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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

PhD in Human Geography and Urban Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2026 *expected*

Supervisors: Dr. Kasia Paprocki (LSE Geography and Environment), Dr. Austin Zeiderman (LSE Geography and Environment).

Dissertation: *Building against the Storm: An Infrastructural History and Politics of Climate Change in the Bengal Delta in India*

MA Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University, Budapest, 2019

MA Sociology, Ambedkar University Delhi, 2016

BA (Hons.) History, University of Delhi, 2014

GRANTS and AWARDS

2024 LSE Class Teacher Award

2024 LSE Postgraduate Travel Grant

2024 LSE Geography and Environment Research Student Conference Grant

2022 LSE PhD Studentship

2017 Central European University Master's Scholarship

2014 Ambedkar University Delhi Academic Merit Scholarship

2011 Reserve Bank of India Golden Jubilee Scholarship

2009 Reserve Bank of India Golden Jubilee Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Sircar, Sraman. 2025. "The Politics of Celebration: Interrogating the Secular Heritage of the *Phool Waalon Ki Sair* Festival in Delhi". *Contemporary South Asia* 33(1): 36-51. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09584935.2024.2446283>.

Edited Reports

Shalvashvili, Mariam. 2021. *Everyday Lives and Multifaceted Oppression of Muslim Women of Georgia*, edited by Sraman Sircar. Tbilisi: Social Justice Center and Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU). https://socialjustice.org.ge/uploads/products/covers/Women_1643706826.pdf.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers Presented

2024 "Where the Sacred Flows: Remaking the Inland Waterscapes of the Ganga in the Bengal Delta in India", *International Conference on Inland Waterscapes: Nature, Society and Culture in Hydrography*, Udine, Italy, The University of Udine (Italy), Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy), River Cities Network (Netherlands), Shima Publishing (Australia), 22-25 May.

2018 "Performing the Divine: Cultural Heritage and the Construction of Religious Identities in a Festival in Delhi", *25th European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS)*, Paris, France, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), 24-27 July.

Invited Public Seminars

2025 "Where the Sacred Flows: The Infrastructural Politics of Climate Change Adaptation in the Bengal Delta in India", *The Research Center for Anthropology*, Tbilisi, Georgia, Ilia State University, 30 April.

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

2024 Associate Fellowship of the UK Higher Education Academy/Advance HE (AFHEA).

2024 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Global Environmental Governance (with Dr. Michael Mason), London School of Economics and Political Science.

2023 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Political Ecology of Development (with Dr. Kasia Paprocki), London School of Economics and Political Science.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Ethnographic research of 10 months in Kolkata and the Indian Sundarbans in West Bengal, India, together with archival research at the West Bengal State Archives, the National Library of India, and the Maritime Archives and Heritage Centre of the Kolkata Port Trust as part of the doctoral research project at LSE.
- 2020 Archival research at the West Bengal State Archives as a part of the Family History Project for *The Guardian* journalist Nick Davies and *BBC Docs* journalist Manisha Ganguly.
- 2020 Focus group discussions, qualitative interviews, and community mapping among former workers of the Dunlop Rubber Factory in Sahaganj, West Bengal, India. Prepared a policy recommendation report titled *Relics of a Forgotten Past: Conserving the Dunlop Industrial Estate in Sahaganj*. It was submitted to the *Industrial Heritage as a Source of Social Empowerment and Economic Revitalization* summer school held in July at the Central European University.
- 2019 Successfully defended MA dissertation titled *The Politics of Celebration: Power, Agency, and Placemaking in a Festival in Delhi* at the Central European University. Read more here: https://www.etd.ceu.edu/2019/sircar_sraman.htm
- 2018 Ethnographic research based on 15 oral history interviews of Hungarian activists. Co-authored an academic report titled *On Memory, Activism, and Solidarity: An Analysis of How Activists Remember the 2015 'Refugee Crisis' in Budapest* for the Ethnographic Methods course at the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology of CEU.
- 2016 Pre-dissertation archival research at the National Archives of India and the Delhi State Archives, along with ethnographic research of 6 months in Mehrauli, Delhi for the aforementioned CEU MA thesis.
- 2016 Edited and researched the data and conclusions presented in Chapter II (International Framework) and Chapter IV (Sexual Harassment at Workplace: A Case of Delhi/NCR) of the report titled *Gender Dimensions at Work and Employment: A Case of Sexual Harassment* published by the V. V. Giri National Labour Institute in Delhi. Read more here: <https://vvgnli.gov.in/sites/default/files/2016-115.pdf>
- 2016 Successfully defended MA dissertation titled *Screening Authority, Negotiating Modernity: The Politics of Shaktimaan, India's First Superhero* at Ambedkar University Delhi.
- 2015 Archival research at the Prasar Bharati Archives under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of the Union Government of India in Delhi for the aforementioned MA thesis.

- 2015 Recorded oral history interviews of 62 individuals in Delhi and Kolkata for The 1947 Partition Archive.
- 2015 Conducted research on social entrepreneurship in India and updated the organizational database of the angel investor and incubator called Start Up! in Delhi.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Hosted Prof. Jennifer Robinson, Chair of Human Geography at the Department of Geography of the University College London, in the Writer Meets Readers doctoral seminar on 8 June at the Department of Geography and Environment of the LSE. Chaired the discussion of her monograph *Comparative Urbanism: Tactics for Global Urban Studies* (John Wiley & Sons, July 2022).
- 2023 Hosted Prof. Laura Pulido, Centennial Professor to the LSE Department of Geography and Environment and the Phelan United States Centre, in the Writer Meets Readers doctoral seminar on 23 March at the Department of Geography and Environment of the LSE. Discussant of her forthcoming article called *Wildfire Rumours and Denial in the Trump Era* in the edited volume *Fanning the Flames: Political Ecologies of the Far Right* (Manchester University Press, April 2024).
- 2021 Member of the selection committee of the Research Residency Grant offered by The 1947 Partition Archive and Tata Trusts to Indian graduate students for conducting research in the field of Partition Studies.
- 2021 Strategized and implemented the restructuring and rebranding of the Kolkata based heritage tourism company called Heritage Walk Calcutta into Immersive Trails.
- 2021 Created virtual, immersive cultural experiences and monetized them through the paid subscription as well as pay per view models to increase and diversify the revenue streams of Immersive Trails. Consolidated the academic collaborations of the company with both Indian and foreign universities under a new vertical of the business called Heritage Academy.
- 2021 Launched the *Ghats of Kolkata* project in April in collaboration with the Living Waters Museum. It involved participant observation of the everyday water practices along the river Hooghly in Kolkata.
- 2021 Launched the *Chinatown Memory Project* in June to record the oral history interviews of the Indian Chinese community residing in Kolkata.
- 2020 Collaborated with the non-profit educational trust Going to School Fund in New Delhi and the Sarmaya Arts Foundation in Mumbai on issues related to heritage outreach, promotion, and curation.
- 2020 Hosted the inaugural seminar of the research project called *Digital Urbanism and Diasporas: Walking the Cultural Heritage of Calcutta's Riverfront* at the Ballygunge Science College, University of Calcutta in January. It was jointly funded by the Arts

and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) of the United Kingdom and the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).

- 2016 Established and briefly managed the South Asia regional office of The 1947 Partition Archive in Delhi. It is a non-profit foundation that has grown out of the Oral History Research Center of the University of California, Berkeley, and was incubated at the university's startup incubator and accelerator called Skydeck Berkeley.
- 2016 Peer interviewed candidates shortlisted for subsequent rounds of the Oral History Apprenticeship offered by The 1947 Partition Archive in Delhi and Kolkata.
- 2015 Conducted public outreach and maintained track of applications received for the Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award organized by the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship and the Jubilant Bhartia Foundation while interning at Start Up!
- 2012 Assisted with the logistical implementation of the Girl Child Education and Great Delhi Run campaigns hosted by the NGO Child Rights and You in Delhi.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS

- 2021 Hosted the Global Hackathon Virtual Cultural Project in February and March in collaboration with the University of Exeter. Undergraduate students from the University of Exeter (UK), Ashoka University (India), Presidency University (India), and Banaras Hindu University (India) were trained in creating virtual cultural experiences based on their research on urban history and heritage conservation.
- 2020 Conducted online workshops for Immersive Trails called *Narratives of Memory: An Introduction to Oral History* and *Knowing the 'Other': An Introduction to Ethnography* between May and September.
- 2020 Organized the online summer school called *Heritage Outreach in the Time of Covid-19: A Virtual Global Leaders Programme* for the students at the University of Exeter in July.
- 2018 Worked as a Film Archivist at the Vera and Donald Blinked Open Society Archive in Budapest, Hungary. Catalogued the 43 documentary films that had been submitted to the 14th Verzio Film Festival held in Budapest between 14 and 19 November 2017.
- 2016 Panelist in the public outreach programme called *Voices of Partition* at the India Habitat Centre in Delhi in April, along with Urvashi Butalia (founder of Zubaan Books and Kali for Women), Ajeet Cour (Sahitya Akademi Award winning Punjabi novelist), and Tarlochan Singh (member of Rajya Sabha, upper house of the Indian parliament, and personal secretary of Dr. Manmohan Singh, the 13th Prime Minister of India between 2004 and 2014).
- 2012 Worked as a teacher of English and History for high school students in the low-income neighbourhood of Pratap Nagar in Delhi as a part of the Hindu College branch of the National Service Scheme, a public service programme conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Union Government of India.

SOFTWARE SKILLS

- **Microsoft Copilot:** graphic design and AI prompt engineering
- **Koha:** archiving and cataloguing
- **Skysoft Media Converter:** audio and video editing
- **R:** data visualization and quantitative analysis
- **ClickUp:** project management and data visualization
- **Mailchimp:** customer outreach and marketing automation
- **Poll Everywhere:** digital learning tool and audience response

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking
English	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Bangla	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Hindi	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Urdu	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate

REFERENCES

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