

Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF INTEREST

Socio-spatial mobility in globally connected India

Evolution of state and Federalism in India

Anthropology of state and democracy

Everyday conflict and peace

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

AISSR, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Ph.D. Anthropology, 2 August 2010 – 24 August 2016

Degree granted for the thesis *Giving back: Diaspora philanthropy and the transnationalisation of caste in Guntur, India*, on 6 December 2016

University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India

M.A., Political Science, 23 August 2004 – 31 May 2006

Loreto College, Kolkata, India

B.A. Political Science Honours, with History and English elective, 1 August 2001 – 30 April 2004

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER OUTPUTS

Roohi, S. 2019. *Kula Gauravam*, Transnational Migration and the Reconfiguration of the Dominant Caste Status in Coastal Andhra. In *Sociology of the Elites in India*, edited by Surinder Jodhka and Jules Naudet. Oxford University Press: New Delhi.

Roohi, S. et. al. 2019. Collective Discussion: Piecing Up Feminist Peace Research, *International Political Sociology*. 13 (1): 86-107. doi: 10.1093/ips/oly034 (equal author).

Roohi, S. 2019. Historicising Mobility Trajectories of High Skilled Migrants from Coastal Andhra to the US. *Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics*. 31(1): 24-41. doi: 10.1177/0260107918770954.

Roohi, S. et. al. 2019. Everyday Care as Peacebuilding. In special issue on 'Critical Peace and Conflict Studies: Feminist Interventions' coedited by Laura McLoed and Maria O'Reilly *Peacebuilding Journal*. doi: 10.1080/21647259.2019.1588453.

Roohi, S. 2019. Book review of Sudeep Basu's 'In Diasporic Lands, Tibetan Refugees and their Transformation since Exodus'. *Journal of Refugee Studies*. 32 (2): 348-49.

Roohi, S. 2018. Efficient Donors, Meritorious Receivers: Professionalizing Transnational Philanthropy in Coastal Andhra. *Modern Asian Studies*, 52(1): 214-37. doi:10.1017/S0026749X17000622.

Roohi. S. 2018. Transnational Citizens as Partners in Development: The case of NRI Cell in Guntur, Coastal Andhra. In *Provincial Globalisation in India: Transregional mobilities and development politics*, edited by Carol Upadhyya, Mario Rutten and Leah Koskimaki. Routledge: London.

Roohi. S. 2018. Book review of Carol Upadhyya's 'Reengineering India: Work, Capital, and Class in an Offshore Economy'. *Sociological Bulletin*. 67(2): 247-49.

Roohi, S. 2017. Caste Kinship and the Realization of 'American Dream': Coastal Andhra Migrants in the United States. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. 43(16): 2756-70. doi:10.1080/1369183X.2017.1314598.

Roohi. S. 2016. Governmentalising NRI Philanthropy in Andhra Pradesh: A Transregional Approach to India's Development. In *Accumulation in Post-colonial Capitalism*, edited by Ranabir Samaddar, Samita Sen and Iman Kumar Mitra. Springer: Singapore.

Roohi, S. 2016. Unpublished Dissertation. *Giving Back: Diaspora Philanthropy and the Transnationalisation of Caste in Guntur (India)*, University of Amsterdam: Amsterdam.

Roohi. S. 2016. Book review of Surinder S. Jodhka's 'Caste in Contemporary India'. New Delhi: Routledge, 2014 in *Sociological Bulletin* 65 (2): 286-88.

Return of the Non-Resident. 2016. Short film based on my PhD research jointly conceptualised and produced with Prof. Carol Upadhyya - <https://vimeo.com/163534143>.

Roohi. S. 2013. *Social Impact of the City Planning Machinery: The Case of Road Widening in Bangalore*, Working paper, CRG Policies and Practices 58, CRG: Kolkata.

Roohi. S. 2010. *Minority within Minorities: Muslim Women in Kolkata* in S Bhaumik edited Counter Gaze: Media, Migrants, Minorities, Frontpage Publication: Kolkata.

Roohi. S and R. Samaddar ed. 2009. *Key Texts on Social Justice in India*, Sage Publications: New Delhi.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Roohi, S. Forthcoming, 2020. Speculating on Future Capital: Regional Caste Contestations, Land Commodification and Silent Dispossession in Andhra Pradesh. *Journal of Contemporary Asia*.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellowship, Centre for Modern Indian Studies, from September 2020 – August 2022

Fellow, SSRC funded Global and Transregional Studies Programme, Georg-August University, May – July 2018

Feminist Peach Research Network travel grant to attend the third follow up workshop on Feminist Peace Research, Tromsø, 17 – 20 December 2017

Feminist Peach Research Network travel grant to attend the second follow up workshop on Feminist Peace Research, Lund, 23-24 May 2017

Feminist Peach Research Network travel grant to attend workshop on the Meaning of Feminist Peace Research, Tampere, 28-29 June 2016

Won a JRD TATA Travel Grant to attend SAAG Conference in Cambridge University on 20-21 November 2015

Received WOTRO (Netherlands) PhD Fellowship between August 2010 – December 2014

Won a Government of Finland and UNHCR fellowship to visit University of Tampere for a project on temporary migration to Finland in March 2008

WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE CONVENOR/ORGANISER

Co-convenor of workshop 'Transnational giving: Evolving paths of religion, community and citizenship in globally connected Asia' 13-14 June 2019, supported by Max Planck Institute of Ethnic and Religious Diversity and Centre for Modern Indian Studies, Göttingen, Germany

Co-organiser of Provincial Globalisation workshop on 'The future of the 'new' Andhra Pradesh', 21 September 2015, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore

Part of the organising team for Third Critical Studies Conference 'Empires, States and Migration', 11-12 September 2009, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata

Part of the organising team for the international conference 'Culture Asia: Connecting divergent Asian Cultural Actors' jointly organised by Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore and HIVOS and OSI, Netherlands, 14 – 16 December, 2008, Infosys campus, Bangalore

Co-convenor of international Second Critical Studies Conference 'Spheres of Justice', 20-22 September 2007, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata

SUMMARY OF WORK EXPERIENCE

September 2018 – present: COFUND Fellow, Max Weber Kolleg, University of Erfurt (<https://www.uni-erfurt.de/index.php?id=52650&L=1>)

May – July 2018: Fellow, Global and Transregional Studies Programme, Georg-August University (<https://www.gts-goettingen.de/project/dr-sanam-roohi/>)

September 2016 – April 2018: Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore (http://www.sjc.ac.in/political_sanam.html)

December 2014 – April 2015: Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore

August 2010 – August 2016: Ph.D. candidate, Provincial Globalisation Programme, Department of Anthropology, University of Amsterdam and National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore (<http://www.provglo.org/people/sanam-roohi>)

July 2015 – June 2016: Consultant, IOM, Kuwait

May 2009 – July 2010: Research Associate, Urban Research and Policy Programme, NIAS,

Bangalore (www.nias.res.in)

February 2009 - July 2009: Project Coordinator for DAKSHI, Bangalore (www.dakshindia.org)

September 2008 - January 2009: Project Associate, Centre for the Study of Culture and Society (CSCS), Bangalore (www.cscsarchives.org)

October 2006 - September 2008: Programme cum Research Associate, Calcutta Research Group (CRG), Kolkata (www.mcrgr.ac.in)

SELECT CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP, SEMINAR PARTICIPATION

Presented a paper titled *Making of a licit visa economy: Caste networks, wasta and the conditioning of migrant mobility from Rayalaseema to Kuwait* at the workshop 'Infrastructures of Injustice: Migration, Conflict and Law', Princeton University, 26-27 April 2019

Delivered a public lecture titled *Reciprocity, Obligation and Transnationalisation of Caste in Coastal Andhra*, jointly organised by the department of Sociology and Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Hyderabad, 11 March 2019

Presented a paper titled *Making of an illegal visa economy: Caste networks, wasta and the conditioning of migrant mobility from Rayalaseema to Kuwait* at the workshop 'Infrastructures of Injustice: Migration and Border Mobilities', Singapore, 25-26 January 2019

Discussant in a panel for the conference 'Kinship and the Caste Frontier', Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, 8-9 November 2018

Presented a paper titled *Anti-elite rhetoric and the rise of Hindutva in India: A feminist analysis* in the conference 'Against the Elites', Department of Ethnology, University of Göttingen, 27-28 October 2018

Delivered a public lecture titled *Reciprocity, Obligation and Transnationalisation of Caste in Coastal Andhra*, Perspectives, TISS, Hyderabad on 23 August 2018

Delivered a public lecture titled *Diaspora Philanthropy and Transnationalisation of Caste in Coastal Andhra*, at LaMakaan, Hyderabad on 19 August 2018

Gave a talk at the InterAsia colloquium titled *Giving Back: Reciprocity, Obligation and Transnationalisation of Caste in Coastal Andhra* at Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, 23 May 2018

Co-authored paper titled *Everyday Peace and Care: Returning to a Feminist Past of Peace Research* read in absentia in the International Studies Association panel titled Critical Peace and Conflict Studies: Feminist Interventions II, San Francisco, USA, 7 April, 2018

Discussant and chair of the panel *Women and Inclusive Development through Digital Empowerment*, Digital Empowerment For Inclusive Growth And Sustainable Development, Tumkur University, Tumkur, Karnataka, 21 – 22 March, 2018

Presented a paper titled *Between emancipation and exploitation: Gulf migration and Social (Im)mobility in Southern Andhra* in the international conference *Migration, Diaspora and Nation Building*, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, 6–7 March, 2018

Workshop participation (wrapping up of Feminist Peach Research Network meet, working on COST grant application on Social Cohesion and Exclusion project, and workshopping co-authored paper), Arctic University of Norway, 17 – 20 December 2017

Seminar presentation titled *Giving Back': Diaspora Philanthropy and the Transnationalisation of Caste in Guntur* on School, at Seminar Hall, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Bombay, Mumbai, 7 November 2017

Discussant of the panel *Gender, Everyday Life and the Making of the Cityscape*, Sixth Critical Studies Conference, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, 23 – 25 August, 2017

Co-presented paper titled *Everyday Peace and Care: Returning to a Feminist Past of Peace Research*, University of Lund, 23-24 May, 2017

Part of the opening panel on *Understanding Feminist peace research and activism*, organised by TAPRI, University of Tampere, 28-29 June 2016

Presented a paper titled *Kula gauravam, transnational migration and the reconfiguration of the dominant caste status in Coastal Andhra*, in a conference on 'Sociology of Elites in India', Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 4-5 January 2016

Presented a paper titled *Andhra politics, American Telugus and the art of transnational political solicitation*, in a conference on 'Leadership, Authority and Legitimation in South Asia', organised by SAAG, held at CRASSH, Cambridge University, UK, 20-21 November 2015

Presented a paper titled *Transnationalising the public-private model of rural development*, Workshop on the 'Future of the "New" Andhra Pradesh', Provincial Globalisation Programme NIAS, Bangalore, 21 September 2015

Presented a paper on *Space, place and the Social Sciences* at the Insights Meeting on SPACE, organised by the NIAS Consciousness Studies Programme, Bangalore, 4 July 2015

Presented a paper titled *Caste politics, developmental state and transnational giving: A study of Guntur NRI philanthropic circuit*, at the 5th Critical Studies Conference – 'Accumulation under Post-Colonial Capitalism', Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, 21-23 August 2014

Presented a paper titled *Horizontally fractured: Realigning the Telugu diaspora along caste lines* at an invited seminar at Population Research Centre, University of Groningen, 15 November 2013

Presented a paper titled *Governmentalising diaspora philanthropy: The case of the NRI Cell in Guntur* at the international conference 'Regional Towns and Migration: Interrogating Transnationalism and Development in South Asia' at the University of Amsterdam on and, 10-11 October 2013

Took part in an Expert Symposium on *Role of Indian diaspora in economic, social, cultural, and political development in India* co-organised by the AISSR, University of Amsterdam, and Vrije University, held in AISSR, 12 October 2013

Presented a paper titled *Kammas on the move: From a dominant Caste to a transnationalised caste*, at the 7th European South Asia PhD Workshop, organised by International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, 26-27 September 2013

Reviewed submitted abstracts and rapporteured for the 14th International Association for Studies in Forced Migration (IASFM) conference, held in Calcutta, 6-9 January 2013

Presented a paper titled *Provincial diaspora, philanthropy and the emergence of a transnational caste-class* in a seminar at ATREE, Bangalore on 14 December 2012

Participated and rapporteured for the National-Level Consultation on the *Mobility of Indian scientists and technologists* organised by National Institute of Advanced Studies and the Indian National Science Academy, NIAS, Bangalore, 1-2 February 2011

Participated and prepared a report for the International Seminar on *Global relationships in Indian perspective*, co-organised by ICSSR and NWO, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, 22-23 June 2010

Presented a paper titled *Citizens, populations, subjects and the metropolis: Experiences of citizenship among Muslim women of Calcutta* at the International Conference on Gender and State Formation, organised by Calcutta Research Group, Calcutta, 13-14 March 2008

Presented the initial findings on *Temporary workers in Finland* at the University of Tampere in 26 March 2008

Participated in the *Fifth Annual Winter Course on Forced Migration*, organised by CRG, a programme jointly collaborated by UNHCR-India, Government of Finland and The Brookings Institution, Washington D.C., 15 September - 15 December 2007

Gave a talk on *Calcutta Muslim women's experience of citizenship*; at Tampere Peace Research Institute (TAPRI), University of Tampere, 22 March 2008

MEMBERSHIP

- Calcutta Research Group (CRG)
- Feminist Peace Research Network (FPRN)
- European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS)
- Bangalore Research Network (BRN)
- International Studies Association (ISA)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English (native)
- Hindi (native)
- Bengali (working proficiency)
- Urdu (working proficiency)
- Telugu (limited proficiency)