


Curriculum Vitae

Title	Dr.	First Name	Mahima	Last Name	Varma	
Designation		Associate Professor				
Department		Sociology				
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EDUCATION						
Degree	Institution			Year	Details	
Ph.D	Centre for the Study of Social Systems School of Social Sciences Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi.			2020	Title of Ph.D Thesis: <i>The Sociology of Adoption: A Study of the National Capital Region (NCR).</i>	
M.Phil	Centre for the Study of Social Systems School of Social Sciences Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi.			2011	Title of the M.Phil Thesis: <i>Honour Killings: A Sociological Study.</i>	

M.A.	Centre for the Study of Social Systems School of Social Sciences Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi	2008	Sociology
NET	UGC	2008	Sociology
B.A. Hons. Sociology	Jesus and Mary College University of Delhi	2005	Sociology
CAREER PROFILE			
Institution	Designation	Duration	Role
Jesus and Mary College University of Delhi	Assistant Professor (Ad Hoc)	July 2009- 3 rd February 2015	Teaching Faculty
Jesus and Mary College University of Delhi	Assistant Professor (Permanent)	4 th February 2015 – 27 th April 2025	Teaching Faculty
Jesus and Mary College University of Delhi	Associate Professor	28 th April 2025 and continuing	Teaching Faculty
AREA OF INTEREST : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociology of Gender • Sociology of Kinship 			

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Subjects/Courses taught)

- Sociology of Gender
- Economic Sociology
- Sociology of India- I and II
- An Invitation to Sociology
- Rethinking Development
- Introduction to Sociology
- Social Stratification
- Religion and Society
- Family and Intimacy
- Sociology of Kinship
- Gender and Society

PUBLICATION DETAILS

CHAPTER IN EDITED BOOK

- Varma, Mahima 2025 ‘Nuances of Motherhood during Partition’ in Maitreyee Mandal and Kanchan Verma (ed.) *Beyond Human Divide: Revisiting the Partition of India* Shivalik Prakashan: New Delhi ISBN: 978-93-48433-71-8.
- Varma, Mahima 2025 ‘Community Outreach Programs’ in Beena Antony Reji and Pooja Khanna (ed.) *Empowering Communities: Community Development through Student Outreach and Internship* Ane Publishers and Distributors LLP: New Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-976546-2-6

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Varma, Mahima 2022 *Gender and Caste Connotations of Honour Killings in India: Men and Women as Victims and Perpetrators of Violence* in The JMC Review: An Interdisciplinary Social Science Journal of Criticism, Practice and theory Volume VI, ISSN: 2456-9550
- Varma, Mahima 2019 '*Adoptive Motherhood in India: State Intervention for Empowerment and Equality*' in Contemporary Social Sciences Volume 18, Pp 88-101, ISSN: 0302-9298

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

- **The Indian Express**

Varma, Mahima July 23rd, 2025 [Pakistan honour killing: Collective decision is nothing but whims of the powerful | The Indian Express](http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/pakistan-honour-killing-collective-decision-is-nothing-but-whims-of-the-powerful-10144109/)
<http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/pakistan-honour-killing-collective-decision-is-nothing-but-whims-of-the-powerful-10144109/>

EDITED JOURNAL

- Journal of Community Outreach, Jesus and Mary College, Volume I, July 2023- June 2024

PUBLICATION FOR INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY (IGNOU)

- Contributed chapters for the B.A. Hons. Programme for Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) for BSOC109 Sociology of Kinship (2022):
 - i. Unit 9: Relatedness and Fictive Kinship
 - ii. Unit 10: Kinship and Gender
 - iii. Unit 11: New Reproductive Technology (NRT) and Kinship

PAPERS PRESENTED IN SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

- Presented paper titled *Nuances of Motherhood during Partition* at the International Conference on the theme 'Beyond Human Divide: Revisiting the Partition of India' held on 8th August 2025 and organised by Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi under the Dr. Bharat Ram Research Grant.
- Presented paper titled *Gender Connotations in the Representation of Adoption in Bollywood Films: Reflections of Adoptive Families in India* at National Conference on Sociology of Gender in India: Emerging Issues and Future Agenda held on 27-28th October 2023 organised by University of Hyderabad.
- Discussant in the International Conference on Evolving Business Strategies in a Transforming Global Environment from 20-21st January 2022 in the Technical Session: "*Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development*" organised by Dept. of Commerce, Jesus and Mary College.
- Presented paper titled '*Family as Perpetrator or Protector? Honour Killings in India*' at the Golden Jubilee International Conference titled Empowering Women through Transformative Education on October 3-4th, 2018 at Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, New Delhi.
- Presented a paper titled '*Larger than Life, Larger than Love: Honour Killings in India*' on 18th November 2014 for the Work in Progress Seminar organized by the Research Committee of Jesus and Mary College.

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ORGANISED:

- Member, Academic Committee for organising the International Conference titled *Social Determinants of Health Equity and Health Inequality: Impact of COVID 19; Strategies for the Future* organised by Dept. of B.A. Programme on 23rd-24th February 2023.
- Faculty Co-coordinator, UGC National Seminar on *Environment in Sociology: Emerging Trends* organised by Dept. of Sociology, Jesus and Mary College on 7th and 8th April 2016.

RESOURCE PERSON AT TALKS/LECTURES/ CONFERENCES

- Expert at the Young Research Forum- II on the theme Cities and Society held on 8th November 2023 at Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi for Session- I: Market, Metropolis and Economy
- Co-Chair in Technical Session 6B: Undergraduate Students' Paper Presentation in the International Conference titled *Social Determinants of Health Equity and Health Inequality: Impact of COVID 19; Strategies for the Future* organised by Dept. of B.A. Programme on 23rd-24th February 2023.
- Discussant in the International Conference on Evolving Business Strategies in a Transforming Global Environment from 20-21st January 2022 in the Technical Session "Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development" organised by Dept. of Commerce, Jesus and Mary College.
- Invited Speaker for a talk titled *The Role of the National Service Scheme (NSS) in Women's Empowerment* organized in hybrid mode by NSS Unit of St. Bede's College, Shimla on 8th March, 2022 on the occasion of International Women's Day

- Guest Speaker for a talk titled *Let's Talk Sociology: The Emergence, Nature and Scope of Sociology* online at ITL Public School, Dwarka on 13th May 2021

OTHER DETAILS

RESPONSIBILITIES AT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

- Convenor and Member in Syllabus Formulation Committees for UGCF courses under NEP at the Dept. of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi in 2022-2023.
- Overall Convenor of the B.A. Program Sociology, CBCS-LOCF Syllabus Revision at the Dept. of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi in 2018-2019
- Member, Committee of Courses (B.A. Hons and Programme) at Dept. of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics in 2018-19 and 2019-20.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AT JESUS AND MARY COLLEGE

- Community Engagement Centre (CEC)- Convenor, February 2023 to May 2025.
- Nodal Officer, Community Outreach- Nodal Officer, 2023 to May 2025.
- Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), JMC- Member, Coordinator for Criterion III: Research, Innovation and Extension, August 2024 and continuing.
- Fee Concession Committee- Convenor, 2023-2024
- Student Aid Fund- Convenor, 2023-2024
- Fee Concession Committee- Member, 2022-2023
- NIRF Steering Committee- Member, 2022-2024
- Dept. of B.A. Prog- Representative for Dept. of Sociology- 2022-2024
- National Service Scheme (NSS)- Programme Officer JMC, 2020-2022

- ECA Committee for UG Admissions, JMC- Member, 2021-2022
- COVID Task Force, JMC- Member, January 2021
- Teacher- in -Charge, Dept. of Sociology, JMC- 1st May 2018 to 30th April 2020
- Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)- Member 2016-2018
- NAAC Committee for Criterion-VII Institutional Values and Best Practices- Member, 2018-2019.
- Film Appreciation Society- Member, 2017-18
- Jesus and Mary College Education Programme (JMCEP)- Convenor, 2016-2017
- Staff Core Committee, Montage- Member, 2016.
- NSDC-Skill Development Course on Mutual Funds- Faculty Co-Coordinator 2015-16
- Staff Core Committee, Montage- Member, 2016
- NAAC Criterion III: Research, Consultancy and Extension- Member, 2014-2015
- Dept. of Sociology Wall Magazine titled-- '*As We See It, We Say It*' – Faculty In-Charge, 2012-2013
- Convocation Committee- Member, 2010-2013
- Jesus and Mary College Education Programme (JMCEP)- Member, 2014-2015
- JMC Magazine *Metamorphosis* in 2014-2015 and *Kaleidoscope* in 2013-2014- Staff Editor.
- Women's Studies Development Centre (WSDC)- Member, 2009-2012

PREPARATION OF TEACHING MATERIAL

- Convenor and Member, Syllabus Formulation Committees for UGCF courses under NEP- Sociology of Gender (Core paper), Economic Sociology (Core paper) and Rethinking Development (Generic Elective) at the Dept. of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi in 2022-2023.
- Member, Syllabus Revision Committee for CBCS paper Sociology of Gender for Dept. of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi in 2019.

- Contributed chapters for the B.A. Hons. Programme for Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) for BSOC109 Sociology of Kinship (2022):

Unit 9 Relatedness and Fictive Kinship

Unit 10: Kinship and Gender

Unit 11: New Reproductive Technology (NRT) and Kinship

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Life Member of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) since September 2024.
- Member of Research Committee 10 Gender Studies- ISS since September 2024.

ORIENTATION AND REFRESHER COURSES

- Participated in Training Workshop titled Story of Participatory Research: Learning Mapping for Data Collection organised by PRIA Learning Circle on 4th April 2025 facilitated by Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder-President of PRIA and Co-Chair of the UNESCO Chair on Community Based Research and Social responsibility in Higher Education.
- Participated in the two day “4th National Level Workshop on NIRF India Rankings 2023” held on 21st & 22nd December, 2022 through Online, conducted by Institute for Academic Excellence (IAE), Hyderabad in collaboration with Collegiate Education & Technical Education Department, Govt. of Telangana.
- Participated in workshop at Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) titled Knowledge Democracy: Bridging Knowledge Cultures on 6th February 2023.
- Completed Online one week Faculty Development Programme on “ACADEMIC RESEARCH WRITING” from 16 – 22 July, 2022 and obtained Grade *A* organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi in collaboration

with Dolphin PG Institute of Biomedical and Natural Sciences, Dehradun Uttarakhand under the aegis of Ministry of Education Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching.

- Completed one week Faculty Development Programme on National Education Policy 2020: Implementation and Challenges from 6th -11th September 2021 organised by Aditi Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi in collaboration with Mahatma Hansraj Faculty Development Centre, Hansraj College, University of Delhi.
- Completed the Two Weeks Faculty Development Programme organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi on “Research Methodology” from October 01-October 15, 2020 and obtained Grade A+.
- Completed Two-Weeks Faculty Development Programme organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi on “Enhancing Psychological Skills for Teaching and Practice” from September 15- September 29, 2020 and obtained Grade A+
- Participated in two days Faculty Development Program on ‘Emerging Research Methodologies in Social Sciences’ organized by IQAC and the Research Committee, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi from 3rd May 2018 to 4th May 2018.
- Completed 120th four-week Orientation Programme organized by UGC-HRDC, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi from 13th November – 11th December 2017
- Completed the 5th three-week Special Summer School organized by the UGC-HRDC, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi from 26th May -15th June 2016 New Delhi
- Participated in the National Workshop on Teaching, Research and Technology organized by Xavier Board of Higher education in India, Bengaluru in Collaboration with Christ University, Bengaluru from 28th April -29th April 2015.

FIELD WORK

- Fieldwork for Ph.D titled *The Sociology of Adoption: A Study of the National Capital Region (NCR)*.
- As part of Student Research work, took students for research work to Banaras in October 2014 to collect data on the topic *Impact of Globalization on the Banaras Weaving Community*.
- Fieldwork with National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) involving preparation, and pre-testing of schedules at *Anganwadis*, developing chapter plan and reviewing literature on Project titled 'Integrated Programme for Street Children- An Evaluation' and preparation of chapter titled 'Planning, Execution, Evaluation and Monitoring of Voluntary Organisations for the project titled 'Manual on Management of Voluntary Organisations in June-July 2006.
- Volunteered at Missionaries of Charity, Dehra Dun from 11th June- 4th July 2003, assisted underprivileged children with school work.

