

Curriculum Vitae

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Name: Anindita Chakrabarti

Current Affiliation: Professor of Sociology at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kanpur, India.

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Educational Qualifications:

Ph.D. (Sociology) University of Delhi (Oct 1999 to Oct 2006). Degree awarded in June 2007.

M.Phil (Sociology) University of Delhi 1997

M.A. (Sociology) University of Delhi 1995

B.A. (Sociology) Calcutta University 1993

Distinctions and fellowships:

1. Fellow at the India Gold Policy Centre (IGPC), IIM Ahmedabad, May 2023-April 24.
2. Senior Research Fellow at the Cluster of Excellence, “Religion and Politics” at Munster University, Germany, May-June 2024.
3. Senior Research Fellow at Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies (HCAS) at Leipzig University, June-July 2022.
4. Visiting Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (February-May 2022).
5. Visiting Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, April 2022.
6. Senior Research Fellow, Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies (HCAS) at Leipzig University. 2016-2020.
7. Visiting Fellow, Department of Sociology, Delhi University. 2015
8. Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Study of Social Systems (CSSS), JNU. 2014
9. Visiting Professor, Leipzig University. 2013
10. Doctoral Fellowship awarded by Sephis (South-South Exchange Programme for Research on the History of Development) the Netherlands. 2004-05

11. Visiting Research Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley. 2005
12. University Grants Commission (Junior Research Fellowship) 1999-2004
13. First Rank, M.Phil. in Sociology (University of Delhi) 1997
14. First Rank, M.A. in Sociology (University of Delhi) 1995
15. First Rank, B.A. in Sociology (University of Calcutta) 1993

Awards:

1. MCX-IIMA Award for Excellence in Research on Gold, 2025.
2. Professor M. N. Srinivas Memorial Prize 2010 awarded by the Indian Sociological Society, 2010
3. Kunda Datar Gold Medal for performance in M.A. at the Department of Sociology, Delhi University, 1995

Publications:

• **Books:**

1. Anindita Chakrabarti and Barbara Harriss-White (ed.) *Gold in India: Commodity, Culture, and Economic Circuits* (Cambridge University Press, 2025).
2. Sudha Sitharaman and Anindita Chakrabarti (ed.). *Religion and Secularity: Reconfiguring Islam in Contemporary India* (Orient Blackswan, 2020).
3. Anindita Chakrabarti. *Faith and Social Movements: Religious Reform in Contemporary India* (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

• **Ongoing Book Project**

1. I am currently co-editing Vol. 6: South Asia and Maritime Southeast Asia in the series titled, *Global Secularity: A Sourcebook* which is part of the “Multiple Secularities: Beyond Modernities, Beyond West” Project.

• **Journal Publications:**

1. K.C. Mujeebu Rahman and Anindita Chakrabarti. “Muslim Personal Law, Inheritance, and Innovation: Muslim Property Rights in Malabar, Kerala.” *Economic and Political Weekly* (accepted).

2. Anindita Chakrabarti, Ayushi Dube, and Shriram Venkatraman. "God's Wealth, Legal Frames, and the Question of Material and Immaterial Heritage: The Case of Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Kerala, India." *Cultural Studies, Taylor & Francis*, 2024, 1–21.
3. Anindita Chakrabarti et al. "Of Marriage, Divorce and Criminalisation: Reflections on the Triple Talaq Judgment in India." *Journal of Legal Anthropology, Berghahn*, 6 no.1. 2022: 24-48.
4. K. C. Mujeebu Rahman and Anindita Chakrabarti. "Sharia, Legal Pluralism and Muslim Personal Law: Ethnographic Lessons from the Mahallu System of Malabar, India." *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs, Taylor & Francis*, 2022: 1-16.
5. Suchandra Ghosh and Anindita Chakrabarti. "Religion-based 'Personal' Law, Legal Pluralism and Secularity: A Field View of Adjudication of Muslim Personal Law in India" in *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*, 2021.
6. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Religious Freedom, Legal Activism and Muslim Personal Law in Contemporary India: A Sociological Exploration of Secularism" *Annual Review of Sociology of Religion, Brill*, Vol. 12. Special issue on "Religious Freedom: Social-Scientific Approaches" 2021.
7. Sruti Kanungo and Anindita Chakrabarti. "Gold governance and goldsmithery: Economic sociology of an informal manufacturing sector in India" *Contributions to Indian Sociology, Sage*, 55, 2, 2021.
8. Anindita Chakrabarti and Suchandra Ghosh. "Judicial Reform vs Adjudication of Personal Law: View from a Muslim Ghetto in Kanpur," *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 52, No. 2, Dec 2017.
9. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Democracy as Civil Religion: Reading Alexis De Tocqueville in India" in *Journal of Human Values, Sage*, Vol. 22 (1) January 2016.
10. Suchandra Ghosh and Anindita Chakrabarti. 2015. "Kaumi Ek Jayate: A Call for Interfaith Unity" *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 50, No. 26-27. pp. 25-27.

11. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Soteriological Journeys and Discourses of Self Transformation: the Tablighi Jamaat and Svadhyaya in Gujarat" in *South Asian History and Culture*, Routledge Publication, Vol. 1 (4) 2010.

12. Anindita Chakrabarti and Niharika Banerjea. "Primary Education in Himachal Pradesh: A Case of Kinnaur District" in *Journal of Educational Planning and Administration*, Vol. XIV, No 4, October 2000.

- **Book Chapters:**

1. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Introduction" Anindita Chakrabarti and Barbara Harriss-White (ed.) *Gold in India: Commodity, Culture, and Economic Circuits* (Cambridge University Press) 2025.
2. Sruti Kanungo and Anindita Chakrabarti. "Gold Smithery and Gold Smiths: How India's Informal Goldsmithery Sector Works" Anindita Chakrabarti and Barbara Harriss-White (ed.) *Gold in India: Commodity, Culture, and Economic Circuits* (Cambridge University Press) 2025.
3. Madhuparna Nayak and Anindita Chakrabarti. "Gold Trade and Gold Traders: the Subarnabankis of Bengal" Anindita Chakrabarti and Barbara Harriss-White (ed.) *Gold in India: Commodity, Culture, and Economic Circuits* (Cambridge University Press) 2025.
4. K. C. Mujeebu Rahman and Anindita Chakrabarti. "Malabar Gold: Relational, Reproductive Saving, Gendered Property, and Wealth Accumulation Among Kerala Muslims." Anindita Chakrabarti and Barbara Harriss-White (ed.) *Gold in India: Commodity, Culture, and Economic Circuits* (Cambridge University Press) 2025.
5. K. C. Mujeebu Rahman and Anindita Chakrabarti. "Max Weber, Religion, and Economic Acumen: the Curious Case of Muslim Entrepreneurship in Malabar, India" in *Verstehen als soziologischer Zugang zur Welt- Festschrift* for Monika Wohlrab-Sahr Uta Karstein, Marian Burchardt & Thomas Schmidt-Lux (ed). (Frankfurt: Campus verlag) 2022.

6. Sudha Sitharaman & Anindita Chakrabarti. “Anthropology of Islam in Contemporary India: A Conceptual Overview” in Sudha Sitharaman and Anindita Chakrabarti (ed.). *Religion and Secularity: Reconfiguration of Islam in Contemporary India* (Orient Blackswan) 2020.
7. Suchandra Ghosh and Anindita Chakrabarti “Adjudication of Personal Law and the Question of Secularity: An Analysis of Judicial Practice in Sharia Courts of Uttar Pradesh” in Sudha Sitharaman and Anindita Chakrabarti (ed.). *Religion and Secularity: Reconfiguration of Islam in Contemporary India* (Orient Blackswan) 2020.
8. Sruti Kanungo and Anindita Chakrabarti. ‘A Sociological Study of Work, Mobility and Enterprise among the Goldsmiths of India: A Multi-Sited Ethnography’, in *Methodological Issues in Social Entrepreneurship Knowledge and Practice* edited by Satyajit Majumdar and Edakkandi Meethal Reji. (Singapore: Springer). 2020.
9. Anindita Chakrabarti. “Initiation, ‘Re-birth’ and the Emergent Congregation: An Analysis of the Svadhyaya Movement in Western India”, in *Ritual Matters: Dynamic Dimensions in Practice*, edited by Christiane Brosius and Ute Hüskens, (London: Routledge) 2010.
10. Anindita Chakrabarti. “Soteriological Journeys and Discourses of Self Transformation: the Tablighi Jamaat and Svadhyaya in Gujarat” in *Gujarat Beyond Gandhi: Politics, Conflict and Society*, edited by Nalin Mehta and Mona G. Mehta (New Delhi: Routledge) 2011.
11. Anindita Chakrabarti. “Judicious Succession and Judicial Religion: Internal Conflict and Legal Dispute in a Religious Reform Movement in India”, in *Permutations of Order: Religion and Law as Contested Sovereignties*, edited by Bertram Turner and Thomas Kirsch, (London: Ashgate). 2009.¹
12. Anindita Chakrabarti “Assertive Religious Identities, the Secular Nation-State and the Question of Pluralism: the Case of the Tablighi Jamaat” in *Assertive Religious Identities: India and Europe*, edited by Satish Saberwal and Mushirul Hasan, (New Delhi: Manohar) 2006.

¹ This paper won the M. N. Srinivas Memorial Prize awarded by the Indian Sociological Society in 2010.

- **Popular Sociology**

1. Kalindi Kokal, and Anindita Chakrabarti, "Why India's Waste Crisis Persists in Rural Areas: Lessons from a Coastal Taluka in Maharashtra". *Down to Earth*, 2025, <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/waste/why-indias-waste-crisis-persists-in-rural-areas-lessons-from-a-coastal-taluka-in-maharashtra>
2. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Fear and Shame: Slow Food." https://www.academia.edu/36566225/Fear_and_Shame_Slow_Food.
3. Anindita Chakrabarti. "A Passage to Kerala: Slow Food." https://www.academia.edu/36566227/A_Passage_to_Kerala_Slow_Food.

- **Working Paper (peer-reviewed)**

Suchandra Ghosh and Anindita Chakrabarti. "Religion-based 'Personal' Law, Legal Pluralism and Secularity: A Field View of Adjudication of Muslim Personal Law in India" Working Paper Series 16 of the HCAS *Multiple Secularities – Beyond the West, Beyond Modernities*. Leipzig University, 2019.

- I have published **book-reviews** in *Contributions to Indian Sociology* and the *Biblio*.

- **E-Learning Web-Course**

MHRD web-course titled *Rural and Urban Sociology (NPTEL)* 2012.

Current Research Interests: sociology of law, sociology of religion, economic sociology with a focus on sociology of work, wealth accumulation, inheritance and entrepreneurship

Teaching:

- **Undergraduate level:**

1. Urban Sociology
2. Introductory Sociology
3. Indian Society and Culture
4. Indian Society and Social Problem

- **Postgraduate level:**

1. Sociological Theories
2. Economy and Society
3. Methods of Sociological Research
4. Sociology of Social Movement

5. Sociology of Religion
6. Law and Religion: A Sociological Perspective
7. Social Change in Contemporary India
8. Sociology of Money

PhD Supervision:

Awarded

1. Shahul Ameen K.T.: *“Religion, Civil Society and Democracy: The Jamaat-e-Islami and the Solidarity Youth Movement in Kerala”*. Awarded in November 2015
2. Suchandra Ghosh: *A Sociological Study of Adjudication at Dar-ul-Qaza: Personal Law, Personal Disputes and the Question of Legal Pluralism*. Awarded in November 2019
3. Sruti Kanungo: *Gold and Goldsmiths: A Sociological Study of the Informal Economy, Work and State Regulation in India*. Thesis Awarded in May 2020
4. K. C. Mujeebu Rahman: *Religion and Economic Acumen: An Ethnographic Study Of Islamic Entrepreneurship In Malabar, Kerala*. Thesis Awarded in May 2024.
5. Ayushi Dube: *Between Family and State: A Socio-legal Ethnography of Inheritance and Maintenance Disputes in the District Court of Ayodhya (India)*. Thesis Awarded in September 2024.
6. Madhuparna Nayak: *Gold Trade, Business Succession, and Kindred Ties: A Sociological Study of the Subarnabankis of Bengal*. April 2025.

Currently, I am supervising nine doctoral students. They are working on a range of themes in economic sociology and sociology of law. These themes include wealth accumulation and inheritance, sociology of business and entrepreneurship, religion and personal law.

Papers presented (after joining IIT Kanpur)

National and international seminars, workshops and conferences:

1. Sagnik Bhattacharya, and Anindita Chakrabarti, "Reproductive Labour, Technology and Law: A Sociological Exploration of the Surrogacy Act, 2021". *International Conference on Women Shaping a Sustainable Future: Converging Science and Society Celebrating Science and Society*, University of Kerala, Kariavattom Campus, Thiruvananthapuram, December 2025.
2. Anindita Chakrabarti, "Deity as Juristic Person and the Hindu Joint Family as Corporate Entity: Legal Subjectivity and Innovations in Post-Colonial India", International Conference *Reconsidering Legal Subjectivity in and Through the Anthropocene*, Goethe University Frankfurt, November 2025.
3. Sagnik Bhattacharya and Anindita Chakrabarti, 'Incentivised Altruism: Reframing Continuities of Surrogacy Compensations in India's Moral Economy', British Sociological Association: Work, Employment and Society Conference, Manchester, United Kingdom, September 2025
4. Brishti Sen Banerjee and Anindita Chakrabarti, 'Entrepreneurial Craftsmanship: The transformation of the craft industry in West Bengal, India', SASE Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, July 2025 (Online).
5. Brishti Sen Banerjee and Anindita Chakrabarti 'To Digitalise or not to Digitalise: small-scale industries' engagement with digital platforms' ,British Sociological Association Annual Conference, Manchester, United Kingdom, April 2025.
6. Brishti Sen Banerjee and Anindita Chakrabarti. "Debt, Dependency, and Gender: Exploring the Relationship between Debt and Self-employed Women Entrepreneurs in India" at the 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) and Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka, February 2025.
7. Ayushi Dube and Anindita Chakrabarti "Between Family and State: Elderly Care, Inheritance, and the Generational Contract in the Indian Context", *Symposium on Life Course and Everyday Life of Older People Living in Poverty*, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, November 2024 (Online).

8. K. C. Mujeebu Rahman and Anindita Chakrabarti, "From Socio-Religious Practices to Corporate Structures: Exploring the Integration of Muslim Personal Law and Secular Regulations among Muslim Entrepreneurs in India" [International Workshop] *Muslim and Non-Muslim Interactions in Secular Contexts: Trans-Asian Comparison and Entanglement*. The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 4-5 October 2024.
9. Anindita Chakrabarti and Siddharth Premkumar "God, Gold and Governance: a network
10. analysis of Trans-Oceanic trade, wealth accumulation and early empire-building in the South Deccan" *7th India Gold Policy Centre - IIMA Annual Gold and Gold Markets Conference 2024*, Feb 2024. New Delhi.
11. Brishti Sen Banerjee, Anindita Chakrabarti and Madhuparna Nayak "Sociology of Family Firms: A (Re)view from India" International Family Business Enterprises Conference organized by Foundation for Research, Education and Development, 2023.
12. K. C. Mujeebu Rahman, and Anindita Chakrabarti "Gold Standard in Household Economy: A Qualitative Study of Gold Consumption in Malabar" *6th India Gold Policy Centre - IIMA Annual Gold and Gold Markets Conference 2023*, Feb 2023. New Delhi.
13. Ayushi Dube and Anindita Chakrabarti "Gender, Family, and Property Rights: Narratives from the District Court of Ayodhya (India)", The *6th Conference of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies, Human Dignity, Law, and Religious Diversity: Designing the Future of Inter-Cultural Societies*, Córdoba, September 2022.
14. Madhuparna Nayak and Anindita Chakrabarti "The Double Life of Gold: Trade, Pawning and Affective Circulation of Gold Jewellery in India", *European Sociological Association RN09 Economic Sociology Midterm Conference: Categories, Transformations and Exchanges*, University of Warsaw, Poland, September 2022.
15. Anindita Chakrabarti and K. C. Mujeebu Rahman. "Gold as a Gift and Capital: Inheritance, Wealth Accumulation and Kinship in Malabar" At a two-day workshop

on *South Asia Work in Progress* at Department of Social Anthropology, Max Planck Institute, June 2-4, 2022.

16. Ayushi Dube and Anindita Chakrabarti "Religious Freedom, Human Rights, and Secular Governance in India: A Socio-legal Study of Jain Santhara", *Flashpoints Conference: Law, Human Rights and Religion*, Nottingham Law School, December 2021.
17. Anindita Chakrabarti and K. C. Mujeebu Rahman "Of Marriage, Divorce and Family Laws: Feminist Activism and Muslim Personal Law Reform in India", Workshop on *The Best of Intentions: Marriage, Women's Rights and Legal Reform in Muslim Societies*, Journal of Legal Anthropology, November 2021.
18. Anindita Chakrabarti and Mujeebu Rahman K. C. "Religion as an Object of Social Scientific Study: the Case of Islam in India", Workshop on *Religion as an Object of Historical and Social Scientific Study: Global Perspectives* at Leipzig University November 2021.
19. Anindita Chakrabarti and Shriram Venkataraman, "God's Gold, Legal Frames and the Question of Material and Non-Material Heritage: the Case of Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Kerala, India" Workshop on Enshrining the Past: Religion and Heritage-Making in a Secular Age. Leipzig University, October 2021.
20. Anindita Chakrabarti and Mujeebu Rahman K. C. *Environmental Discourse in the Muslim Public Sphere in Kerala: A Sociological Investigation*. Religion, Faith, Spirituality, and Sustainability (Session of the Cluster of Excellence "Religion and Politics" European Academy of Religion (EuARE), Muenster, Germany, September 2021.
21. Anindita Chakrabarti and Suchandra Ghosh "Religion-based 'Personal' Law, Legal Pluralism and Secularity: A Field View of Adjudication under Muslim Personal Law in India" presented at the *Workshop on Plural Ideas of Justice Stories, Narratives and Experiences from India* held at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay on April 23-24, 2021 (paper presented by co-author Suchandra Ghosh).
22. Anindita Chakrabarti. 'Rights, Religion and Law: What Can Sociology Bring to the Conundrum?' Plenary Session Titled: "Making of the Nation in the Post Liberal Era -

Shifting Agenda and Identities" at the 45th All India Sociological Society Conference, Department of Sociology, University of Kerala. December 2019.

23. Anindita Chakrabarti. 'Local, Global and the Sociological: Research in Post-Truth Times' Workshop on Academic Writing for Young Faculty Members/ PhD Students of Anthropology and Sociology, Lucknow University, November 2019.
24. Anindita Chakrabarti. 'Gender Rights, Civil Society and Personal Law: Towards a Sociology of Marriage, Divorce and the Minority Question in India'. 2-day workshop on Civil Society and Good Governance in India and Bangladesh, IIT Delhi, January 2019
25. Anindita Chakrabarti. Migrant Artisans' Guilds, Village Networks and the Unorganized Goldsmithing Sector: An Ethnography of Gold Manufacturing Industry in India. Workshop on History and Material Culture, Tübingen University, October 2018.
26. Anindita Chakrabarti. 'Public Interest Litigation, Religion and the Question of Secularity in Contemporary India'. XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology. Toronto, Canada. (RC22), July 2018.
27. Anindita Chakrabarti. Presented a paper on my work on religion at a seminar titled "The Study of Religions with Colonialism in the Rearview Mirror." Organized by Department of Religious Studies at the University of Cape Town March 2017.
28. Anindita Chakrabarti and Sruti Kanungo. "Who are the Goldsmiths? A Sociological Study of Network, Mobility and Precarity among Migrant Goldsmiths of West Bengal, India" at Living in an Age of Precarity: Living and Lives in 21st Century Asia Conference, organised by the Asia Research Institute (ARI) , National University Of Singapore (NUS), February 2017.
29. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Personal Law, (Personal) Disputes and Adjudication: An Ethnography of the 'Islamic' and Civil Courts of Uttar Pradesh (India)" at the International Workshop on *Multiple Secularities—Beyond the West, Beyond Modernities*. Leipzig University, 27-29 June 2016.

30. Anindita Chakrabarti and Suchandra Ghosh. "An Ethnography of Judicial Reasoning: Exploring the Personal, Legal and Political in Sharia Courts of Uttar Pradesh" at the International Workshop on *Religion and Law: Colonial and Post-Colonial Encounters*, organized by the Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March 2016.

31. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Exploring Multiple Secularity: Majoritarian Morality, Religious Communities and Law" at the 41st All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Bhubaneswar, December 2015.

32. Sruti Kanungo and Anindita Chakrabarti. "A Sociological Study of Network and Trust among Goldsmiths: A Case Study of Migrant Goldsmiths of West Midnapur (West Bengal)", presented by Sruti Kanungo at the *Economic Sociology Conference on Trust in Transactions* hosted by the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK), sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), November 2015.

33. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Democracy as Civil Religion: Reading Alexis De Tocqueville in India" at a seminar titled *Reasoning with Value(s): Explorations in the Contemporary Milieu* organized by IIM, Kolkata, March 2015.

34. Anindita Chakrabarti and Suchandra Ghosh. "Imam, Qazi and the Judge: Sociology of Legal Forum Shopping in Kanpur City" at the 40th All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Varanasi, November 2014.

35. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Interrogating Islamization: Towards a Non-dualist Framework" at the 39th All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Mysore, December 2013.

36. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Sociology of Religious Movement and Sect Formation: A Theoretical Exploration." at the 38th All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Udaipur, December 2012.

37. Anindita Chakrabarti. "The Role of Critical Thinking in Religion" at the National Seminar organized by the Vidyajyoti Journal of Theological Reflection (19372012), Vidyajyoti, New Delhi, October 2012.

38. Anindita Chakrabarti. “Sociology of Sectarianism and the Question of Religious Plurality: Towards a Conceptual Framework” at a National Seminar on “Culture of Religion and Trans-cultural Religion” organized by the Department of Philosophy, Christ Church College, Kanpur, February 2012.

39. Anindita Chakrabarti. “Religious Movements, the Question of Sanskritization/Islamization and Religious Identity”, at the 37th All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi, December 2011.

40. Anindita Chakrabarti. “Sacred traditions, Sectarian Identity and the Question of Secularism in Contemporary India” at a Conference on *Rethinking Religion in India: European Representations and Indian Responses* organized jointly by [Research Centre Vergelijkende Cultuurwetenschap](#) (Ghent University), the Centre for the Study of Local Cultures (Kuvempu University). The conference was hosted by the Department for the Study of Religion (Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic, October 2011.

41. Anindita Chakrabarti. “Movement, Institutionalization and Sectarianism: Exploring the Question of Succession in Religious Movements” at the 36th Annual Conference organized by the Indian Sociological Society, Cuttack, December 2010.

42. Anindita Chakrabarti. “A Research Note on Religion and Politics”—paper presented at a seminar on *Interdisciplinary Dialogue on Religion and Politics* at the Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, November 2010.

43. Anindita Chakrabarti. “Sectarian Identity, Sanskritization and the Question of the ‘Classical/Vernacular’, at an International Seminar on *Language, Culture and Identity: Issues and Challenges*, organized by the Department of Linguistics, Aligarh Muslim University in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, February 2010.

- **Invited lectures/keynote address:**

1. Invited Speaker for Plenary IV: "Mobilities: Commodities & The Digital," 50th Annual Conference of the Indian Sociological Association, held at the Easwari School of Liberal Arts, SRM University. December 2025
2. Sagnik Bhattacharya and Anindita Chakrabarti, 'Transactional Altruism: Valuation of Surrogacy, Medico-legal Discourse and the Afterlife of the Surrogacy Regulation Act 2021', Valuation- Social Sciences Winter School, Institut français de Pondichéry, Puducherry, October 2025
3. "Gold in India: Commodity, Communities, and Economic Circuits" Invited lecture at Krea University, March 2025
4. "Many lives of gold in India: Commodity, Communities, and Economic Circuits", Invited lecture at the Department of HSS, IIT Madras, October 2024
5. International multidisciplinary research conference themed "*The Future of the Economy: People, Organizations, and Policy*. Resource Person in Six-Day Online FDP on Developing Research Supervision Skills by NIT Calicut, September, 2024
6. "God's wealth, legal frames and the question of material and immaterial heritage: the case of Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Kerala, India", Invited lecture organised by Faculty of Religion, Culture and Society, University of Groningen, June 2024.
7. "Many lives of gold in India: Commodity, Communities, and Economic Circuits", Invited lecture organised by the Institut für Orient- und Asienwissenschaften, Universitat Bonn, June 2024.
8. "Religion-Based Family Laws, Corporate Kinship, and Wealth Accumulation in Modern India: a Sociological Investigation" Invited talk organized by the Asien zentrum, University of Munster, May 2024.
9. "Many lives of gold in india: commodity, communities and economic circuits." Invited talk organised by the Department of Sociology Presidency University, April 2024, 2 PM.
10. "Research methodology in socio-legal research" Invited lecture at International University of Legal Education and Research (IIULER), Goa Dec 2023.

11. Invited speaker at the semi-plenary on the theme of “Multiple Secularities” at the World Congress of Sociology organized by the International Sociological Association June 2023.
12. “Marriage in India: Unpacking the Conundrum”, Invited Lecture organised by the Centre for Women’s Studies, University of Kerala, Sept 2023.
13. “Many Lives of Gold: Economic Circuits, Commodity and Communities in India” , invited lecture organized by the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, April 2022.
14. “Gender Rights, Religion and Law: What can Sociology bring to the conundrum?” Invited as a resource person for course titled *Intersection between Diversity, Religion and Nationalism: The Indian Context* organized by Jadavpur University, February, 2022.
15. “Sacred Gold, Litigious Gods and the Question of Inheritance: Anglo-Hindu Law and the Curious Case of ‘Despised’ Gold-traders (*Subarna-baniks*) of Bengal, India”. At the Department of History, University of Tübingen, May 2019.
16. “Gender Rights, Civil Society and Personal Law: Towards a Sociology of Marriage, Divorce and the Minority Question in India”. At a two-day National seminar on *Globalization, Development and Social Movements in India* at Department of Sociology, Aligarh Muslim University, February 18-19, 2019.
17. “Public Interest Litigation, Religion and Adjudication of Muslim Personal Law: A Sociological Exploration of the Question of Secularity in Contemporary India”. At School of Law, Governance and Citizenship, Ambedkar University, Delhi, November 14, 2018.
18. Panelist at the event Author Meets Critics and discussed the book: *The Sociology of Islam: Knowledge, Power, and Civility* by Armando Salvatore. XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada July 15-21, 2018.
19. Keynote address on the occasion of Women’s Day at a workshop organized by the Defence Materials and Stores R & D Establishment (Kanpur). The title of the talk:

“Women’s Day and Women’s Empowerment in India: Some Sociological Thoughts”.
May 2018.

20. “Who are the Goldsmiths? Migrant Artisans’ Guilds and the Changing Contours of Goldsmithing in India” at the India Gold Policy Centre, IIM Ahmedabad, September 2017.
21. “Adjudication of Personal Law and the Question of Secularity: An Ethnography of Dar-ul-Qaza in Uttar Pradesh, India” Colloquium at Leipzig University May 2017.
22. “Courts, Law and Judges: An Ethnography of ‘Judicial’ Practice in Sharia and Civil Courts of Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh”, Centre for Indian Studies in Africa. WITS, Johannesburg, March 2017.
23. “Courts, Law and Judges: An Ethnography of ‘Judicial’ Practice in Sharia and Civil Courts of Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh”, Aligarh Muslim University, November 2016.
24. “Imam, Qazi and the Judge: an Ethnography of Judicial Reasoning” invited lecture at the Department of Sociology, Delhi University, February 2015.
25. “Religion and Law: an Ethnography of Judicial Reasoning” invited lecture at the Department of Sociology, Shiv Nadar University, February 2015.
26. “Religion as an Object of Sociological Research: Exploring the Conceptual and Methodological Terrain”, invited lecture at CSSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, March 2014.
27. “Religion as a Sociological Object”, invited lecture at the Department of Sociology at St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata. January 2014.
28. “Dissent, Reconstruction and Movements in India: Towards a Sociology of Sects”, public lecture at Leipzig University, October 2013.
29. “Organizing the Tablighi Jamaat and the 'Unintended Consequence' of Piety: An Anthropological View from Gujarat, India”, invited lecture at Humboldt University, October 2013.

30. "History, Society and Religion: Shared Boundaries and Conceptual Challenges" Keynote Address, ICHR National Seminar on *Religion and Community in Indian History: Contemporary Reappraisals*, Department of History, University of Calicut, March 2013.

31. Invited as a panelist by the Sociological Association of West Bengal at their 4th Annual Conference organized on the theme: *Is natural science the only model of research in Sociology?* December 2010.

32. Invited as a panelist at a workshop on *Religion and Civil Society in South Asia*, organized by the University of California, Santa Barbara. The workshop was held at the India International Centre, New Delhi, September 2010.

- **Conference panels and workshops organized:**

1. Organized a panel at the ECSAS 2025 conference titled, 'Regulating Behaviour, Governing Lives: Everyday Narratives about Decoloniality', University of Heidelberg, October 2025.
2. Organized an international workshop titled, "Inheritance, Economy, and Law: A Sociological Enquiry". This event was jointly sponsored by the Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies and the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Kanpur, August 2025.
3. Organized a workshop titled "The Life of Waste: Experiences and Innovations with Solid Waste Management in India" sponsored by the Kotak School of Sustainability, IIT Kanpur, May 2025.
4. "Ethics of Artificial Intelligence" Symposium at IIT Kanpur, January 2025.
5. "Law and Social Change: Mapping Transformations and Sites of Intersection" Symposium at IIT Kanpur, March 2024.
6. 7th India Gold Policy Centre - IIMA Annual Gold and Gold Markets Conference 2024, Feb 2024. New Delhi.

7. Organized a roundtable discussion titled "Economy and Society: Experiences and Experiments from South Asia" at Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, May 2022.
8. 'From Mines to Market: Many Lives of Gold in India'. The workshop was held at IIC, New Delhi, September 2019.
9. 'Religion, Civil Society and Personal (Family) Law Reform in Post-Colonial Nation States: Interrogating Secularity in India and Beyond', workshop organized at Leipzig University, June 2019.
10. Panel titled: 'Exploring Secularities: A Comparative Perspective on Religion, Law and the State in India'. Conference on Multiple Secularities - Beyond the West, Beyond Modernities, Leipzig University, Germany October 2018.
11. Organized Research Committee 06: Religion and Religious Communities as Co-convener at the 43rd All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Lucknow, December 2017.
12. Organized Research Committee 06: Religion and Religious Communities as Co-convener at the 41st All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Bhubaneswar, December 2015.
13. Organized Research Committee 06: Religion and Religious Communities as Co-convener at the 40th All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Varanasi, November 2014.
14. Organized a seminar titled "Religion, Secularity and Law" at the Department of HSS, IIT Kanpur, October 2014.
15. Organized Research Committee 06: Religion and Religious Communities as Secretary at the 39th All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Mysore, December 2013.
16. Organized the Research Committee 06: Religion and Religious Communities as Secretary at the 38th All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Udaipur, December 2012.

Sponsored Project

1. Principal Investigator: *The Business of Waste: Technology and the Social Landscape of Waste Management in India*. Under Kotak School of Sustainability. Amount: 38,18,000.
2. Principal Investigator. *God's Wealth, Monetized Gold, and Cultural Policy: A Sociological Investigation into the Question of Temple Gold in India*. Sponsored by the India Gold Policy Centre, Indian Institute Management Ahmedabad, Dec 2021-May 2024. Amount: Rs. 16,99,200
3. Principal Investigator. *A Sociological Study of Goldsmiths of Bengal: Artisanal Entrepreneurship, Skill Development, and Technology*. Sponsored by the India Gold Policy Centre, Indian Institute Management Ahmedabad, 2018-2020. Amount: Rs. 6,90,000

Other Academic Activities

1. Adjunct Faculty, Kotak School of Sustainability, IIT Kanpur
2. Member, Editorial Advisory Committee, Sociological Bulletin.
3. Member, International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies
4. Member, European Association of Sociology
5. Associate Member, Department of History and Sociology. University of Konstanz June 2019-December 2021
6. Editorial Board member of the *Journal of Human Values*: Sage Journals. Since 2018
7. Member of the Advisory Board of McGill Queen's University Press on *Protest, Power, and Resistance* 2018 onwards
8. Life member of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS)
9. Member of the International Sociological Society
10. Referee for *Economic and Political Weekly*, *SAMAJ* and *Sociological Bulletin*, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, Cambridge University Press, Orient Blackswan.

Administrative posts held in academic organizations

1. Elected as **Convener** for Research Committee 06: Religion and Religious Communities of the Indian Sociological Society, 2016-17.
2. **Co-convener** for Research Committee 06: Religion and Religious Communities of the Indian Sociological Society, 2014-15.

3. **Secretary** for Research Committee 06: Religion and Religious Communities of the *Indian Sociological Society*, 2012-13.

Administrative responsibilities at IIT Kanpur

1. Convener, Sociology Discipline. 2025-26
2. Convener, Departmental Space Committee. 2019-20.
3. Convener, Sociology Discipline. 2010-11
4. Convener, Sociology Discipline 2013-14
5. Convener, Sociology Discipline 2018-19.
6. Warden-in-Charge GH-1. August 2016-July 2017.
7. Convener, Departmental Undergraduate Committee (DUGC). 2014-15.
8. Warden, GH-1, January 2014 to July 2016.
9. Convener, Faculty Handbook Committee.
10. Convener, Centre for Creative Writing and Publication (CCWP).
11. Convener, Green Space Committee. 2009-2011.
12. Convener, Departmental Library Committee (DLC). 2008-09.