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Language Proficiency: English, Oriya, Hindi; Dutch(Basic)

Education:

1998 Ph.D, Political Science, Delhi University, Delhi

1981 MA, Political Science, Delhi University, Delhi

Employment:

2013-Present Professor/ICCR Chair of Contemporary India Studies, Leiden Institute for Area Studies (LIAS), Leiden University

2006-2013 Professor, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

2003-2006 Associate Professor, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

1982-2003 Lecturer/Sr. Lecturer/Reader, Department of Political Science, Ramjas College, Delhi University, Delhi

Administration:

2012-2013 Chair, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

2008-2010 Chair/Director, Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Awards/Honours/Fellowships:

Honorary Professor, Australian Catholic University (2015-2018)

Guest Professor, Sichuan University (2015-2018)

Fellow, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden (Since 2013)

Visiting Professor, MSH, Paris (2010, 2007 & 2005)

Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi (2001-2003)

Associate Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla (September 2001)

Visiting Professor, Panjab University, Chandigarh (March 2005)

Member-Expert, Political Science, Commonwealth Scholarship/Fellowship Plan (2012)

Member, Civil Services Personality Test Board, Union Public Service Commission [Govt. of India] (2011)

Member, **Board of Research Studies**

Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, JMIUniversity, New Delhi (2016-18)

School of Social Sciences & Islamic Studies, Hamdard University, New Delhi (2008-2012)

Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, JMI University, New Delhi (2010-2012)

Member, Political Science Research Committee, XXXII Indian Social Science Congress, New Delhi (2008)

Member, Editorial Committee, *Diaspora Studies*, a bi-annual referred journal, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (Since 2012)

Member, Advisory Board, *The South Asian Multidisciplinary Academic Journal* (*SAMAJ*), Paris (Since 2007)

Member, Selection Committee for recruitment of Faculty and Researchers in Political Science/Social Sciences in various Indian Universities/Research Institutes

Manuscript Reviewer (Books)

Oxford University Press; Sage; Routledge;

Springer; Orient Blackswan; Primus; Manohar

Referee (Journals)

Religion; Critical Research on Religion; Religion, State and Society;

India Review; SAMAJ; Contemporary South Asia

Ethnicities; Journal of Borderlands Studies; Policy Studies

Contributions to Indian Sociology; Economic and Political Weekly; Studies in Politics

External Assessor (Faculty Promotion)

Manchester University; Various Indian Universities

RESEARCH

Areas of Research:

Religion and Politics: Hindu Right/Hindu Nationalism (ideology/everyday practice/ Political ethnography/mobilization); Secularism, Majoritarianism and Minority Politics

Democracy: Electoral and Party Politics; Regional/State Politics, Urban Politics/Governance

Indigenous Communities: Culture, Religion and Mobilization; Development and Resistance

Globalisation, Culture and Identity: Hindu Diaspora

China: Religion in Public Sphere (Taoism)

Research Supervision (JNU, New Delhi and Leiden University):

Ph.D   Awarded (15) M.Phil: Awarded (28)
MA: Awarded (6)   BA: Awarded (4)

External PhD Examiner:

Leipzig University, Germany
Manchester University, UK
Leiden University, The Netherlands &
Indian Universities

RESEARCH PROJECTS/INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION

- **Principal Indian Investigator, Indian-European Research Networking Programme in Social Sciences on 'From Identity to Interests? Quantitative and Qualitative Explanation of Electoral Change in Rural and Urban India' (2012-2016)**

Partners: CERI/Sciences PO, Paris; King's India Institute, London; LSE, London, JNU
Sponsors: ANR-DFG-ESRC-ICSSR-NWO

- **Steering Group Member, Research and Networking Project(India-UK-USA) on 'The Public Representation of Hinduism: Postcolonial Patterns in India, Britain and the US' (2008-2010)**

Partners: Manchester University (John Zavos); Wabash College, Indiana University (Raymond Brady Williams); Houston University-Clear Lake (Deepa Reddy); University of Wales (Maya Warrior)
Sponsor: Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), UK

- **Collaboration with French Anthropologists on a Research Project on 'Cultural Entrenchment of Hindutva' (2004-2007)**

Partners: Daniela Berti and Nicolas Jaoul (CNRS, Paris)
Sponsors: CNRS and the Fondation de la Maison de Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH, Paris)

- **Principal Investigator, Major Research Project on 'A Study of the Pracharak System of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh' (2006-2009)**
  Sponsor: University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi

- **Research Project on 'Constructing a Hindu Identity in the United States: Diasporic Politics of Hindu Nationalism'(2001-2003)[as Fellow at NMML, New Delhi]**
  Sponsors: Indian Council of Social Science Research & ICHR, New Delhi

- **Collaboration with CeMIS, University of Gottingen, Germany on a Project on Urban Politics in India**

Partners: Srirupa Roy, CeMIS, University of Gottingen & Pralay Kanungo, JNU

- **Research collaboration with French Anthropologists Marin Carrin, Centre d'Anthropologie Sociale, Toulouse, France and Gerard Toffin, CNRS, Paris**

Sponsors: CNRS and MSH, Paris & ICSSR, New Delhi

- **Research Adviser on India, Project entitled 'Scale of Governance of Indigenous Peoples'(SOGIP), Paris (2010-2015) [Irene Bellier, Director, LAIOS, CNRS, Paris]**

- **Convener, India-China Networking Project (IIAS, Leiden, Chinese & Indian Universities/Research Institutions) to promote comparative research(2017)**

Sponsor: International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden

Research Papers Presented outside India (2008-2018):

2018 'Trajectories of Radicalization in India: Discourses, Processes and Manifestations', International workshop organized by Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan (18-21 February)

2017 'Sacred River, Syncretic City: Co-living and Contestations in Varanasi', Conference organised by Universitas Airlangga (Unair) in Surabaya, Indonesia, 11-12 December.

2017 'Re-imagining the Transnational Lifeworld: The Changing Configuration of the Individual, Community and the Nation'', Key Note Address delivered at the Eighth Annual Symposium of the Consortium for Asian and African Studies (CAAS), Organised by the Asia Centre, Leiden University, 21-22 October.

2017 'Reflections on the Confucian Philosophy and Praxis of Harmony', the 8th World Forum on Confucianism, organized by the Advanced Institute of Confucian Studies, Shandong University, Qufu, PRC, 20-21 September.

2017 'Back to Tao: In Search of a Humane and Harmonious Universe', 4th International Taoist Forum, Wudangshan, Shiyan, PRC, 10-12 May.

2017 'Community, Culture and Religion: Chinese Indians of Kolkota', International Conference on Reflections on India and China, IIAS, Leiden, 6-7 April.

2016 'Civilisational Connection, Coexistence and Convergence: China, India and the Silk Road', International Conference of Indologists, Shenzhen, PRC, 11-13 November.

2015 'Hindutva and the Adivasi/Tribal Elites', Aarhus University, Denmark, 5-6 May.

2015 'Politics of Citizen Participation and Representation: A Profile of the Aam Aadmi Party' CERI, Paris, 22-23 June.

2014 'Indian Judiciary and Minority Rights', Department of Political Science, Sapienza, University of Rome, 9-10 June.

2013 'Hari is Still Far Away from "Harijans"': "Untouchables" and the Temple Entry Movement in Odisha', CeMIS, University of Gottingen, Germany, 4 December.

2013 'Confirming the Pattern: Analysis of the 2012 HP Elections', King's College, London, 18-19 March.

2012 'Informal Hindutva', Conference on "Extra-politics: Indian Democracy and the 'Political Outside'", CeMIS, University of Gottingen, Germany, 5-7 December.

2011 'The Steel Frame of Hindu Nationalism', Amherst College, Massachusetts, USA, 18 October.

2011 'The Changing Dynamics of Party Politics in Odisha and Social Profile of Members of Legislative Assembly', in a Conference on 'How Representative is Democracy in South Asia Today?', New York University, USA, 14-15 October.

2011 'Hindutva Combats Christianity in Orissa' in a Conference on 'Religion and Politics in South Asia', MSH/CERI, Paris, June 30.

2011 'Mobilizing Dongria Kondhs against Vedanta: Actors, Strategies and Organizations in Niyamgiri, Odisha', Workshop organised by SOGIP, EHESS, Paris, 29 June-1 July.

2010 'Hindutva and the Changing Contours of Christianity in Orissa', ECMSAS, University of Bonn, Germany, July 26-29.

2010 'Secure, yet Poor!: Muslims in the Historic City of Cuttack', CERI, Paris, 17 June.

2009 'Vivekananda and the Expanding Network of Vivekananda Kendra', Wabash College, Indiana University, Indiana, USA, 23-24 March.

2008 'Carving out a White Marble Deity from a Rugged Black Stone?: Hindutva Rehabilitates Ramayana's Shabari in a Temple', ECMSAS, Manchester University, UK, 8-10 July.

Select Presentations in India:

2016 'Gurus and Hindu Nationalist Politics', Conference organized by Indian-European Research Networking Project EECURI in collaboration with ACU, Melbourne, Sariska, Rajasthan, India, 18-19 January.

2014 'Explaining the Rise of the BJP in West Bengal in the 2014 Lok Sabha Elections', Workshop organised by Indian-European Research Networking Project, New Delhi, 19-20 August.

2014 'Re-colonisation of the Public Policy Sphere', Conference on 'Interrogating Swaraj in Ideas', organised by Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 21-22 July.

2014 'Marketing Anti-corruption on Delhi Streets: The Arrival of the Aam Admi Party', Bangalore, Workshop organised by Indian-European Research Networking Project, 3-4 January.

2013 Keynote Address: National Conference on *Conceptualising Indian Nationalism: Contributions of Madan Mohan Malaviya and Swami Vivekananda*, Benaras Hindu University, Varanasi, 27-28 February.

2013 ' "Untouchables" and the Temple Entry Movement in Odisha', International Conference on Living with religious Diversity, organised by University of Ottawa, Indian International Centre, New Delhi, 18-19 February.

2013 'Hindutva and Swami Vivekananda', International Conference on Swami Vivekananda and the Making of Modern India, organized by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 11-12 January.

2012 'Hindutva's Resilience in a Trying Decade', Conference on 'A Definitive Decade: India in the 1950s', organised by National Archives of India, New Delhi, 24-26 February.

2011 'Hindutva at the Crossroads'(Panel Discussion), Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 14 December.

2011 'Religion, Identity and State Politics', Pune University, Pune, 17-20 December.

2011 'Hindu Mahasabha's Critique of Mahatma Gandhi', National Archives of India, New Delhi, 11-12 March.

2010 'Using Archival Material in Social Science Research', ICSSR Regional Centre, Chandigarh, 23 March.

2008 'Hindutva's Engagement with Civil Society: The Parivar and Beyond', National Seminar, Calcutta University, Kolkota, 26 March.

Media Interface:

Commentator on current Political, Social, Cultural/Religious events and
Indian Elections on the following TV/News Channels:

CNN-IBN, Star News
Times Now, NDTV
News X, E-TV
Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha TV

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS:

Monograph

2002   *RSS's Tryst with Politics: From Hedgewar to Sudarshan*, New Delhi: Manohar.

Edited Books

2018   *The Algebra of Warfare-Welfare: A LongView of the 2014 Indian Election*(with Irfan Ahmad), Delhi: Oxford University Press.

2014   *The Politics of Ethnicity in India, Nepal and China* (with Marin Carrin and Gerard Toffin), Delhi: Primus.

2012   *Public Hinduisms* (with John Zavos, Deepa Reddy, Maya Warrier and Raymond Williams), Delhi: Sage.

2011   *Cultural Entrenchment of Hindutva: Local Mediations and Forms of Convergence* (with Daniela Berti and Nicolas Jaoul), Delhi: Routledge.

Book Chapters

2016   'Public Hinduism and Hindutva', in Brian Hatcher(ed.), *Hinduism in the Modern World*, New York: Routledge.

2014   'In Defence of their Endangered Lifeworlds: The Adivasi Uprisings in Contemporary Odisha', in Marin Carrin, Pralay Kanungo, Gerard Toffin(eds.) *Politics of Ethnicity in India, Nepal and China*, Delhi: Primus; 101-20.

2013   'Political Parties and the Indian Diaspora', in Ajay K. Mehra(ed.), *Party System in India: Emerging Trajectories*, Delhi: Lancer; 491-507.

2012   'Fusing the ideals of the Math with the Ideology of the Sangh: Vivekananda Kendra', in John Zavos, Pralay Kanungo, Deepa Reddy, Maya Warrier, Raymond Williams (eds.), *Public Hinduisms,* Delhi: Sage; 119-40.

2012   'Community Mobilisation: An introduction', in John Zavos, Pralay Kanungo, Deepa S. Reddy, Maya Warrier, Raymond Brady Williams (eds.), *Public Hinduisms*, Delhi: Sage; 257-63.

2012   'Marginalised in a Syncretic City: Muslims in Cuttack', in Laurent Gayer and Christophe Jaffrelot (eds.), *Muslims in Indian Cities: Trajectories of Marginalisation*, Hurst, UK; 237-61.

2011   'Diasporic Politics of Hindu Nationalism in the United States', in Eric Leclerc (ed.), *International and Transnational Political Actors: Case Studies from the Indian Diaspora*, Delhi: Manohar; 127-48.

2011 'Casting Community, Culture and Faith: Hindutva's Entrenchment in Arunachal Pradesh', in Daniela Berti, Nicolas Jaoul and Pralay Kanungo(eds.), *Cultural Entrenchment of Hindutva: Local Mediations and Forms of Convergence*, Delhi: Routledge; 91-117

2010 'Hindutva's Discourse on Development' in Gurpreet Mahajan and SurinderJodhka (eds.), *Religion, Communities, Development: Changing Contours of Politics and Policy in India*, Delhi: Routledge; 83-101.

2007 'Globalisation, Diaspora and Hindutva' in Bhupinder Brar et al.(eds.), *Globalisation and the Politics of Identity in India*, New Delhi: Pearsons; 50-63.

2006 'The Navigators of Hindu Rashtra: RSS Pracharaks' in Satish Saberwal and Mushirul Hasan(eds.), *Assertive Religious Identities: India and Europe*, New Delhi: Manohar; 233-54.

Select Articles in Journals

2015: 'The Rise of the BJP in West Bengal', *Studies in Indian Politics,* 3, 1, June; 50-68.

2014 'Shift from Syncretism to Communalism' (Special Issue on Odisha), Special Article, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 49, 14, April 5; 48-55.

2012 'Hindutva Combats Christianity in Orissa', *Purusartha* (EHESS, Paris), 30, February; 215-39.

2010 'Carving out a White Marble Deity from a Rugged Black Stone?: Hindutva Rehabilitates Ramayana's Shabari in a Temple'[co-authored], *International Journal of Hindu Studies*, 13,3; 279-99.

2008 'Tracking Moditva: An Analysis of the 2007 Gujarat Elections Campaign'[co-authored], *Contemporary Perspectives* 2, 2; 222–245.

2008 'Hindutva's Fury against Christians in Orissa', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 43, 37, September 13; 16-19.

2006 'Hindutva and Federal India: Inherent Tensions and Strategic Alliance', *Indian Journal of Federal Studies*, 14, July-December; 67-87.

2006 'Myth of the Monolith: The RSS Wrestles to Discipline its Political Progeny', *Social Scientist*, 34, 11-12; November-December; 51-69.

2003 'Hindutva's Entry into a "Hindu Province": Early Years of RSS in Orissa', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 38, 31, August 2; 3293-3303.

2002 'Pracharaks of Hindu Rashtra', *Contemporary India*, 1, 2, April-June; 175-97.

Select Articles in Magazines/Newspapers

2017 **'**Birth of a New Hindu Nation', Outlook, 11 December.
2017 'A Yogi for New India', *Outlook*, 3 April**.**
2014 'Democracy on the march: dissecting India's 16th general elections', *The Newsletter*, 69, IIAS, Leiden; Autumn.

2013 'Hindutva's return from Vanavas', *Hard News*, December.

2013 'Parivar's Predicament', *Frontline*, Vol. 30, Issue 3, 22 February.

2013 'Attempts at Appropriation', *Frontline*, Vol. 30, Issue 2, 8 February.

2008 'Will Moditva Travel Beyond Gujarat? '*The Economic Times*, 1 January.

Book Reviews

2018 Manjari Katju, *Hinduising Democracy: The Vishva Hindu Parishad in Contemporary India*, New Delhi: New Text, *The Book Review*, January.
2014 Meenakshi Jain, *Rama and Ayodhya*, Delhi: Aryan Books International, 2013, *The Book Review*, 38, 5, May.
2007 Tony Ballantyne, *Colonialism and Diaspora: Sikh Cultural Formations in an Imperial World*, New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2007, *The Book Review*, Vol. 31, 8, August.
2007 Harold A. Gould, *Sikhs, Swamis, Students, and Spies: The India Lobby in the United States, 1900-1946*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2006, *The Book Review*, 31, 8, August.
2007 Anand Teltumbde(ed.), *Hindutva and Dalits: Perspectives for Understanding Communal Praxis*, Kolkota: Samya, 2005, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 42, 20, May 19.
2005 James Michael Lyngdoh, *Chronicle of an Impossible Election: The Election Commission and the 2002 Jammu & Kashmir Assembly Elections*, New Delhi: Penguin/Viking, 2004, *The Book Review*, 29, 4, April.

2005 Saifuddin Soz, S.K. Sahni, R.N. Srivastava (eds.), *Towards South Asian Economic Integration and Unity*, New Delhi: Foundation for Peace and Sustainable Development, 2004, *Indian Historical Review*, 32, January.

2004 Ajay K. Mehra , D.D. Khanna, Gert W. Kueck (eds.) *Political Parties and Party Systems*, Delhi: Sage Publications, 2003, *The Book Review*, 28,8, August.
2004 Biswamoy Pati, *Identity, Hegemony, Resistance: Towards a Social History of Conversions in Orissa, 1800-2000*, New Delhi: Three Essays Collective, 2003, *Frontline*, 21, 04, February 14 - 27.
2003: Chetan Bhatt, *Hindu Nationalism: Origins, Ideologies and Modern Myths*, Oxford: Berg, 2001, *The Book Review*, 27, 12.