

Curriculum Vitae

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Designation: Associate Professor of Sociology

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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:

- Fellow, Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies (HCAS) at Leipzig University. 2016-2020
- Visiting Fellow, Department of Sociology, Delhi University. 2015
- Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Study of Social Systems (CSSS), JNU. 2014
- Visiting Professor, Leipzig University. 2013
- Doctoral Fellowship awarded by Sephis (South-South Exchange Programme for Research on the History of Development) the Netherlands. 2004-05
- Visiting Research Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley. 2005
- University Grants Commission (Junior Research Fellowship) 1999-2004
- First Rank, M.Phil. in Sociology (University of Delhi) 1997
- First Rank, M.A. in Sociology (University of Delhi) 1995
- First Rank B.A. in Sociology (University of Calcutta) 1993

Awards

- Kunda Datar Gold Medal for performance in M.A. 1995
- Professor M. N. Srinivas Memorial Prize 2010 awarded by the Indian Sociological Society. 2010

Job Experience:

- Researcher at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi. Wrote a working-paper titled *Environmental Values in Fisheries: Resource Conflict and Fishworker Initiatives in Kerala*, which was part of a cross-country project on Environmental values. 1998-1999
- Faculty at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kanpur since February 2008

Selected Publications:

Books:

- Anindita Chakrabarti. *Faith and Social Movements: Religious Reform in Contemporary India* (Cambridge University Press, 2018)
- Sudha Sitharaman and Anindita Chakrabarti (ed.). *Religion and Secularity: Reconfiguration of Islam in Contemporary India* (manuscript in press with Orient Blackswan).

Journal Publications:

1. Sruti Kanungo and Anindita Chakrabarti. "Network and Trust in Gold Economy: Liberalisation and the New Goldsmiths' guilds in Contemporary India" (Under Revision).
2. 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.
3. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Democracy as Civil Religion: Reading Alexis De Tocqueville in India" in *Journal of Human Values* (Sage Publication), Vol. 22 (1) January 2016.
4. Anindita Chakrabarti. "The Role of Critical Thinking in Religion: A Sociological Perspective." in *Vidyajyoti Journal of Theological Reflection*. Vol. 76 (12) December 2012.

5. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Soteriological Journeys and Discourses of SelfTransformation: the Tablighi Jamaat and Svadhyaya in Gujarat" in *South Asian History and Culture* (Routledge Publication) Vol. 1 (4) 2010.
6. 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. 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. In press with Springer).
2. 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 Hüsken, London: Routledge. 2010 (ISBN: 9781136517938).
3. 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 (ISBN13: 978-0-415-55612-5).
4. 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 (ISBN: 978-0-7546-3).¹
5. 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 Sabherwal and Mushirul Hasan, New Delhi: Manohar. 2006 (ISBN: 81-7304-673-5).

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

Articles for General Readership

The Messages that we send' The Hindu 27 February 2000.

- 'Fear and Shame' in *Slow* (the Magazine of the Slow Food Movement) 2005.
- 'A Passage to Kerala' in *Slow* (the Magazine of the Slow Food Movement) 2006.

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

E-Learning Web-Course

Completed an MHRD web-course on Rural and Urban Sociology (**NPTEL**) in 2012.

Current Research Interests:

sociology of religion, sociology of law, social movements, economic sociology, informal economy and urban sociology

Teaching Interests and Courses Taught:

At IIT Kanpur I teach sociology both at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Teaching sociology to science and technology undergraduate students has been an enriching as well as challenging experience. It has taught me how to develop a 'sociological imagination' among young minds; those who are always looking for a scientific solution to social problems. I have received several Director's commendation letters for excellence in teaching. This teaching experience has convinced me to write an introductory book for undergraduate students. I am currently working on a book-proposal on introductory sociology of India. At the postgraduate level I teach and experiment with a number of courses.

- **Undergraduate level:**
 - Urban Sociology
 - Introductory Sociology
 - Indian Society and Culture
 - Indian Society and Social Problem

Postgraduate level:

Sociological Theories
Methods of Sociological Research
Sociology of Social Movement
Sociology of Religion
Social Change in Contemporary India

• PhD Supervision:**Awarded**

Shahul Ameen K.T.: *“Religion, Civil Society and Democracy: The Jamaat-e-Islami and the Solidarity Youth Movement in Kerala”*. Awarded in November 2015.

Submitted

- Suchandra Ghosh: *A Sociological Study of Adjudication at Darul-Qaza: Personal Law, Personal Disputes and the Question of Legal Pluralism*. Thesis Submitted: January 2019

Ongoing

- Sruti Kanungo: *Gold and Goldsmiths: A Sociological Study of the Informal Economy, Work and State Regulation in India*.

Three PhD students, Ayushi Dube, Madhuparna Nayak and Mujeebu Rahman K.C. have begun their doctoral work with me. They will be working in the area of sociology of religion, law, and economic sociology (with a focus on gold trade and gold consumption).

Papers presented at national and international seminars, workshops and conferences (after joining IIT Kanpur):

1. 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 24 - 25 2019.
2. 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, Tubingen University, October 8 2018.
3. Anindita Chakrabarti. 'Public Interest Litigation, Religion and the Question of Secularity in Contemporary India'. XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology. Toronto, Canada. (RC22), 15-21 July 2018.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Suchandra Ghosh and Anindita Chakrabarti. "Exploring the Personal in Personal Law: An Ethnography in the Sharia Courts of Uttar Pradesh, India" presented by Suchandra Ghosh at the International Conference on *Sociology of Religion in a Pluralistic Society*, organised by Sociology Department, Jadavpur University in collaboration with Lancaster University, April 2016.
8. 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.

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Anindita Chakrabarti. "Interrogating Islamization: Towards a Non-dualist Framework" at the 39th All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Mysore, December 2013.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.

18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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:

1. Gender Rights, Civil Society and Personal Law: Towards a Sociology of Marriage, Divorce and the Minority Question in India. At two day National seminar on "Globalization, Development and Social Movements in India" at Department of Sociology, Aligarh Muslim University, February 18-19, 2019.
2. 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.
3. Public Interest Litigation, Religion and Adjudication of Muslim Personal Law: A Sociological Exploration of the Question of Secularity in Contemporary India. Invited talk at School of Law, Governance and Citizenship, Ambedkar University, Delhi, November 14, 2018.

4. "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.
5. "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.
6. "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.
7. "Courts, Law and Judges: An Ethnography of 'Judicial' Practice in Sharia and Civil Courts of Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh", Aligarh Muslim University, November 2016.
8. "Imam, Qazi and the Judge: an Ethnography of Judicial Reasoning" invited lecture at the Department of Sociology, Delhi University, February 2015.
9. "Religion and Law: an Ethnography of Judicial Reasoning" invited lecture at the Department of Sociology, Shiv Nadar University, February 2015.
10. "Religion as an Object of Sociological Research: Exploring the Conceptual and Methodological Terrain", invited lecture at CSSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, March 2014.
11. "Religion as a Sociological Object", invited lecture at the Department of Sociology at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. January 2014.
12. "Dissent, Reconstruction and Movements in India: Towards a Sociology of Sects", public lecture at Leipzig University, October 2013.
13. "Organizing the Tablighi Jamaat and the 'Unintended Consequence' of Piety: An Anthropological View from Gujarat, India", invited lecture at Humboldt University, October 2013.
14. "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.

15. 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.
16. 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. Forthcoming: A workshop titled 'From Mines to Market: Many Lives of Gold in India'. Will be held at IIC on 16 September 2019.
2. Forthcoming: Religion, Civil Society and Personal (Family) Law Reform in Post-Colonial Nation States: Interrogating Secularity in India and Beyond, Leipzig University 25 June 2019
3. Anindita Chakrabarti. 'Exploring Secularities: A Comparative Perspective on Religion, Law and the State in India'. Conference on Multiple Secularities - Beyond the West, Beyond Modernities, Leipzig University, October 4, 2018.
4. Organized Research Committee 06: Religion and Religious Communities as Co-convener at the 43st All India Sociological Conference of the Indian Sociological Society, Bhubaneswar, December 2017.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Organized a seminar titled "Religion, Secularity and Law" at the Department of HSS, IIT Kanpur, October 2014.
8. 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.
9. 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.

Other Academic Activities

Editorial Board member of the *Journal of Human Values*: Sage Journals. 2018

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.

Member of the Advisory Board of McGill Queen's University Press on *Protest, Power, and Resistance* 2018.

Referee for *Economic and Political Weekly*, 2018.

Elected as **Convener** for Research Committee 06: Religion and Religious Communities of the Indian Sociological Society, 2016-17.

Co-convener for Research Committee 6: Religion and Religious Communities of the *Indian Sociological Society*, 2014-15.

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

Sponsored Project

Anindita Chakrabarti (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.

Administrative Responsibilities at IIT Kanpur

1. Convener, Departmental Space Committee 2019-20
2. Convener, Sociology Discipline 2018-19
3. Warden-in-Charge GH-1, August 2016-July 17
4. Convener, Departmental Undergraduate Committee (DUGC) 2014-15
5. Warden, GH-1, January 2014 to July 16

6. Convener, Faculty Handbook Committee, 2013
7. Convener, Centre for Creative Writing and Publication (CCWP) 2013-14
8. Convener, Sociology Discipline 2013-14
9. Convener, Sociology Discipline 2010-11
10. Convener, Green Space committee 2009-2011
11. Convener, Departmental Library Committee (DLC) 2008-09