

Dr. Maya John is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History. She has a doctoral degree in History from the University of Delhi. She has published on the evolution of labour law in colonial India, the relationship between caste and the labour market, the question of education in the colonial and post-colonial period, challenges faced by unorganized workers in contemporary times, and problems with the current labour law regime.

Her areas of interest include labour laws, social movements, caste and the history of reservation, dynamics of women's participation in the colonial and post-colonial labour market, trends in the women's movement, state formation in India, and modern European history.

She teaches modern European history, early colonial history of India, contemporary history of India, as well as history option papers under the B.El.Ed course.

**Qualifications:** Ph.D., Department of History, University of Delhi.

#### **Administrative and Co-curricular assignments:**

- She is one of the editorial board members of *The JMC Review*, which is the college's e-journal, 2016 onwards
- Convener, Women's Study Centre, 2016 onwards
- Co-Convener, History Association, from July 2019 till date
- Member, Internal Complaints Committee, 2017 onwards

#### **Awards and recognition:**

- University Teaching Assistant at the Department of History, University of Delhi, 2009-2012.
- Panelist on several televised debates and talk-shows on women's issues and state policies.

#### **Published work:**

- Heterogeneous Labour, Labour Theory of Value and Identities: Towards a Theory of Segmentation and Revolutionary Subjectivity. *Social Scientist*. Vol.46 (9-10), September-October 2018. ISSN 0970-0293.
- The 'Half-timer': Colonial Indian Regulation of Child Labourers. In Siân Beynon-Jones and Emily Grabham (Eds.), *Law and Time* (pp. 162-78). London: Routledge Social Justice Book Series, 2018. ISBN 9780415792219.
- Passing the Post in Postcoloniality: Precedents and Prospects of Labour Laws in India. *The JMC Review*. Vol 1, 2017. Retrieved from <http://www.jmc.ac.in/the-jmc-review/content/>
- Quasi-Magisterial Power of 'Madams': An Insight into the Noida Case. *The Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol. 52 (30), 15-17, 29 July 2017. ISSN 0012-9976.
- Noida's Domestic Workers' Take on the 'Madams' – A Report from Ground Zero. *Kafila*, 2 August 2017. Retrieved from <https://kafila.online/2017/08/02/noidas-domestic-workers-take-on-the-madams-a-report-from-ground-zero-maya-john-sunita-toppo-and-manju-mochhary/>
- Private Power, Public Apathy: Labour Laws for Domestic Workers. *The Hindu*, p.8, 7 August 2017.
- घरेलू कामगार क्यों हैं लाचार. *Jansatta*, p.6, 7 August 2017.
- (De)skilling Caste: Exploring the Relationship between Caste, State Regulations and the Labour Market in Late Colonial India. In Sabyasachi Bhattacharya and Rana P. Behal (Eds.), *The Vernacularization of Labour Politics* (pp. 267-293). New Delhi: Tulika Books, 2016. ISBN 978-93-82381-82-2.
- Fears and Furies of Sexual Harassment. *The Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol 49 (15), 29-32, 12 April 2014. ISSN 0012-9976.
- Remembering Eric Hobsbawm and His Age. In *From the Pages of Social Scientist: Tributes, 1983-2013* (pp. 260-272). New Delhi: Tulika Books, 2013. ISBN NO.: 978-93-82381-17-4.
- Critiquing Reforms in Higher Education. *Social Scientist*. Vol. 41 (7-8), 49-67, July-August 2013. ISSN 0970-0293.

- Infantile ‘Radicalism’, Domestic Labour Debate & Anti-Rape Movement. *Sanhati*, 1 October 2013. Retrieved from <http://sanhati.com/excerpted/8190/>
- Critiquing Intersectionality, Populism and Gender Disembodied of Class. *Sanhati*, 10 June 2013. Retrieved from <http://sanhati.com/excerpted/7237/>
- Class Societies and Sexual Violence: Understanding Rape in Contemporary Times, *Radical Notes*, 8 May 2013. Retrieved from <https://radicalnotes.com/2013/05/08/class-societies-and-sexual-violence/>
- Workers' Discontent and Form of Trade Union Politics. *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol. 47 (1), 7 January 2012. ISSN 0012-9976.
- A Salary Plan that Changes Nothing. *The Hindu*, Lead Editorial, 1 October 2012.
- Will the Real Mr. Jaitirth Rao Please Stand Up! *Sanhati*, 28 October 2012. Retrieved from <http://sanhati.com/excerpted/5738/>
- Development of Labour Law & Its Repercussions on the Trade Union Movement (1926-1948): A Special Reference to Bombay. *Labour and Development*. Vol 18 (2), 16-26, December 2011. ISBN 0973-0419.
- Corruption and Class Discontent: The Contours of Bourgeois Political Forms and State-Formation, *Radical Notes*, 28 October 2011. Retrieved from <https://radicalnotes.com/2011/10/28/corruption-and-class-discontent-the-contours-of-bourgeois-political-forms-and-state-formation/>

### Forthcoming publications

- Four Units of Self Learning Material for a new Masters Programme in Labour and Development (ODL Mode) launched by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

### Conferences and workshops attended

- Invited as an Expert Panelist on ‘In/Visible Global Care – Global Care Chains and the Struggles for a Good Life for All’ at the Feminist Futures Festival, Zeche Zollverein, Essen (Germany). **Organized by:** Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Care Revolution Netzwerk and Komzeptwerk. **Date:** 12-15 September 2019.
- Read a paper titled 'One Day in the Life of Johra Bibi: A History of Migration, Precarity and Resistance by Women Domestic Workers' at the International Conference on New Perspectives on Feminist Labour History: Work and Activism. **Organized by:** Department of History and Cultures, University of Bologna. **Date:** 17-18 January 2019.
- Invited to deliver a special lecture on 'Law's Labour Lost: A Long History of Indian Labour Law'. Organized by: Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. **Date:** 4 October 2018.
- Read a paper titled ‘One Day in the Life of Johra Bibi: Unveiling the New Technologies of Employer’s Power in the Delhi-NCR Domestic Services Industry’ at the XIIth International Conference on Labour History: The Future of Work in the Mirror of the Past. **Organized by:** V.V. Giri National Labour Institute (Noida) & Association of Indian Labour Historians (AILH). **Date:** 26-28 March 2018.
- Read a paper titled ‘Heterogeneous labour, labour theory of value and identities: towards a theory of segmentation and revolutionary subjectivity’ at the International Conference on 150 years of Capital and 100 years of the October Revolution, New Delhi. **Organized by:** Department of Sociology, South Asian University, in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin. **Date:** 3-4 November 2017.
- Invited as resource person for the session ‘Labour Question in Social Movements’ at the Marxist Summer School. **Organized by:** Department of Sociology, South Asian University, New Delhi. **Date:** 11 June 2017.
- Invited to deliver a special lecture on ‘Organization Questions and Trade Union Movement in India’ for the Training Programme on Strengthening Awareness on Labour Issues for North-Eastern States. **Organized by:** V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida. **Date:** 2 May 2017.
- Invited to deliver a special lecture on ‘History of Trade Unions in India’ for the Induction Training Programme for the Central Labour Service Officers. **Organized by:** V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida. **Date:** 20 April 2017.
- Read a paper titled ‘Class societies and the urban rape phenomenon: understanding vulnerability, culpability and complicity in contemporary times’ at the National Conference on Women in a Changing World, Chennai. **Organized by:** Indian Association of Women’s Studies (IAWS). **Date:** 23 January 2017.

- Chair and Discussant for the session on ‘Gender, Sexuality and Marxism’ at the International Conference on Marxism and South Asia: Issues and Relevance. **Organized by:** Department of Sociology, South Asian University, New Delhi. **Date:** 11-12 November 2016.
- Invited to deliver a special lecture on ‘Women Workers and the Politics of the Left’ at the 10-days summer school on Marxism. **Organized by:** Department of Sociology, South Asian University, New Delhi. **Date:** 24 September 2016.
- Invited as resource person to speak on ‘Labour movement and labour administration in the context of globalization’ at the Training Program on Globalization, Changing Employment Relations and Labour Administration. **Organized by:** V.V. Giri National Labour Institute (Noida). **Date:** 30 August 2016.
- Invited as resource person to speak on the ‘Evolution of the Trade Union Movement in Indian Tea Plantations’ at the National Leadership Skill Workshop for Plantation Workers. **Organized by:** V.V. Giri National Labour Institute (Noida). **Date:** 13 July 2016.
- Invited as resource person to speak on the ‘Changing World of Work and Responses from the Trade Union Movement’ at the National Research Methodology Workshop on Methods and Approaches to Labour Research. **Organized by:** V.V. Giri National Labour Institute (Noida) & Association of Indian Labour Historians (AILH). **Date:** 20 June 2016.
- Read a paper titled ‘A short history of Indian labour law: its precedents and prospects’ at the National Seminar on Labour Laws Reforms and Implementation of Unorganised Workers Social Security Act – 2008. **Organized by:** The Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute (Ahmedabad), 31 March 2016.
- Discussant for two papers presented at the XIth International Conference on Labour History: Workers, Labour and Mediation. **Organized by:** V.V. Giri National Labour Institute (Noida) & Association of Indian Labour Historians (AILH). **Date:** 21-23 March 2016.
- Read a paper titled ‘Exploring the break with nineteenth century regulation of labour relations, the emergence of new contractualism and the institutionalization of tripartism’ at the XIth International Conference on Labour History: Workers, Labour and Mediation. **Organized by:** V.V. Giri National Labour Institute (Noida) & Association of Indian Labour Historians (AILH). **Date:** 21-23 March 2016.
- Read a paper titled ‘Law’s Labour Lost: A Long History of India Labour Law’ at the International Workshop on “Chronologies of ‘Labour’: a Global Perspective”. **Organized by:** The Association of Indian Labour Historians (AILH), the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute (Noida) and the International Centre for Advanced Studies (ICAS:MP, Germany). **Date:** 22-23 January 2016.
- Read a paper titled ‘(De)skilling Caste: Exploring the Relationship between Caste, State Regulations and Labour Market in Late Colonial India’ at the Xth International Labour History Conference. **Organized by:** Association of Indian Labour Historians (AILH) and V.V. Giri Labour Institute, Noida. **Date:** March 2014.
- Read a paper titled ‘Labour Law and the Construction of ‘Legitimate’ Trade Unions in Colonial Bombay (1926-1946), at the 71<sup>st</sup> Indian History Congress. **Organized by:** Indian History Congress, Malda. **Date:** 2011.
- Read a paper titled ‘Constitution of a Legal Space of Resistance, at the VIIIth International Labour History Conference. **Organized by:** Association of Indian Labour Historians (AILH) and V.V. Giri Labour Institute, Noida. **Date:** March 2010.