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Curriculum vitae

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Education

- 2016 PhD (Geography), Dept. of Geography, University of Durham, UK.
- 1994 Masters of Science (Environmental Science), Jiwaji University, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, India.
- 1992 Bachelors of Science, Delhi University, Delhi, India.
- 1989 Senior School Certificate Examination, Delhi, India.
- 1987 Secondary School Examination, Delhi, India.

Fellowship

- 2012-2015 Durham Doctoral Studentship, Durham University, UK.

Academic Work Experience

- 2017-** Assistant Professor, Geography, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
- 2016-2017** Post Doctoral Scholar, Center for Global Workers' Rights, School of Labor and Employment Relations, College of the Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University.

Teaching experience

Pennsylvania State University, Centre for Global Workers' Rights:

Course: Designed and taught a course on *Research and Writing Methods in Labor and Global Workers' Rights* (LGWR 540) Masters in Professional Studies Program (LGWR 540, Fall Semester 2016).

Guest Class: Lecture titled 'Labor relations in India: contestations and accommodations' in *International and Comparative Employment Relations* (HRER 500) Masters in Professional Studies Program (Fall Semester 2016).

Guest Class: Lecture titled 'Labor relations in India: a brief overview' in *Comparative Employment Relations* in Undergraduate program (LER 400) (Fall Semester 2016). (Two lectures)

Guest Class: Lecture on 'Gender and Informal Economy' in Gender and Work in the Global Economy (HRER 597) Masters in Professional Studies Program (Spring Semester 2017).

Geography dept., Durham University:

Tutorials/seminars: Level 3 undergraduate students (Term 2; 2014-15) in module - *Work, Labor and Development*.

Guest lecture: Level 2 undergraduate students (Term 2; January 2015) in module - *Geographies of Development* on Environmental Justice focusing on Bhopal Gas disaster and politics of development.

Papers presented in academic conferences

'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? 22-24th March 2014, New Delhi, 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. 21-22nd February 2014, Mumbai, India.

'Telling life stories: Researching everyday lived experiences of work - life of women workers in Tamil Nadu, India'. At the annual conference of American Association of Geographers, Boston, USA, 5-9th April, 2017.

'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 Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge, UK. 21-22nd April, 2017, Cambridge, UK.

Postgraduate seminars

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, 4th November 2014.

Losing labour: what does loss of work mean for women workers? Faculty seminar series, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, 24th February 2016.

Lecture in MA course *Gender and Livelihood* (Women's work in formal sector), Azim Premji University, Bangalore, 25th February 2016.

Invited speaker

Department of Geography at Penn State Coffee hour Speaker Series, 4th November 2016. Talk titled: *Telling life stories: Reflections on researching everyday lived experiences of work-life of women workers in Tamil Nadu, India*.

<http://www.geog.psu.edu/news/events/coffee-hour-madhumita-dutta-telling-life-stories-reflections-researching-everyday-lived>

Undergraduate Seminars - Earth Issues Talk titled 'Labor justice, gender and environment', Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA (21st March 2017).

Graduate Seminar – Critical approaches to Global Production Networks, Dept. of Geography, University at Buffalo, SUNY (Spring semester 2017).

Collaborative outputs (based on PhD fieldwork)

Radio podcasts: Mobile Girls' Kootam (10 episodes). A series of reflective conversations with women factory workers.
<http://radiopotti.com/category/conversations/>

Short documentary film: 'Disconnecting people': A film in collaboration with Nokia Employees' Union
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1UejPMJZZA&feature=youtu.be>

Collaborative research project (Pennsylvania State University)

Research project: "Sourcing Dynamics, Workers' Rights, and Inequality in Garment Global Supply Chains in India" Center for Global Workers' Rights, The Pennsylvania State University (2017-2018)

Publications:

Journals articles

Dutta, M. [2016]. Place of life stories in labour geography: why does it matter? *Geoforum*, Vol. 77, 1-4.

Dutta, M [2016]. The Nokia SEZ Story: Economy of disappearances. *Economic & Political Weekly*. Vol. L1 (51), 43-51.

Dutta, M. [2009]. 'Nokia SEZ: Public Price of Success'. *Economic & Political Weekly*, Vol. 44 (40), 23-25.

Dutta, M, Sreedhar, R, Basu, A. [2003]. 'The Blighted Hills of Roro, Jharkhand, India: A Tale of Corporate Greed and Abandonment'. *International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health*. Vol. 9(3), 254-259.

Dutta, M. [2003]. 'Controlling Use of Asbestos: India's Dubious Stand'. *The Economic and Political Weekly*, Issue no: 51-52, 5333-5334.

Articles in progress

'Becoming' factory workers: Understanding women's geographies of work through life stories. In *Gender, Place and Culture* themed issue: 'Feminist geographies of work and the body'. (Under revision)

Embodying loss: Reflections on responses of workers to a factory closure in Tamil Nadu, India. (For submission in *Antipode*).

Having a room of her own: Gender, Labour and Politics of Everyday Work-Life. (For submission in *Social and Cultural Geography*).

Book chapters

Jayaraman, N, Dutta, M. [2010]. 'Poisoned Future'. In Kelley, M., D'Souza, D. (*The World Bank in India: Undermining sovereignty, distorting development*). New Delhi. Orient Black Swan.

Dutta, M. 'We will tell them through our union': Formation of Nokia Employees' Union in a Special Economic Zone in Tamil Nadu, India. In Dutta, M., Brike, P., Nowak, J. (*Strikes and Workers Movements in the 21st century*). London. Rowman and Littlefield (full book manuscript accepted for publication in March 2018).

Dutta, M. 'Factory girls: Experiences of work-life of young women workers in an electronics factory in Sriperumbadur, Kancheepuram district, Tamil Nadu'. In Gopal, M., John, M. (*Women in the Worlds of Labour: Intersectional and Interdisciplinary Perspectives*), Sage publications, New Delhi (book manuscript under consideration).

Book reviews

Dutta, M. [2017]. 'Making of Poverty'. A review of 'Labour, State and Society in rural India' by Jonathan Pattenden. *Economic & Political Weekly*. Vol L11 (29), 31-33.

Dutta, M. [2017]. A review of 'On Gender, Labor and Inequality' by Ruth Milkman. *The Journal of Labor and Society*. Vol. 20(1), 139-143. Wiley Blackwell.

Dutta, M. [2015]. 'The World Factory: A review of Inside China's automobile factories. The Politics of labour and workers resistance'. *Working USA: The Journal of Labor and Society*. Vol. 18, 675-680. Wiley Blackwell.

Dutta, M. [2010]. 'Nought Without Cause'. *Economic & Political Weekly*. Vol. 45 (26&27).

Dutta, M. [2010]. 'Our Toxic World: A Guide to Hazardous Substances in our everyday lives'. *Biblio: A Review of Books*. Vol. XV (1&2).

Magazines articles

A Chemical Epidemic, Tehelka Magazine, Vol 7, Issue 27, Dated July 10, 2010.
http://www.tehelka.com/story_main45.asp?filename=Cr100710epidemic.asp

India's Death Mines, Tehelka Magazine, Vol 5, Issue 48, Dated Dec 06, 2008.
http://www.tehelka.com/story_main40.asp?filename=cr061208indias_death.asp

Compilation of articles published in Down To Earth:
<http://www.environmentportal.in/taxonomy/term/6883>

Newspapers articles

Desirability of nuclear power is the real question

<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/desirability-of-nuclear-power-is-the-real-question/article3939373.ece>

Come south, young man, but here be dragons

<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/come-south-young-man-but-here-be-dragons/article2974594.ece>

How the steel was tempered, Business Standard, New Delhi April 8, 2008.
<http://www.business-standard.com/india/storypage.php?autono=319341>

Poisoning the system, Hindustan Times, November 2008.
<http://www.hindustantimes.com/editorial-views-on/platform/Poisoning-the-system/Article1-353034.aspx>

Environment ministry plays ostrich, May 20, 2005. Indian Express.
<http://www.indianexpress.com/oldStory/70667/>

Web-based news/Blogs

A factory killing verdict that makes little sense, The Wire, January 13, 2016,
<http://thewire.in/2016/01/13/a-factory-killing-verdict-that-makes-little-sense-17938/>

'Make in India', unmade in Chennai, The Wire, November 2, 2015,
<http://thewire.in/author/madhumita-dutta/>

Dead Men (of Gujarat) Tell No Tales, Kafila, May 21, 2014,
<http://kafila.org/2014/05/21/dead-men-of-gujarat-tell-no-tales-madhumita-dutta-and-jagdish-patel/>

Ambika's Death, Kafila, January 21, 2011,
<http://kafila.org/2011/01/21/ambikas-death-madhumita-dutta-venkatachandrika-radhakrishnan/>

The New Cellular Jail, January 23, 2011, <http://kafila.org/2011/01/23/the-new-cellular-jailmadhumita-dutta-venkatachandrika-radhakrishnan/#more-6349>

Anbulla kaadu (My beloved forest), February, 18, 2011
<http://kafila.org/2011/02/18/anbulla-kaadu-my-beloved-forest-madhumita-dutta/>

Reports

'People's Audit of Special Economic Zones in Tamil Nadu: A Report'. October 2009. Co-authored for *Sirapu Porulaathara Mandalam Ethirpu Iyyakam* (Tamil Nadu anti-SEZ movement), 2009.

'Special Economic Zones: Land acquisition, Impact on Livelihood and Human Rights Violations in Tamil Nadu. A Report of Public Hearing. December 2008'. Co-authored for *Sirapu Porulaathara Mandalam Ethirpu Iyyakam* (Tamil Nadu anti-SEZ movement), 2008.

Department services Coordinating publication of Newsletters (Fall 2016 and Spring 2017) for Center for Global Workers' Rights, Labor and Employment Relations, Penn State.

Co-organising speaker series (Fall 2016 and Spring semesters 2017) for Center for Global Workers' Rights, Labor and Employment Relations, Penn State.

Co-organising Spring Symposium (2017) for Global Workers' Rights, Labor and Employment Relations, Penn State.

Conference organizer Co-organising speaker session at the Association of American Geographers annual conference in Boston, MA, April 5-9, 2017. Session titled: WWW: Women Workers Worldwide - Within and outside the Shopfloor.

Anonymous Reviewer *Gender, Place and Culture*

The Journal of Peasant Studies

Women's Studies International Forum

Non-academic employment

2004-2012: Coordinator, Corporate Accountability Desk, The Other Media, Delhi, India.

Overall management/administration of projects including project design, planning, implementation with team members; coordination amongst partner organizations, institutions; writing grant application/fund-raising. Researching, writing and publishing on issues related to social and environmental justice issues.

2002-2004: Travelled in various parts of India to volunteer and support communities fighting to protect their natural resources and livelihoods (e.g., Jharkhand, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh); support pollution impacted communities with information and strategies (Gujarat, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu); help set up and run an organic food kiosk with retrenched chemical factory workers in Vadodara, Gujarat; worked on human/civil rights issues around freedom of speech, minority rights etc.

1998-2002: Coordinator, Campaign and Research, Toxics Link, Delhi, India,

An Information clearing house on toxics and health. Work involved understanding the information needs of labor groups and fence-line communities residing next to chemical plants, writing and publishing information/outreach material on chemicals/pollutants, toxic technologies and its impact on health in a language and form accessible to communities, often requiring simplifying complicated scientific information into easily understandable language for community groups. Besides working with the grassroots communities groups, my work also involved several policy level interventions on chemicals/health at national and international forums organized by Indian government and United Nations agencies and also institutions such as Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.

1997-1998: Research Assistant (environment curriculum project), Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India.

Work involved writing teaching manuals for college teachers on ecology, conservation and civil action.

1995-1997: Reporter, Down to Earth (environment and science fortnightly magazine), Centre for Science and Environment.

1994-1995: Community Corp Volunteer with the World Wide Fund for Nature. Worked on a community based clean drinking water project in a Slum in New Delhi.

Language skills: English, Hindi, Bengali, Tamil (intermediate)

