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EDUCATION

PhD in Geography, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (2010-2013)

Thesis title- Deprivation and Vulnerabilities in Kolkata Metropolis: A Case Study of Low Income Households-

Examining urban deprivation in terms of lack of access to basic services and amenities across the city wards, and mapping them to find out deprivation hot spots. Conducting a primary survey in the selected deprived locales to find out socio-economic conditions of the people living there. Taking an interdisciplinary approach to map social segregation or ghettos of minorities, refugees and lower caste people within these deprived locales. Methodology used-

- 500 households were surveyed from five most deprived wards of Kolkata from each direction (north, south, west, east and central)
- Semi-structured questionnaire was used to collect data
- Quantitative analysis of slum household data
- Qualitative data was also collected, focus group discussion of slum dwellers, ward committee members, in-depth interview of councilors, NGO workers and case study of model-slums and low income colonies, case history analysis
- Spatial analysis of city growth, development of socially segregated colonies from the colonial period to recent date (2011).
- Comprehensive literature review: systematic and thematic methods
- Theoretical analysis of the concept of urban deprivation, right to city and definition of slums

M.Phil. in Geography Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (2006-2009), (CGPA- 6.75, A Only/ First Class)

Dissertation title: Urban Growth and Spatial Transformation of Kolkata Metropolis

- Based on geo-spatial analysis of Kolkata (Calcutta) growth from the colonial time to the present day
- Land use maps, social attribute mapping and analysis of satellite imageries collected from the various survey offices.

M. A in Geography (special paper- Population Studies), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (2004-2006) (CGPA: 6.57, A-/ First Class)

BA (Hons) First Class, Geography, Rammohan College, University of Calcutta (2001-2004)

Qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) for lectureship, conducted by the University Grants Commission (UGC), July, 2007

Higher Secondary (12th Standard), West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education, completed with First Division, (65%), Arts and Humanities (2001)

Matriculation (10th Standard), West Bengal Board of Secondary Education, Holy Child institute for Girls, Kolkata, 1999, awarded first division (73%).

Expertise: ARC GIS, Geoda, Q-GIS, SPSS, STATA software; project proposal, report writing, conducting field work, questionnaire making.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, IIDS, New Delhi

- Currently Working as an Assistant Professor of urban and social geography in the Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS), New Delhi (2015 to till date)
- Associate Fellow, Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, New Delhi, (2013-2015)
- Total work experience 12 years
- Conduct research projects and supervise PhD Thesis
- The Institute is recognized by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)

Grants and Awards of Projects-

- **North East Women in Delhi: Discrimination and Vulnerabilities** sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for two years (2016-18);
- **Digital Technology and Women from Marginalized Communities in Selected Slums of Delhi: Issues of Knowledge, Availability, and Access-** sponsored by the National Commission for Women

Worked as an Ex-Officio Department representative in the Task Force for School

Education constituted under the State Education Policy Commission to Study various Aspects of School Education in Karnataka – (2024) under the Government of Karnataka

- Spatial analysis of school and education infrastructure data across districts, and blocks of Karnataka

Research Associate, Exploring Social and Educational attainment of Disadvantaged Groups in Maharashtra and evaluating Policies For them' with Symbiosis International Deemed University, Pune, (2024-2025)

Worked as researcher in the following institutional projects of IIDS-

- Role of Social Protection in Food Security for Socially Excluded Groups in India
- Evidence from the Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for the Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG) –SABLA, 2013
- Status of Dalit Women 2014-15
- Impact of Covid-19 Induced Lockdown on Non-farm Informal Workers, 2020-22
- The Impact assessment of scheduled-Caste Sub Plan and Tribal Sub Plan being Implemented in Karnataka (2018-19 to 2022-23)
- National Education Policy in Karnataka- School Education, (2024-25)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

1. Shannon, G., Morgan, R., Zeinali, Z., Brady, L., Couto, M. T., Devakumar, D., Eder, B., Karadag, O., Mukherjee, M., Peres, M. F. T., Ryngelblum, M., Sabharwal, N., Schonfield, A., Silwane, P., Singh, D., Van Ryneveld, M., Vilakati, S., Watego, C., Whyte, E., & Muraya, K. (2022). Intersectional insights into racism and health: not just a question of identity. *The Lancet*, 400(10368), 2125-2136. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(22\)02304-2](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(22)02304-2)
2. Acharya, S. S., Mukherjee, M., & Dutta, C. (2020). The shadow pandemic in India: 'Staying home' and the safety of women during lockdown. *Gender Forum, Special Issue: Gender in Crisis. COVID-19 and its Impact*, Issue 76, 46-61. ISSN 1613-1878.
3. Mukherjee, M., & Dutta, C. (2018). Contested Urban Spaces in Delhi: Experiences of Discrimination of Women from Northeast India. *Journal of Social Inclusion Studies*, 4(2), 258–280. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2394481118812310>

4. Mukherjee, M. (2017). Mapping of regional disparity in standard of living: Issues and challenges to urban resilience in India. *Amity Journal of Economics*, 2(1), 35-50. ISSN 2456-155X (Online), ISSN 2455-9733 (Print), RNI: UPENG/2017/72669.)
5. Acharya, S. S., Mukherjee, M., & Kumar, K. (2015). Enabling Environment for Social Inclusion in Universal Access to Antenatal Care in Selected Villages of UP, MP and Karnataka. *Journal of Social Inclusion Studies*, 1(2), 1-12. ISSN 2394-4811.
6. Sabharwal, N. S., Mukherjee, M., Mishra, V. K., & Diwakar G, D. (2015). Food Security for Socially Excluded Groups in India: Examining the Role of Social Protection Programme. *Journal of Social Inclusion Studies*, 2(1), 25–42. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2394481120150102>
7. Mukherjee, M. (2012): Urban growth and spatial transformation of Kolkata Metropolis: A continuation of colonial legacy. *ARPN Journal of Science and Technology*, 2 Special Issue: ICESR 2012), 365-380. ISSN 2225-7217.
8. Mukherjee, M. (2012). Mapping of Urban Growth pockets, Hot spots of Poverty and Land Use Changes in Kolkata Metropolis: Its Impact on Urban Resource Management. *Indian Cartographer*, 32, 205-214, 266. ISSN: 0972-8392.
9. Shukla, P. K., & Mukherjee, M. (2012). Mapping of Housing Deprivation in Indian Megacities: A Comparison between Delhi and Kolkata. *Indian Cartographer*, 32, 214. ISSN: 0972-8392.

Chapter in Edited Book

10. Acharya, S.S., Mukherjee, M., Singh, S. (2023). Casting Gender in Violence against Dalit Women: Perpetrators' Impunity and Constitutional Responsibility of the State. In: Pachauri, S., Verma, R.K. (eds) *Transforming Unequal Gender Relations in India and Beyond. Sustainable Development Goals Series*. Springer, Singapore. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-99-4086-8_13.
11. Mukherjee, M. (2021). Ambedkar on women's empowerment and the status of Dalit women in Karnataka. In A. S. Rathore (Ed.), *B R Ambedkar: The Quest for Justice, Volume-IV* (Chapter 5, pp. 116). Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
12. Acharya, S. S., Mukherjee, M., & Patro, G. (2021). Correlates of Health Care among Women and Children in Odisha: Understanding Barriers in Access. In A. Hans, A. Patel, B. Mohanty, & S. Tripathy (Eds.), *Women Reinventing Development: The Odisha Experience* (1st ed., pp. 99-119). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003196402>
13. Mukherjee, M. (2018). Impact of Urban Growth, Land Use Changes on Socio-Economic Vulnerability in the East Kolkata Wetland: An Assessment through Sustainable Livelihood Approach. In C. M. Lakshmana (Ed.), *Population, Development and Environment* (pp. 279-294). Rawat Publication. ISBN: 9788131609422.
14. Mukherjee, M. (2019). Energy Deprivation and Usage of Biomass Fuel: An Assessment of Health Vulnerability in Urban Slums. In A. Banerjee (Ed.), *Contemporary Health Issues in India: Challenges and Responses* (pp. 237-247). Rajesh Publication.

Other Academic Publications-

15. Developed online study material or E-Gyan Kosh for Indira Gandhi National open University (IGNOU) on Population and Settlement Geography- (2023)

Block-4 Settlement Structure and Hierarchy

- Unit-13 Structure and Morphology of Rural Settlements
- Unit-14 Structure and Morphology of Urban Settlement
- Unit-15 Settlement Hierarchy

Online source: <https://egyankosh.ac.in/handle/123456789/100623>

Language

1. Bengali- Native Speaker
2. Hindi-State Language
3. English – Fluently speak, write and read
4. French-Basic diploma from Alliance Francaise, Kolkata (2001)

International Seminar and Workshop attended

- 1) ***“GIS Mapping of Urban Growth, Spatial Transformation and Characteristics of Slum Wards in Kolkata: A Comparison between KMC and KUA”*** at Annual Conference of Royal Geographical Society, held in Edinburgh, Scotland, UK on 3 to 5 July, 2012 (Travel Grant Awarded by ICSSR, 2012)
- 2) ***“Socio-Economic Status And Living Condition Of Low Income Families In Kolkata”*** in 2nd Asian Population Association Conference held in Bangkok on 26- 29 August in 2012 (Travel Grant Awarded by APA, 2012)
- 3) ***“Urban Deprivation and Social Vulnerability in Indian Slums: A History of Social Exclusion”*** in International IPOP Conference 2015: Is Inequality Increasing Again? What Population Science can tell us? organised by Institute National D'Etudes Demographiques, Paris, France, held in University of Paris Ouest-Nanterre la Defense on 2-3 July, 2015 (Travel Grant Awarded by INED, Paris)
- 4) ***“Female Migration for Non-Marital Purposes: Understanding Social and Demographic Correlates of Barriers”*** in INTERNATIONAL YOUNG RESEARCHERS' CONFERENCE, The impacts and challenges of demographic change, organised by Institute National D'Etudes Demographiques, Paris, on 22-23 (September, 2016 (Travel Grant Awarded by INED, Paris)
- 5) **Dissemination Workshop of the Global Sustainable Development Report 2019, held from 18 – 21 November 2019 in Jakarta, Indonesia**, Participated as UN Delegate, contributed to the group work sessions, enriched the experience exchange and enhanced the networking among policy makers, scientists and business representatives. (Organized by The Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA/DSDG).

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