


## Curriculum Vitae

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|--|---|----------------------------------|---|-----------|----------------|---|
| Title  | <b>Ms.</b>  | First Name                       | <b>Blessy</b>   | Last Name | <b>Abraham</b> |  |
| Designation  | <b>Assistant Professor</b>  |                                  |   |           |                |   |
| Department   | <b>History</b>  |                                  |   |           |                |   |
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| <b>EDUCATION</b>                                   |   |                                  |   |           |                |   |
| Degree   | Institution   | Year                             | Details   |           |                |   |
| PhD  | <b>Department of History, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi</b> | <b>2016 -</b>                    | <b>Final Year Doctoral candidate. Title of PhD thesis: Aspects of Indian Tariff Policy from the 1920s to the 1950s. PhD supervisor: Dr. Prabhu P. Mohapatra</b> |           |                |   |
| MPhil  | <b>Department of History, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi</b> | <b>2016</b>                      | <b>Title of M. Phil thesis: The Inter-War Tariff Policy and Industrial Development in India (1919-1939). M. Phil supervisor: Dr. Prabhu P. Mohapatra</b>        |           |                |   |
| <b>CAREER PROFILE</b>                              |   |                                  |   |           |                |   |
| Organization /Institution                          | Designation   | Duration                         | Role  |           |                |   |
| <b>Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi</b> | <b>Assistant Professor</b>  | <b>January 2024 -</b>            | <b>Teaching</b>   |           |                |   |
| <b>Confluence Media</b>                            | <b>Research Assistant</b>   | <b>April 2023 – January 2024</b> | <b>Editing and researching book project authored by journalist Josy Joseph on the Partition of India, 1947</b>  |           |                |   |
| <b>Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi</b> | <b>Assistant Professor on ad hoc basis</b>                                    | <b>September – October 2018</b>  | <b>Teaching</b>   |           |                |   |
| <b>Ramanujam College, University</b>               | <b>Guest Lecturer</b>   | <b>January – August 2018</b>     | <b>Teaching</b>   |           |                |   |

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| of Delhi  |                       |                               |                 |
| <b>Bharati College, University of Delhi</b>   | <b>Guest Lecturer</b> | <b>September-October 2016</b> | <b>Teaching</b> |
| <b>AREA OF INTEREST :</b>   |                       |                               |                 |
| <p>TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Subjects/Courses taught)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. History of Modern China, 1840-1960</li> <li>II. Delhi Through the Ages</li> <li>III. History of India, 1700-1950</li> <li>IV. Archives and Museums</li> <li>V. Issues in World History – the 20<sup>th</sup> Century</li> <li>VI. Art, Society and Politics</li> <li>VII. Culture, Power and Colonialism</li> <li>VIII. Ethics and Culture</li> <li>IX. Medieval Societies: Global Perspectives</li> <li>X. Rise of the Modern West – II</li> <li>XI. History of Modern Europe – II</li> <li>XII. History of India from Earliest times upto 300 CE</li> <li>XIII. Museums and Museology</li> <li>XIV. History of India, 1700-1857</li> <li>XV. Merchant and Mercantile Practices in India</li> </ol> |                       |                               |                 |

**PhD (Supervised): NA**

**MPhil (Supervised): NA**

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- I. Awarded the BB Chaudhuri award for best paper in Indian economic history at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual session of the Indian History Congress on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The paper was later published in the 2022 IHC proceedings.
- II. Awarded the short-term PhD DAAD fellowship at Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CEMIS), Gottingen, Germany, from October 2021 till February 2022.
- III. Visiting Research Student and Commonwealth Split-Site Fellow under the supervision of Dr. Crispin Bates at the University of Edinburgh from October 2019 till February 2020.
- IV. Awarded the ICHR (Indian Council of Historical Research)'s Junior Research Fellowship for the year 2018-19 on 25 May 2018.
- V. Awarded the Charles Wallace three-month Research Fellowship at the British Library, London, from February to April 2017.

## **PUBLICATION DETAILS**

**Books: NA**

### **Journal Articles:**

- I. Abraham, Blessy Chinnu. "The Empire's Cinderella: Examining the Indian Tariff Policy Debates, 1914-1924," *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, vol. 81, 2022, pp. 609-617.
- II. Abraham, Blessy C. Book review: Ishita Banerjee-Dube, *A History of Modern India*, Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy and Thomas R. Trautmann, India: A Brief History of a Civilization*, *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 2018, vol. 55, Issue 4, 575-578.

**Newspaper Articles: NA**

**Papers presented in Seminars/conferences:**

- I. Research paper presented at the workshop on 'Oil, oligopolies, and state response: a global and local history of oil markets, 1860s-1939' arranged by the NTNU, Trondheim from 19-20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
- II. Research paper presented at the workshop titled, 'Odious Investment: How finance creates, shapes and sustains global inequalities' organized by the Centre for Economic Cultures, University of Manchester from 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.
- III. Research paper presented at the Modern South Asia Conference organized by Yale Macmillan Centre, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.
- IV. Research paper presented at the Cambridge Politico-Intellectual History Workshop on Twentieth Century India organized by the University of Cambridge, UK, held on June 17-19, 2021.
- V. Research paper presented online at the conference titled, "Trade and Empire: Productivity, Economic Exchange and Differences in Eurasia," at the Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities at Tyumen State University, Tyumen, Russia held on April 18-19, 2020.
- VI. Research paper presented at the International Conference on Indian Business and Economic History held in August 2019 at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.
- VII. Research paper presented at the International Conference on Empires: Towards a Global History. It was conducted jointly by the Department of History, University of Delhi, Weatherhead Initiative on Global History, Harvard University and The Global History Network from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017, at the Department of History, University of Delhi.
- VIII. Research Paper presented at the CAGE, EHES & IAS Summer School 2017, which was held from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at University of Warwick.

**National Workshops and Seminars Organized:**

- I. Organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual (internal) Workshop titled, 'Writing Global History: Perspectives from the Global South,' as a member of the coordinating body, the South Asia Global History Network, from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
- II. Organized the first online international workshop, titled 'Writing Global History: Perspectives from the Global South,' as a member of the coordinating body, the South Asia Global History Network, from 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- III. Organized the conference, 'Servant's Pasts, 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> century', where I worked with Dr. Charu Gupta (Dept. of History, University of Delhi), Dr. Ravikant (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies), Dr. Nitin Sinha (ZMO, Berlin), and Dr. Nitin Varma (Re: work, Humboldt University). It was held at Delhi University from 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017, under the aegis of European Research Council.

**Talks/Lectures: NA**

**Participation as Resource Person: NA**

**OTHER DETAILS**

**Preparation of Teaching Material: NA**

**Research Projects: NA**

**Membership in Professional Bodies:**

- I. Member of the South Asia Global History Network (SAGHN) team. I was also responsible for designing the official website of SAGHN. <https://saghn.wordpress.com/workshop-2023/>

**Orientation and Refresher Courses:**

- I. Organized an Orientation session for the DSE course titled, 'Merchant and Mercantile Practices in India,' for 3<sup>rd</sup> year BA Programme students on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**Field Work:**

As part of my research work, I have worked extensively at the National Archives of India, NMML Archives, Reserve Bank of India Archives (Pune), Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Pune), Tata Central Archives (Pune), India Office Records at the British Library (London), Kew National Archives (London), Bank of England Archives (London) and the British Petroleum Archives (University of Warwick).