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Education:

- Ph.D., Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.
- M.Phil., Sociology, Centre for Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- M.A. Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.
- B.A. (Hons.) Chemistry, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi.

Broad Areas of Specialization:

- Sociology of Religion
- Islam in South Asia
- Ethics and the everyday
- Gender and Sexuality

Publications and Seminars:

- Chapter titled 'Transcendental Transactions: Food Practices among Barelwi Muslims' in Usha Sanyal and Nita Kumar (eds.), *Food, Faith and Gender: The Cultural Politics of South Asian Women's Food Practices*, 2020, Bloomsbury Publishers.

- Paper co-authored with Usha Sanyal, titled 'Discipline and Nurture: Living in a girls' madrasa, living in community.' *Modern Asian Studies*, (2018): 1-40.
doi:10.1017/S0026749X17000166

- Paper titled '*Aqeeda, Adab and Aitraaz*: Modalities of 'being' Barelwi' published in the Sage Publications journal, *Contributions to Indian Sociology* 46, 3(2012): 259-281 [1]
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- Presented a paper on 'Adab in the Digital Realm: Navigating Virtual Spaces Ethically' in a workshop on Negotiating Technologies, A Muslim South Asia Research Forum (MUSA) Workshop organized in collaboration with CEIAS, Paris &

the Centre of South Asian Studies, Cambridge (14th and 15th October, 2016).

- Presented a paper on 'From Congregation to Crowd; From Procession to Mob' in conference on Rethinking Religion in India IV: Religion, Secularism and Law jointly organized by Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara (SDM) Law College (Mangalore, India), SDM Centre for Post-Graduate Studies and Research in Law (Mangalore, India), the Research Centre Vergelijkende Cultuurwetenschap (Ghent University, Belgium), the Centre for the Study of Local Cultures and P.G. Department of Law (Kuvempu University, India), the Department for the Study of Religions (University of Pardubice, Czech Republic) and the India Platform UGent (Ghent University, Belgium) in Mangalore (24th - 27th November, 2012) [1] [SEP]

- Convened the panel on 'Aesthetics of ritual performance' in the conference on Arts and Aesthetics in a Globalising World organized by Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth in New Delhi (3rd – 6th April, 2012). [1] [SEP]

- Presented a paper on 'Aesthetics of Devotion: Barelwi practice in the everyday' in the conference on Arts and Aesthetics in a Globalising World organized by Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth in New Delhi (3rd – 6th April, 2012).

- Discussant at Research Scholars' Workshop, Shiv Nadar University 'Reimagining the Field' (16th March 2016).

- Presented a paper 'Tracing Mediations in the Making of an Ethnography' in the Research Scholars' Workshop 'Writing the Field: Questions of Method', Department of Sociology, Shiv Nadar University (11th March 2015)

Book Review:

- Sudha Sitharaman and Anindita Chakrabarti, eds. 2020. *Religion and Secularities: Reconfiguring Islam in Contemporary India*. Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan. DOI: 10.1177/00699667211002301. *Contributions to Indian Sociology* 55, 2 (2021): 276–297

Invited Lectures:

- A Gift for Eternity: Transacting with the Divine through food practices (20th February 2020), Shiv Nadar University.
- True Muslim, False Muslim: Making sense of multiple interpretations of Islam in India (4th November 2015), Centre for the study of Social Systems, JNU.

Work Experience:

- Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi (Oct. 2019 – continuing).
- Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology, Hindu College, University of Delhi (Jan. 2014 – Feb. 2016).

Academic Achievements:

- Awarded the Junior Research Fellowship (later extended to Senior Research Fellowship) by University Grants Commission, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India in 2007.
- Cleared the National Eligibility Test for University Lectureship conducted by University Grants Commission, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India in 2007.
- Achieved first division in M.A. Sociology at the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi (2005)
- Awarded the Science Meritorious Award by University of Delhi for ranking among the 10 best Chemistry students in the University of Delhi (2002)
- Achieved second rank (aggregate percentage 90.5%) in Class XII board examinations in St. Maria Goretti Inter College affiliated to Council for Indian School Certificate Examination (2000)
- Achieved first rank (aggregate percentage 94.6%) in Class X board examinations in St. Maria Goretti Inter College affiliated to Council for Indian School Certificate Examination (1998)