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Research Experience

M.A Dissertation (South Asian University)

Reconstructing Identity through Food and Foodways- A study on Displaced Syrian Individuals of New Delhi

2020-2021

- This research examined how displaced Syrians re-imagined and reconstructed their home via food
- Analyzed affective ties with the landscape, their concept of home and identity, and their sense of belongingness in a transnational context
- **Research Methods** used- Ethnographic Fieldwork, Flexible Interviews with a focus on their narratives, participant observation, Literature Review, Interview with Dr. Malay Firoz (Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Arizona State University) and Dr. Abdul Fattah Ammourah (Professor, Vice Dean, and Director at the center for Middle East Studies at Jindal School of International Affairs)

Collaborative Research Project(Miranda House)

The extent of the cultural infusion of Tibetan Refugees in New Delhi

2017

- This research examined the scope and extent of the assimilation of Tibetan Refugees residing in a Tibetan colony in New Delhi
- The dimensions focused upon were religion, rules of marriage, food, and popular culture
- **Research Methods:** Ethnographic Fieldwork, Interviews, Qualitative Analysis, participant observation, literature review

Collaborative Research Project (Miranda House)

Gendered Analysis of the Professional Kitchen- Understanding the role of gender in the culinary world

2018

- This research project examined the gender discrepancies ingrained in the professional culinary industry
- **Research Methods** used- Ethnographic Fieldwork, Flexible Interviews with chefs, participant observation, Literature Review, telephonic interview with chef Yasobanta Mahanta (Austria based)



Education

South Asian University

July 2019-June 2021

M.A Sociology

Miranda House

July 2016-May 2019

B.A Honours Sociology; Minor in Political Science

Army Public School, Narangi

(CBSE A.I.S.S.C.E)

2014-2016

- Scored aggregate 96.2%
- Scored 481/500

Holy Child Higher Secondary School (SEBA H.S.L.C State Board)

2014

- Awarded Distinction
- Scored 535/600

Awards

- Assistant Professorship (ugc-net)- 2022
- Best Volunteer Award in Indian Music (Miranda House)- 2018
- National Scholarship under CCRT (2009-2014)

Work Experience

Assistant Professor- Sociology

Royal Global University- 2023 ongoing

Peer Support Moderator

2020

- Provided trained support and helped clients cope with and problem-solve low acuity mental health and well-being struggles like anxiety, depression, loneliness, social isolation, family pressures, relationship conflicts, parenting challenges, work stress, etc.
- Handled 10+ client sessions per week

Intern- Centre for Catalyzing Change

5th June- 5th July, 2018

- Facilitated secondary research landscaping of around 500+ companies based in India and assisted the communications Team in Knowledge Management on Corporate Social Responsibility

Intern- Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi

6th June -12th July, 2017

- Analyzed the default patterns of NGOs financed by RGVN

Leadership Experiences

South Asian University

- Class Representative (2019-2021)
- Student Faculty Coordinator (2019-2021)
- Organizing member of Student Collective of Sociology department- Rickshaw
- Co-chaired a webinar "**Locked down Beats**"- a humble attempt at gathering perspective from three South Asian artists on creating art during the Pandemic

Miranda House

President of the Indian Music Society - Geetanjali

- Led a team of 10+ members and represented the college on a national level winning in 15+ colleges across DU as well as in IIT Kanpur, IIT Delhi
- Handled budgetary planning and approval of finances
- Scheduled practice sessions

Philanthropic Experiences

- Volunteered in Greenpeace Organization
- Volunteered with Umeed
- Taught under-privileged children under National Service Scheme
- One Billion Rising by feminist icon Kamla Bhasin

Skills

- Ethnographic Film Making- under the guidance of filmmaker Mr. Ajay Govind
- Academic Writing
- Designing of Research Plan
- Data Analysis
- Microsoft Office
- Critical Thinking
- Research Methods- Fieldwork, interview, Literature Review

Interests

Music, Reading, Travel, Fitness,
Cooking, Tv shows

Languages Known

English, Hindi, Assamese