

Curriculum Vitae

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Status:

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, India-110007

Academic Qualifications

PhD in Modern Indian History, Centre for Modern Indian Studies, Georg August University, Gottingen, Germany, 37073

- Dissertation: *Geographies of Accumulation: Nature, Infrastructure, and the Urbanisation of Cochin, c. 1860-1945*

M Phil in Modern History, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India-110067, 2006.

- Dissertation: *Churning the Backwaters: Empire and Harbour Building in Cochin 1920-1939*

Master of Arts in History, School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India, 686041, 2002

Bachelor of Arts in History, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, 2000

Teaching Experiences

2009 January to 2020: Assistant Professor (Permanent), Department of History, Hans Raj College, University of Delhi, Delhi, India-110007.

Subjects taught:

- Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of Ancient and Medieval World
- The Making of Contemporary India (c. 1950-1990)
- Global Ecological Histories
- History of the United States of America (1776-1945)

- History of Modern Delhi (1840-1949)
- History of China and Japan (1840-1949)
- Environmental Issues in India

2003-2004: Lecturer, Department of History, Church Missionary Society College, Kottayam Kerala.

Research and Teaching Interests

Critical Urban Theory, Political Ecology of Infrastructure, Social History of Communication in Colonial India, Labour History, and Historical Geography.

Publications

- 1) "Port Building and Urban Modernity: Cochin 1920-1945" in *Kerala Modernity: Ideas, Spaces, Practices in Transition*, edited by Bose, Satheesh Chandara and Shiju Sam Varghese (Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan), 74-91.
- 2) "Race and Slavery in the Reparatory History of the United States" (Malayalam), *Sahitya Lokam* Vol. 49, no. 1 (July-August, 2020), 6-20. ISSN 2319-3263 (UGC CARE List 2020)
- 3) "Badge of Labour: Marginal Lives of the Labouring Poor of Cochin," in Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR) Online Repository on the History and Historiography of Labour (July 2020): Webpage link: <http://kchr.ac.in/articles/199> (accessed on 03 Oct. 2020).
- 4) "Colonialism and Environment: Green Imperialism," in History of Environment, CBCS course material of Indira Gandhi National Open University (submitted and under review)

Popular Articles:

- "Sunderlal Bahuguna: Prophet of Nature," *Samakalika malayalam Vaarika*, vol. 25, no. 4 (7 June, 2021), pp. 40-51, RNI Reg No. 6625/1997.
- "Pandemic and the Right to the City", *Navamalayali Online Magazine*, 23 May 2020 (<https://navamalayali.com/2020/05/23/column-justin-mathew/>)
- "Neoliberalisation of Education and Classroom Experiences of Students," *Navamalayali Magazine*, 10 June 2020 (<https://navamalayali.com/2020/06/10/neoliberal-exams-and-students/>)
- "The Constitution and Social Justice: A Manifesto for Decolonisation," *Navamalayali Magazine*, 29 Feb 2020 (<https://navamalayali.com/2020/02/29/article-justin-mathew/>)
- "Panama Canal and the Divided History of Globalisation," *Navamalayali Magazine*, 24 Dec. 2019 (<https://navamalayali.com/2019/12/24/second-nature-column-by-justin-mathew/>)

- "Capitalocene and the Marxian Interpretation of Nature," *Navamalayali Magazine*, 21 Nov 2019 (<https://navamalayali.com/2019/11/21/column-second-nature-justin/>)
- "Ramayana Readings and Historical Research ", *Mangalam Daily*, 17 Dec. 2011, p. 6
- Autonomy and Higher Education: A Case of Kerala Colleges, *Mathrubhumi Daily*, 14 May 2013, p. 4.
- "Neoliberal Policies and Higher Education Reforms in India", *Madhyamam Weekly*, vol, 17, no. 20, 2014, RNI No. 66986/97

Fellowships Awarded

- 1) 2017: PhD Scholarship German Historical Institute, London.
- 2) 2014-2017 Erasmus Mundus PhD Fellowship.
- 3) 2008: Indian Council of Social Science Research-Centre for Studies in Developing Societies Junior Research Fellowship, 2008.
- 4) 2007: Junior Research Fellowship, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi, India.
- 5) Fellow, Students Stipendship Programme on Research on City 2004-2005, Sarai, Centre for Studies in Developing Societies, 29 Rajpur Road, Delhi, India. Title of the Research Paper: *Labour in a Colonial Port City: Construction Workers of Cochin Port 1920-1940*.
- 6) 2004: 2) 2005: Research Grant for M Phil Field Visit to meet the Cochin Regional Archives and Port Workers of the Cochin Port, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi, India.

Conference Papers and Invited Lectures

International Conferences

1. "British Free Trade and Princely Monopoly: Colonial Port and the Geographies of Accumulation in Southwest India, 1850s-1870s", (Workshop-Studying Capitalist Phenomena in Time, Uppsala Lab of Economic Sociology, Uppsala, Sweden, Dec, 2016)
2. "Colonial Ports and Geographies of Accumulation, Cochin Southwest India (1860-1945)" (Colloquium Series, German Historical Institute, London, September 2017).
3. Participated and presented a research paper titled "The Maritime infrastructure Project and Urban Modernity in a workshop titled "On the Concept and Methodology of Multiple Modernities and Global Theory", Centre for Modern South East Asian Studies, University of Göttingen, Dec. 2016.

National Level Conferences and Workshops

1. Short Term Seminar Course (online) on "Introduction to Environmental History," Institute for Multidisciplinary Programmes in Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, July-August, 2021.

2. "Critical Geography and Rethinking the History of Urbanisation" as part of the Seven Day Online National Conference on "Critique and Constructions: Contemporary Writings on Histories of Keralam, organized by the Department of History, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, 2 March 2021.
3. Presented the key-note lecture on a National Seminar on "Region, Modernity and History Writing: Narratives from the Western Ghats", Department of History, Pavanatma College, Murikkassery, Kerala, 16 January 2019.
4. "Cochin in the Indian Ocean World Economy: 1920-1945" (Seminar Series, School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India, August 2007)
5. "Imagining Backwaters as Harbour Space: Cochin in the Era of Steam, 1870-1914" (Presented in the Research Scholars Paper Presentation Series, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi, November 2007)
6. "Local and Imperial Knowledge in the Work Process: Building of the Cochin Harbour, 1920-1939". (Presented in the 6th International Conference on Labour History, Organized by the Association of the Indian Labour Historians, Delhi, India, November 2006:)

Invited Talks

1. Delivered a lecture on "Delhi Farmers' Movement: Why It Matters to Environmental Justice, Department of Political Science, Government College, Madappally Kerala, 16 August 2021
2. Delivered a lecture on "The Urbanisation of Backwaters: A political Ecology of the Cochin Harbour Project" as part of the International webinar series Organised by the Kerala Council for Historical Research, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, 13 October 2020.
3. Delivered a special lecture on "Mapping Independent India: Language-Based State Formations as the History of Decolonization," Pavanatma College, Murickessery, Kerala, 1 July 2019,
4. Delivered an invited lecture on "Marine Infrastructure Projects and Environmental Justice: A Case of Cochin Harbour", Organized by the Department of History, University of Calicut, Kerala, 5 June 2021.
5. Delivered a special lecture on "Thinking about the Past in History Classroom" organized by the Department of History, UC College, Aluva, Kerala, 13 November 2020.
6. Offered a short-term seminar course (online) on "Marxism and Critical Geography," Dialectical Research Fouram, Kalady, Kerala, Oct. 2020.
7. Delivered a lecture on "Historical Geography and Critical Urban Theory" Department of History, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady Kerala on 18 January 2019.
8. "Region Modernity and History Writing: Narratives from the Western Ghats" Pavanatama College, Murickassery, Kerala, 16 January 2019.
9. "The Concept of Nature and Writing History: Lessons from the Great Floods of 1924 and 2018", Newman College, Thodupuzha, Kerala on 17 January 2019.

10. Delivered an invited talk "Studying Contemporary History: A Critical Perspective, Department of History, Henry Baker College, Melukavu, Kerala, 28 June 2019.

FDP/MOOC/Workshop Participation

- Attended one-week Faculty Development Programme on "Roadmap for Building New India with New Education Policy", Mahatma Hansraj FDP Centre, 21 to 25 July 2021.
- Attended One-Week Faculty Development Programme on "Student-Centric Pedagogic Methods," Mahatma Hansraj FDP Centre, 27 January to 2 February 2021.
- Attended One-Week Faculty Development Programme on "Intellectual Property Rights", Mahatma Hansraj FDP Centre, 10 to 17 February 2021.
- Seven Weeks MOOC on "The Modern World Part One: Global History From 1760 to 1910," University of Virginia, /83J9AUYHLXUD (coursera.org), 2020
- Seven Weeks MOOC on "The Ancient Greeks," Wesleyan University, USA, X89CXQVKPFN2(coursera.org), 2019.
- Seven Weeks MOOC on "The Modern World Part Two: Global History Since 1910," University of Virginia, GKW6WCU4JP5B(coursera.org), 2019.
- Attended seven-day FDP on "E-content Generation and Managing Online Teaching," Mahatma Hansraj FDP Centre, Hansraj College, 11 to 17 Dec 2020.
- Attended seven-day FDP on "Moving Towards New Normal through Effective Online Teaching," Mahatma Hansraj FDP Centre, Hansraj College, 1 Dec to 7 Dec. 2017.
- Attended seven-day FDP on "Higher Education: Road Ahead-Developing Next Generation Academic Leaders, Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College (online and self-paced), 25 Nov to 1 Dec 2020.
- Attended seven days FDP course in Humanities and social theory (History), UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, University of Kerala and MSM College, Kerala, 07 Oct to 14 Oct 2020.
- Attended one-month Orientation Programme (OR 77), CPDHE, University of Delhi University, 23 June to 19 July 2014
- Attended a three weeks Refresher Course (History), UGC-Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 7 to 27 February 2014.

Summer School Participation

- 1) 25-30 July 2016: attended the summers school titled "the Indian Ocean World and Eurasian Connections-Networks of Connectivities: Routes, commodities and the Politics of the Indian Ocean" organized by the Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology and Centre for Interdisciplinary Area studies, Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany on 25-30 July, 2016.
- 2) 15 December 2016: attended and presented the PhD synopsis in a workshop titled "On the Concept and Methodology of Multiple Modernities and Global Theory", Centre for Modern South East Asian Studies, University of Göttingen.

Field Work Experience and Archival Research

2005-2017:

- Cochin Regional Archives and Thiruvananthapuram Regional Archives, Kerala
- Archives of Cochin port, Cochin Municipal Corporation, Cochin Chamber of Commerce, Indian Chamber of Commerce and various trade union offices
- Fieldwork among various port communities in Cochin
- National Archives of India; Nehru Memorial Museum and Library New Delhi
- India Office Records and Library, London UK
- Metropolitan Archives, London, UK
- Centre of South Asian Studies Archives, Cambridge, UK
- Glasgow University Archives, UK
- Greenwich Maritime Museum Archives, UK
- City Archives, Winterthur, Switzerland

Administrative Assignments

2021-22

- Convener, College Timetable Committee, Arts and Commerce
- Member, College Workload Committee, Arts and Commerce

2020-21

- Teacher-in-Charge, Department of History
- Convener, College Timetable Committee, Arts and Commerce
- Member, Apex Committee for Online Education

2019-20

- Convener, Environmental Awareness Committee, Hansraj College

2018-19

- Co-Convener, Committee involved in the revision of BA Prog Core Course IV: History of India, c. 1700-1950
- Member LOCF UGC Course Revision Committee for the following Courses:
 - 1. DSE XI: Global Ecological Histories
 - 2. GE V: Politics of Nature
 - 3. DSE XVI: The Making of Contemporary India (c. 1950-1990s)
 - 4 Core II and IV: Social Formations and Cultural Patterns of the Ancient and Medieval World
- Teacher-in-Charge, Department of History
- Convener, Environmental Awareness Committee

- Member, Equal Opportunity Cell, Hansraj College

2017-18

- Member, Enabling Unit
- Member, College Discipline Committee

2013-14

- External Subject Expert, Board of Studies for MA History, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam Kerala, 2014.
- Member, Garden Committee, Hansraj College
- Advisor, Enabling Unit, Hansraj College

2012-13

- Teacher-in-Charge, Department of History
- Convener, English Debating Society
- Advisor, Enabling Unit, Hansraj College

2011-12

- Convener, English Debating Society
- Convener, English Dramatics Society
- Seminar-in-Charge, Department of History
- Coordinator, Enabling Unit, Hansraj College
- Subject committee member for BA History, Equal Opportunity Cell, University of Delhi.

2010-11

- Member, Equal Opportunity Cell, Hansraj College
- Seminar-in-Charge, Department of History, Hansraj College

2009-10

- Seminar-in-Charge, Department of History

Research Related Experiences

- External Subject Expert, Board of Studies for MA History, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam Kerala, 2014.
- Subject committee member for BA History, Equal Opportunity Cell, University of Delhi, Delhi 2011

Languages Known:

English, Hindi, and Malayalam