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### **EDUCATION**

1970 PhD, Sociology, University of Delhi, India  
1966 MA, Sociology, University of Delhi, India  
1964 BA, Sanskrit, University of Delhi, India (Honors)

### **TEACHING POSITIONS**

#### **Johns Hopkins University**

2000---present Krieger-Eisenhower Professor of Anthropology  
2005---present Adjunct Professor of Humanities, Department of Comparative Thought and Literature

#### **New School University**

1997---2000 Professor of Anthropology,

#### **University of Delhi**

1982---2000 Professor, Department of Sociology  
1972---1982 Reader, Department of Sociology  
1970---1972 Lecturer, Department of Sociology  
1968---1970 Area Studies Fellow  
1967---1968 Lecturer, Department of Sociology

### **VISITING POSITIONS** (selected)

2016 Visiting Professor, University of Paris, Pantheon, Sorbonne  
2015 Simon Distinguished Professor, Manchester University UK,

- 2009 Fellow, Institut d'études avancées and Visiting Professor, EHESS, Paris  
 2006 Visiting Distinguished Professor, Grinnell College  
 2005 Professor, École normale supérieure , Paris
- 1990, 1991 Visiting Professor, Südasien Institut, University of Heidelberg  
 1986 Luce Professor of Ethics, Amherst College  
 1982 Professor, Divinity School and Department of Anthropology, Harvard University.  
 1977 Visiting Associate Professor, University of Chicago

### **ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

- 2017 (Fall) ( Chair, Department of Anthropology, Johns “Hopkins University  
 2011 (Fall) Member Academic Council, Johns Hopkins University
- 2001-2007 Member Academic Council, Johns Hopkins University
- 2001-2008 Chair, Department of Anthropology, The Johns Hopkins University
- 1994-1997 Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi
- 1995-1997 Dean of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Delhi

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2021 GDS Eminent Scholar Award , International Studies Association
- 2020 Sudhindra Chakrobarty Award , University of Calcutta
- 2019 Corresponding Fellow, British Academy
- 2018 Honorary Doctorate, Durham University, UK
- 2017 Distinguished Alumna Award, Delhi School of Economics.
2016. Honorary Doctorate, University of Bern
- 2014 Nessim Habif World Prize , University of Geneva
- 2014 Honorary Doctorate in Social Sciences, University of Edinburgh
- 2009 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship
- 2007 Fellow, Academy of Scientists of Developing countries (TWAS)
- 2001 Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, MA.
- 2000 Honorary Doctorate in Letters Humaine, University of Chicago

- 1995 Anders Retzius Gold Medal of the Swedish Society of Anthropology and Geography, the highest award of the Society
- 1991 University Grants Commission, Government of India National Lecturer, India.
- 1986 VKRA Rao Award for Outstanding Research in Social Sciences, ICSSR, Delhi
- 1975 G.S. Ghurye Award for Best Book in Sociology, University of Bombay

**NAMED LECTURES/ KEYNOTE ADDRESSES (selected since 1982)**

2020

“Science and Democracy : Some lessons of Covid-19”, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad, May 26th

“ 19 Pandemic and Higher Education: Challenges and Beyond”, Centre for Genocide Studies, Dacca, June 10<sup>th</sup>

2019 Smuts Memorial Lectures, Cambridge University  
Three Lectures on “Slum Acts in Three Scenes” (October 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> )

2019 “Textures of the Ordinary” , Keynote Address, Symposium on Life and Ethics, Dipartimento di Filosofia , Sapienza Università di Roma , 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May

2019 Invited Lecture, EMSH, Paris in the yearlong symposium “Violence et sortie de la violence”, titled “A Child Disappears: Law and Violence in the Interstices of Everyday Life, 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

2019 Visiting Distinguished Scholar, Center for Ethics, Pardubice University, 25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> March  
Three lectures on “Experience and Moral Subjectivity”

2018 “In the interstices of law and everyday life” Keynote address, Disorders of Democracy at The Graduate Institute, Geneva, May 10th

2018 Invited Keynote Address. Academy of Korean Studies, Seoul, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference on *Envisioning Humanities in the Era of a ‘Great Transformation of Civilization.’*, at Seoul, “The Boundaries of the We: Retrieving the Human”, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

2018 Invited Keynote Address, Swedish and Finnish Society of Anthropologists”, Uppsala, March 20, “It is not that ...”: Skepticism, Moral Insight, and Ordinary Realism

- 2018 “Keynote Address and Public Lecture, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, January 29  
The Character of the Possible: Modality and Mood in the Genre of Ethnography
- 2017 Radhakamal Mukherjee Lecture, Indian Sociological Society, Lucknow India, November 12,  
“The Vulnerability of Expert Knowledge: Observations on a Global Intervention on TB in an Indian City”
2016. Berkeley Annual Lecture on Religious Tolerance. University of California at Berkeley,  
“More than Religious Tolerance: Self, Other, and Mysteries of Erotics”, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016
- 2016 Wills Wood Annual Lecture in Religion, Amherst College. February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
“Ritual Action and Grammatical Action”,
2016. Culpeper Lecture, Department of Anthropology, History, and Social Medicine, San Francisco Medical School. “Medical Markets, Networks, and Providers”, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.
2016. “Aesthetic Emotion” Castle Public Lecture, University of Durham.
2016. “Psychiatric Power and the Urban Poor” Keynote Address and Public Lecture, workshop on “Trauma, Suffering, Healing” Institute of Humanities, Kyoto University
2015. “Fleeting Moments that Last Forever: Violence to and against the Everyday” Mellon Annual Lecture, Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University.
- 2015 “What does Ordinary Ethics look like? Reimagining Everyday life” D.S. Kothari Lecture, University of Delhi
- 2015 “The Limits of the Human: Wisdom, Knowledge, Acknowledgement” Keynote Address to the conference on Wisdom, University of Pittsburg.
2014. “War and Intimate Violence: Reading the Ethnographic Record in the Light of the Mahabharata” Chrystal Macmillan Lecture, University of Edinburgh
- 2013 “Finding an Address: Reflections on an Urban Neighborhood” M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture, Kings College, London
- 2013 “Meaning, Emotion and Poetic Voice” Golden Jubilee Lecture, Center for Study of Developing Societies, Delhi
- 2012 “Politics of the Urban Poor” Distinguished Lecture, Central University, Hyderabad.
- 2012 “State, Citizenship and the Urban Poor” Annual Sociology Lecture, Bogazici University, Istanbul

- 2012 “On Singularity” Keynote Address, Conference on “Freedom, Creativity and Decision: Toward an Anthropology of the Human Subject”, Cambridge University
- 2012 “Time, Subjectivity and the Poetic Voice” Allen Dundes Lecture, University of California, Berkeley,
- 2012 Keynote Address,” Reconstructing the Subject in the Aftermath of Violence”, Conference on “Emotion, Violence and the Subject” Frei Universität, Berlin
- 2011 Keynote Address, “Vital Power and Politics: Human Interactions with Living Things”, Association of Social Anthropologists in UK and the Commonwealth, Lampeter, Wales, UK
- 2011 Keynote Address, PACSA---PCC Conference on “The Local and the Global Understandings of War and Peace” Nicosia, Cyprus
- 2010 B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture, “Citizenship as a Claim” Baba Rao Ambedkar University, New Delhi.
- 2010 M.N. Srinivas Memorial Lecture, “Performance of Violence” Institute of Advanced Study, Bangaluru
- 2009 Distinguished Lecture, South Asia Program, UCLA
- 2008 Keynote Address, South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin,
- 2008 Keynote Address, Conference entitled A la recherche du genre, Swiss Graduate Program in Gender Studies, Geneva.
- 2008 Gillian Lectures in Asian Studies, Michigan State University
- 2007 Henry Morgan Lectures “Hindu---Muslim Relations in Urban India” , Rochester University.
- 2005 Distinguished Lecture, the Greater Boston Anthropology Consortium, “ “Psychiatric Illness and the urban Poor”, April 19th
- 2005 Wertheim Lecture, “ Illness, Hope and Despair” University of Amsterdam
- 2005 Frazer Lecture “Ethics of the Ordinary: Figures of Life and Law in the context of urban poverty” Oxford University.
- 1999 Barbara Stoller Miller Lecture, “Interpreting Ritual through the Experience of Death” University of Columbia
- 1982 Henry Myers Lecture of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great

Britain and Ireland, entitled “The Language of Sacrifice”

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

### *Books*

In Preparation *Destitution of Thought*

2021 *Le voix de l'ordinaire* by Veena Das (tr and edited .Marco Motta and Yves Erard), Laussane: BSN Press Collection A Contrario (in Press)

2021(In Press ) . *Slum Acts* Polity Press, London.

2020 *Vida e Palavras. A Violência em sua Descida ao Ordinário*. São Paulo: Editora da Unifesp,

2020 *Textures of the Ordinary: Doing Anthropology After Wittgenstein*. New York: Fordham University Press

2018. *Critical Events: An Anthropological Perspective on Contemporary India* ( new edition with a Foreword by Bhri Gupta Singh and an Afterword by Veena Das) Delhi: Oxford University Press

2015 *Four Lectures on Ethics* (co-authored with Michael Lambek, Dider Fassin and Webb Keane) Chicago: University of Chicago Press

2015 *Affliction: Health, Disease, Poverty*. Fordham University Press, New York

2012 *Structure and Cognition: Aspects of Hindu Caste and Ritual* (with a new Introduction) , Oxford Perennials, Delhi

2008 *Sujeto del Dolor, Agentes de Dignidad*, (Veena Das Reader ed. Francisco Ortega,) Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá.

2007 *Life and Words: Violence and the Descent into the Ordinary*, California University Press, Berkeley. (translated in Chinese)

1995 *Critical Events: An Anthropological Perspective on Contemporary India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi. (reprinted 2001)

1977 *Structure and Cognition: Aspects of Hindu Caste and Ritual*, Oxford University Press, Delhi. (Reprinted in 1982, 1991, 2012)

### **Edited Books/Special Issues**

- 2021 (with Diider Fassin) *Words and Worlds: A Lexicon for Dark Times*, Durham NC: Duke University Press
- 2015 *On names in South Asia: Iteration, (im)propriety and dissimulation* (with Jacob Copeman) *South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal (SAMAJ)* Online journal
- 2015 *Politics of the Urban Poor*. Special Issue of *Current Anthropology* (with Shalini Randeria) (
- 2015 *Living and Dying in the Contemporary World: A Compendium* (with Clara Han). University of California Press, Berkeley
- 2014 *The Ground Between : Anthropologists Engage Philosophy* (with Michael Jackson, Arthur Kleinman, Bhri Gupta Singh) Duke University Press, Durham
- 2010 *Anthropology and Sociology of Economic Life: the Moral Embedding of Economic Action* (with Ranendra Das). Oxford University Press, New Delhi
- 2004 *Anthropology in the Margins of the State* (with D.Poole) SAR, Santa Fe.
- 2003 *Oxford India Companion to Sociology and Social Anthropology*, Vol. 1 and Vol.2
- 2002 *Tradition, Pluralism and Identity: Essays in Honour of T.N. Madan* (with Dipankar Gupta and Patricia Uberoi,) Delhi, Sage.
- 2001 *Remaking a World* (with Arthur Kleinman, Margaret Lock, Mamphela Ramphele, and Pamela Reynolds), California University Press.
- 2000 *Violence and Subjectivity* (with Arthur Kleinman, Margaret Lock, Mamphela Ramphele and Pamela Reynolds), California University Press.
- 1998 *Social Suffering* (with Arthur Kleinman and Margaret Lock), California University Press, Berkeley.
- 1991 *Mirrors of Violence*, Oxford University Press, Delhi.
- 1986 *The Word and the World: Fantasy, Symbol and Record*, Sage Publications, Delhi.

Papers

In Press

“Simulated Patients and their Reality: An Inquiry into theory and Method” (lead author). *Social Science and Medicine*.

“Maurice Godelier on Claude Lévi-Strauss: Steps on a Path to Thinking” cultural critique”

2021

“Knowledge” in *Words and Worlds: A Lexicon for a Dark Times* (ed. Veena Das and Didier Fassin), Durham NC: Duke University Press. (in Press)

“Concepts Criss-Crossing: Anthropology and Knowledge Making” in *Living with Concepts: Anthropology in the Grip of Reality*, (ed. Andrew Brandel and Marco Motta). New York: Fordham University Press:

“Postface” in *Le voix de l'ordinaire* by Veena Das (tr. and ed. Marco Motta and Yves Erard), Lausanne: BSN Press Collection A Contrario

“Politics as the Given” *Conditions humaine: Conditions politique*.

2020

“Shifting Vocabularies of Sovereignty . Comment” *Current Anthropology* 61.6 (2020): 000-000.

“ At the point of confluence of sociology and Indology” by Axel Michaels . Comment. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 2020, 54(3): 388-08

2019

“Where is democracy in India? Asking Anthropological theory to open its doors”. *Anthropological Theory Commons*, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

“Of Mistakes, Errors, and Superstition” in *The Mythology in our Language: Wittgenstein's Remarks on Frazer* (ed. by Giovanni da Col and Stephen Palmié, Chicago: HAU Books, , 155-180.



“A Child Disappears: Law in the Courts, Law in the Interstices of Everyday Life” *Contributions to Indian Sociology*. Vol 53 (1) 1-36

“ Use of standardised patients to assess gender differences in quality of tuberculosis care in urban India: a two-city, cross-sectional study”. *The Lancet Global Health*, 7(5), e633-e643.(jointly authored with Benn Daniels et al)

Use of standardised patients for healthcare quality research in low-and middle-income countries. *BMJ global health*, 4(5), e001669.(jointly authored with Ada Kwan et al)

2018

“Ethics, Self-Knowledge, and Life Taken as a Whole”. *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*. Vol 8(3): 537-549

“Being false to oneself?” in *Fake: Anthropological Keywords* (ed. Jacob Copeman and Giovanni d Col) Chicago: HAU Books: 31-48

"Variations in the quality of tuberculosis care in urban India: A cross-sectional, standardized patient study in two cities." (with Kwan, Ada, et al. *PLoS Medicine* 15.9: e1002653.

“Analysis: Between the Empirical and the Conceptual” in *Social Analysis* (Forum on What is Analysis? Between Theory, Ethnography and Method”) by Martin Holbraad et al, Vol. 62 (1): 1- 30

“The Life of Concepts and How They Speak to Experience” in *The Composition of Anthropology: How Anthropological Texts are Written*. (ed. Morton Nelsen and Nigel Rapport) London: Routledge. , 15 to 25.

“On Singularity and the Event: Further Reflections on the Ordinary” in *Recovering the Human Subject: Freedom, Creativity, and Decision* (ed. James Laidlaw, Barbara Bodenhorn, and Martin Holbraadt” Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018, 53-73

“Locations and locutions: unravelling the concept of “world anthropology”, in *Post –Western Sociology: From China to Europe* (ed.Laurence Roulleau-Berger and Li Pielin, Routledge, London, 88 -106 (with Andrew Brandel and Shalini Randeria)

2017

“Dans le pas de l’engant: la voix philosophique de Cavell” . *a contrano: L’éducation et la figure del’enfant chez Wittgenstein et Cavell* (Sous la direction d’Yves Erard,Pierre Fasula, Marco Motta etoséphine Stebler”. Vol.25: ebook

“Effect of Social Franchising Programs on Healthcare Provider Knowledge and Quality of Care in Bihar, India: a quasi-experimental difference-in-difference Analysis” (with Manoj Mohanan, Giardili, S. et al). *e Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 95(5), 343.

“Companionable Thinking: Responses to comments on *Affliction: Health, Disease, Poverty*”. *Medicine Anthropology, Theory*  
doi.org/10.17157/mat.4.3.486 <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/soca.2018.26.issue-1/issuetoc>

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“Grains of experience” in *Somatophere*. <http://somatosphere.net/2017/02/book-forum-nayanika-mookherjee-the-spectral-wound.html>

2016

"Use of standardised patients to assess antibiotic dispensing for tuberculosis by pharmacies in urban India: a cross-sectional study." (joint authorship with J.Das et al) *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* 16.11 : 1261-1268.

“Medical pluralism and health care for the poor” MFC Bulletin. Nov. 2016-April 2016: 59-62

“The boundaries of the “we”: Cruelty, responsibility, and forms of life.” *Critical Horizons: A Journal of Philosophy and Social Theory*. Vol. 17 (2): 168-185

2015

“Naming beyond pointing: Singularity, relatedness and the foreshadowing of death” *South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal (SAMAJ)* Online journal, Vol.12, <https://samaj.reveus.org>

“Introduction On names in South Asia: Iteration, (im)propriety and dissimulation” (with Jacob Copeman) *South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal (SAMAJ)* Online journal, Vol.12, <https://samaj.reveus.org>

“Social sciences and public debates: The case of India” (with Shalini Randeria. *Socio: Invention les Sciences Sociales Potoccidentales* Vol.5: 81-98

“Corruption and the possibility of life.” *Contributions to Indian Sociology* 49.3 : 322-343.

“Politics of the urban poor: Aesthetics, ethics, volatility, precarity” (with Sahalini Randeria). *Current Anthropology*. Vol.56, Suppl. 11, 3-14

“Political leadership and the urban poor” (with Michael Walton) *Current Anthropology*, Vol.56, Suppl. 11,

“Use of standardised patients to assess quality of tuberculosis care: a pilot, cross-sectional study” (with J.Das., A.Kwan, B.Daniels., S.Satyanarayana, R.Subbaraman, S.Bergkvist, R.Das and M.Pai). *Lancet Infectious Diseases*, [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099\(15\)00077-8](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(15)00077-8)

“Professionalism and Expertise: Comment” in *Detachment: Essays on the Limits of Relational Thinking* (ed. Matei Candea et al), Manchester University Press, Manchester, 102-114.

“Adjacent Thinking: A Postscript” in *Wording the World: Veena Das and Scenes of Inheritance*” (ed. Roma Chatterji) Fordham University Press, New York, 2015, 372-399.

“The Know-Do Gap in Quality of Health-Care for Childhood Diarrhea and Pneumonia in Rural India” (co-authored) *JAMA Pediatrics*, 2015, February (online)

#### 2014

“Experiments between Anthropology and Philosophy: Affinities and antagonisms” (co-authored) in *The Ground Between: Anthropologists Engage Philosophy*. Duke University Press, Durham., 1-25.

“Action, expression, and everyday life: Recounting household events” in *The Ground Between: Anthropologists Engage Philosophy*. Duke University Press, Durham, 279-306.

“Democratic strivings, social sciences and public debates; The case of India” (with Shalini Randeria) *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 116 (1): 60-65

#### 2013

Entries on Asad, Talal; Srinivas, M.N, and Wittgenstein, Ludwig in *Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology: An Encyclopedia*. (Vols. 1 and 2). (ed. R.Jon McGee, Richard L Warmes) . Sage Reference, London, (pp. 33---36; 810---812; 937---939)

"Neighbors and acts of silent kindness." *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 3.1 (2013), Vol. 3 (1): 217---220.

"Knowledge Production and Regional Scholarship." *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* .. Vol. 33 (3) 272---275.

“War and the mythological imagination” *Anthropologia*. 2013, Anno XIII (16): 25-36

“Cohabiting an interreligious milieu: Reflections on religious diversity”.in *A Companion to the Anthropology of Religion*. (ed. Janice Boddy and Michael Lambek), Wiley Blackwell, London, Chapter 3, 69-84.

“Being---together with animals: Death, violence and non---cruelty in Hindu imagination” in *Living Beings: Perspectives on Interspecies Engagements* (ed. Penny

2012

“In urban and rural India, a standardized patient study showed low levels of provider training and huge quality gaps” (coauthored) *Health Affairs*, 2012, Vol. 31: 2774---2784

“South Asia: the stake of theory” in *Handbook of Sociocultural Anthropology* (ed. J. Carrier and D. Gewertz, Oxford: Berg Publishers

“Gathering the center” *Seminar* (Special Issue entitled Institutional Legacy), No. 639: 12---15.

“The mental---health gender gap in urban India: patterns and narratives” (with J.Das and R.Das) *Social Science and Medicine*, vol. 75: 1660---72

“Violence and non-violence at the heart of Hindu ethics” in *Oxford Handbook on Religion and Violence*,(ed. Mark Jurgensmeyer, Margo Kitts, and Michael Jerryson ) New York: Oxford University Press, 15-41.

“The dreamed guru: entangled lives of an amil and a guru” in *The Guru in South Asia : Interdisciplinary Perspectives* , (ed. Jacob Copeman and Aye Ikigama) ) , London: Routledge,, Chapter 7

“Ordinary ethics” in *A Companion to Moral Anthropology of* (ed. Didier Fassin), Oxford: Blackwell---Wiley. Chapter 8.

2011

“AIDS as a biosocial formation” in *The Fourth Wave: Violence, Gender, Culure and HIV in the Twenty---first Century* (ed. Vinh---Kim Nguyen and Jennifer F.Klot) SSRC Publications, New York, , 13---18.

“ Economies of knowledge: A Short commentary” in *Anthropology and Development*” (ed. Soumhya Venketeshwaran et al ) Oxford: Bergham Publishers, 58---61

“State, citizenship and the urban poor” *Citizenship Studies*, 2011, Vol. 15, 319-333

2010

“Sexuality, vulnerability and the oddness of the human?” *Borderlands*, 2010., Vol. 9,

“The life of humans and the life of haunted spirits” in *Rethinking the Human* (ed. J.M.Mollina and D.Swearer), Cambridge, Ma: Harvard University Press, 31---51.

“Engaging the Life of the other: Love and everyday Life” in *Ordinary Ethics: Anthropology, Language and Action* (ed. Michael Lambak) New York: Fordham University Press, New York 376-400

“Passionate performance: 26/11, Mumbai” in *Performances of Violence* (ed. Austin Sarat, Carleen R.Basler, Thomas L.Dumm), Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press , 118---140, 2010

“Of M.F. Husain and an impossible love” in *Barefoot Across the Nation* (ed. Sumathi Ramaswamy) London: Routledge, 116---130, 2010

“Moral striving in the everyday: To be a Muslim in contemporary India” in *Ethical Life in South Asia* (ed. Anand Pandian and Daud Ali) Indiana: Bloomington, 232-253,

“Introduction: the moral embedding of economic action” in *The Sociology and Anthropology of Economic Life*, (ed. with R.K.Das) Delhi: Oxford University Press

2009

“Two plaits and a step in the world: a childhood remembered” in *Remembered Childhood: Essays in Honour of André Bèteille*, (ed. Malavika Karlekar and Rudragshu Mukherjee) Delhi: Oxford University Press, 196-209.

“Illness and the urban poor: Psychiatric institutions and the singularity of lives” in *Enchantments of Modernity: Empire, Nation, Globalization* (ed. S.Dube) Delhi: Routledge, 152-170

“Anthropology, knowledge flows and global health” (with S.Freeman, A. Kleinman, K.Stewart and P.Farmer), *Global Public Health*, December, 2009, <http://www.informaworld.com/10.108>

“Fire related deaths in India in 2001: a retrospective analysis” (with P. Sanghavi and K. Bhalla) *Lancet*, March, Vol. 373., Issue 9671, 1282---1288, 2009

2008

“The modalities of the domestic” (with Jonathan M Ellen and Lori Leonard). *Home Cultures*, Vol. 5(3): 349---377, 2008

“Violence, gender and subjectivity” *Annual Review of Anthropology*, Vol. 37, 283---299

“If this be magic: excursions into contemporary Hindu Lives. In *Religion: Beyond a Concept* (ed. Hent de Vries) New York: Fordham University Press, 259- 282

2007

“How the body speaks: Illness and the life-world among the urban poor” In *Subjectivity: Ethnographic Investigations* (ed. Joao Biehl, Byron Good, Arthur Kleinman) Berkeley: University of California Press, 66---98, 2007

“Trauma and testimony: Between law and discipline” *Ethos*, Vol. 35 (33): 330-35

“The citizen as sexed: women, violence and reproduction” in *Women and the Contested State* (ed. Monique Skidmore and Patricia Lawrence) Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 29-50

2006

“Poverty, marginality and illness” *American Ethnologist*, Vol. 33 (11): 27---32, 2006

“Kinship, memory and time in the lives of HIV patients in a North American city”(with L. Leonard) In *Ghosts of Memory: Essays on Remembrance and Relatedness*.Blackwell Publishers, London: 194-218

“Pharmaceuticals in urban ecologies: The register of the local” (with R.K.Das). In *Global Pharmaceuticals: Ethics, Markets, Practices* (ed. Adriana Petryna, Andrew Lakoff, and Arthur Kleinman). Durham: Duke University Press, 171-206,

“Sexual violence, discursive formations, and the state” in *States of Violence* (eds.Fernando Coronil and Julie Skurski) Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 393-425

2004

“Gemeinschaften als politische Akteure: Die Frage der kulturellen Rechte” *Soziale Welt*, Sonderband 15, 137---155.

“State and its margins: comparative ethnographies” (with Deborah Poole) in *Anthropology in the Margins of the State* (with Deborah Poole) Santa Fe: SAR, 3-35,

“The signature of the state: the paradox of illegibility” in *Anthropology in the Margins of the State* (with Deborah Poole) Santa Fe: SAR, 225-253

2003

“Community and violence in contemporary Punjab” (with R. Singh Bajwa) in *Violence/Non-Violence: Some Hindu Perspectives* (eds. Denis Vidal, Gilles Tarabout, and Eric Meyer) New Delhi: Manohar, , 54---68, 2003

“Technologies of self: poverty and health in an urban setting” In *Shaping Technologies, Sarai Reader 03*, Delhi: Autonomedia . 95-103

“Trauma and testimony: implications for political community” *Anthropological Theory*, 3, 293-307

2002

“Wittgenstein and Anthropology,” in *Ludwig Wittgenstein: Critical Assessment of Leading Philosopher Series*, Vol. 4 (revised version of paper published in 1998) London: Routledge Philosophy Series, 2002

“Sexual Violation and the Making of Engendered Subject,” in *Discrimination and Toleration* (ed. K. Hastrup and G. Ulrich) London: Kluwer International, 257---265,

“Tradition, pluralism and identity: framing the issues” in *Tradition, Pluralism and Identity: Essays in Honour of T.N. Madan* (co-edited with Deepankar Gupta and Patricia Uberoi) Delhi: Sage, 1---26, 2002

2001

“Disability and domestic citizenship: Voice, gender and the making of the subject” (with Renu Addlakha), *Public Culture*, 13 (3), 511-531,

“Violence and Translation” *Anthropological Quarterly*, 75(1), 105-112

“The act of witnessing: violence, poisonous knowledge, and subjectivity” in *Violence and Subjectivity* (with Arthur Kleinman, Margaret Lock, Mamphela Ramphela

2000

“Disease control and immunization: a sociological enquiry” (with Ranendra K. Das and Lester Coutinho) *Economic and Political Weekly* (Special Issue on Social Science and Immunisation), 35, 625---633

“The making of modernity: gender and time in Indian cinema.” In *Questions of Modernity* ( ed. Timothy Mitchell) Minneapolis: Minnesota University Press,

“The practice of organ transplants: networks, documents, translations” In *Living and Working with New Technologies: Intersections of Inquiry* (ed. Margaret Lock et al.) London: Cambridge University Press, 263---288, 2000

“Violence and the work of time” In *Signifying Identities: Anthropological Perspectives on Boundaries and Contested Values* (ed. Anthony P Cohen).London: Routledge, 59-75

“Scientific and political representations: Cholera vaccine in India” (with Abhibit Dasgupta) *Economic and Political Weekly* (Special Issue on Social Science and Immunisation), 35, 633---645,

1999

“Public good, ethics and everyday life: beyond the boundaries of bioethics” *Daedalus*, 128(4), 99---133, 1999

1998

“Anthropological knowledge, alterity and autobiographical voice” in *Anthropological Journeys: Reflections on Fieldwork* (ed. Meenakshi Thapan), Hyderabad, India: Orient Longman Limited, 41-54,

“Hunger” *Seminar* (Special Issue on Children), 67-75,

“Specificities: Official Narratives, Rumour, and the Social Production of Hate” *Social Identities*, 4(1) 109-130

1997

“Sufferings, theodicies, disciplinary practices, appropriations” *International Social Science Journal*, 154, 563---573, 1997

1996

“Dislocation and rehabilitation: defining a field” *Economic and Political Weekly*, 31(24), 1509---1514

“Language and body: transactions in the constructions of pain” *Daedalus*, 125, 67-

1995

“Voice as birth of culture” *Ethnos*, 60(3), 159---179, 1995



“On soap opera: what kind of anthropological object is it?” in *Worlds Apart: Modernity Through the Prism of the Local* (ed. Daniel Miller) London: Routledge, 169---189,

“National honor and practical kinship: unwanted women and children” in *Conceiving the New World Order: The Global Politics of Reproduction* (eds. Faye D. Ginsburg and Rayna Rapp) Berkeley: University of California Press, 212-234

1994

“Modernity and biography: women’s lives in contemporary India” *Thesis Eleven*, 39, 52--62

1991

“Composition of the personal voice: violence and migration” *Studies in History*, 7(1), 65-77

1990

“The imaging of Indian women: missionaries and journalists” in *Conflicting Images: India and the United States* (ed. Sulochana Raghavan Glazer) Riverdale Co. Publishing, 203---220 1990

1989

“Subaltern as Perspective” *Subaltern Studies*, VI, 310-325

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