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2003-2015: Centre for Studies in Science Policy (CSSP), Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi, India)

2014-2015 (on Leave from JNU): Department of History, Shiv Nadar University (Uttar Pradesh, India).

**Research Positions, Awards and Fellowships**

2020-23, Project Titled: Re-conceptualizing Rivers in South Asia as Histories of the Biological Pulse, Grants in Aid for Scientific Research (C), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) [KAKENHI]

2017 (August-September), Academic Visitor at the Asian Research Institute, National University Singapore, Singapore

2016-19, Project Titled: 'The Great Hydraulic Transition: colonial engineers and modern rivers in South Asia', Grants in Aid for Scientific Research (C), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) [KAKENHI]

2014 (February-May), Visiting Research Fellowship at the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University, Japan.

- 2013 (Oct-Nov): Visiting Fellowship at the Centre for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania, (U.S.A) <http://casi.ssc.upenn.edu/about>
- 2012 (April- September): Short Term Chair at the University of Tokyo ( Japan) as Visiting Professor of Contemporary Indian Studies by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.
- 2005 (June-July): Short Term Visiting Fellow, Resources Management Asia-Pacific, Australian National University (Australia)
- 2003: Senior Research Associate, Centre for World Environmental History, University of Sussex (United Kingdom).
- 2002-02: Ratan Tata Fellowship, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi. (declined)
- 2000-02: Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellow, Berkeley, University of California.
- 1999-00: Postdoctoral Fellow, Program for Agrarian Studies, Yale University.
- 1998-99: Research Associate, Department of Sociology, Delhi University.
- 1996-98: Junior Research Fellowship, the Indian Council for Historical Research.

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‘Coasts, Estuaries, the Monsoon and ‘discovering’ the River’s pulse in South Asia’ in



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