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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT (ACADEMIC)

2022- Affiliated Faculty, Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures (OSU)
2020- Affiliated Faculty, Institute for Population Research (OSU)
2017- Assistant Professor, Geography, Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus
2017- Affiliated Faculty, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, OSU
2016-17 Post-Doctoral Scholar, Center for Global Workers' Rights, School of Labor and Employment Relations, College of the Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University, State College

EDUCATION

2016 PhD, Geography, University of Durham, UK
1994 MSc, Jiwaji University, Madhya Pradesh, India
1992 BSc, Delhi University, Delhi, India

FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

2021 Ashby Prize by *Environment and Planning A (Economy and Space)*
2018 Lawrence A. Brown faculty fellow, Dept. of Geography, OSU
2012-15 Durham Doctoral Studentship, Durham University, UK.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2020 Seed Grant, Institute for Population Research Seed Grant. "Precarious Work & Mental Well-Being in New Spaces: A Transformative Mixed Methods Study among Bhutanese Refugees in Central Ohio." M. Dutta (PI), A. Maleku and B. Subedi (co-PIs)'; \$ 45,652.
2018 Travel Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences, OSU; \$2000

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2021 Dutta, M. *Mobile Girls Koottam: Working Women Speak*. New Delhi: Zubaan Press, India/ Chicago University Press (US/International distribution). ISBN: 978 93 90514 45 8(paperback)

Edited Book

- 2018 Nowak, J, M. Dutta, P. Birke, eds. *Workers' Movements and Strikes in the Twenty-First Century: A Global Perspective*. London: Rowman & Littlefield. ISBN: 978-1-78660-404-0(paperback)

Journals articles (peer reviewed)

- Dutta, M. Forthcoming. 'Kitchen, Farm, Room – Spaces of transnational feminist theorizing by working class women in India.' *Austrian Journal of Development Studies*.
- 2021 Dutta, M. 'Becoming active labour protestors: Women workers organizing in India's garment export factories.' *Globalizations* 18(8):1420-1435.
- 2020 Dutta, M. 'Workplace, emotional bonds and agency: Everyday gendered experiences of work in an export processing zone in Tamil Nadu, India.' *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space* 52(7):1357-1374.
- 2020 Dutta, M. 'Turning productive failures into creative possibilities: Women workers shaping fieldwork methods in Tamil Nadu, India.' *Geographical Review* 110(1-2):145-159.
- 2019 Dutta, M. '“Becoming” factory workers: understanding women's geographies of work through life stories in Tamil Nadu, India.' *Gender, Place and Culture* 26 (6):888-904.
- 2016 Dutta, M. The Nokia SEZ Story: Economy of disappearances. *Economic & Political Weekly* L1(51):43-51.
- 2009 Dutta, M. Nokia SEZ: Public price of success. *Economic & Political Weekly* 44(40): 23-25.
- 2003 Dutta, M, Sreedhar, R, Basu, A. The blighted hills of Roro, Jharkhand, India: a tale of corporate greed and abandonment. *International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health* 9(3):254-259.
- 2003 Dutta, M. Controlling use of asbestos: India's dubious stand. *Economic & Political Weekly* 38(51-52): 5333-5334.

Book chapters

- 2021 Dutta, M. 'Factory girls: Experiences of work-life of young women workers in an electronics factory in Sriperumbadur, Kancheepuram district, Tamil Nadu'. In *Women in the Worlds of Labour: Intersectional and Interdisciplinary Perspectives* edited by M. Gopal and M.E. John. New Delhi, India: Orient Blackswan. Pp 271-293
- 2018 Dutta, M. 'Against all odds: Tracing the struggles of workers to form a union inside a Special Economic Zone in Tamil Nadu, India'. In *Workers Movements and Strikes in the 21st Century: A Global Perspective*. Edited by J. Nowak, M. Dutta, and P. Birke. Pp 97-114.
- 2018 Nowak, J, Birke, P, Dutta, M. 'Introduction: The new upsurge of strikes-Tendencies, Challenges and Limits'. In *Workers Movements and Strikes in the 21st Century: A Global Perspective* edited Nowak, J, Dutta, M, Birke, P. London: Rowman & Littlefield Inc. Pp 1-20

- 2010 Jayaraman, N., and M. Dutta. Poisoned future. In *The World Bank in India: Undermining Sovereignty, Distorting Development*. Edited by M. Kelley and D. D'Souza. New Delhi, India: Orient Black Swan. London: Rowman & Littlefield Inc.

Editor-reviewed articles

- 2020 Bhaskaran, S., M. Dutta, and S. Naidu. Flattening the Curve or Flattening Life? Everyday Life is a Constant Struggle, COVID-19 just makes it worse. *Economic & Political Weekly* <https://www.epw.in/engage/article/flattening-curve-or-flattening-life>
- 2020 Cook, M. L., M. Dutta, A. Gallas, J. Nowak and B. Scully. Times of upheaval and uncertainty: The year in review. *Global Labour Journal* 11(3):202-205.
- 2020 Cook, M. L., M. Dutta, A. Gallas, J. Nowak and B. Scully. Global labour studies in the pandemic: Notes for an emerging agenda. *Global Labour Journal* 11(2):74-88.
- 2020 Cook, M. L., M. Dutta, A. Gallas, J. Nowak and B. Scully. Celebrating ten years of the Global Labour Journal. *Global Labour Journal* 11(1):1-3.
- 2016 Dutta, M. Place of life stories in labour geography: why does it matter? *Geoforum* 77:1-4

Technical reports

- 2019 Anner, M. and M. Dutta. *Sourcing Dynamics, Workers' Rights, and Inequality in Garment Global Supply Chains in India*. Center for Global Workers Rights, School of Labor & Employment Relations, Pennsylvania State University. 53pp.
- 2019 Premkumar, L. and M. Dutta. *Good Land, Bad Bank: Deadlocking Valuable Land in Unproductive Industrial Land Banks in India*. Vettiver Collective, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. 33pp.
- 2009 Dutta, M. and V. Chandrika. *People's Audit of Special Economic Zones in Tamil Nadu: A Report*. Co-authored for Sirapu Porulaathara Mandalam Ethirpu Iyyakam (Tamil Nadu anti-SEZ movement).
- 2008 Dutta, M. and V. Chandrika. *Special Economic Zones: Land acquisition, Impact on Livelihood and Human Rights Violations in Tamil Nadu. A Report of Public Hearing*. Co-authored for Sirapu Porulaathara Mandalam Ethirpu Iyyakam (Tamil Nadu anti-SEZ movement).
- 2002 Damoder P, Rangarajan R, Reddy DN, Dutta M, Patil R, Reddy SN, Abitha S. *The Killing Fields: Farmer deaths due to exposure to pesticides in Warangal District*
- 1998 Dutta, M. *Landfills Deconstructed: Technology, Management and Experiences*. A Toxics Link Briefing paper.
- 1997 Dutta, M. *Not so inert afterall! Flyash-An environmental and health perspective*. A Toxics Link Briefing paper. 15pp
- 2000 Dutta, M. *Pesticides in India: Environment and Health Sourcebook*.

Book reviews

- 2021 Intan Suwandi's 'Value Chains: The New Economic Imperialism'. In *Global Labour Journal*. <https://mulpress.mcmaster.ca/globallabour/article/view/4925>
- 2020 Ben Rogaly's 'Stories from a Migrant City: Living and Working Together in the Shadow of Brexit'. In *Antipode Book Review Symposium*. <https://antipodeonline.org/2020/07/27/stories-from-a-migrant-city/>
- 2020 Neethi P.'s 'Globalization Lived Locally: A Labour Geography Perspective'. In *Global Labour Journal* 11(1):67-70.
- 2019 Alessandra Mezzadri's 'Sweatshop Regime'. In *Economic & Political Weekly* 54(28):29-32.
- 2018 Andrew Herod's 'Labor'. In *Antipode* https://radicalantipode.files.wordpress.com/2018/05/book-review_dutta-on-herod.pdf
- 2017 Jonathan Pattenden's 'Labour, State and Society in rural India.' In *Economic & Political Weekly* L11(29): 31-33.
- 2017 Ruth Milkman's 'On Gender, Labor and Inequality'. In *The Journal of Labor and Society* 20(1):139-143.
- 2015 Lu Zhang's 'Inside China's automobile factories. The Politics of labour and workers resistance.' In *Working USA: The Journal of Labor and Society*. 18:675-680.
- 2010 Milind Wani's 'Nought Without Cause.' *Economic & Political Weekly* 45(26&27):48-49.
- 2010 Toxic Link's 'Our Toxic World: A Guide to Hazardous Substances in our everyday lives'. *Biblio: A Review of Books* XV (1&2).

General Readership

- 2020 Dutta, M. and S. Naidu. The Trump and Modi show: Of tangri kebabs and cannibal cows. *CounterCurrents* February 24. <https://countercurrents.org/2020/02/the-trump-and-modi-show-of-tangri-kebabs-and-cannibal-cows/>
- 2015 Dutta, M. A factory killing verdict that makes little sense. *The Wire*, January 13. <http://thewire.in/2016/01/13/a-factory-killing-verdict-that-makes-little-sense-17938/>
- 2015 Dutta, M. 'Make in India', unmade in Chennai. *The Wire*, November 2. <http://thewire.in/author/madhumita-dutta/>
- 2014 Dutta, M. Dead Men (of Gujarat) Tell No Tales. *Kafila*, May 21. <https://kafila.online/2014/05/21/dead-men-of-gujarat-tell-no-tales-madhumita-dutta-and-jagdish-patel/>
- 2013 Dutta, M. POSCO-Building a better tomorrow with steel *Kafila*, Jan 8. <https://kafila.online/2013/01/08/posco-building-a-better-tomorrow-with-steel-madhumita-dutta/>
- 2012 Dutta, M. Roadblocks to rights in 'Detroit of the south.' *The Hindu*, July 2012. <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/roadblocks-to-rights-in-detroit-of-the-south/article3697122.ece>

- 2012 Dutta, M. Desirability of nuclear power is the real question, *The Hindu*, September 27. <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/desirability-of-nuclear-power-is-the-real-question/article3939373.ece>
- 2012 Dutta, M. Come south, young man, but here be dragons. *The Hindu*, <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/come-south-young-man-but-here-be-dragons/article2974594.ece>
- 2012 Dutta, M. A State of ‘Encounters.’ *Kalifa*, April 15, <https://kafila.online/2012/04/15/a-state-of-encounters-madhumita-dutta/>
- 2011 Dutta, M. Ambika’s Death. *Kafila*, January 21. <https://kafila.online/2011/01/21/ambikas-death-madhumita-dutta-venkatachandrika-radhakrishnan/>
- 2011 Dutta, M. The New Cellular Jail. *Kafila*, January 23. <https://kafila.online/2011/01/23/the-new-cellular-jail-madhumita-dutta-venkatachandrika-radhakrishnan/>
- 2011 Dutta, M. Anbulla kaadu (My beloved forest). *Kafila* February 18. <https://kafila.online/2011/02/18/anbulla-kaadu-my-beloved-forest-madhumita-dutta/>
- 2010 Dutta, M. A Chemical Epidemic, *Tehelka Magazine* 7(27), July 10. http://www.tehelka.com/story_main45.asp?filename=Cr100710epidemic.asp
- 2008 Dutta, M. 2008. India’s Death Mines, *Tehelka Magazine* 5(48), Dec 06. http://www.tehelka.com/story_main40.asp?filename=cr061208indias_death.asp
- 2008 How the steel was tempered, *Business Standard*, <http://www.business-standard.com/india/storypage.php?autono=319341>
- 2008 Poisoning the system, *Hindustan Times*, <http://www.hindustantimes.com/editorial-views-on/platform/Poisoning-the-system/Article1-353034.aspx>
- 2005 Environment ministry plays ostrich, *Indian Express*, <http://www.indianexpress.com/oldStory/70667/>
- 1995-96 Dutta, M. Compilation of articles published in *Down To Earth*: <http://www.environmentportal.in/taxonomy/term/6883>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Journal articles

Dutta, M. and Anner, M. “The Racial fix”: Production of uneven geographies of value and human worth in global apparel supply chain. In preparation for *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*.

Krupala, K. and Dutta, M. ‘The Urban Banishment: Tax abatements and dispossession in Columbus Ohio’. In preparation for *Antipode*.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Invited

- 2021 University of Gothenburg, Sweden: ‘‘Muthu’s room: Room as a site of research and as an object of analysis’’, Department of Geography, (Virtually, October 21).
- 2021 University of Wollongong, Australia: ‘Having a room of her own: Gender, labor and the politics of everyday work-life of young women workers in an Indian special economic zone’, Australian Center for Culture, Environment, Society & Space. (Virtually, Sept 14).
- 2021 University of Toledo, Colloquium talk at the Dept. of Geography, Toledo, OH (Virtually, March 12)
- 2021 City University of New York. Center for Place, Culture and Politics, Graduate Center. (Virtually, March 4).
- 2021 German Association for Critical Social Research and the Global Labour Journal, Berlin, Germany: Panelist, ‘We're not in it together’: Global Labour in the Pandemic’, Panel discussion organized by the. (February 16)
- 2020 Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India: ‘Having a room of her own: Gender, labor and the politics of everyday work-life of young women workers in an Indian special economic zone’, The Advanced Centre for Women's Studies, School of Development Studies, (Online, February 2).
- 2020 Virginia Tech University. Colloquium talk at the Dept. of Geography, Roanoke, VA. (March 2020-*cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions*).
2020. Pennsylvania State University, Paper presentation at Center for Global Workers’ Rights, School of Labor and Employment Relations (March 2020- *cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions*).
- 2019 University of Toledo, Colloquium talk at the Dept. of Geography, Toledo, OH. (November).
2019. Invited panelist, ‘(Un)Free labour’ session organized by Siobhan McGrath and Lousie Waithe, American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Washington DC. (April)
- 2019 Indiana University, Colloquium talk in the Dept. of Geography, Bloomington, IN. (September).
- 2018 ‘Embodying loss: Reflections on responses of workers to a factory closure in Tamil Nadu, India’. Session: ‘Work, Workers, and Workplaces in an Age of Authoritarian Austerity’ organized by Michelle Buckley and Suzanne Mills at the American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, New Orleans, April.
- 2017 University of Buffalo, SUNY. Graduate Workshop on ‘Critical approaches to Global Production Networks’, Dept. of Geography (May).
- 2017 Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge, UK: ‘Embodying loss: Reflections on responses of workers to a factory closure in Tamil Nadu, India’. At ‘Labour Politics in an Age of Precarity’ conference organized by: April.

- 2017 Dickinson College. Earth Talks (lecture series) ‘Labor justice, gender and environment’, School of Environmental Studies, Pennsylvania (March).
- 2017 The Ohio State University. “Having a room of her own: Gender, labor and the politics of everyday work-life of young women workers in an Indian special economic zone.” (January).
- 2016 Pennsylvania State University. ‘Telling life stories: Reflections on researching everyday lived experiences of work-life of women workers in Tamil Nadu, India’. Penn State Coffee hour Speaker Series, Department of Geography (November).
- 2016 Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India: ‘Losing labour: what does loss of work mean for women workers?’ Faculty seminar series. (February).
- 2014 Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India: ‘Free, but not quite: Experiences of young women workers on the shop floor of a global mobile phone manufacturing factory in Sriperumbadur, Kancheepuram Dist. Tamil Nadu’. At ‘Women in the worlds of labour: An Interdisciplinary and intersectional perspectives’ - A collaborative seminar by Centre for Women’s Development Studies, New Delhi and Advanced Centre for Women’s Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India, February.

Sessions and panels organized

- 2022 Organizer (with Mythri Prasad and Ben Rogaly) and presenter, ‘Labor Geography I’ at annual meeting of American Association of Geographers, NYC (*Virtual due to Covid restrictions*)
- 2020 Organizer (with Debolina Majumdar and Aditya Ray) and presenter, ‘Labor Geography I’ at annual meeting of American Association of Geographers, Denver, Colorado (*Cancelled due to Covid travel restrictions*)
- 2019 Organizer and Chair, Author Meet Critics. ‘*Hungry Translations: Reclaiming the world through Radical Vulnerability*’ book by Richa Nagar for Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2019 Organizer and Discussant, ‘Caste, Labour and Transnational solidarity activism’ Panel discussion for Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2018 Organizer, ‘Making place for labour in Asia’ for Association for Asian Studies-in-Asia, New Delhi. (Peer reviewed conference)
- 2018 Organizer and panelist, ‘Labour Geography: Where should it go?’ at annual meeting of American Association of Geographers, New Orleans.
- 2017 Organizer and presenter ‘Women Workers Worldwide’ at the American Association of Geographers, Boston, April.

Guest lectures

- 2020 Guest speaker on creative fieldwork methods in ‘Fieldwork in human geography’, Graduate seminar, Dept. of Geography.

- 2019 Guest speaker on fieldwork and creative research methods in ‘Research methods’, Graduate seminar, John Glenn College of Public Affairs.
- 2018 Guest speaker in ‘Economy, Space and Society’, Dept. of Geography.
- 2017 Guest speaker in ‘Graduate Student Professionalization’, Graduate seminar, Dept. of Geography.
- 2017 Guest speaker in ‘Research & Professionalization’ (Undergrad) Dept. of Geography.
- 2017 Guest speaker on ‘Gender and Informal Economy’ in Gender and Work in the Global Economy (HRER 597) Master’s in Professional Studies Program, Penn State University.
- 2016 Guest speaker. ‘Labor relations in India: contestations and accommodations’ in International and Comparative Employment Relations (HRER 500) Master’s in Professional Studies Program, Penn State University.
- 2016 Guest speaker ‘Labor relations in India: A brief overview’ in Comparative Employment Relations (LER 400) Undergraduate program. (Two lectures), Penn State University.
- 2016 Lecture on Women’s work in formal sector in MA course - Gender and Livelihood, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India, 25 February.
- 2015 Lecture in Module ‘Geographies of Development’ on global justice movement (Bhopal gas disaster and politics of development), Dept. of Geography, Durham University.
- 2014 Issues and challenges in Participatory Action Research: Sharing experiences: A session for Durham University postgraduate research students. Organised by Centre for Social Justice and Community Action, Durham University, 4 November.
- 2014 ‘Unionising in Special Economic Zone: A case study of a shop floor employees’ union in an electronics SEZ in Kancheepuram district, Tamil Nadu’. At Xth International Conference on Labour History: Labour History-A Return to Politics? New Delhi, India, March.

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH OUTPUTS

- 2014 Radio podcasts: Mobile Girls’ Koottam (10 episodes). A series of reflective conversations with women factory workers. (collaborative work)
- 2014 Documentary film: ‘Disconnecting people’: A film by Tulasi Kumar in collaboration with the Nokia Employees’ Union <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1UejPMJZZA&feature=youtu.be>

COURSES TAUGHT

The Ohio State University

- Geog 8400 Graduate Seminar Issues in Critical Human Geography
- Geog 5802 Globalization and Environment
- Geog 2400 Economic and Social Geography
- Geog 5501 Urban Spaces in the global economy

Pennsylvania State University

- AU 16: LGWR 540 Research and Writing Methods in Labor and Global Workers' Rights (Master's in Professional Studies Program)

Durham University

- Term 2: Module Work, Labour and Development (Tutorial/Seminar)

STUDENT COMMITTEES

Graduate Committees

Doctoral students (dissertation advisor)

Katie Krupala (current)

Mansi Goyal (current)

Doctoral students (dissertation committee member)

Anisa Kline, Geography (current)

Jennifer McGibbon, Geography (completed)

Debangana Bose, Geography (completed)

Doctoral students (candidacy examination committee chair)

Katie Krupala

Doctoral students (candidacy examination committee member)

Sher Ali Khan, Geography (current)

Sally Ross, School of Environment and Natural Resources (current)

Hanna Haran, College of Social Work (current)

Anisa Kline, Geography (completed)

Arianna Hall-Reinhard, Geography (completed)

Jennifer McGibbon, Geography (completed)

Megan España, College of Social Work (completed)

Master's students (thesis committee member)

Bernard Hayman, Geography (completed)

Alex Kempler, Sociology (completed)

Jeremi Panganiban, Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies (completed)

Anurag Mazumdar, Geography (completed)

Undergraduate Research Advisor

Fatima Dahir, Geography (completed)

Kenza Kamal, Political Science and Geography (completed)

Postdoctoral Mentor

Dr. Deondre Smiles, President's Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Co-mentorship with Department of History (January-December 2021)

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Editorship

2019-2022 Co-Editor of *Global Labour Journal* (RC 44- International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Labour Movements).

Reviewer

Manuscript

Cambridge University Press, UK (book prospectus and chapters)
Rowman & Littlefield International, UK (book prospectus)

Journals

City & Society

Journal of Contemporary Asia

Journal for Historical Social Research

Review of International Political Economy

Globalizations

Annals of the American Association of Geographers

Marxism 21

Geoforum

Human Geography

Antipode

Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space

Social and Cultural Geography

Gender, Place and Culture

Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space (2020)

American Anthropologist
World Development
Women's Studies International Forum
The Journal of Peasant Studies

Grant applications

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Govt. of Canada for Insight Grants Funding. (2019).
- Independent Social Research Foundation for Political Economy Research Grant Fellowship, London, U.K. (2020)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (NON-ACADEMIC)

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| 2004-2012 | Coordinator, Corporate Accountability Desk, <i>The Other Media</i> , Delhi, India. (Non-profit organization) |
| 2002-2004 | Volunteer, community-based organization devoted to health-environmental justice issues, India. |
| 1998-2002 | Coordinator, Campaign and Research, Toxics Link, Delhi, India (Non-profit organization) |
| 1997-1998 | Research Assistant, Environment Curriculum Project, Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India. (Non-profit organization) |
| 1995-1997 | Reporter, <i>Down to Earth</i> (environment and science fortnightly magazine), Centre for Science and Environment |
| 1994-1995 | Community Corp Volunteer with the World-Wide Fund for Nature India (WWF-India). |

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent

- Bengali
- Hindi
- English

Conversational

- Tamil