CURRICULUM VITAE

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Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS)
University of Göttingen, Germany
Nationality: Indian
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Transnational migration and caste-based socio-spatial mobility in South Asia; Global interconnections, capital flows and changing agrarian economy; Welfare and development-oriented charitable giving; Everyday violence under populist regimes; Social media publics and transnational political mobilisation

ACADEMIC CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

09/2020-02/2023   **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**
Department of Political Science, 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 Social Anthropology**
Department of Anthropology, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands (funded by WOTRO under the Provincial Globalisation Programme, in collaboration with National Institute of Advanced Studies or NIAS, Bangalore, India)

05/2009-07/2010   **Research Associate**
Urban Research and Policy Programme, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore (NIAS), 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. Political Science Honours, With History and English electives** |
| | Loreto College, Calcutta University, Kolkata, India |

OTHER FELLOWSHIPS AND PROJECT GRANTS

09/2021-09/2023	**SSHRC, Canada Insights Grant (75,000 CAD)**
	Religion, aid and the COVID19 pandemic: How minority religious groups shape welfare in India.
	Co-applicant with Catherine Larouche, Leilah Viviana, Salah P.

| 10/2021-09/2025 | **COST ACTION Grant CA20115** |
| | European Network on International Student Mobility: Connecting Research and Practice (Working Group II leader since inception) |

| 01/2022-06/2022 | **Visiting Research Fellowship** |
| | Anthropology department, University of Sussex, UK (supported by Humboldt Foundation, Germany) |

| 09/2020-03/2021 | **Associate Fellow** |
| | Max Weber Kolleg, University of Erfurt, Germany |

| 08/2019 | **Visiting Fellowship** |
| | Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Berlin |

| 03/2008 | **Government of Finland and UNHCR Research Fellowship** |
| | Tampere Peace Research Institute, University of Tampere, Finland |

CONSULTANCY PROJECTS

| 07/2015-06/2016 | **Consultant** |
| | IOM, MENA region |

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

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020	Preliminary Research in Erfurt, Germany
2018-2019	Research in Hyderabad, India; New York and New Jersey, USA
2016	Research in Srinagar, Kashmir
2015	Research in Kuwait and Delhi, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, India
2011-2012	Research in Andhra Pradesh, India
2011	Research in California, New Jersey, Texas, New York and India
2009-2010	Research in Bangalore, India
2008	Research in Tampere and Helsinki, Finland
2006-2007	Research in Kolkata, India

TRAVEL GRANTS

2022	**ENIS COST Action CA20115 travel grant** Workshop on thematic review, Lisbon, 16-17 May, 2022
2021	**Marie Curie Alumni Association travel grant** Workshop on Transnational Religious Networks, Asian Research Institute, Singapore, 4-5 March 2021 **(**Not utilised due to COVID restrictions)
2020	**International Studies Association travel grant** for ISA Convention Honolulu 24-28 March 2020 (Event Cancelled due to Covid-19)
2019	**Travel grant from Centre de Science Humaines (CSH) Delhi**, to participate in the workshop 'From Caste Patriotism to Caste Activism', 3, 4 October 2019 **nccr on the move conference travel grant** University of Neuchâtel, 12, 13 September 2019 **Travel grant from Princeton Global Fung Fellowship** Workshop 'Infrastructures of Injustice: Migration, Conflict and Law' Princeton University, 26-27 April 2019 **Travel grant from Princeton Global Fung Fellowship** Workshop 'Infrastructures of Injustice: Migration and Border Mobilities', NTU, Singapore, 25-26 January 2019
2017	**Feminist Peach Research Network travel grant** Workshop on Future of Feminist Peace Research Network, Tromso, 17- 20 Dec 2017 **Feminist Peach Research Network travel grant** Workshop, Feminist Peace Research, Lund University, 23-24 May 2017
2016	**Feminist Peach Research Network travel grant** workshop on the Meaning of Feminist Peace Research, Tampere, 28-29 June 2016
2015	**JRD TATA Travel Grant** SAAG Conference, Cambridge University on 20-21 November 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscript in preparation

No one is self-made: Kamma diasporic giving and the transnational reproduction of caste in South India

Monograph

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

Co-edited Special Issues

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

Edited Book

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

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Under Review
Roohi, S. Against #*CoronaJihaad*: Somatic Hindu nationalism on Indian Twitter during COVID-19. Special Issue article for 'eFaith: Rewiring the house of God', edited by Fouad Marei. In consideration with *Journal for Religion, Media and Digital Culture*.

Forthcoming
Roohi, S. (first author) et. al. Transnational Giving and Evolving Religious, Ethnic and Political Formations in the Global South. *Ethnography*.

Roohi, S. *Nammakam, wasta* and the social engineering of differential mobility capital between India and Kuwait. *Mobilities*.

Roohi, S. *No one is self-made*: Evolving narratives and practices of giving and shaping of Kamma caste subjectivities, *Ethnography*.

Roohi, S. et. al. Introduction: Comparative perspectives on migration, diversities and the pandemic. *Comparative Migration Studies*

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.

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. 2019 (equal author). Collective Discussion: Piecing Up Feminist Peace Research, *International Political Sociology*. 13 *(1)*: 86-107.

Roohi, S. et. al. 2019. 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.

Book chapters

Forthcoming   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 Burlyuk.

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.

Roohi, S. US visa regime and the production of gendered insecurities. In *Security Studies: Critical Perspectives*, edited by Xavier Guillaume and Kyle Grayson. Oxford: Oxford Uni Press

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. 2019. *Kula Gauravam*, Transnational Migration and the Reconfiguration of the Dominant Caste Status in Coastal Andhra. In *Sociology of the Elites in India*, edited by Surinder Jodhka and Jules Naudet. Oxford University Press: New Delhi.

2018   Roohi. S. 2018. 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. 2016. 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. 2010. Minority within Minorities: Muslim Women in Kolkata in S Bhaumik edited *Counter Gaze: Media, Migrants, Minorities*, Frontpage Publication: Kolkata.

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. 2019. Sudeep Basu's 'In Diasporic Lands, Tibetan Refugees and their Transformation since Exodus'. *Journal of Refugee Studies. 32 (2):* 348-49.

2018   Roohi. S. 2018. Carol Upadhya's 'Reengineering India: Work, Capital, and Class in an Offshore Economy'. *Sociological Bulletin. 67*(2): 247-49.

2016   Roohi. S. 2016. 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

2013   Roohi. S. 2013. *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. 2009. Strangers in Helsinki in *A Tale of Two Cities,* Policies and Practices 22, CRG, Kolkata

2008   Roohi, S. 2008. *Unbecoming Citizens: Muslim Women in Kolkata,* EURAC-CRG Research Paper 1, CRG: Kolkata

Blogs and Media Articles

2021   Roohi. S. 2021. Islamophobia in COVID Times: Building Transnational Muslim Solidarities Online between India and the Gulf, CoronAsur blog, ARI, NUS, Singapore.

2020   Roohi, S. 2020. India Needs Refugee Protection Laws, Not False Binaries, Berkley Forum, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

                Roohi, S. 2020. Solidarity protest at the University of Erfurt against CAA and police brutality on protesting students in India, Max Weber Kolleg, Erfurt.

2019   Roohi, S. 2019 Telengana Agitation: Transnationalisation of a Subregional Movement. SINGIDI, Philadelphia Telangana Association, Philadelphia.

2019   Roohi, S. 2018 Understanding Migrant Resource Flows and its Relation to 'Development' of Migrant Sending Regions: Evidence from South India. Refugee Watch Online, Kolkata.

2017   Roohi, S. 2017. Taking Babasaheb to Class. Round Table India.

2016   Roohi, S. 2016. Space, Place and the Social Sciences. Insights. NIAS, Bangalore.

2008   Roohi, S. 2008. Migrant South Asian Women in the Middle East; Right Bearing Citizens? Refugee Watch Online, CRG, Kolkata.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Associate editor – Comparative Migration Studies (CMS)
Board member – Calcutta Research Group (CRG)
Leader – Working group 2 'Social inequalities in access to and during ISM', European Network on International Student Mobility (ENIS): Connecting Research and Practice, European Cooperation in Science and Technologies (COST) Action CA20115
Reviewer – International Migration, CMS, CRG Policies and Practices, Journal of Human Values
Cofounder and member – Feminist Peace Research Network (FPRN)

COURSES INDEPENDENTLY DESIGNED AND/OR TAUGHT

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

2014-2015   *Making of Modern India: Key Political Thinkers and Their Ideas.* MA compulsory course, St. Joseph's

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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

MA THESIS SUPERVISED AT CeMIS, UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN

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*

CONFERENCES AND WORSHOPS CONVENOR/ORGANISER

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-convener, 2022 Conference of COST Action CA20115 'European Network on International Student Mobility: Connecting Research and Practice' (ENIS), 6- 7 October 2022, Tartu, Estonia

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

2006/2007   Organising team, Winter Course on Forced Migration, CRG, Kolkata, India, 15 September - 15 December 2006 and 2007

PUBLIC LECTURES, TALKS, PRESENTATIONS

2022   'Skilled based visa regimes, informality and unequal social mobility opportunities: Comparing migration to US and Kuwait from South India', IMISCOE conference, OSLOMET, 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

'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

Panellist, Reviewer meets Reviewed, book discussion webinar on *Momentous Mobilities*. Royal Anthropological Society, 21 April 2022

'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   'In-situ Displacement: Some reflections from the anti-CAA protests'. Workshop on In-Situ Displacement, Max Weber Kolleg and Bielefeld University, 11-12 November 2021

'Homeland politics: Caste, religion and the transnational mobilization for Telangana Gadda'. AvH 10th Virtual Bonn Award Winner's Forum, 21-23 October 2021

'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 2021

'Roundtable: The Decolonisation of Conflict and Peace Research'. Conflict Research Society Annual Conference, 8-10 September 2021

'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   'Infodemic, Islamophobia and new forms of online transnational Muslim solidarities in India'. Racialisation and Social Boundary Making in Times of Covid-19 workshop, ChinaWhite project, University of Amsterdam,2-4 December 2020

'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)

'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   '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

'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

'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

'Reciprocity, Obligation & Transnationalisation of Caste in Coastal Andhra'. Public Lecture, jointly organised by the department of Sociology and the Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Hyderabad, India, 11 March 2019

'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

'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

'Reciprocity, Obligation and Transnational Giving in Coastal Andhra'. Public Lecture, Perspectives Forum, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India on 23 August 2018

'Reciprocity, Obligation & Transnational Giving in Coastal Andhra'. Public Lecture, LaMakaan, Hyderabad, India on 19 August 2018

'Giving Back: Reciprocity, Obligation & Transnationalisation of Caste in Coastal Andhra'. Colloquium lecture, 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

'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 Peach Research Network, Arctic University of Norway, Norway, 17 – 20, December 2017

'Giving Back: Diaspora Philanthropy and the Transnationalisation of Caste in Guntur'. Invited seminar, 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

Everyday Peace and Care: Returning to a Feminist Past of Peace Research, University of Lund, Sweden, 23-24 May 2017

2016   Part of the opening panel on *Understanding Feminist peace research and activism*, TAPRI, University of Tampere, Finland, 28-29 June 2016

'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   '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

'Transnationationalising 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

'Space, place and the Social Sciences'. Insights Meeting on SPACE, NIAS Consciousness Studies Programme, Bangalore, India, 4 July 2015

2014   '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   Horizontally fractured: Realigning the Telugu diaspora along caste lines, invited seminar, Population Research Centre, University of Groningen, Netherlands, 15 November 2013

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

'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   'Provincial diaspora, philanthropy and the emergence of a transnational caste-class'. Invited seminar, ATREE, Bangalore, India, on 14 December 2012

2008   'Temporary workers in Finland: Preliminary Findings', Tampere Peace Research Institute (TAPRI),University of Tampere, Finland, seminar presentation, 26 March 2008

'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

SUMMER / WINTER SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

2021   Harvard STS Summer School. 2-4 August 2021

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

MEMBERSHIPS

- International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- Calcutta Research Group (CRG)
- Centre for Migration Research (CeMig), University of Göttingen
- European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS)
- European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
- German Association of Social and Cultural Anthropology (DGSKA)
- Feminist Peace Research Network (FPRN)
- South Asian Anthropologists Group (SAAG)
- Bangalore Research Network (BRN), Bangalore, India

LANGUAGES

- English: Bilingual proficiency
- Hindi: Bilingual proficiency
- Bengali: Full proficiency
- Urdu: Full proficiency
- Telugu: Limited proficiency
- German: Limited proficiency (currently in niveau B1)

COMPUTER SKILLS

- MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Collaborative and communication tools for online teaching, presentations, meetings
- Database search
- Digital ethnography