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ACADEMICS

- 2021 – Present **PhD in Social Work**
Department of Social Work and Social Development, University of Cape Town
2023 – 2024 Fieldwork in Assam (Majuli and Dhemaji District of Assam)
- 2024 **Fellow Writing the Landscape Course**
on Land, place, nature, environment, wilderness
Funded by: Oak Spring Garden Foundation, Virginia USA
- 2023 **PhD School at University of Twente**
Ethical dilemmas of fieldwork / in situ research in Disaster Studies
Funded by: NEEDS (University of Twente, ISS, Erasmus University Rotterdam etc).
- 2023 **Fellow Writing the Landscape Course**
on Land, place, nature, environment, wilderness
Funded by: Oak Spring Garden Foundation, Virginia USA
- 2022 **PhD course Summer School at Lund's University**
on Gender, Disasters and Climate Risk (3 credits)
Division of Risk Management and Societal safety, Lund's University
Funded: Swedish South Asian Studies Network Lund's University and University of Cape Town
- 2022 **Global Humanities Institute (Early Career Scholar)**
Climate Justice & Problems of Scale, University of Pretoria 2022
Funded by Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes (CHCI) / Mellon Foundation
- 2014 – 2016 **M.Phil. (Social Work)**
Department of Social Work, University of Delhi
Topic: *A Study on Participation of Women in Disaster Management (then Majuli Sub-Division of Jorhat District).*
- 2012- 2014 **MA in Social Work**
Department of Social Work, University of Delhi
Specialization: Social Work and Disasters, Environmental Social Work, Social Work with Family and Children, Organisation Behaviour

PUBLICATIONS (Academic and Non-Academic)

- Gendered impacts of and vulnerabilities to Disasters: A case study of Assam. *Development and Practice*, (Taylor and Francis Journal). Vol 34 (1). Nominated for ECR Prize under “Gender and Disasters” Category 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09614524.2023.2300979>
- Perilous Waters: Gendering Community Based Disasters Management Practices from floods a study of Majuli Assam (2023) in edited book *Sustainable Development Goals in Northeast India: Challenges and Achievements* by Prof. Subash Anand et. al., in Springer Nature Singapore, 2198-3542 (E-ISSN 2198 – 3550). https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-19-3567-1_23
- Living with Floods: Community based coping and resilience mechanism of Mising from floods (2022). published in (Eds.) book on *Challenges of Disasters in Asia: Vulnerability, Adaptation and Resilience in Asia* by Haroon Sajjad et. al., in Springer Nature (ISBN: 9789811935664). https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-19-3567-1_23
- Vulnerable Geographies: Exploring vulnerabilities through a gendered lens during disasters a study of Majuli, Assam (2024 in print) edited by Dr Tapas Kumar Dalapati, Rawat Publication, India.
- Autonomous District Council and its role in protection and management of Community Owned Resources ‘Daikong Bolong’: A study of Tripura Tribal Autonomous District Council (TTADC). (Under Review) in *The Oriental Anthropologist*, Sage Journal 2024.

- Re-theorizing Livelihoods: Impacts of floods and Traditional adaptation practices a study of Majuli, Assam. *Journal of Northeast India Studies*, Volume 10(2), July-Dec 2020 and ISSN (2278-1455) & eISSN (2277- 6869). <http://www.jneis.com/10-2-1/>
- Enduring Floods: Coping practices and wisdom of Mishing communities for mitigating disaster loss, published in (Eds.) book on *Indigenising Social Work in India* by Ushvinder Kaur Popli and Ashvini K. Singh, Delhi: Bloomsbury publishing house (ISBN: 9789389351576) on 31st July 2019.
- Impact of Disasters on Women. *South Asian Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies*. Volume 4(4), 2017 ISSN: 2349-7858.
- Awareness and preparedness regarding Disasters among Residents of an Urban Slum in Delhi. Published in *STM Journal Research and Reviews: A Journal of Medicine*, (Special Issue 2013), ISSN: 2249 – 8648.
- POPs Country Situation Report 2018, PFAS for South Asian Countries intervention in SAICM 2019, Lead in Paints report, and others
[http://toxicslink.org/docs/Persistent%20Organic%20Pollutants%20\(POPs\)%20Management%20in%20India.pdf](http://toxicslink.org/docs/Persistent%20Organic%20Pollutants%20(POPs)%20Management%20in%20India.pdf)
https://ipen.org/sites/default/files/documents/ipen_intervention_on_pfas.pdf
https://ipen.org/sites/default/files/documents/Lead%20in%20Paints_2018.pdf
<http://toxicslink.org/docs/Dicofol%20Usage%20in%20India%20revised.pdf>
<http://toxicslink.org/docs/Mercury%20alternative%20products%20Report.pdf>
<http://toxicslink.org/docs/EDCs%20in%20food%20Policy%20Report.pdf>

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year	Position Held
July – November 2022	<p>Tutored SOC2019 Social Theory (With Prof. Faisal Garba and Prof. Ruchi Chaturvedi) On introducing the social theory and demonstrating the value of theory in guiding research, aiding understanding and challenging conventional ways of seeing and interpreting the world. The theories focused on modernity, late modernity in African modernity as well as other post-Colonial nation-states.</p>
September – November 2022	<p>Lectured SWK4031S course on Social Policy and Management (Social Policy and Management module to BSW student, Exam conduction and evaluation and and other academic work).</p>
March 2022 – January 2023	<p>Library Buddy, Chancellor Oppenheimer Library, University of Cape Town (Assisting UG, PG students in finding literature, cataloguing, finding reference materials, helping in referencing, CV preparation, and assisting students accessing other library resources like Audio-Visual aid etc. as well)</p>
August 2022 – Present	<p>Supervising 1 Master Thesis and 1 BSW Thesis <i>“Masculinity and Traditional Positionality of Transgender Xhosa men and How it affects their Mental Health”</i> (Masters) and <i>“Perceptual study on Infrastructural Challenges in Secondary Public School in Western Cape, South Africa”</i> (BSW).</p>
May 2022 – November 2022	<p>Exam Invigilation for different Department at University of Cape Town.</p>
August 2019 - July 2021	<p>Assistant Professor in Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and Taught M.A CBCS 1st - 4th-semester paper on <i>“Women in North Eastern Societies”</i>. • Taught research coursework on <i>“Research Methodology in Social Science Research”</i> and <i>“Society, Polity and Culture on India”</i> paper. • Co-Convenor for National Conference organized on Brahmaputra <i>“River for the People River against the People”</i> and Co-Convenor for Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Chair lectures. And other academic and administrative responsibilities.
December 2017- July 2019	<p>Programme Officer, Toxics Link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research, Programme Management, Preparing Policy briefs, Report writing, Documentation and representing Toxics Link in International Convention on Chemical and Waste. • Attended 3rd SAICM meeting in Uruguay funded by UNEP (29th March – 4th April 2019)

and made an intervention on PFAS for South Asian Countries

- Attended International Conference on Green Chemistry and Waste Management in Bonn, Germany in 2019 supported by the Federal Ministry of Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ) and Germany.

March 2017 - July 2017

Research Associate in IIM Lucknow, Noida Campus

Seed Money Research Project of IIM Lucknow, Noida Campus on “*Participatory Approach in Water Resource Management and River Rejuvenation: A study of Hindon River*”.

October 2016 - March 2017

Worked as Independent Consultant for a Project of North Bank College, Assam

UGC Minor research Project on “Unbalanced Equation: A Comparative Study of the performance of English subject in Public and Private sector Schools of Dhakuakhana Sub- Division”.

June 2014 – Sept 2014

Worked as Resource Mobilizer in Joining Hands

Research, Documentation, Training and Placement of Urban poor youth in the organization’s different stakeholders.

CONFERENCES & TALKS ORGANISED

- Organised Graduate Lecture Series (ongoing) as part of PhD on “*Living with the deluge: land, livelihood and contestation of riparian communities*” since 2021.
- Co-Convenor for Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Chair Annual lecture on Frontier Urbanization Conflict and Smart Strategies in Sikkim Himalaya, National Registration of Citizenship, Philosophy of Death etc.
- Co-Convenor of National Conference on Brahmaputra “*River for the People River against the People*” organised on 23rd – 24th September 2019 (Supported Sponsored by Northeastern Council, Government of India Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) & Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL)
- Prepared Annual Report and Annual Day organised in Centre for Northeast Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia in 2019 and 2020.
- Organized National Seminar and meeting on Chemical Management and Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) on 26th March 2019 and 30th April 2018
- Formed a Project Support Group for India for the Mercury in Products projects and organised National-level stakeholder workshop and meeting (Zero Mercury Working Group and European Environment Bureau).

PAPERS PRESENTED: (only 2021-2023)

- “*Living in Hazardous Waterscapes: Social Memories of Displaced Faces from deluges, A case of Study of Brahmaputra Valley*” (Paper presentation) Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies (NEEDS) 2023, University of Twente.
- “*Living with Floods: Community-based coping and Resilience Mechanism of Missing’s from Floods A Study of Majuli District of Assam*” (Poster) at Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies (NEEDS) 2023, University of Twente.
- “*Living with the Flood: River, nature and spirits look after us during a Disaster: A Case study Missing Communities from Brahmaputra’s Valley*”. Political Studies Association's (PSA) Birmingham City University 1st September 2023.
- *Precarious Land and Displaced Subjects: Lives, Livelihood and Resistance of Riparian Communities from Catastrophe*’ AFREXTRACT Conference, May 2023 organised by the University of Groningen and University of Pretoria.
- *Disappearing homes and displaced subjects: Impact of disaster on island geographies, A Case study of Majuli island, Assam.* 34th School of Pacific and Asian Studies (SPAS) Graduate Student Conference, Intersecting Asia’s: Reflections on Connections and Mobility, April 2023, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, Honolulu.
- *Enduring the cost of living with floods: Traces or tales of displaced faces from eroding island: A case study of Brahmaputra valley* (Online) ‘Un/Doing Development’ organised by Development Studies Association of Australia (DSAA) and Western Sydney University July 2022.
- *Lives and livelihood in hazardous waterscapes: Memories and experiences of Gendered impact of deluges, A case of study of Brahmaputra valley* in 2nd Disaster and Development Society Conference (online) organised by Northumbria University November 2021.
- *Living with Floods: Community-based coping and resilience mechanism of Missing/Mishing from Floodsa study of Majuli District of Assam* in InterAsia Water(s) Graduate Conference organised (online) by Yale Macmillan Centre, Interasia Initiative on May 2021.

INVITED SPEAKER:

- Expert Lecture to deliver Craft Based Research Design to UG 4th Semester Fashion Communication Department at National Institute of Fashion Technology, Shillong India on 02nd and 3rd May 2023.
- Expert Lecture to deliver Craft Based Research Design to UG 4th Semester Fashion Communication Department at National Institute of Fashion Technology, Shillong India on 02nd March 2024.

RESEARCH GRANTS & PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN (Individual)

- “*Human and Nature Co-existence: Indigenous Knowledge and Practices of Jamatia for Natural Resource Management*”, Funded by Northeastern Council and Centre for Northeast Studies and Policy Research, JMI and Government of India December 2019 - 21 (Grant amount 60,000 INR – 1200 USD)

AWARDS / GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIP RECEIVED

- UCT Doctoral Foundation Contingency Award in 2024 (amount ZAR 35,000, 1945 USD).
- NEEDs Conference Travel Grant from University of Twente, ISS, Erasmus University Rotterdam (amount 1500 EURO, 1620 USD).
- UCT Doctoral Conference / Travel Grant in 2023 (amount ZAR 12082, 615 USD).
- Oak Spring Garden Foundation Scholarship for Writing the Landscape Workshop/Conference 2023 Virginia, USA.
- UCT International and Refugee Scholarship for PhD 2021 - 2025 (ZAR 35000 - 1945 USD).
- UCT Bail Out Award for 2022 (ZAR 4000 - 270 USD - 2022).
- UCT Doctoral Conference / Travel Grant in 2022 (ZAR 24000 - 1472 USD).
- Swedish South Asian Studies Network Lund’s University Summer School Grant 2022.
- UCT Doctoral Conference / Travel Grant in 2022 (ZAR 1000 - 62 USD).
- Asia Student Scholarship from the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies (ANHS) for 2022 – 24.
- Global Humanities Institute Fellowship for Early Career Researcher 2022 from Mellon Foundation (USD 1574).
- GIZ and Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) for Conference and Travel grant to attend the 3rd Green Chemistry Conference at Bonn 2019 (800 Euros).
- UNEP – SAICM Conference / Travel Grant to attend the UNEP SAICM meeting at Uruguay 2019 (1500 USD excluding scholarship for subsistence, flight, lodging and food).

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Life Member of Development Studies Association of Australia (DSAA), Australia.
- Life Member of Development Studies Association, UK (Membership no: M44429)
- Member of The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP)
- Member of Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies (ANHS).
- Life Member of National Association of Professional Social Worker (NAPSWI)

POSITION HELD IN (ACADEMIC AND STUDENT BODY)

- Faculty Co-Ordinator for Master’s Credit Based Choice System course from 2019 - 2021
- Executive Council Member in the Department of Social Work Student Union 2012- 2013.
- Co-Ordinator in All Assam Gorkha Student Union (AAGSU), New Delhi chapter 2008 – 2021.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth	: 26 th February 1991
Language Known	: English, Hindi, Nepali, Assamese, and Bengali.
Skills	: Research, Fieldwork, SPSS, Arc GIS, KOBO, Ethnography, Policy Briefs, and analysis/ Report Writing.