


## Curriculum Vitae

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| Title                       | Dr                        | First Name | Devika   | Last Name | Mittal  |  |
| Designation                 | Assistant Professor       |            |          |           |   |   |
| Department                  | Sociology                 |            |          |           |   |   |
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| <b>EDUCATION</b>            |                           |            |          |           |   |   |
| Degree                      | Institution               |            | Year     |           | Details   |   |
| PhD                         | Delhi School of Economics |            | 2020     |           | Thesis Topic: 'Secular' School Culture: A Study of a Government-aided school in Delhi           |   |
| MPhil                       | Delhi School of Economics |            | 2015     |           | Thesis Topic: Schooling and Nationalism: A study in the Indian Context                          |   |
| MA                          | South Asian University    |            | 2013     |           | Thesis Topic: Being a Kinnar: The politics of identity amongst a sexual minority group in Delhi |   |
| BA                          | Lady Sri Ram College      |            | 2011     |           |   |   |
| <b>CAREER PROFILE</b>       |                           |            |          |           |   |   |
| Organisation /Institution   | Designation               |            | Duration |           | Role  |   |

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| Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi | Assistant Professor          | January 2024 - Present      |  |
| Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi | Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc) | November 2021- January 2024 |  |
| IGNOU (Jesus and Mary College centre)       | Academic Counsellor          | November 2022-May 2023      |  |
| Bharati College, University of Delhi        | Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc) | July 2018-November 2021     |  |
| Bharati College, University of Delhi        | Guest Lecturer               | July 2017-July 2018         |  |

**AREA OF INTEREST:** Peace and Conflict Studies (with a focus on India-Pakistan relationship), Nationalism, Secularism and Education

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Subjects/Courses taught)**

- I. Taught papers of B.A. Hons (Sociology) to undergraduate students
- II. Taught papers of B.A. Programme (Sociology) to undergraduate students
- III. Academic counselling given to postgraduate students at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

## HONORS & AWARDS

- **Awarded grant by American Anthropological Association for paper presentation** at the annual meeting of American Anthropological Association (2022)
- **Ph.D Dissertation won the Specialist Accolade** at the ninth edition (2021) of the ICAS Book Prize, an initiative of the International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS)
- **My interviews in Times of India on acceptance of my** recommendation to National Commission of Women (NCW) to conduct audit of female sanitation facilities and to install sanitary napkin vending machines in educational institutions and its implementation by some governments.  
“Meet the Padwoman who brought sanitary napkin vending machines”  
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/nagpur/meet-the-padwoman-who-brought-sanitary-napkin-vending-machines/articleshow/62853962.cms>  
“Sanitary Napkin vending machines in every public washroom is must”  
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/nagpur/Sanitary-napkin-vending-machine-in-every-public-wash-room-is-must/articleshow/50082620.cms>  
“Sanitary Pad Vending Machines a hit in three Nagpur Colleges”  
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/nagpur/Sanitary-pad-vending-machines-a-hit-in-three-Nagpur-colleges/articleshow/50068372.cms>
- **Felicitated with Peace Award (Youth Category) at Global Peace Initiative 2015** of Welingkar Institute of Management and Technology (Mumbai) for work on cross-border peace building through Aaghaz-e-Dosti.

## PUBLICATION DETAILS

### Book Chapters:

- Mittal, Devika. 2023. “Narratives, Violence and Consent: The Normalisation of State Violence in Jammu and Kashmir”, in, ed. Rituparna Bhattacharyya, *Genocides and Xenophobia in South Asia and Beyond*, Routledge.
- Mittal, Devika and Nazish Khan. 2022. “Walking on the Margins of the National Imagination: Migrant Workers Amid Covid-19”, In, Pushpendra, Shashank Chaturvedi and Amit Ranjan (ed.) *Migrants on the Move: Precarity in Times of the Pandemic*. New Delhi. Aakar Books.
- Mittal, Devika. 2020. “Curriculum Reform, School Culture, Change: Reflections from Caste-Ridden India,” in ed. Jefferson Plantilla, *Human Rights Education in Asia-Pacific*, Vol. 10. Osaka: Asia-Pacific Human Rights Information Centre, pp. 239-254.
- Co-authored chapter titled “Understanding Pakistani Perspective in the Prism of Pakistan-India Relations” In Amit Ranjan (ed.), 2019, *India in South Asia: Challenges and Management*. Springer: Singapore. ISBN 978-981-13-2019-4
- Mittal, Devika. 2017. “Understanding Indian Response and the Dynamics of Naga Nationalism”. In, ed. Minu Jha. *Ethnicity, Nationalism and the State in South Asia*, Victorious

Publishers: India. ISBN: 978-93-84224-12-7

#### Journal Articles:

- Amit Ranjan & Devika Mittal. 2023. "The Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the changing idea of Indian Citizenship", *Asian Ethnicity*, 24:3, 463-481, DOI: [10.1080/14631369.2023.2166460](https://doi.org/10.1080/14631369.2023.2166460)
- Mittal, Devika. 2022. "Narrativizing partition and producing stigmatized identities: an analysis of the representation of Muslims in two Indian history textbooks", *India Review*, 21:3, 329-348
- Mittal, Devika and Nazish Khan. 2021. "Walking on the Margins of the National Imagination: Migrant Workers Amid Covid-19", *Journal of Migration Affairs*, Vol. III (2): 38-51. ISSN: 2582-0990.
- Mittal, Devika. 2020. "Engaging with Caste: Curriculum, Pedagogy and Reception", *Space and Culture, India*, Vol. 8, No. 1, pp. 101-110
- Mittal, Devika. 2018. "Peace Education in the India-Pakistan Context: Praxis and Potential", *Pakistan Horizon*, Vol 71, No 3 (Special Issue). ISSN 0030-980X
- Mittal and Ranjan, 2016. 'India-Pakistan: Contours of Relationship', *Space and Culture, India*, Vol. 4, No. 1. Space and Culture, India is a Peer-Reviewed, India-Focused International Open-Access Journal, ISSN 2052-8396 (Online)

#### Newspaper Articles:

- "Yolo: A Capitalist Trap" published in Countercurrents <https://countercurrents.org/2023/07/yolo-a-capitalist-trap/>
- 'Pakistan felt like home away from home. Why can't we be friends?' published in the Quint <https://www.thequint.com/voices/blogs/my-visit-to-pakistan-india-relationship-peace-talks-shared-economic-challenges>
- 'I am an Indian who travelled to Pakistan for the track II dialogue. Here's what I think.' Published in The Dawn (Pakistan) <https://www.dawn.com/news/1497093>
- 5 stories that prove the trauma of partition did not end in 1947 published in Express Tribune (Pakistan) <https://blogs.tribune.com.pk/story/70054/5-stories-that-prove-the-trauma-of-partition-did-not-end-in-1947/>
- "Toba Tek Singh: Keeping a Legacy of Communal Harmony Alive" published in The Wire <https://thewire.in/131955/pakistan-india-toba-tek-singh/>
- "Old Delhi Tales: How I found my old house and a new family" published in The Quint <https://www.thequint.com/voices/blogs/hindu-muslim-unity-old-delhi-visit-to-ancestral-home>
- "Why We Need to Think Twice before Buying The Media's Version of Indo-Pak Relations" published in Huffington Post India <http://www.huffingtonpost.in/devika-mittal/why-we-need-to-think-twice-before-buying-the-medias-version-of/>
- "Beyond the Borders" published in Pakistan Observer Newspaper Print Edition 16th May 2012 <http://pakobserver.net/detailnews.asp?id=155557> and Greater Kashmir Newspaper Print Edition 19th July 2012
- "Is Homosexuality an import?" published in Gulf Daily Newspaper (Print and Web Edition) <http://www.gulf-daily-news.com/NewsDetails.aspx?storyid=363055>
- "Should women have a share in their husband's "hard-earned" income?" published in Kashmir Reader Print Edition 28th September 2012
- "Is there a need for Women's Day?" published in Rising Kashmir Newspaper Print Edition March 2012

- "The Sinicization of Tibet" published in Outlook Tibet  
<http://www.outlooktibet.com/index.php/op-ed/talk-tibet/opinions-and-columns/607-the-sinicization-of-tibet>
- "Blasphemy - what is it" published in Rising Kashmir newspaper Print Edition 12th October 2012
- "Caste rules, whether you see it or not" published in Kashmir Times Print Edition 21 January 2014 <http://www.kashmirtimes.in/newsdet.aspx?q=28002>

**Papers presented in Seminars/conferences:**

- Presented paper titled "Nostalgia and Peacebuilding: India-Pakistan Conflict, Knowledge Production and Resistance" in 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, on 13 November 2022 (virtual presentation)
- Presented paper titled 'Tradition, Morality and Practice: Embodying Religion Through Schools in India', in the ICSSR-JSPS Joint Seminar Programme titled 'Aspects of Religion and Everyday Life with special reference to India and Japan' organized in Delhi University, Delhi, on 21-23 March 2018
- Presented paper titled 'Religion and Religiosity in School Cultures: A Study in the Indian Context' in the "Aspects of Gender and Religion in South Asia" organized jointly by ICSSR and JSPS in Waseda University, Tokyo, on 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- Presented paper titled 'Peace Education in the India-Pakistan Context: Praxis and Potentials' (virtual presentation) in the "Peace in South Asia: Opportunities and Challenges" organized by The Pakistan Institute of International Affairs (PIIA), Karachi, Pakistan on 15-16 November 2017.
- Presented paper titled 'HRE in Indian Schools: Reflections Through Peace Building Sessions' in "The 2016 Georg Arnhold International Summer School", a prestigious summer school organised by Georg Eckert Institute in Braunschweig (Germany) on 25-30 July, 2016
- Presented co-authored paper titled 'Attempting Inclusive elementary education in India: How far have we come with RTE?' in the International Conference on Inclusive Education – 2015 hosted by School of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Management and Technology in Lahore (Pakistan) on 3-4 Nov 2015

**Talks/Lectures:**

- Panelist in Indo-Pak Peace Summit led by Women, organized by eShe: The Feminist Gaze magazine on 16-17 January 2021.
- Panelist in 'Women and Peace Building' in Gandhi 150 - International Seminar on Satyagraha in the 21st Century, organized by Council for Social Development and India International Centre, in New Delhi on 23 October 2019.
- Guest Speaker - "Samagra 2017: Innovate, Integrate, Collaborate" by Melton Foundation in BKS Engineering College, Bangalore on 4-5 November 2017.
- Speaker - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Day Festival by KRITI in Delhi, India on 21 Sept 2016
- Guest Speaker- International Women's Day Program by United Religions Initiative (URI) North India in Delhi on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Participation as Resource Person:**

- Speaker - Discussion on Indo-Pak Peace in Punjab University, Lahore, Pakistan
- Speaker - Peace Session in Resource Academia School, Lahore, Pakistan
- Speaker - workshop on “Understanding Conflict and Importance of Peace-Building” conducted in Gujarat Public School (Vadodara) on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015
- Speaker - workshop on “Understanding Partition and the Indo-Pak Conflicts” conducted in Navrachana School (Vadodara) on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015
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**OTHER DETAILS****Research Projects:**

- **Consultant with Envisions: Energising Futures** for the Plan-Alamb assignment ‘Minimum Learning Levels for Primary School Children in Delhi’ in May 2014

**Membership in Professional Bodies:**

- Life Member of **Indian Sociological Society**
- Member (2022-23) of **American Anthropological Association**

**Orientation and Refresher Courses:**

- Completed 4-week Faculty Induction/Orientation Programme for “Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutions of Higher Education”, organised by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College under the aegis of Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, Ministry of Education, from 21 February - 19 March 2024.
- Completed one week Faculty Development Programme titled “Communication, creative writing and Personality Development”, organized by Univeristy of Delhi and Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Centre, SGTB Khalsa College under the Madan Mohan Malaviya on Teachers and Training of Ministry of Education, from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022.
- Completed one week Faculty Development Programme organized by St. Pious X Degree & P.G. College for Women, from 10-14 June 2024.

**Field Work:**

- As part of Ph.D thesis, conducted ethnographic fieldwork in two schools in Delhi, for a duration of 2 years on the discourse of secularism.
- As part of M.A. thesis, conducted fieldwork to understand issues of kinnar samaj around identity and social inclusion in Delhi.
- As part of M.A. programme, conducted fieldwork in Sarnath, a buddhist pilgrimage site to understand aspects of the religious economy.