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### PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT (ACADEMIC)

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2024- Associate Professor, Geography, Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus, OH  
2022- Affiliated Faculty, Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures (OSU)  
2020- Affiliated Faculty, Institute for Population Research (OSU)  
2017-24 Assistant Professor, Geography, Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus, OH  
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, PA

### EDUCATION

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

### FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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2024 College of Arts & Sciences Early Career Faculty Excellence Award, OSU  
2021 Ashby Prize for most innovative paper by *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*  
2018 Lawrence A. Brown Faculty Fellowship, Department of Geography, OSU  
2012-15 Durham Doctoral Studentship, Durham University, UK

### RESEARCH GRANTS

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2025 New Associate Faculty Research Grant, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, OSU; \$ 50,000  
2025 Travel Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences, OSU; \$2000  
2023 The Mershon Center for International Security Studies, OSU. "Water Diplomacy in the Age of Climate Change: Transboundary Indus Basin Water Conflict between Pakistan and India in the Context of Cryo-Hydro-Climatic Changes." B. Mark, N. Breyfogle and M. Dutta (co-PIs) \$149,899.  
2020 Seed Grant, Institute for Population Research, OSU. "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

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#### Book

2021 Dutta, M. *Mobile Girls Koottam: Working Women Speak*. New Delhi: Zubaan Press / Chicago University Press (US/International distribution). ISBN: 978 93 90514 45 8 (paperback). Pp 225.

#### 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). Pp 322.

### Journals articles (peer reviewed)

- 2025 Marino, J. and M. Dutta. "Upskilling Americans or Uplifting Corporations? A Critical Analysis of Workforce Skill Training Programs Linked to Industrial Policy," *Contemporary Social Science* 9 (1): 307-330. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21582041.2025.2576003>
- 2025 Dutta, M. and S. McGrath. 'Life stories of garment workers in India: Toward a labor-centric labor regimes framework.' *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 115(3):603-619. <https://doi.org/10.1080/24694452.2024.2435933>
- 2024 Dutta, M., K. McSweeney. 'Generative tensions: Undergraduates' experience of geography in U.S. universities.' *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 49, e12623. <https://doi.org/10.1111/tran.12623>
- 2022 Dutta, M. 'Kitchen, Farm, Room – Spaces of transnational feminist theorizing by working class women in India.' *Austrian Journal of Development Studies* XXXVIII 2/3-2022:193-213.
- 2022 Russell A., P. Chandra, M. Robson, P. Narayanan, S. Joseph, P. Mukherjee, M. Aghi, M. Otañez, M. Dutta, U. Bhojani, P. Pathak, and S. John. 'Implementing FCTC Article 17 through participatory research with Bidi workers in Tamil Nadu, India.' *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* 24(11):1714-1719.
- 2021 Dutta, M. 'Becoming active labour protestors: Women workers organizing in India's garment export factories.' *Globalizations* 18(8):1420-1435.
- Reprinted as: Dutta, M. 2022. 'Becoming active labour protestors: Women workers organizing in India's garment export factories.' In *Labour conflicts in the Global South*, edited by A.Bieler and J.Nowak. Oxford: Routledge. Pp 98-113.
- 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.
- Reprinted as: Dutta, M. 2021. 'Turning productive failures into creative possibilities: Women workers shaping fieldwork methods in Tamil Nadu, India.' In *Geographical Fieldwork in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, edited by K.McSweeney and A.WinklerPrins. Oxford: Routledge. Pp 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., R. Sreedhar and A. Basu. '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

- Dutta, M. Forthcoming. 'Resistance to mining: Stories of anti-bauxite mining struggles in Odisha, India.' In *The Radical Political Economy of the Environment*, edited by Union for Radical Political Economics Environmental Crisis Editorial Collective. London: Routledge.
- 2025 Dutta, M. and S. Naidu. 'Women Workers.' In *The Elgar Companion to Decent Work and the Sustainable Development Goals*, edited by M. Moore, M.V.D. Linden and C. Scherrer. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, pp 188-199. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035300907.00022>

- 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: 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Global Perspective*, edited by J. Nowak, M. Dutta and P. Birke. London: Rowman & Littlefield Inc. Pp 97-114.
- 2018 Nowak, J., P. Birke, and M. Dutta. 'Introduction: The new upsurge of strikes: Tendencies, Challenges and Limits.' In *Workers Movements and Strikes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Global Perspective*, edited J. Nowak, M. Dutta and P. Birke. 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: Orient Blackswan and London: Rowman & Littlefield Inc.

### Editor-reviewed articles

- 2025 Dhingra, R. and M. Dutta. 'Neend Udado Andolan: Bhopali women's responses to the ongoing environmental and health disaster surrounding the abandoned Union Carbide factory, Bhopal, India.' *Gender and Development* 32 (3):727-748.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13552074.2024.2415248>
- 2024 Breyfogle, N., Goyal, M., Dutta, M., Haq, F. and B. Mark. The Indus Water Treaty: Transboundary water diplomacy and environmental peace.' *International Social Science Journal* (Chinese edition) 41(4): 60-76.
- 2023 Dutta, M. and Madhushree. 'Of witnessing and healing, of ordinary im/mobilities, of spaces and (un)freedoms: An authors' response.' Book Forum, *Dialogues in Human Geography*  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/20438206231195677>
- 2022 Bhaskaran, S., M. Dutta, and S. Naidu. 'Covid in an uneven world: Are we all in this together' *E-International Relations*. Available at <https://www.e-ir.info/2022/07/21/covid-in-an-uneven-world-are-we-all-in-this-together/> 21 July.
- 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* 56(9):2-11.
- 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, Pennsylvania, USA.
- 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.

- 2009 Dutta, M. and V. Chandrika. *People's Audit of Special Economic Zones in Tamil Nadu: A Report*. Sirapu Porulaathara Mandalam Ethirpu Iyyakam (Tamil Nadu anti-SEZ movement), Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.
- 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*. Sirapu Porulaathara Mandalam Ethirpu Iyyakam (Tamil Nadu anti-SEZ movement), Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.
- 2002 Damoder P., R. Rangarajan, D.N. Reddy, M. Dutta, R. Patil, S.N. Reddy, S. Abitha. *The Killing Fields: Farmer deaths due to exposure to pesticides in Warangal District*. Toxics Link, New Delhi, India.
- 2000 Dutta, M. *Pesticides in India: Environment and Health Sourcebook*. Toxics Link, New Delhi, India.
- 1998 Dutta, M. *Landfills Deconstructed: Technology, Management and Experiences*. Toxics Link, New Delhi, India.
- 1997 Dutta, M. *Not so inert afterall! Flyash-An environmental and health perspective*. Toxics Link, New Delhi, India.

### Book reviews

- Book Forum (Forthcoming). Shankar Ramaswami's '*Souls in the Kalyug: The Politics and Cosmologies of Migrant Workers in Contemporary India*'. In *Exertions: Society for the Anthropology of Work*.
- 2021 Review of Intan Suwandi's '*Value chains: The new economic imperialism*.' In *Global Labour Journal* 12(3):341-343.
- 2020 Review of Ben Rogaly's '*Stories from a migrant city: Living and working together in the shadow of Brexit*.' Book Review Symposium. In *Antipode* <https://antipodeonline.org/2020/07/27/stories-from-a-migrant-city/>
- 2020 Review of P. Neethi's '*Globalization lived locally: A labour geography perspective*.' In *Global Labour Journal* 11(1):67-70.
- 2019 Review of Alessandra Mezzadri's '*Sweatshop regime: Labouring bodies, exploitation, and garments Made in India*.' In *Economic & Political Weekly* 54(28):29-32.
- 2018 Review of Andrew Herod's '*Labor*.' In *Antipode* <https://antipodeonline.org/2019/06/07/labor/>
- 2017 Review of Jonathan Pattenden's '*Labour, state and society in rural India*.' In *Economic & Political Weekly* L11(29): 31-33.
- 2017 Review of Ruth Milkman's '*On Gender, labor and inequality*.' In *The Journal of Labor and Society* 20(1):139-143.
- 2015 Review of 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 Review of Milind Wani's '*Nought without cause*.' In *Economic & Political Weekly* 45(26&27):48-49.
- 2010 Review of Toxic Link's '*Our toxic world: A guide to hazardous substances in our everyday lives*.' In *Biblio: A Review of Books* XV (1&2).

### Commentaries/Media

- 2025 Glickman, S. and M. Dutta. 'Chips on the table.' *The American Prospect*, January 30. <https://prospect.org/economy/2025-01-30-chips-on-the-table/> (February 2025 Print Issue)
- 2024 Dutta, M. 'Remembering Bhopal: The Bhopal Chemical Disaster.' *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, December 12. <https://origins.osu.edu/read/bhopal-chemical-gas-disaster>

- 2024 Dutta, M. 'Scaled down scrutiny of Intel, other microchip companies may put Ohioans at risk', *The Columbus Dispatch*, December 3. <https://www.dispatch.com/story/opinion/2024/12/03/intel-microchip-companies-environment/75450456007/>
- 2024 Dutta, M. 'Intel will add jobs to Ohio. Will costly project also dry wells and bring toxins, and sickness?' *The Columbus Dispatch*, March 21. <https://www.dispatch.com/story/opinion/columns/guest/2024/03/21/intel-in-ohio-how-the-project-might-hurt-people-and-the-environment/73039528007/>
- 2023 Dutta, M. 'Modi could have ended India's Bhopal shame at the G20 summit but he chose not to', *The Wire* (India), September 11. <https://thewire.in/government/modi-couldve-ended-indias-bhopal-shame-at-the-g20-summit-but-he-chose-not-to>
- 2020 Dutta, M. and S. Naidu. 'The Trump and Modi show: Of tangri kebabs and cannibal cows.' *Counter Currents* (India), 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* (India), 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* (India), November 2. <http://thewire.in/author/madhumita-dutta/>
- 2014 Dutta, M. 'Dead men (of Gujarat) tell no tales.' *Kafila* (India), 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* (India), January 8. <https://kafila.online/2013/01/08/posco-building-a-better-tomorrow-with-steel-madhumita-dutta/>
- 2012 Geetha, V. and M. Dutta. 'Roadblocks to rights in 'Detroit' of the south.' *The Hindu* (India), July 29. <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* (India), 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* (India), March 9. <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* (India), April 15. <https://kafila.online/2012/04/15/a-state-of-encounters-madhumita-dutta/>
- 2011 Dutta, M. and V. Chandrika. 'Ambika's death.' *Kafila* (India), January 21. <https://kafila.online/2011/01/21/ambikas-death-madhumita-dutta-venkatachandrika-radhakrishnan/>
- 2011 Dutta, M. and V. Chandrika. 'The new cellular jail.' *Kafila* (India), 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* (India), February 18. <https://kafila.online/2011/02/18/anbulla-kaadu-my-beloved-forest-madhumita-dutta/>
- 2010 Dutta, M. 'A chemical epidemic.' *Tehelka* (India), 7(27), July 10. [http://www.tehelka.com/story\\_main45.asp?filename=Cr100710epidemic.asp](http://www.tehelka.com/story_main45.asp?filename=Cr100710epidemic.asp)
- 2008 Dutta, M. 2008. 'India's death mines.' *Tehelka* (India), 5(48), December 6. [http://www.tehelka.com/story\\_main40.asp?filename=cr061208indias\\_death.asp](http://www.tehelka.com/story_main40.asp?filename=cr061208indias_death.asp)
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- 2008 Dutta, M. 'Poisoning the system.' *Hindustan Times* (India), November 20.  
<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india/poisoning-the-system/story-kXGdqaLKMf5b4yCzkCEHXXK.html>
- 2005 Dutta, M. 'Environment ministry plays ostrich.' *Indian Express* (India), May 20.  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/news-archive/environment-ministry-plays-ostrich/>
- 1995-96 Dutta, M. Compilation of articles published in *Down To Earth* (India),  
<http://www.environmentportal.in/category/6883/author/madhumita-dutta/>

### **Collaborative Creative Research Outputs**

- 2025- [River Ethnographies](#) of Indus River Basin in India: Multidisciplinary (academic/non-academic) collaboration supported by Merhson Center for International Security Studies, OSU.
- 2014 Radio podcasts: Mobile Girls' Koottam (10 episodes). A series of reflective conversations with women factory workers. <https://open.spotify.com/show/6shRBBRr3KldP2lywTBk0I>
- 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>

### **Under review and in preparation**

#### ***Journal articles***

- Dutta, M. and S. Naidu. 'Spaces of possibilities, social control and refuge: Rooms of migrant women factory workers in India.' [Gender, Place and Culture](#). (R&R, Revision submitted 30 December 2025)
- Dutta, M. and P. Dandekar. 'River Ethnographies: Stories and lived experiences of glacial melts, dams, landslides, spirits and gods of people in the Chenab River Basin, India'. In preparation for special theme issue 'Decolonizing Water Diplomacy Research: Agency, Representation, Relationality' in [Ecology & Society](#). (R&R)
- Marino, J. and M. Dutta. 'Hope & Hardship in the High-Yech Heartland: Ohio's Economic Development, 1980-Present. In preparation for [Journal of Policy History](#). (R&R)
- Dutta, M. and J. Marino. 'Silicon Prosperity, Worker Precarity: The Politics of "Quality" Semiconductor Jobs'. In preparation for [Osiris](#).
- Dutta, M. 'Whose intelligence? The Racialized labor of Artificial intelligence'. Invited contribution for Oxford Intersections Racism by Context: Labor and the Economy. (Due date 1 November 2026).

#### ***Technical reports***

- Research brief: 'Precarious Work & Mental Well-Being in New Spaces: A Transformative Mixed Methods Study among Bhutanese Refugees in Central Ohio.' In collaboration with Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio, College of Social Work, Dept. of Geography, Dept. of Education. (In English and Nepali)

### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

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#### **Invited research talks:**

#### ***International***

- 2023 University of Bonn, expert input, 'DFG Scientific Network Meeting on Labour Geography and Social Reproduction', Institute of Oriental and Asian Studies, Department of Southeast Asian Studies (virtual, June 14).

- 2023 Suedwind-Institut, Bonn, expert input, 'Worker-centric gender data collection' for Multi-actor Working Group on Gender Sensitive Occupational Health and safety in the Garment and Footwear Industry (virtual, June 1).
- 2022 University of Vienna, panelist, Book panel 'Scaling Up? Transnational Labour Organising in Globalised Production', Institute of Sociology (virtual, November 23).
- 2022 University of Nottingham, panelist, Book panel 'Labour Conflicts in the Global South', Centre for the Study of Social and Global Justice (virtual, October 24).
- 2022 University of Manchester, keynote speaker, International Workshop, 'Labour Regimes–Regimes of Precarity: New Spaces of Informality', Department of Geography (virtual, June 20).
- 2022 University of Sussex, panelist, 'Crisis and the everyday: Work and Home during the pandemic', Department of Geography (virtual, May 3).
- 2021 University of Gothenburg, lecture, 'Muthu's room: Room as a site of research and as an object of analysis', Department of Geography (virtual, October 21).
- 2021 University of Wollongong, lecture, '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 (virtual, September 14).
- 2021 German Association for Critical Social Research and the Global Labour Journal, panelist, 'We're not in it together: Global Labour in the Pandemic' (virtual, February 16).
- 2020 Tata Institute of Social Sciences, paper presentation, '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 (virtual, February 2).
- 2017 University of Cambridge, paper presentation, 'Embodying loss: Reflections on responses of workers to a factory closure in Tamil Nadu, India', Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (April 21-22).
- 2016 Azim Premji University, lecture, 'Losing labour: What does loss of work mean for women workers?' Faculty seminar series, School of Development (February 24).
- 2014 Association of Indian Labour Historians, paper presentation: 'Unionising in Special Economic Zone: A case study of a shop floor employees' union in an electronics SEZ in Kancheepuram district, Tamil Nadu'. 9th International Conference on Labour History, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute (March 23).
- 2014 Tata Institute of Social Sciences, paper presentation, 'Free, but not quite: Experiences of young women workers on the shop floor of a global mobile phone manufacturing factory in Sriperumbadur, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu. Centre for Women's Development Studies and Advanced Centre for Women's Studies (February 22).

### ***National***

- 2024 Ohio State University, research talk, 'River Ethnographies', Mershon Center (September 16).
- 2023 Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Ecology, OSU, book talk, 'Mobile Girls Kootam: Working Women Speak' (October 5)
- 2022 University of Tennessee, colloquium talk, 'Kitchen, farm, room: Spaces of transnational feminist theorizing by working class women in India,' Department of Geography (October 20).
- 2022 University of Missouri-Kansas City, book panel, 'Mobile Girls Kootam: Working Women Speak,' Department of Economics (virtual, May 6).

- 2021 Ohio State University, book panel, 'Mobile Girls Kootam: Working Women Speak,' South Asian Scholars Initiative (virtual, November 8).
- 2021 University of Toledo, OH, colloquium talk, 'Everyday micro dynamics in global production networks: a research study of the Indian garment sector,' Department of Geography and Planning (virtual, March 12).
- 2021 City University of New York, lecture, 'Becoming active labor protestors: Women workers organizing in India's garment export factories,' Center for Place, Culture and Politics, Graduate Center (virtual, March 18).
- 2020 Virginia Tech University, colloquium talk, Department of Geography (March 19; cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions).
- 2020 Pennsylvania State University, research presentation, Center for Global Workers' Rights, School of Labor and Employment Relations (March 26-27; cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions).
- 2019 University of Toledo, OH, colloquium talk, 'Rise and fall of a community in a sweatshop: Everyday relations of labour in a special economic zone in Tamil Nadu, India,' Department of Geography and Planning (virtual, November 15).
- 2019 Indiana University, colloquium talk, 'Rise and fall of a community in a sweatshop: Everyday relations of labour in a special economic zone in Tamil Nadu, India', Department of Geography (September 27).
- 2017 University of Buffalo, SUNY, Graduate Workshop on 'Critical approaches to Global Production Networks,' Department of Geography (May 12).
- 2017 Dickinson College, speaker, 'Labor justice, gender and environment,' Earth Talks lecture series at School of Environmental Studies, (March 21).
- 2017 The Ohio State University, job talk, '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', Department of Geography (January 12).
- 2016 Pennsylvania State University, public lecture, 'Telling life stories: Reflections on researching everyday lived experiences of work-life of women workers in Tamil Nadu, India', Department of Geography (November 10).

### **Sessions, panels organized and papers presented at professional meetings**

- 2026 Organizer (with Mona Bhan and Parineeta Dandekar): Roundtable discussion 'River Geographies of South Asia: Beyond Borders and Boundaries' at the Annual South Asia Conference at University of Wisconsin Madison (October).
- 2026 Panelist: Fashion to Field: Social Justice and Other Myths of "Ethical" Garment Consumption' at the Annual South Asia Conference at University of Wisconsin Madison (October).
- 2026 Paper presentation in collaboration with Julia Marino (presenting author): "'Bury the Rust Belt': Ohio's Edison Program and the Politics of High-Tech Salvation, 1977-1992" at Midwestern History Conference, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (April).
- 2026 Paper presentation in collaboration with Julia Marino: "Skills as Security: Semiconductor Reshoring & The Promise of "Good Jobs" in Chipmaking", at Merhson Center for International Security Studies, OSU (April 2).
- 2025 Paper presentation in collaboration with Julia Marino (presenting author): "Quality Work & Workers in the Semiconductor Industry" at Labor History Conference, Chicago, Illinois, (June).
- 2025 Paper presentation in collaboration with Julia Marino (presenting author): "The CHIPS Act & Workforce Development in Historical Perspective." at Arizona State University, Center for Science Policy Outcomes, Washington DC, (May).

- 2025 Paper presentation in collaboration with Julia Marino(presenting author):“Quality” at Any Cost: How a Management Strategy Eroded the Semiconductor Industry’s Promise of “Quality” Jobs at Business History Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, (March).
- 2025 Organizer (with Siobhan McGrath and Eunyong Song) and paper presentation((Madhumita Dutta - presenting author) collaboration with Julia Marino: ‘Labor Geographies and the State’ at Global Conference on Economic Geography, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts (June 4-8).
- 2025 Paper presentation ‘River Ethnographies’ at the 7<sup>th</sup> Water and Peace Seminar, Kathmandu, Nepal (March 26-27).
- 2023 Organizer (with Sirisha Naidu and Suparna Bhaskaran) and presenter: ‘Resistance: Transnational Feminist Pedagogies in the Pandemic’ at National Women’s Studies Association’s annual conference, Baltimore, Maryland. (October 27).
- 2023 Organizer: Indigenous poetry and discussion - ‘Life Worlds, Struggles and Resistances of Indigenous Peoples of India Through Poetry’. (South Asian Scholars Initiative, OSU) (March 11).
- 2023 Organizer Author-Meet-Critics: ‘Vulgarity of Caste: Dalits, Sexuality, and Humanity in Modern India’. (South Asian Scholars Initiative, OSU) (March 9).
- 2022 Organizer (with Sirisha Naidu) and presenter: ‘Transgressive Writing, Transgressive Teaching: Women’s Lives and Women’s Work in Asia’ at National Women’s Studies Association’s annual conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (November 11).
- 2022 Organizer, Author-Meet-Critics: ‘BR Ambedkar and The Question of Socialism in India’. (South Asian Scholars Initiative, OSU) (April 8).
- 2022 Organizer (with Mythri Prasad and Ben Rogaly) and presenter: ‘Labor Geography I’ at American Association of Geographers annual conference, (virtual due to Covid restrictions).
- 2020 Organizer (with Debolina Majumdar and Aditya Ray) and presenter: ‘Labor Geography I’ at American Association of Geographers annual conference, Denver, Colorado (cancelled due to Covid travel restrictions).
- 2019 Organizer, Author-Meet-Critics: ‘Hungry Translations: Reclaiming the world through Radical Vulnerability’ at the Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison. (October 18).
- 2019 Organizer and discussant: ‘Caste, Labour and Transnational solidarity activism’ at Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison (October 18).
- 2019 Panelist: ‘Unfreedom in contemporary labour regimes’ at American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Washington DC (April 5).
- 2018 Organizer and presenter: ‘Making place for labour in Asia’ at Association for Asian Studies-in-Asia conference, New Delhi. (Peer reviewed conference) (July 7).
- 2018 Organizer and panelist: ‘Labour Geography: Where should it go?’ at American Association of Geographers annual conference, New Orleans (April 12).
- 2018 Paper presentation ‘Embodying loss: Reflections on responses of workers to a factory closure in Tamil Nadu, India’ at American Association of Geographers annual conference, New Orleans (April 11).
- 2017 Organizer and presenter: ‘Women Workers Worldwide’ at American Association of Geographers annual conference, Boston (April 9).

#### **Guest lectures**

- 2023 Lecture: Comparative modernities in Asia, Asian Institute, University of Toronto (Spring)

- 2023 Graduate seminar: Critical ethnographies and data feminisms: Methodologies for communication and media researchers/practitioners, American Culture Studies Program, Bowling Green State University (Spring)
- 2022 Graduate seminar: Critical feminist methodology, Department of Geography, University of Tennessee (Fall)
- 2022 Graduate seminar: Fieldwork in human geography, Department of Geography, OSU (Spring)
- 2020 Graduate seminar: Fieldwork in human geography, Department of Geography, OSU (Spring)
- 2019 Graduate seminar: Research methods, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, OSU (Spring)
- 2018 Lecture: Economy, Space and Society, Department of Geography, OSU (Fall)
- 2017 Graduate seminar: Graduate Student Professionalization, Department of Geography, OSU (Fall)
- 2017 Lecture: Undergraduate Research & Professionalization, Department of Geography, OSU (Fall)
- 2017 Graduate seminar: Master's in Professional Studies Program, School of Labor & Employment Relations, Pennsylvania State University (Spring)
- 2016 Graduate seminar: Master's in Professional Studies Program, School of Labor & Employment Relations, Pennsylvania State University (Fall)
- 2016 Lecture: Comparative Employment Relations, School of Labor & Employment Relations, Pennsylvania State University (Fall)
- 2016 Graduate seminar: Gender and Livelihood, Azim Premji University, India (Spring)
- 2015 Lecture: Geographies of Development, Department of Geography, Durham University, UK.
- 2014 Graduate seminar: Issues and challenges in Participatory Action Research, Centre for Social Justice and Community Action, Durham University, UK.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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### **The Ohio State University**

- Geog. 8400 Graduate Seminar Issues in Critical Human Geography
- Geog. 5802 Globalization and Environment
- Geog. 2400.01/.02 Economic and Social Geography (dual credit)
- Geog. 5501 Urban Spaces in the Global Economy

### **Pennsylvania State University**

- LGWR 540 Graduate Course on Research and Writing Methods (Master's in Professional Studies Program, School of Labor and Employment Relations)

### **Durham University**

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

## **ADVISING**

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### **Graduate students**

#### ***Doctoral students (dissertation advisor)***

Nowshin Sharmila (2026-)  
 Jublee Handique (2023, co-advising with Mat Coleman)  
 Katie Krupala (completed 2023)  
 Mansi Goyal (2021-22)

#### ***Doctoral students (dissertation committee member)***

Paromita Bhathija, Geography (current)  
 Kat Finneran, Geography (current)

Sally Ross, School of Environment and Natural Resources (2021-left program 2023)  
Anisa Kline, Geography (completed 2023)  
Jennifer McGibbon, Geography (completed 2021)  
Debangana Bose, Geography (completed 2019)

***Doctoral students (candidacy examination committee chair)***

Katie Krupala, Geography (2021)

***Doctoral students (candidacy examination committee member)***

***Geography***

Indra Narayan Roychowdhuri, College of Social Work (current)  
Emily Tingler (completed May 12 2026)  
Paromita Bhathija, Geography (completed September 18 2024)  
Kat Finneran, Geography (completed May 7 2024)  
Sher Ali Khan, Geography (completed 2023)  
Anisa Kline, Geography (completed 2021)  
Arianna Hall-Reinhard, Geography (completed 2021)  
Jennifer McGibbon, Geography (completed 2018)

***Other***

Sally Ross, School of Environment and Natural Resources (completed 2021)  
Hanna Haran, College of Social Work (completed 2022)  
Megan España, College of Social Work (completed 2020)

***Master's students (Advisor)***

Rojika Sharma (completed 2024)

***Master's students (thesis committee member)***

***Geography***

Bernard Hayman, Geography (completed 2020)  
Anurag Mazumdar, Geography (completed 2018)

***Other***

Alex Kempler, Sociology (completed 2021)  
Jeremi Panganiban, Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies (completed 2021)

**Postdoctoral students**

**Mentor**

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

**Undergraduate**

**Undergraduate thesis research advisor:**

Fatima Dahir, Geography (completed 2021)  
Kenza Kamal, Political Science and Geography (completed 2019)

**SERVICE**

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**Editorships**

2025- Editorial board *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*  
 2019-2022 Co-Editor *Global Labour Journal* (RC 44- International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Labour Movements).

## Reviewer

### ***Monographs***

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

### ***Journals***

*Journal of Economic Geography*  
*Feminist Review*  
*Journal of Gender Studies*  
*International Labor and Working-Class History*  
*Canadian Journal of Development Studies*  
*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*  
*American Anthropologist*  
*World Development*  
*Women's Studies International Forum*  
*The Journal of Peasant Studies*

### ***Grant applications***

Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF) Political Economy Research Fellowship, UK (2020)  
 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSRC), Govt. of Canada(2019)

### ***Fellowships***

Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies(ACLS) Dissertation Innovation Fellowship (2025)

## Department of Geography (OSU)

2025 Member, Equity Committee  
 2023 Chair, Speakers Committee  
 2023 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee  
 2019-23 Member, Graduate Studies Committee (elected)  
 2022 Member, Black Geographies Search Committee  
 2019-21 Member, Personnel Committee (elected)  
 2018-19 Member, Graduate Studies Committee GSC + (ad-hoc)

## University Committees

- 2025- University GE Assessment Committee “Citizenship in a Diverse and Just World”  
2024 Graduate School Presidential Fellowship Committee

## Others

- 2023- Director, South Asian Studies Initiative (inter-disciplinary initiative) supported by the Humanities Institute, OSU.

## CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Association of Geographers (AAG)  
National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (NON-ACADEMIC)

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- 2004-2012 Coordinator, Corporate Accountability Desk, The Other Media, India  
2002-2004 Volunteer with grassroots environmental justice organizations, India  
1998-2002 Coordinator, *Toxics Link*, India  
1997-1998 Research Assistant, Centre for Environment Education, India  
1995-1997 Reporter, Down To Earth, Centre for Science and Environment, India  
1994-1995 Community Corp Volunteer, Worldwide Fund for Nature—India

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Bengali (native), Hindi (native), English (fluent), Tamil (conversant)