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DOB: 25th March, 1987

EDUCATION

2012-2017, PhD, Medieval History, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

PhD title: *Cochin and Travancore: A Study of Two Swaroopams in Transition in the Eighteenth Century*

(Awarded December 2018)

2010-2012, MPhil, Medieval History, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

MPhil title: *From East to West: A Study of Three Eighteenth Century Indian Travelogues* (Awarded August

2013)

2008-2010, M.A. History, Department of History, University of Delhi

Marks Obtained: 61.56%

2005-2008, B.A.(Hons.) History, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi

Marks Obtained: 57.45%

RESEARCH

- Post Doctoral Fellow at the Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR) 2022-23.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Was awarded the Charles Wallace Short Term Research Grant for 2015-2016 for conducting research in the UK
- Was awarded the Indian Council of Historical Studies Junior Research Fellowship in 2014. Secured the 1st rank in the selection examination
- Secured 3rd rank in Medieval History and the 4th rank overall in the University of Delhi, Masters in History Programme 2008-2010

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Currently working at St.Stephen's College, University of Delhi.
- Worked at Miranda House, University of Delhi.
- Worked at Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi.
- Worked with Bluebells School International in Delhi as a PGT in History from November 2017 till March 2021.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- 'Knowing Europe: Assessing the Bhulogashastram of Paremakal Thoma Cathanar', Faculty Seminar Series, The History Society in association with The Internal Quality Assurance Cell, St. Stephen's College, Delhi, April, 2024.
- 'The Delhi of Master Ramchandra', Master Ramchandra: a Mathematician and Person of Conviction and Courage in

Nineteenth Century Delhi, The Chaplaincy, St. Stephen's College and The Department of History, St. Stephen's College, Delhi, February, 2024

- 'Not Just Textbook Europe: A Critical Reading of The Bhūlogaśāstram', KCHR Research Fellows Workshop, Kerala Council for Historical Research, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, March 2023
- 'The Fate of the Faith: The Dutch Reformed Religion in Kerala in the Eighteenth Century' at the 80th Session of the Indian History Congress, Kannur, Kerala December, 2019.
- 'He Who has the Pepper has the Power: Understanding Trade Relations in Eighteenth Century Kerala' at the NEEM Economic History Workshop: Kerala From the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Centuries, held at the Muziris International Convention Centre, Kerala, August 2019
- 'The Cathanar's Travels: Reading the *Varthamanapustakam* of Thoma Cathanar' at the annual Association of Asian Scholars Conference held at Toronto, Canada, March 2017
- 'Reversing the Destination, Reversing the Gaze: A Study of Three Travelogues from South Asia in the Eighteenth Century' at an international conference 'Configuring the Early Modern in South Asia' held at the Jawaharlal Nehru University Institute of Advanced Studies, November 2015
- 'From East to West and Back: The Travels and Writings of Mirza Abu Taleb Khan' at the Third AAWH Congress held at the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, June 2015
- 'Europe through 'Keralan' Eyes: Reading of the *Varthamanapustakam* by Paremakal Thoma Cathanar' at the South Asia Studies, Graduate Students Conference held at the University of Chicago, USA, March 2015
- 'Caught in the Crossfire: Eighteenth Century Travancore in Light of Mysore-English East India Company Relations' at the 75th Indian History Congress, New Delhi, December 2014
- 'The Theatre of State: Power and Legitimacy in Eighteenth Century Travancore' at a workshop on State and Power in Modern India conducted by the Centre for Historical Studies in association with the King's College, London, at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, December 2014
- 'With a Pinch of Salt: A Study of Three Eighteenth Century Indian Travelogues' at a workshop on Rethinking Mughal History, conducted by the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in association with Prof. Farhat Hasan, October 2013
- 'Pushing Boundaries: A Study of Three Eighteenth Century Travelogues' at a Work in Progress Workshop conducted by the Centre for Historical Studies in association with the Cambridge South Asia Studies programme, September 2012
- 'The Hindoostani and Firangi, Understanding the Relationship between One and The Other' at the Centre for Historical Studies, International Young Researchers Conference, Writing Histories of Power/Contestation, April, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

- Entries on Koonan Kurishu and Synod of Diamper, *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*. 'Christianity', ed. John Chathanatt, Germany, Springer Netherlands, 2024
- 'The Fate of the Faith: The Dutch Reformed Religion in Kerala in the Eighteenth Century', Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, December 2019, Vol. 80, pp. 490-497
- 'For a Fort and a Factory: A Study of the Early Years of the British in Travancore' *Malayalam Research Journal*, Vol. 11, No.1, Jan- Apr-2018
- 'The Travellers' Tales: The Writings of Itesamuddin and Abu Taleb Khan' in William A. Pettigrew and Mahesh Gopalan (ed.), *The East India Company 1600-1857, Essays on Anglo-Indian Connection*, Routledge, 2016

BOOK REVIEWS

- Jeena Sarah Jacob (2017): *Zamorins and the political culture of medieval Kerala*, by V.V. Haridas with a forward by Kesavan Veluthat, Delhi, Orient Black Swan, 2016, 388 pp., ₹ 875 (Hardcopy), ISBN 978-81-250-6128-1, South Asian History and Culture, DOI:10.1080/19472498.2017.1350415

ACADEMIC COURSE MATERIAL

- Unit 12, *Babylon and Assyria*, Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Ancient World, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi, 2020
- Unit 13, *Sassanians*, Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Ancient World, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi, 2020
- 15 video lectures in the course Rise of the Modern West-II, coordinated by Dr. Vikas Rathee for SWAYAM. https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/e-learning/preview/cec26_hs15

LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS

- Can read, write and speak English, Malayalam and Hindi
- Basic knowledge of reading and writing the Persian script

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

- Publications
 - ‘Revamping the Approach to Teaching History’, in *Teacher’s Plus Magazine*, Azim Premji University, June 2023, <https://www.teacherplus.org/revamping-the-approach-to-teaching-history/>
- Member, organising committee:
 - International Conference ‘Configuring Early Modern South Asia’, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 12-13 November 2015
 - Medieval History Journal Seminar ‘From Command to Consent: The Representation and Interpretation of Power in the Late-Medieval Eurasian World’, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 5 November 2014
 - Young Scholars’ Conference, ‘Pathways in History: Exploring Connections across Space and Time’, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 5-7 February 2014
 - Work in Progress, Students’ Workshop organised in association with the Centre for Historical Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University and the Centre for South Asian Studies, Cambridge at Jawaharlal Nehru University, 13 September 2012
 - International Young Scholars’ Conference, ‘Writing Histories of Power/Contestation’, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 7-9 April 2012
 - Student Faculty Discussion ‘Three Hundred Ramayanas Among Us, The Politics and Culture of Remembering the Past in Contemporary India’, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 10 November 2011
 - International Conference, ‘Looking Within/Looking Without: Exploring Households in the Subcontinent Through Time’, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 24-26 February 2011
 - International Young Scholars’ Conference, ‘Sourcing the Story: The Archive Anew and Archives New’, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 4-6 October 2010
- Curated walks to places of historical interest, such as the Red Fort, Tuglaqabad, Hauz Khas, the Qutub Complex etc. as a member of the History Association of the Centre for Historical Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Assisted in curating a photo exhibition in association with the Alkazi Foundation for the Arts to commemorate the 150th year of the Revolt of 1857 at the University of Delhi, 2007

AREAS OF INTEREST

- The Early Modern period in South Asia
- Travel literature of the eighteenth century
- Political History of Kerala in the Early Modern period
- The development of Christianity in Kerala in the Early Modern period

REFEREES

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