

# Curriculum Vitae

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## **Education**

2014                      Ph.D., Sociology, Rutgers University  
2001                      MA, Sociology, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India  
1998                      BS, Physics, University of Delhi, India

## Dissertation Thesis

*Changing Political Field Structure and Modulations in Democracy Consolidation: India, 1947-1984*

Committee: Paul McLean (Chair), Ann Mische, Ethel Brooks, David Swartz

## **Research and Teaching Interests**

Political Sociology  
Sociological Theory  
Comparative and Historical Sociology  
Culture

## **Publications and Other Writings**

### *Published*

- 2019      “How Should we Study Relational Structure? Critically Comparing Epistemological Position of Social Network Analysis and Field Theory.” *Sociology* (DOI: 10.1177/0038038518821307)
- 2019      “Science, Common Sense and Sociological Analysis: A Critical Appreciation of the Epistemological Foundation of Field Theory.” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*. (Volume 49. issue 2, January 2019, pp. 87-107)
- 2018      “Anchoring Depth Ontology to Epistemological Strategies of Field Theory: Exploring the Possibility of Developing a Core for Sociological Analysis” *Journal of Critical Realism* (Vol 17. Issue 5. December 2018, pp. 429-448)

- 2016 “What Is Relational Structure? Introducing History to the Debates on the Relation between Fields and Social Networks.” *Sociological Theory* (Vol 34. Issue 2. June 2016, pp. 128-150).
- 2016 “Appreciating Field Theory’s Insights into Politics: An Empirical Illustration Using the Case of Emergency in India (1975-77).” *Theory and Society* (Vol 45. Issue 2. April 2016, pp. 107-142).
- 2016 “Political Field Theory: Solving Structure/Agency Duality in Democracy Consolidation Theories.” *International Political Anthropology* (Vol 9. Issue 1. May 2016, pp. 3-20)
- 2016 “Epistemological Lacunae in Conceptualizing Political Structure: A Solution from Field Theory.” *European Journal of Culture and Politics*. (Vol 3. Issue 4. Oct 2016, pp. 469-493)
- 2016 “Political Field Dynamics and the Elite’s Interest in Democracy: Insights from Political Elite’s Role in Consolidating Indian Democracy.” *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society* (Vol. 29, No. 2, June 2016, pp. 183-208)
- 2015 “Role of Political Habitus in Shaping Dynamics of Democracy: Insights from the Nehruvian and Gandhian Periods of Democracy in India.” *Comparative Sociology* (Vol 15. Issue 5. December 2015, pp. 682-714)
- 2012 “Unraveling the Enigma of Indira Gandhi’s Rise in Indian Politics: A Woman Leader’s Quest for Political Legitimacy.” *Theory and Society* (Vol. 41, No. 5, August 2012, pp. 479-504).
- 2011 “The Meaning of Pain During the Process of Embodiment: A Case Study of Trainee Modern Dancers’ Experiences of Pain.” *Sport, Education and Society* (Vol. 16, No. 4, August 2011, pp. 449-463).

*Revise and Re-Submit*

- 2018 “What is the Relational Logic of Subjectivity? Insights from Nehru’s Political Habitus for Switching between Populism and Political Networking.”
- 2018 “Is it Common Sense or Science? Introducing Debates over Epistemology to Social Network Analysis.”
- 2018 “Is an Elite’s Mass-Linkage Strategy a Choice or a Habit? Lessons from Political Field Theory.”

*Under Review*

- 2018 “Solving the Problem of Particularity in Field theory: Insights from the Study of Indira Gandhi’s Unique Political Habitus.”

### *In Progress*

“Re-Conceptualizing Political Networks: Insights from the Study of Changing Political Networks and End of Emergency in India (1975-77).”

“Explaining the Unintentional Impact of a Social Movement on Politics: The JP Movement and Emergency State in India”

“Rethinking Symbolic Power of State: Lessons from the Failed Family Planning Policy of the Emergency State in India, 1975-77”

### **Awards**

2010 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, South Asian Studies Program, Rutgers University.

2005 Summer Research Grant on Urbanization and Migration: Office of Population Research, Princeton University.

### **Invited Presentations**

“Tracing a Leader’s Trajectory in the Field of Politics: Examining the Metamorphosis of Indira Gandhi into a Leader in Postcolonial India.” South Asian Studies Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 2011.

“Relational Determinants of an Authoritarian State: The Case of the State of Emergency in India, 1975-77.” Sociology Colloquia, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 2010.

### **Conference presentations**

#### *American Sociological Association*

“Is it Common Sense or Science? Introducing Debates over Epistemology to Social Network Analysis.” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, 2018

“Field Theory as a Solution to the Structure-Agency Problem in Democracy Consolidation Theories: An Illustration Using the Case of India.” Comparative Historical Sociology/Political Sociology Mini Conference, American Sociological Association, New York, 2013.

“Explaining Political Consequences of Social Movements: New Insights from a Study of the JP Movement’s Impact on Politics in India.” American Sociological Association, New York, 2013.

“Unraveling the Enigma of Indira Gandhi’s Rise in Indian Politics: A Woman Leader’s Quest for Political Legitimacy.” American Sociological Association, Denver, 2012.

“Tracing a Leader’s Trajectory in the Field of Politics: The Case of Indira Gandhi in Postcolonial India.” American Sociological Association, Atlanta, 2010.

“Locating a Short-Lived Authoritarian State in the History of Politics and Social Space in Postcolonial India (1975-1977).” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, 2009.

“History of Changes in the Structure of Cultural and Material Constraints for Practicing Politics in India from 1952-1967.” American Sociological Association, New York, 2007.

#### *Eastern Sociological Society*

“What is the Ontology of the Objective Relational Structure? Introducing History to the Debates on the Relation between Networks and Fields.” Eastern Sociological Society, New York, 2014.

“Finding a Solution for the Individuation Problem Within Field Theory.” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, 2012.

“Relational Determinants of an Authoritarian State: The Case of the State of Emergency in India, 1975-77.” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, 2010.

“Elite Dynamics in a Democratizing State: India, 1947-1984.” Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, 2009.

“How Do Subjects Embody their Social World? Exploring Modern Dancers’ Experiences of Pain to Illustrate the Embodiment of the Social World of Modern Dance.” Eastern Sociological Society, New York, 2008.

“The Rise and Fall of the Authoritarian State in Post-Colonial India (1975-77): Illuminating the Relational Logic Behind Political Practice.” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, 2007.

#### *History and Political Science conferences*

“Science, Common Sense and Sociological Analysis: A Critical Appreciation of the Epistemological Foundation of Field Theory.” Social Science History Annual Conference, Phoenix, 2018

“Relational Logic of Political Subjectivity: Nehru’s Political Habitus and the Fate of Land Reforms in Postcolonial India.” Social Science History Annual Conference, Phoenix, 2018.

“Anchoring Depth Ontology to Epistemological Strategies of Field Theory: Exploring the Possibility of Developing a Core for Sociological Analysis.” Social Science History Annual Conference, Phoenix, 2018.

“Political Field Theory: Providing a Solution to Epistemological Lacunae in Studies of Political Structure.” Social Science History Annual Conference, Toronto, 2014.

“Political Field Dynamics and the Elite’s Interest in Democracy: Insights from Political Elite’s Role in Consolidating Indian Democracy.” Social Science History Annual Conference, Chicago, 2013.

“Tracing the Metamorphosis of Subjectivity of a Political Leader: The Case of the Rise of Indira Gandhi in Indian Politics.” Social Science History Annual Conference, Long Beach, California, 2009.

“Elite Dynamics in a Democratizing State: India, 1947-1984.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2009.

*Other conferences and workshops*

“Relational Determinants of an Authoritarian State: The Case of the State of Emergency in India, 1975-77.” Politics and Protest Workshop, Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, 2010.

“Locating a Short-Lived Authoritarian State in the History of Politics and Social Space in Postcolonial India (1975-1977).” Democracy Citizenship and Constitution Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 2009.

“Changes in the Structure and Culture of Postcolonial Indian Politics.” Politics and Protest Workshop, Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, 2008.

“The Body and History in Modern Dance.” Graduate Student Ethnography Conference, SUNY Stony Brook, New York, 2004.

**\*Professional Services**

Reviewer for: *Sociological Perspectives*  
*Philosophy of Social Sciences*  
*Theory and Society*  
*Political Power and Social Theory*

Panel Organizer, “Political Sociology Jr. Scholars – Politics for Change: New Directions and Old Pitfalls.” Comparative Historical Sociology/Political Sociology Mini Conference, American Sociological Association, New York, 2013.

Presider, “The Making and Unmaking of Nation States.” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, 2010.

Discussant, “Crisis and Social Movements.” Politics and Protest Workshop, Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, 2009.

Discussant, “Mid-Range Mechanisms of Historical Change.” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, 2009.

Discussant, “Political Networks and Diffusion.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2009.

Discussant, “After the Big Paradigms: Social Movement Theory Today.” Politics and Protest Workshop, Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY, 2009.

Discussant, “Authoring (in)Authenticity Regulating Religious Tolerance: The Legal and Political Implications of Anti-Conversion Legislation for Indian Secularism.” Democracy Citizenship and Constitution Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 2007.

## **Teaching Positions**

### Courses Assisted (Rutgers University)

Introduction to Sociology (10 sessions)  
Classical Sociological Theory (2 sessions)  
Contemporary Sociological Theory (1 session)

### Courses Independently Taught and Designed (Rutgers University)

Qualitative Research Methods (1 session)  
Quantitative Research Methods (1 session)  
Classical Sociological Theory (3 sessions)  
Contemporary Sociological Theory (3 sessions)  
Sociology of Deviant Behavior (13 sessions)  
Sociological Analysis of Social Problems (2 sessions)  
Law and Society (2 sessions)  
Sociology of Gender (1 session)  
Sociology of Sexuality (1 session)  
Sociology of Media (1 session)  
Race Relations (1 session)

### Courses Independently Taught and Designed (Other Universities)

Social Statistics (Temple University)  
Quantitative Research Methods (Seton Hall University/CUNY Lehman)  
Introduction to Sociology (Seton Hall University)  
Social and Cultural Change (Lafayette College)  
History of Social Thought (Ramapo)  
Sociology of Deviant Behavior (Ramapo)  
Sociology of Family (Rider University)

### Courses Desired for Future Teaching

Ontological Assumptions of Social Structure Models  
Epistemological Strategies for Sociological Analysis  
Social Network Analysis  
Sociology of Culture  
Democracy and Democratization  
Social Movements  
Qualitative Methods  
Body and Embodiment

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Sociological Association  
Social Science History Association

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