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Academic Qualifications

- Ph.D awarded in Political Science (2022) thesis titled *“Contested Identities: A Study of the Adivasi-Bodo Conflict in Assam”* under the supervision of Dr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- M.Phil awarded in Political Science (2013-2016) with the dissertation titled *“Peal of a Spring Thunder: Adivasis in the Naxalbari Movement of West Bengal, 1957-72”* under the guidance of Dr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- M.A Political Science from Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (2011-2013)
- B.A.(Hons.) Political Science from Miranda House, University of Delhi in (2008- 2011)

Work Experience

- Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) Political Science (Sept.-Oct., 2015) at **Miranda House**, University of Delhi; Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) Political Science (Sept.-Nov., 2015) at **PGDAV College**, University of Delhi; Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) Political Science (Jan.-Dec. 2016) at **Gargi College**, University of Delhi; Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) Political Science (Jan-Mar., 2017) at **Hindu College**, University of Delhi; Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) Political Science (Sept.-Dec., 2017) at **Nirmala College**, University of Ranchi.
- Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) Political Science (Aug. 2019-18th Jan. 2024) at **Jesus and Mary College**, University of Delhi.
- Assistant Professor (Permanent) Political Science (22 Jan. 2024 onwards) at **Jesus and Mary College**, University of Delhi.

Research Experience

- Research Assistant (Education), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. **Prime Ministerial High-level Committee-Virginus Xaxa Committee-** for Tribal Socio-Economic Development under the chairmanship of Prof. Virginus Xaxa (Member, National Advisory Council, Government of India). December 2013-May 2014.
- Research Assistant- **ICSSR** - sponsored National project on ‘Educational status of the Scheduled Tribes in Jharkhand and Bihar’. Project Director-Dr. Joseph Bara. 1st May 2014- 31st September 2014.

Publications

- *“Reflecting on the dynamic geopolitics of Northeast India: A Contemporary Perspective”*, World Focus, February 2016 Issue.
- *“ASEAN in Modi’s Foreign Policy: Present and Future Tenses in the ‘Look East Policy”*, World Focus, March 2016.
- *India -ASEAN Foreign Trade Agreement: The Way Ahead*, World Focus, April 2016.
- *‘Navigating Through troubled Waters of South China Sea: A Perspective’*, World Focus, April 2018.
- *‘Who Decides the World Geopolitics? Towards New Perspectives’*, World Focus, July 2018.
- Summerhill: IAS Review- Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. Title- *Peal of a Spring Thunder: Adivasis Narratives of Naxalbari Movement in North Bengal, 1957-72*. Volume XXVI, Number 2, Winter 2020.
- *Reflecting on the Constitutional Dynamics of Real Versus Virtual Affirmative Action: Scheduling the Adivasis in Assam*, in Indigenous Ethnographies of North East India: A Study from Emic Perspective. Somenath Bhattacharya and Anup Kumar Dey(ed.), Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 2021.pp. 121-137.
- *Chapter-Jawaharlal Nehru: State, Nation Building and Secularism*. CBCS Core Course (B.A) Honours, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi. Course Code: BPSC-114, 2022.
- *Chapter- Exploring Oral Narratives in Times of Covid-19: A Case Study of Adivasi-Bodo Conflict in Assam*. in Pandemic Perspectives: Praxis and Policy. Reena Marwah(ed.), Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, 2023. pp.250- 267. Reprint by Taylor & Francis Group, Routledge, Oxon, 2024. Pp. 251-268.
- *‘Tea Tribe’ or ‘Scheduled Tribe’?: Vexed Adivasi Identity in Assam*. Volume 73, Issue 4, Sociological Bulletin, Sage Publications, Special Issue October 2024.
- *The 2024 Jharkhand Assembly Elections: Adivasi Consolidation, Politics of Symbolism and Identity*. Volume LX No.4, Economic and Political Weekly, January 25, 2025.
- *Disputed Identity: Politics of Status of the ‘Tea Tribe’ Adivasis in Assam, 1930-1965*. Book Title: Threads of Indigeneity in Central India: Essays on Adivasi History and Politics, Joseph Bara and Anjana Singh(ed), Springer Nature, India, 2025. ISBN: 9783032172457

- **Claims Making and Contestations: Re-evaluating the Adivasi-Bodo Conflict, 1996-98.** Forthcoming in the edited book titled- **Development and the Tribal Question in India: Contours, Context and Contestations**, Roluahpuia and Virginius Xaxa(ed), Cambridge University Press, 2026. (Accepted for publication; signed the chapter contract).

Seminars and Conferences

- **National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi;** in Collaboration with UNICEF, Jharkhand; ICSSR, New Delhi, Paper title- *“Addressing the Context and Complexities of Tribal Education in Jharkhand”* (September 2015)
- **Department of Anthropology, University of Assam, India,** paper title: *“Reflecting on the Constitutional Dynamics of Real versus Virtual Affirmative Action: Scheduling the Adivasis in Assam”*- 6th and 7th January 2016
- **Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ), Ranchi, Jharkhand, India. Centre for International Relations, School of Humanities and Social Sciences.** Paper Presented - National Seminar on *“India’s Soft Power and Cultural Diplomacy”* - 11-12 April 2016.
- **Lund University, Sweden:** 20 – 22 September 2016 at Lund University, Sweden. Title of the Paper: *Modern Rebellions of the Primitives: Examining Tribal Narratives of Naxalbari Movement in West Bengal, 1957-72.*
- **Department of English- Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi,** 27-28 February 2017. Title of the paper- *Perspectives from the margins: Examining Adivasi narratives of the Naxalbari Movement, 1957-72.*
- **British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) U.K,** 18th April to 20th April 2018. Title of the Paper: *Perspectives from the Periphery: Examining Adivasi Narratives of the Naxalbari movement in West Bengal, 1957-72.*
- **Ambedkar University, New Delhi,** 25-26 October 2018.’ **Who are the ‘sons of the soil’? Examining Adivasis Amidst the Tribes in Assam.**
- **Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Patna** International Conference- The Migrant and the State: From Colonialism to Neo- Liberalism, TISS Patna, Bihar. 29th November 2018-1st December 2018.
- **The Twelfth International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 12)** co-organised by **Kyoto Seika University, Kyoto, Japan, and ICAS Secretariat, Leiden, the Netherlands,** from 24 to 28 August 2021. Title of the Paper: *Adivasi-Bodo Conflict in Assam: A Burden of History.*
- **26th International Political Science Association- World Congress of Political Science,** 10-15 July 2021 (Virtual). Title of the paper: *Peal of a Spring Thunder: Examining the Tribals in Naxalbari Movement in North Bengal, 1957-72.*
- **Oral History Association of India (OHAI),** 4-5 March 2022.
- **Ireland-India Institute, Dublin City University, Ireland,** 26-29 April 2022.
- **Prof. Dr. Boike Rehbein- International Sociological Congress,** Pali, Rajasthan, India, 5-6 January 2023.
- **Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Conference On Tribal Development in India: Prospect and Retrospect,** 3-4 February 2023.
- **Young Scholars Workshop- Reimagining Jharkhand: Marginalities, Feminist Politics and Regional Knowledge Alliance; Organised by Ranchi University and Indian Association for Women’s Studies,** 20-22 December 2023. *Paper title- Politics of Colonial Cataloguing of Tribes in India: Examining the Janajatikaran of Adivasis in Assam.*
- **13th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 13), held from 28 July - 1 August 2024 in Surabaya, Indonesia;** The British Colonial Tribe and the Politics of Scheduling: The Case of Migrant Adivasis in Assam.
- **Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, National Conference on Indian Tribes, Constitution and Governance, 25-26 March 2025. Paper Title:** Colonial ‘Coolie’ to Post Colonial ‘Tea Tribe’: Adivasis Quest for Scheduled Tribe Status in Assam, India.
- **British Association for South Asian Studies- Annual Conference 2025- Lancaster University, England-10-12 September 2025. Paper Title:** Colonial ‘Coolie’ to Post Colonial ‘Tea Tribe’: Adivasis Quest for Scheduled Tribe Status in Assam, India.
- **North Eastern Social Research Centre (NESRC), Guwahati, Assam, 24-25 February 2026-National Seminar on Yandaboo’s Afterlives: Colonial Legacies and Indigenous Agency in Northeast India: Commemorating the Bicentenary of the Yandaboo Treaty. Paper title:** Colonial ‘Coolie’ to Post-Colonial ‘Tea-Tribe’: Deconstructing the Constitutional Path to Scheduled Tribe Status for Adivasis in Assam, India.

Invited Lectures/Panel Discussions

- **USAID(DEIA), New Delhi, India. A panel discussion on- Marginalized Women: Experiences and Perceptions. March 15, 2024.**
- **Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi, India. A panel discussion on- Sisterhood in Diversity: Stories of Women in Northeast India. April 15, 2024.**
- **Doing Sociology (Web Platform). Panel Discussion on- Tribal Studies: Emerging Themes and Approaches. October 5, 2024. (<https://doingsociology.org/2024/10/05/a-panel-discussion-on-tribal-studies-emerging-themes-and-approaches/>)**
- **Invited Special Podcast on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda titled: Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas Ki Purv Sandhya Par Vishesh Karikram in Aashiyana Programme, 14 November 2025, Prasara Bharti-Akashvani/Doordarshan Bhavan, Delhi.**

Workshops / Fellowships

- **Columbia University, New York.** (Indigenous Studies Summer Program organized by Centre for Ethnicity and Race (CSER), Columbia University) May 26, 2015-June 6, 2015
- **Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi - A workshop on Ethnographic studies.** Duration - 11th-13th May 2014.
- **Centre for Comparative Politics and Political Theory, Jawaharlal Nehru University.** Workshop on Theory in Political Economy: A Focus on Das Kapital Volume I, 16-20 January 2017.
- **Online Teaching-Faculty Development Program** on ‘Online Teaching’ conducted by Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi. 24-25 July 2020.
- **LSE Inequality and Poverty Programme Adivasi Fellowship** hosted by the Department of Anthropology, LSE and the Department of Development Studies, SOAS, London 2017

- **Faculty Development Program on Qualitative Research**, 11-15 July 2022, IQAC, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi.
- **International Summer Program on Indigenous Peoples Rights and Policy (ISSP)** 22 May- 9 June 2023, Columbia University (New York) in association with University of Auckland (New Zealand) and the University of British Columbia (Canada).
- **Acton University Fellowship**, 24 June-27 June 2024 **Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA**

Honors/ Awards

- Awarded Nirman Foundation Scholarship 2011-13 for MA program, CPS, JNU, Delhi.
- Awarded UGC NET 2014 June.
- Awarded Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF)/NFST for PhD, April 2016.
- Received conference grant to present my research paper at 12th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) organized by Kyoto Seika University and the International Convention of Asia Scholars Secretariat, 24-28 August 2021
- Awarded full scholarship to participate and attend at the International Summer Program Indigenous Peoples Rights and Policy, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University, 2023.
- Awarded Travel Grant from ICSSR to present at an international conference (2024) organized by International Institute for Asian Studies, Netherlands; International Convention for Asian Scholars (ICAS) Leiden; Universitas Airlangga, Indonesia.
- Awarded Acton University Fellowship- Faculty scholarship, 24 June-27 June 2024, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA.
- Awarded the Special Grant to organize National Seminar on Birsa Munda under the Special Call: *Janjatiya Gaurav* (Tribe Pride) National Seminar by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), March 2025.