

CURRICULUM VITAE

DR. SANAM ROOHI

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Transnational migration-social mobility nexus; STEM mobility; Global interconnections and the flow of care resources; Work, class and skills; Political-moral economy intersections; Everyday violence under populist regimes; Social media publics and transnational political mobilisation, Pandemic and citizen led welfare.

Regional focus: South Asia, Middle East, USA, Europe.

RESEARCH CAREER

ACADEMIC AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| 04/2025-01/2028 | Research fellow (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin)
Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany |
| 10/2024-03/2025 | Fellow
Centre for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS), Bochum, Germany |
| 01/2024-12/2024 | Associate Fellow
Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (KWI), Essen, Germany |
| 04/2023-12/2023 | International Fellow
Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (KWI), Essen, Germany |
| 09/2020-01/2023 | Alexander von Humboldt (AvH) Postdoctoral Fellow
Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany |
| 09/2018-08/2020 | Marie Curie COFUND Fellow
Max Weber Kolleg, University of Erfurt, Germany |
| 05/2018-07/2018 | Fellow, SSRC Global and Transregional Studies Programme
University of Göttingen, Germany |
| 09/2016-04/2018 | Assistant Professor
St. Joseph's University, Bangalore, India |
| 12/2014-04/2015 | Visiting Lecturer
Department of Political Science, St. Joseph's University, Bangalore, India |
| 08/2010-12/2016 | PhD in Anthropology
University of Amsterdam, Netherlands |
| 05/2009-07/2010 | Research Associate
Urban Research and Policy Programme, NIAS, Bangalore, India |

- 09/2008-01/2009 **Project Associate**
Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore, India
- 10/2006-09/2008 **Programme cum Research Associate**
Calcutta Research Group (CRG), Kolkata, India
- 08/2004-05/2006 **M.A. Political Science**
University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India
- 08/2001-06/2004 **B.A. Honours, Political Science with History and English electives**
Loreto College, Calcutta University, Kolkata, India
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VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

- 02/2023-3/2023 **Guest researcher**
Centre for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS), Bochum, Germany
- 01/2022-06/2022 **Visiting research fellow**
Anthropology department, School of Global Studies University of Sussex, UK
- 09/2020-03/2021 **Associate fellow**
Max Weber Kolleg, University of Erfurt, Germany
- 08/2019 **Visiting fellow**
Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Berlin, Germany
- 03/2008 **Visiting researcher**
Tampere Peace Research Institute, University of Tampere, Finland
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RESEARCH AND NETWORK GRANTS

- 04/2025-10/2025 **CAIS Working Group Grant**
Enhancing Digital Visibility and Engagement for Marginalized Scholars: Examining Platform Barriers and Inclusivity Solutions
- 10/2021-09/2025 **COST ACTION Grant CA20115**
European Network on International Student Mobility: Connecting Research and Practice (Working Group II leader since inception)
- 09/2021-08/2024 **SSHRC, Canada Insights Grant**
Religion, aid and the COVID19 pandemic: How minority religious groups shape welfare in India.
Co-applicant with **Catherine Larouche**, Leilah Viviana, Salah P.
- 10/2016-12/2017 **Joint Committee for Nordic Research Councils in the Humanities and Social Sciences grant**
Co-applicant that led to the founding of *Feminist Peace Research Network*
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SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Co-editor in chief – Comparative Migration Studies (CMS)

Board member – Calcutta Research Group (CRG)

Advisory board member - *Tackling the challenges of Erasmus+ mobility inclusion and diversity at higher education level*. KA220-HED - Cooperation partnerships in higher education Action of Erasmus+ project

Reviewer –CMS, Global Networks, International Migration, Journal of Human Values, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Fennia International Journal of Geography, Refugee Watch, Educational Review, International Migration Review, Business and Society, Mobilities, International Development Planning Review.

Cofounder – Networked Futures; Feminist Peace Research Network (FPRN)

Leader – Working group II ‘Social inequalities in access to and during International Student Mobility’, and **core group member**, *European Network on International Student Mobility: Connecting Research and Practice* (ENIS). European Cooperation in Science and Technologies (COST) Action CA20115

External reviewer – International fellowship programme, Centre for Advanced Internet Studies, Bochum; COST Action, ERC

Member – InZentIM, University Duisburg-Essen, Germany; Calcutta Research Group, India

DEI Trainer – Inclusion ACAdemy, Brussels

CONSULTANCY PROJECTS

07/2015-06/2016 **Consultant**
International Organisation for Migration, MENA region

02/2009-07/2009 **Project Coordinator, elected representatives accountability initiative**
DAKSH Bangalore, India

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024	Tbilisi, Georgia
2022-2023	Bay Area, California
2022	Hyderabad, India
2020	Erfurt, Germany
2018-2019	Hyderabad, India; New York and New Jersey, USA
2016	Srinagar, Kashmir
2015	Kuwait; Delhi, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, India
2011-2012	Andhra Pradesh, India
2011	California, New Jersey, Texas, New York, USA; Delhi and Andhra Pradesh, India
2009-2010	Bangalore, India
2008	Tampere and Helsinki, Finland
2006-2007	Kolkata, India

PUBLICATIONS

Book manuscript in preparation

In Pursuit of the *American Dream*: Capitalist morality and the transnational reproduction of caste.

Co-edited Special Issues

2025 Forthcoming: Critical development and transitions in Migration Studies. Co-editing with Peter Scholten. *Comparative Migration Studies*.

Forthcoming: What is offbeat about offbeat study destinations? Strategies, Choices and (mis)calculations. *European Journal of Education*. Co-editing with Mette Ginnerskov-Dahlberg and Thais Franca

'Determinants, experiences, and outcomes of international student mobility in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic'. Co-editing with Nicolai Netz and Christof van Mol. *Comparative Migration Studies*.

'Migrant Asia'. Co-edited with Sahana Basavapatna, Ishita Dey and Samata Biswas. *Refugee Watch*.

2022-23 'Transnational Giving: Evolving Religious, Ethnic and Political Formations in the Global South' co-edited with C. Larouche and L. Vevaina. *Ethnography*.

2021-22 'Comparative Perspectives on Migrations, Diversities and the Pandemic', co-edited with Magdalena Arias Cubas, Anju Mary Paul, Jacques Ramirez, and Peter Scholten, *Comparative Migration Studies*.

Monograph

2016 Roohi, S. 2016. Dissertation. *Giving Back: Diaspora Philanthropy and the Transnationalisation of Caste in Guntur (India)*, University of Amsterdam.

Edited Book

2009 Roohi, S and R. Samaddar ed. *Key Texts on Social Justice in India*. Sage: New Delhi.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Under review Roohi, S. Beyond NEET: Standardized medical entrance test as a driver of Indian students mobility to offbeat study destinations? *European Journal of Education, Research and Development*.

Roohi, S. et al (co-authored). Social inequalities in international student mobility: Reviewing conceptual approaches. *British Journal of Sociology of Education*.

Roohi, S. et al (co-authored). Social inequalities in international student mobility: A systematic literature review. *Review of Educational Research*.

- Roohi, S (with Abdin, Z). Cumulative precarity in times of polycrisis: Transnational insecurities and geospatial resiliences among South Asian students in Finland, *Global Networks*.
- 2025 Roohi, S. *They sold our festival*: Contested transnational public memorialization and the making of Telangana state festivals. *Third World Quarterly*.
- 2024 Roohi, S. Against #CoronaJihad: Online somatic nationalism and offline social distancing in India during COVID-19. Special Issue article for 'eFaith: Rewiring the house of God', edited by Fouad Marei. *Journal for Religion, Media and Digital Culture*.
- Roohi, S. *On ne célèbre pas les festivals du Telangana ici*: Contestations transnationales et création d'une mémoire collective autour des festivals *Bhatukamma* et *Bonalu*. *Revue interdisciplinaire sur l'Asie du Sud*, volume 2, numéro 1.
- Roohi, S. et. al. Migrant Asia: An Introduction. *Refugee Watch*. Vol. 63
- 2023 Roohi, S. *Nammakam, wasta* and the cultivation of differential mobility capital between South Asia and the Gulf. *Mobilities*. 18 (6): 289-296.
- Roohi, S. et. al. (first author). Transnational Giving and Evolving Religious, Ethnic and Political Formations in the Global South. *Ethnography*. 24 (3): 303-315.
- Roohi, S. *No one is self-made*: Evolving narratives and practices of giving and shaping of Transnational Kamma caste subjectivities. *Ethnography*. 24 (3): 352-370.
- Roohi, S. et. al. (equal author). 2022. Introduction: Comparative perspectives on migration, diversities and the pandemic. *Comparative Migration Studies*.
- 2020 Roohi, S. Anticipating Future Capital: Regional Caste Contestations, Speculation and Silent Dispossession in Andhra Pradesh. *Journal of Contemporary Asia*. 50 (5): 723-742.
- 2019 Roohi, S. Historicising Mobility Trajectories of High Skill Migrants from Coastal Andhra to the US. *Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics*. 31 (1): 24-41.
- Roohi, S. et. al. (equal author). Collective Discussion: Piecing Up Feminist Peace Research, *International Political Sociology*. 13 (1): 86-107.
- Roohi, S. et. al. Everyday Care as Peacebuilding. In special issue on 'Critical Peace and Conflict Studies: Feminist Interventions' coedited by Laura McLoed and Maria O'Reilly. *Peacebuilding Journal*. 7 (2): 194-209.
- 2018 Roohi, S. Efficient Donors, Meritorious Receivers: Professionalizing Transnational Philanthropy in Coastal Andhra. *Modern Asian Studies*. 52 (1): 214-37.
- 2017 Roohi, S. Caste, Kinship and the Realization of *American Dream*: Coastal Andhra Migrants in the United States. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. 43 (16): 2756-70.

Peer reviewed online essays

- 2023 Roohi, S. Love in the times of Hindutva: The sexual politics of religious nationalism in India. Part I and II. *KWI Blog*.

2022 Roohi, S. What killed Naveen? Violence and discrimination faced by Indian students in Ukraine. *MoLab Inventory of Mobilities and Socioeconomic change*. MPI of Social Anthropology.

Book chapters

2025 (Forthcoming) Roohi, S. Telugu associations as caste associations: Diasporic politics and the (in)visible performance of caste within a transregionally connected social field in S. Rajan edited *India Migration Report 2025*. Routledge: London

2023 Roohi, S. Unbelonging as a postcolonial predicament: My tryst with the European academia. In *Migrant Academics' Narratives of Precarity from the Global North*. Edited by Ladan Rahbari and Olga Burluk. Open Book Publishers: Cambridge, UK.

Roohi, S. The elite as the Political Adversary: Neoliberalism and Cultural Politics of Hindutva. In *The cultural politics of anti-elitism: 'Against the elites!'*, edited by Morritz Ege and Johannes Springer. Routledge: UK.

2021 Roohi, S. et. al. Everyday Care as Peacebuilding. In 'Critical Peace and Conflict Studies: Feminist Interventions' coedited by Laura McLoed and Maria O'Reilly. Routledge: London.

Roohi, S. Changing Discourse of Corruption and Cross Caste and Class Alliance Building in Andhra Pradesh, In *From Lava Jato to Notebandi: Discourses on Corruption in Interdisciplinary and Intercultural Perspectives*, edited by Kalpana Kannabiran, Bettina Hollstein and Florian Hoffmann. Sage Publications: New Delhi.

2019 Roohi, S. *Kula Gauravam*, Transnational Migration and Class Mobility: Reconfiguring the Dominant Caste Status in Coastal Andhra. In *Mapping the Elite: Power, Privilege and Inequality*, edited by Surinder Jodhka and Jules Naudet. Oxford University Press: New Delhi.

2018 Roohi, S. Transnational Citizens as Partners in Development: The Case of NRI Cell in Guntur, Coastal Andhra. In *Provincial Globalisation in India: Transregional mobilities and development politics*, edited by C Upadhya, M Rutten and L Koskimaki. Routledge: London.

2016 Roohi, S. Governmentalising NRI Philanthropy in Andhra Pradesh: A Transregional Approach to India's Development. In *Accumulation in Post-colonial Capitalism*, edited by Ranabir Samaddar, Samita Sen and Iman Kumar Mitra. Springer: Singapore.

2010 Roohi, S. Minority within Minorities: Muslim Women in Kolkata. In S. Bhaumik ed. *Counter Gaze: Media, Migrants, Minorities*, Frontpage Publication: Kolkata.

Policy Brief

2024 Roohi, et. al. *Tackling social inequalities in international student mobility during the Covid-19 pandemic*. Policy Brief, COST Action CA20115 ENIS Policy. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.12886.9760

2023 Roohi, S. et. al. *Tackling social inequalities in Erasmus+ participation*. Policy Brief, COST Action CA20115 ENIS Policy Brief 01/2023. DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.34137.08802](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.34137.08802)

Book Reviews

- 2021 Roohi, S. Noel. B. Salazar's 'Momentous Mobilities: Anthropological Musings on the Meanings of Travel'. *Journal of Royal Anthropological Institute*.
- 2019 Roohi, S. Sudeep Basu's 'In Diasporic Lands, Tibetan Refugees and their Transformation since Exodus'. *Journal of Refugee Studies*. 32 (2): 348-49.
- 2018 Roohi, S. Carol Upadhyaya's 'Reengineering India: Work, Capital, and Class in an Offshore Economy'. *Sociological Bulletin*. 67(2): 247-49.
- 2016 Roohi, S. Book review: Surinder S. Jodhka's 'Caste in Contemporary India'. New Delhi: Routledge, 2014 in *Sociological Bulletin* 65 (2): 286-88.

Short Film

- 2016 *Return of the Non-Resident*. 2016. Short film based on my PhD research <https://vimeo.com/163534143>.

Research Papers

- 2014 Roohi, S. *Caste politics, developmental state and transnational giving: A study of Guntur NRI philanthropic circuit*. Working paper, CRG: Kolkata
- 2013 Roohi, S. *Social Impact of the City Planning Machinery: The Case of Road Widening in Bangalore*, Working paper, CRG Policies and Practices 58, CRG: Kolkata.
- 2009 Roohi, S and I. Dey. Strangers in Helsinki in *A Tale of Two Cities*, Policies and Practices 22, CRG, Kolkata
- 2008 Roohi, S. *Unbecoming Citizens: Muslim Women in Kolkata*, EURAC-CRG Research Paper 1, CRG: Kolkata

Popular Media Articles

- 2021 Roohi, S. Islamophobia in COVID Times: Building Transnational Muslim Solidarities Online between India and the Gulf, CoronAsur blog, ARI, NUS, Singapore.
- 2020 Roohi, S. India Needs Refugee Protection Laws, Not False Binaries, Berkley Forum, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
- Roohi, S. Solidarity protest at the University of Erfurt against CAA and police brutality on protesting students in India, Max Weber Kolleg, Erfurt.
- 2019 Roohi, S. Telangana Agitation: Transnationalisation of a Subregional Movement. SINGIDI, Philadelphia Telangana Association, Philadelphia.
- 2019 Roohi, S. Understanding Migrant Resource Flows and its Relation to 'Development' of Migrant Sending Regions: Evidence from South India. Refugee Watch Online, Kolkata.
- 2017 Roohi, S. Taking Babasaheb to Class. Round Table India.

- 2016 Roohi, S. Space, Place and the Social Sciences. Insights. NIAS, Bangalore.
- 2008 Roohi, S. Migrant South Asian Women in the Middle East; Right Bearing Citizens? Refugee Watch Online, CRG, Kolkata.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & WEBINAR/ROUNDTABLES CONVENED

- 2025 Lead organiser, Webinar: *Survival Mobility and ISM: What we know and what we need to learn*, ENIS, Online, 15 May 2025
- Interdisciplinary working group workshop, *Enhancing Digital Visibility and Engagement for Marginalized Scholars*, Centre for Advanced Internet Studies, Bochum May 5 - 7, 2025
- Co-organiser, Roundtable: *Competing narratives for diasporic mobilizations via the digital Medium*, Centre for Advanced Internet Studies, Bochum, 4 March 2025.
- 2024 Organiser, Workshop: *Offbeat Study Destinations*. University of Uppsala, 6 September 2024
- Organiser, *Critical Transitions in Migration Studies and the Role of CMS*. IMISCOE side event, 2-5 July 2024
- Co-organiser, Roundtable and panel *Offbeat Study Destinations*. University of Uppsala, 15 April 2024
- 2023 Co-convenor of panel 'International student mobility to "off-beat"-destinations'. 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference, Warsaw & Online, 2-7 July 2023
- Organiser and discussant, Early career researchers' panel discussion on *Combating Social Inequalities in accessing / during International Student Mobility*. ENIS Working Group II Meeting, Vilnius University. 15 June 2023
- Webinar organiser and discussant, *Religion, aid and the COVID19 pandemic: How minority religious groups shape welfare in India*. Essen, Laval and online, 14 April 2023
- 2022 Co-convenor of Seventh Critical Studies Conference *Migrant Asia: Refugees, Statelessness and Migrant Labour Regimes*, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, India, 17-19 November 2022
- Co-convenor, 2022 Conference of COST Action CA20115 *European Network on International Student Mobility: Connecting Research and Practice* (ENIS), Tartu, Estonia 6-7 October 2022
- 2021 Co-convenor of workshop *Transnational Political Movements and the Imaginaries of the Homeland*, supported by ICAS Metamorphoses of the Political, Max Weber Kolleg, Erfurt, Germany, 28-29 May 2021
- 2019 Co-convenor of workshop *Transnational giving: Evolving paths of religion, community and citizenship in globally connected Asia*, funded by Max Planck Institute of Ethnic and Religious Diversity and CeMIS, Göttingen, Germany, 13-14 June 2019
- 2015 Co-organiser of Provincial Globalisation workshop on *The future of 'new' Andhra Pradesh* National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, India, 21 September 2015

- 2009 Co-organiser for *Third Critical Studies Conference 'Empires, States and Migration'*, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, India, 11-12 September 2009
- 2008 Co-organiser of the international conference '*Culture Asia: Connecting Divergent Asian Cultural Actors*' jointly organised by Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore & HIVOS and OSI, Netherlands, Infosys campus, Bangalore, India, 14 – 16 December 2008
- 2007 Co-convenor of Second Critical Studies Conference 'Spheres of Justice', Calcutta, Research Group, Kolkata, India, 20-22 September 2007
- 2007-07 Organising team, Winter Course on Forced Migration, CRG, Kolkata, India, 15 September 15 December 2006 and 2007

PUBLIC LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, WEBINARS, PODCASTS

- 2025 Invited opening panel presentation, feminist peace research, at the International conference "Reimagining Peace 2025", Flemish Peace, Vlaams Parlement, Brussels & online. 8 May 2025
- Invited presentation, *Phatic labour as migrant knowledge production: Relational work and the making of visa centred migration brokerage system between India and the Gulf*. In 'Migration Brokerage in South Asia: Contexts, Assemblages and Discontents' conference, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, 20-21 February 2025
- 2024 Colloquium presentation, *Sexual politics and democratic backsliding: Exploring the pedagogical impulses of hindu right's 'love jihad' narratives on x*, CAIS, Bochum, 11 December 2024
- Invited speaker, ComLab goes Berlin Science Week 2024! Deep Dive on how to communicate tricky topics such as migration, climate change and AI. Berlin. 2 November 2024
- Invited speaker, *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: What they mean and why should National Academies and Higher Education Institutes care about them*. Inclusion ACADEmy, Academic Cooperation Association, Brussels/Online. 26 September 2024.
- Presentation, *Migration as liminal or predictable? A conjunctural approach to conceptualising the relationship between social and spatial mobility*. Panel Moving, Staying, Leaving: On the Interaction of Migration and Social Mobility in Asia, Africa and South America, Part 1, IMISCOE 3 July 2024
- Invited co-presentation, *Cumulative precarity in times of polycrisis: Insecurity and resilience among South Asian students in Finland*, International Student Migration workshop, Utrecht University, 3 June 2024
- Invited: Meet the Editor: *Sanam Roohi, Comparative Migration Studies (CMS)*. IMISCOE SC EduSocial Webinar. 22 May 2024
- Panel co-presentation, *Cumulative precarity in times of polycrisis*, Second ENIS Conference, Tbilisi, Georgia, 13 May 2024
- Workshop co-presentation, *Standardising medical education in India: NEET as a driver of Mobility of*

Indian students to Ex-Soviet Countries 'Offbeat Study Destinations', University of Uppsala, 15 April 2024

Invited panel presentation, *On ne célèbre pas les festivals du Telangana ici: contestations transnationales et création d'une mémoire collective autour des festivals Bhatukamma et Bonalu*, CESAHE (Paris- EHESS) and online, 2 April 2024

Invited speaker, ENIS roundtable 'Women in Science'. 23 February 2024, posted as a podcast on 8 March 2024

2023 Workshop presentation, *Pandemic, war and cumulative precarity among South Asian students in Finland*, Online workshop on International Student Mobility: precarity, pandemics and resilience, Utrecht University, 2 November 2023

Invited Short Term Scientific Mission presentation, *Impact of Covid-19 on international student uptake: A learning exchange on measures taken by US and European HE institutions*. Hosted by Milwaukee School of Engineering, Supported by ENIS Cost Action, 20-22 October 2023

Panel presentation, *Reimagining Hyderabad Tehzeeb: Minority led COVID welfare and its ambivalent entanglements with the city administration*. 51st Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, 18-21 October 2023

Short Term Scientific Mission, *Systematic review of existing knowledge and evidence on inequalities in international student mobility: Demographic analysis*, Hosted by University of Vilnius, Supported by ENIS Cost Action, 10-13 September 2023

Conference presentation, *Transnationalising the Telangana Movement: Diasporic mobilization and the gradient reordering of the social through development*, European Conference for South Asian Studies, University of Turin, 26-29 July 2023

Workshop presentation (paper discussed in absentia), *In Pursuit of the American Dream: Morality, obligation and the transnational reproduction of caste*. Capitalist Virtue Ethics?: Ethnographic Explorations, Research workshop, University of Cologne, 29-30 June 2023

Podcast with Ying Yang and Zain Abidin *on International Student Mobility from China and South Asia to Europe*. Hosted on enisnetwork.com/podcast. 15 June 2023

Colloquium presentation, *In Pursuit of the American Dream: Morality, obligation and the transnational reproduction of caste*. KWI, Essen, 31 May 2023

Invited speaker, book discussion, *Migrant Academics' Narratives of Precarity from the Global North*. With editors Ladan Rahbari, Olga Burlyuk and contributor Asli Vatansevar. AISSR, Amsterdam. 20 April 2023

Invited colloquium, *Against #CoronaJihad: Islamophobia on Indian Twitter in COVID times*. Centre for Advanced Internet Research, 1 February 2023

2022 Discussant, panel on *Social Inequalities in Access to and during International Student Mobility*, ENIS Conference, Tartu, Estonia, 6-7 October 2022

- Invited lecture, *Against #CoronaJibaad: Islamophobia on Indian Twitter in COVID times*. Digital Hate Conference, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, 29-30 September 2022
- Podcast with Elisa Palma Alves, ECR and PhD network, *Mobility of Angolan and Cape Verdian Students in and from Portugal*. hosted by enisnetwork.com/podcast. 27 September 2022
- Webinar presentation, *International Higher Education Opportunities & Scholarships: DESTINATION GERMANY*, organised by West Bengal Minorities' Development & Finance Corporation, 16 S September 2022
- Panel presentation, *Skilled based visa regimes, informality and unequal social mobility opportunities: Comparing migration to US and Kuwait from South India*, IMISCOE conference, OSLOMET University, 29 June –1 July 2022
- Panellist and discussant of Webinar, *Exit or Voice: The Transnationalised Social Question*. Keynote speech with Thomas Faist, COST Action CA20115 'European Network on International Student Mobility: Connecting Research and Practice' (ENIS), 24 May 2022
- Invited presentation on 'Transnational imaginaries of the home(land): The mainstreaming of the Telangana movement within the diaspora.' In Reconceptualising Activism Spaces in Contemporary Asia and Africa' online workshop. Fulda University of Applied Sciences. 28-29 April 2022
- Invited discussant, Reviewer meets Reviewed, book discussion webinar on *Momentous Mobilities*. Royal Anthropological Society, 21 April 2022
- Public Lecture (online) 'Imagining a home(land) within a nation: Caste, religion and the transnational mobilization for Telangana Gadda'. Public Lecture as part of 'The South Asian Diaspora: Politics, Gender, Rituals Conference Series, Institut d'études internationales de Montréal, 31 March 2022
- 2021 Invited presentation, 'In-situ Displacement: Some reflections from the anti-CAA protests'. Workshop In-Situ Displacement, Max Weber Kolleg and Bielefeld University, 11-12 November 2021
- Presentation, 'Homeland politics: Caste, religion and the transnational mobilization for Telangana Gadda'. AvH 10th Virtual Bonn Award Winner's Forum, 21-23 October 2021
- Presentation, 'Somatic nationalism in COVID times: Infodemic and new forms of online religious boundary making in India'. 'Rewiring the House of God: Religious Self-World Relations in the Digital Environment' workshop, University of Birmingham. 15-16 September
- Invited presentation, 'Roundtable: The Decolonisation of Conflict and Peace Research'. Conflict Research Society Annual Conference, 8-10 September 2021
- Panel presentation, 'Caste, religion and the transnational mobilisation for a separate Telangana.' Transnational Political Movements and the Imaginaries of the Homeland' workshop, Max Weber Kolleg, University of Erfurt, 28-29 May 2021
- 2020 Panel presentation, 'Infodemic, Islamophobia and new forms of online transnational solidarities in India'. Racialisation and Social Boundary Making in Times of Covid-19 workshop, ChinaWhite project, University of Amsterdam, 2-4 December 2020

- Presentation, 'Transnational migration, gender, caste and social im(mobility) in Andhra Pradesh, South India'. International Studies Association Convention, Honolulu, USA, 24-28 March 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19).
- Presentation, 'Domestic work as gendered care provision'. ISA RT FD12: Gender, Violence and Global Health: Feminist Perspectives on Peace and Disease, Honolulu, USA, 24-28 March 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019
- Panel presentation, 'Telugu associations in the US: Caste differentiation & diasporic politics in a transregionally connected social field'. From Caste Association to Caste Activism conference, CSH, New Delhi, India, 3, 4 October 2019
- Panel presentation, 'Transnational migration and social im(mobility): A study of two different migrant sending corridors in Andhra Pradesh, South India'. 'nccr-on the move' conference, Neuchâtel University, Switzerland, 12-13 September 2019
- Panel presentation, 'Making of a licit visa economy: Caste networks, wasta and the conditioning of migrant mobility from Rayalaseema to Kuwait'. Infrastructure of Injustice: Migration, Conflict and Law workshop, Princeton University, USA, 26-27 April 2019
- Public Lecture, 'Reciprocity, Obligation & Transnationalisation of Caste in Coastal Andhra'. Jointly organised by the department of Sociology and the Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Hyderabad, India, 11 March 2019
- Panel presentation, 'Making of an illegal visa economy: Migrant mobility from Rayalaseema to Kuwait'. Infrastructures of Injustice: Migration and Border Mobilities' workshop, NTU, Singapore, 25-26 January 2019
- 2018
- Discussant in a panel *Gendering Caste Kinship*, Kinship & the Caste Frontier workshop, CeMIS, University of Göttingen, 8-9 November 2018
- Presentation, 'Anti-elite rhetoric and the rise of Hindutva in India: A feminist analysis'. Against the 'Elites' conference, Department of Ethnology, University of Göttingen, Germany, 27-28 October 2018
- Public Lecture, 'Reciprocity, Obligation and Transnational Giving in Coastal Andhra'. Perspectives Forum, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India on 23 August 2018
- Public Lecture, 'Reciprocity, Obligation & Transnational Giving in Coastal Andhra'. LaMakaan, Hyderabad, India on 19 August 2018
- Presentation, Forming Ellipses: Caste, Clientelism, Race and Religion in InterAsian Contexts, SSRC InterAsia Fellows Workshop, Global and Transregional Studies Platform, University of Göttingen, 27 June 2018.
- Colloquium presentation, 'Giving Back: Reciprocity, Obligation & Transnationalisation of Caste in Coastal Andhra'. Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany, 23 May 2018
- 'Everyday Peace and Care: Returning to a Feminist Past of Peace Research.' Co-authored paper, read in absentia in the International Studies Association Panel, Critical Peace and Conflict Studies: Feminist Interventions II, ISA, San Francisco, USA, 7 April 2018

- Discussant and chair of the panel *Women and Inclusive Development through Digital Empowerment*, Digital Empowerment for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development, Tumkur University, Karnataka, 21 March 2018
- Panel presentation, 'Between emancipation and exploitation: Gulf migration and Social (Im)mobility in Southern Andhra'. International conference Migration, Diaspora and Nation Building, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, India, 6–7 March 2018
- 2017 Workshop participation, Future of Feminist Peace Research Network, Arctic University of Norway, Norway, 17 – 20, December 2017
- Invited talk 'Giving Back: Diaspora Philanthropy and the Transnationalisation of Caste in Guntur', Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Bombay, Mumbai, 7 Nov 2017
- Discussant of the panel *Gender, Everyday Life and the Making of the Cityscape*, Sixth Critical Studies Conference, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, India, 23- 25 August 2017
- Presentation, *Everyday Peace and Care: Returning to a Feminist Past of Peace Research*, University of Lund, Sweden, 23-24 May 2017
- 2016 Invited opening panel presentation on *Understanding Feminist peace research and activism*, TAPRI, University of Tampere, Finland, 28-29 June 2016
- Panel presentation, 'Kula gauravam, transnational migration and the reconfiguration of the dominant caste status in Coastal Andhra'. Sociology of Elites in India conference, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, 4-5 January 2016
- 2015 Panel presentation, 'Andhra politics, American Telugus and the art of transnational political solicitation.' conference on 'Leadership, Authority and Legitimation in South Asia', SAAG, Cambridge University, UK, 20- 21 November 2015
- Presentation, 'Transnationalising the public-private model of Rural development.' Workshop on the 'Future of the "New" Andhra Pradesh', Provincial Globalisation Program, NIAS, Bangalore, India, 21 September 2015
- Invited Presentation, 'Space, place and the Social Sciences'. Insights Meeting on SPACE, NIAS Consciousness Studies Programme, Bangalore, India, 4 July 2015
- 2014 Invited presentation, 'Caste politics, developmental state and transnational giving: A study of Guntur NRI philanthropic circuit'. 5th Critical Studies Conference – 'Accumulation under Post-Colonial Capitalism', CRG, Kolkata, India, 21-23 August 2014
- 2013 Invited seminar, 'Horizontally fractured: Realigning the Telugu diaspora along caste lines', Population Research Centre, University of Groningen, Netherlands, 15 November 2013
- Presentation, *Governmentalising diaspora philanthropy: The case of NRI Cell in Guntur*, International conference on 'Regional Towns and Migration: Interrogating Transnationalism & Development in South Asia', University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, 10-11 October 2013
- Presentation, 'Kammas on the move: From a dominant Caste to a transnationalised caste'. 7th European South Asia PhD Workshop, organized by International Institute of Social History,

Amsterdam, Netherlands, 26-27 September 2013

Rapporteur, 14th International Association for Studies in Forced Migration (IASFM) conference, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, January 2013

- 2012 Invited seminar, 'Provincial diaspora, philanthropy and the emergence of a transnational caste-class'. ATREE, Bangalore, India, on 14 December 2012
- 2008 Seminar presentation, 'Temporary workers in Finland: Preliminary Findings', Tampere Peace Research Institute (TAPRI), University of Tampere, Finland, 26 March 2008
- Presentation, 'Citizens, subjects and the metropolis: Experiences of citizenship among Muslim women of Calcutta', International Conference on Gender and State Formation, organised by Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, 13-14 March 2008
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TRAINING

- 2025 *ComLab#9: Science Communication training*. Jointly organised by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and International Journalist's Programme. Berlin 19-22 September 2024
- 2021 *Harvard STS Summer School*. Online. 2-4 August 2021
- 2017 *Pedagogy, student counselling and team building training retreat* for university faculty. St. Joseph's University. Bangalore. 1-4 June 2017
- 2007 *Fifth Annual Winter Course on Forced Migration*, supported by UNHCR-India, Government of Finland and The Brookings Institution, Washington D.C., Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, India, 15 September –15 December 2007

(Won Government of Finland -UNHCR fellowship for best participant)

TEACHING CAREER

COURSES INDEPENDENTLY DESIGNED AND/OR TAUGHT

- 2024-2025 *Borders, (im)mobilities and migration regimes*. MA seminar, Sociology, University of Duisburg-Essen
- 2019-2020 *Politics and Society in Modern South Asia: An Introduction*. BA elective course, summer semester University of Erfurt, Germany
- 2017-2018 *Indian Constitution and the Working of a Democracy*. MA compulsory course, St. Joseph's University, Bangalore, India
- 2017-2018 *Introduction to Development Debates*. BA elective, St. Joseph's University
- 2016-2017 *Introduction to the Indian Constitution*. BA compulsory course, St. Joseph's University
- 2016-2017 *Core Concepts in Political Theory*. BA compulsory course, St. Joseph's University

- 2016-2018 *Soft Skills training* to undergraduate students, St. Joseph's University
- 2014-2015 *Making of Modern India: Key Political Thinkers and Their Ideas*. MA compulsory course, St. Joseph's
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MENTOR

- 2016-2018 EPS (English, Political Science and Sociology) bachelors class, 2016-2019 Batch, St. Joseph's University, Bangalore, India
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MASTER CLASSES TAUGHT

- 2020 *Land transfers and dispossession in India*, as part of the course on India for BA students at the University of Erfurt, 16 January 2020
- 2019 *Pasmanda Muslims and Social Mobility in India*, as part of the course on India for BA students at the University of Erfurt, 21 January 2019
- 2013 *Caste, Class and Transnational Migration* as part of the Migration & Diversity course offered by Ellen Bal for MA Asian Studies students, University of Amsterdam, 22 November 2013
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MA THESIS CO-SUPERVISED AT HEINRICH-HEINE-UNIVERSITY DÜSSELDORF

- 2025 Tasmin Kaltschmitt, Framing Bangladesh Genocide 1971 in German media-How did German newspapers FAZ and SZ report on the genocide in Bangladesh 1971?

MA THESES CO-SUPERVISED AT CeMIS, UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN

- 2024 Sonam Bhardwaj– *Bihari Fraternity: Gendered Making of a regional diasporic group in Germany* (passed with 1 grade)
- 2023 Shivanand Boddapati– *Embodying the Region through Song: A study of the Folk Inspired Communist Musical Legacies in Telangana*
- 2022 Heba Abbas– *Disinherited: A Study of how Religion, Caste and Law shaped Muslim women's access to Land in Colonial Punjab*

MA THESES SUPERVISED AT ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY, BANGALORE

- 2018 Sarovino Zumvu – *Cybercrimes against women in northeast India*
- KC Lalthlamuani– *Political parties and welfare policies in Bangalore Slums*
- Belal Ehsas – *Intersectoral study of the role of foreign aid in Afghanistan's infrastructure Development*
- Messy Dawngkimi – *Women's empowerment in India: Evaluating the role of state*
- Atreyee Madhukalya – *Deconstructing the queer community's legal contest against section 377*

- Loziini Bashena – *Ethnic politics in Nepal: The Madhesi movement and its Aftermath*
- Lokeswari Gowda – *Bengaluru’s metro rail: Post-facto analysis of the politics surrounding the city’s metro*
- Amisha Chokshi – *From civil society movement to a political party: Case study of Aam Aadmi Party*
- 2017 Chum Ovung – *Dynamics of Centre-State relations between India and Nagaland since 1964*
- Entinoba Longkumer – *Rising unemployment among educated youth of Nagaland: A case study of Kohima*
- Rosy Hlimnapari – *Ethnic differences and conflict: A case study of Mizoram*
- Hamid Sadat – *The politics of drug trafficking and its impact on internal stability in Afghanistan*
- Priya Lama – *The ‘Mystic’ world of Devadasi system: Caste and gender exploitation in Karnataka*
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ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AT ST. JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY

- Examinations Committee member
 - Yearbook Committee member
 - Admissions Committee member
 - National Assessment and Accreditation Council or NAAC Committee member
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CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AT ST. JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY

- Political Science syllabus for first and second year of the newly started CPE (Comparative English, Political Science and Economics) undergraduate program at St. Joseph’s University
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NETWORK AND OTHER SKILLS

MEMBERSHIP

- Bangalore Research Network (BRN)
 - Calcutta Research Group (CRG)
 - Centre for Migration Research (CeMig), University of Göttingen
 - German Anthropological Association (DGSKA)
 - European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS)
 - European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
 - Feminist Peace Research Network (FPRN)
 - International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE)
 - Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für Integrations- und Migrationsforschung (InZentIM)
 - International Studies Association (ISA) Lapsed
 - South Asian Anthropologists Group (SAAG)
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LANGUAGES

- Bilingual proficiency: Hindi, English, Bangla, Urdu
 - Limited proficiency: German, Telugu
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