview with D. E. U. Baker', *Sahapedia, YouTube*

2016

'The Notion of Tribe', *Lecture for Citizenship Program, St Stephen's College-CNN*

2007

Written four articles titled 'Rajkumar College', 'Princely States of Chhattisgarh', 'Palaces of Chhattisgarh' and 'Cult of the Anga Dev' in Eicher Guide Books *Chhattisgarh* and *Bastar*, Delhi: Eicher, Good Earth Publication, November

2007

'Christianity and Environment', Delhi: *Herei Ngam Huay*, January-February

2006

'The Youth at the Forefront of Progressive Change', Delhi: *In Touch India*, December

2006

'The Usefulness of the Extra Curricular', Delhi: *In Touch India*, September

1999, 2005

Texts for *Kanker Palace Heritage Brochures*, Delhi, on the history and culture of Kanker

VI Conferences and Talks

April 2026

Delivered talk on 'Who can Write/Speak for Whom: Notes from Research/Fieldwork Central India', Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad

April 2025

Delivered book talk on *Kings, Spirits and Memory in Central India: Enchanting the State* at IIT, Gandhinagar

February 2025

Delivered talk on 'Writing Tribal Histories: Meditations on Anthropological Histories, College of Vocational Studies, Delhi, University of Delhi

Academic Year 2024-2025

Conducted 4 workshops for the Pandemic Archives Project on 'Ethnography and Fieldwork' (October 2024), 'Critical Theory in Ethnography' (October 2024), 'Fieldwork and Design' (February 2025) and 'Histories of Medicine and Notes on Ethnography' (April 2025) at St Stephen's College, Delhi

September 2023

Delivered book talk on *Kings, Spirits and Memory in Central India: Enchanting the State* in the Department of History, University of Delhi

November 2023

Paper presentation (online), 'Monumental Interests: Reflections on the Mission for Indian History and Archaeology, University of Tokyo, 1959-62'

4th Conference, 'Writing Each Other: Mutual Representation of Japan and South Asia in History, Literature and Philosophy', South Asia Research Center, Soka University, Japan

November 2023

Chair for panel (online)

4th Conference, 'Writing Each Other: Mutual Representation of Japan and South Asia in History, Literature and Philosophy', South Asia Research Center, Soka University, Japan

October 2023

Delivered Closing Address at Bloom Educational Expo, Raipur

August 2023

Delivered talk on 'The Past/Present/Future of Counseling: A Historical Perspective', Annual IC3 Conference and Expo, Hyderabad

July 2023

Keynote Address

National Conference on 'Causes, Effects and Solutions to Environmental Degradation' Bhanupratap Deo Govt. PG College, Kanker, Chhattisgarh

July 2023
Keynote Address
IC3 Regional Forum, Rajkumar College, Raipur

June 2023
Keynote Address
Sekolah Bogor Raya TOK Conference: Think Harder, TOK Louder, Indonesia

November 2022
Delivered book talk on *Kings, Spirits and Memory in Central India: Enchanting the State*, Gargi College, University of Delhi, Delhi

August 2022
Panelist
India at 75, Sela Qui International School, Dehradun

April 2022
Delivered (online) book talk on *Kings, Spirits and Memory in Central India: Enchanting the State*, SOA Colloquium Series, Spring 2022, Ashoka University, Sonapat

March 2022
Delivered (online) book talk on *Kings, Spirits and Memory in Central India: Enchanting the State*, Krea University, Chennai

February 2022
Delivered (online) book talk on *Kings, Spirits and Memory in Central India: Enchanting the State*, Center for India and South Asia, University of California, Los Angeles
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fb6u6aC4UYk>

February 2022
Delivered (online) book talk on *Kings, Spirits and Memory in Central India: Enchanting the State*, Understanding Culture, History and Society

December 2021
Delivered (online) lecture on the 'The Life and Public Service of Maharajadhiraj Bhanu Pratap Deo of Kanker' as part of 'Personality Development and Career Guidance Value-added Course', B. P. Deo Govt. P.G. College, Kanker

November 2021
Delivered (online) talk at the Resilience Lecture Series, Historic Houses in India and their Custodians: Aditya Pratap Deo and Kanker Palace Heritage, Center for Historic Houses, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUIGp-NoOOo>

November 2021
Delivered (online) book talk and participated in a discussion (online) on *Kings, Spirits and Memory in Central India: Enchanting the State*, History Society, St Stephen's College, Delhi

November 2021

Presented (online) paper title 'Violating the Historical Protocol: Tribal Peoples, State and Memory in Central India' in the Second South Asia Research Center Online Conference on 'Memory and Past in South Asia', Soka University, Tokyo

November 2020

Presented (online) paper titled 'One Asia, One World: Meditations on Plural Universalism' at the South Asia Research Center, Soka University, Tokyo, and Japan Spotlight, Joint Symposium on 'Asia is One: Asian Cultures and Mind'

October 2020

Presented (online) paper titled 'Education and the Pandemic: A New Beginning or a Lost Opportunity?' at the Plenary Session on Education at the South Asia Research Center, Soka University, Tokyo, International Conference on 'Japan-South Asia Connection in Economy, Health and Education'

September 2020

Delivered talk (online) on 'Why Should We Study History?' at Loyola English Medium High School, Naogaon, Assam.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBNf0dLemmA>

August 2020

Presented (online) paper titled 'Writing Tribal Pasts: A Crisis of History?' at Inter-national webinar on Latest Trends in Indian English Literature and Social Sciences, Basaveshwar Group of Educational Institutions, Basavakalyan and Kalburagi, Karnataka

July 2020

Delivered talk (online) at Workshop at Dayapuram Educational Society, Calicut, on 'Creating Clarity and Hope in Higher Education'

April 2017

Co-convenor, National Conference titled 'The Land Question in Contemporary India', Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

March 2017

Organized a National Conference titled 'Anthropological Histories and Tribal Worlds' at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

Presented paper titled 'The Enchanted Realm: The Spirits of the State in Colonial-Princely Kanker, Central India' at the same.

2014

Lectured on 'Time in History' at the Doon School, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India, annual History event.

October 2012

Presented paper at the Annual South Asia Conference, Madison, WI, USA, titled 'Of Spirits/States: Gond Pasts in Southern Chhattisgarh'

September 2012

Presented paper titled 'Of Kings and Gods: An Archive of Sovereignty in Princely Kanker, Central India' in a Workshop on 'Un-Archived Histories', Emory University

October 2011

Presented a paper at the Annual South Asia Conference, Madison, WI, USA, titled 'The Invisible Realm: Spirits, Kings and Archives in the Colonial Feudatory State of Kanker, Southern Chhattisgarh'

VII Special Assignments and Activities

2024-Present

Chair, Academic Committee

Rajkumar College, Raipur, Chhattisgarh

2024-Present

Member, Managing Committee, Rajkumar College, Raipur

2024-Present

Member, Board of Studies, Saint Claret College (Autonomous), Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh

2024-25

Coordinator, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, St Stephen's College, Delhi

2023

Member, NAAC Steering Committee, St Stephen's College, Delhi

2022

Member, Editorial Committee, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

2022

Chief Guest, Model United Nations, Sela Qui International School, Dehradun

2021-Present

Subject Expert and Mentor for the Department of History, Dayapuram Educational Society, Calicut

2021

Editor, *Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities*, Delhi: Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

2020-23

Coordinator, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, St Stephen's College, Delhi

2017-18

Member, Security Committee, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

2017-18

Convener, Fellows' Council, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

2017-18

Member, IUC-UGC Associates Selection Committee

2017

Editor, *Summerhill: ILAS Review*, Summer 2017, Delhi: Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

2016-18

Member, Library Committee, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

2016-18

Nominee of Director IAS at the Center for Tribal Study, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla

2016

Member, Board of Studies for History, IIS University (Deemed to be University), Jaipur

2016

Editor, *Summerhill: ILAS Review*, Summer 2017, Delhi: Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

2015

Editor, *Summerhill, ILAS Review*, Winter 2015, Delhi: Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

2014-Present

Member, Management, Suryoday Vidyalay, Kanker

2007

Member of Conservation Society of Kanker, Government of Chhattisgarh, India

2007

Visiting Scholar, Brown University, Providence, RI, USA

2005

Member of the official Indian delegation to the 33rd Conference of UNESCO on 'Education for All', Paris, France

2002

Participated in revision of syllabus for History for Foundation Course, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussourie, Uttarakhand, India

2001-Present

Life Member, General Council, Rajkumar College, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India

2001

Lectured at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussourie, Uttarakhand, India, the lectures being 'The Mythology of Capitalism' and 'Social Democracy for India'