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## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Queer, Postcolonial, and Decolonial Theories

Postcolonial Anglophone and Francophone Literatures and Cultures

Literature, Cinema and Culture of South Asia and its Diasporas

Transnational gender, Transgender, and Sexuality Studies

Punjabi Folk Representations

Critical Intersectionality and Queer of Colour Critique

## **EDUCATION**

2007- 2011 **PhD** (School of English), University of Leicester, UK

Result: Pass with no revisions. Title: **Back/Side Entry: Queer/Postcolonial Representations of South Asia**

**Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK (AHRC) funded PhD** under the supervision of Dr. Emma Parker, Chair of the MA in Modern Literature in the School of English, University of Leicester. External Examiner: Dr Anshuman Mondal, Reader, Department of English, Brunel University, UK.

1996-1998 **MPhil** English (School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

Dissertation: **Queer Talk: Transgressive Desire in Wilde, Gide and Genet**

Supervisor: Professor Ania Loomba, External Examiner: Professor Udaya Kumar, Department of English, University of Delhi, Delhi, India. **Grade Awarded: A.**

Relevant MPhil courses: Research Methodology, Narrative Theory, Critical Theory, Australian Literature and Translation of Literary Texts. **Average Grade Awarded: A.**

1997 **ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN FRENCH** (option: French Literature), Alliance Francaise de Delhi, New Delhi, India. Texts covered: Voltaire *Zadig* and Jean Anouilh *L'Alouette*. **Grade Awarded: A.**

1994-1996 **MA English** (Hindu College), University of Delhi, Delhi, India.

Courses covered: Greek and Roman Classical Literature and all periods of English Literature from Chaucer and Mallory to the Twentieth Century, American Literature  
**Higher Second Division.**

1991-1994 **BA Honours English** (Hindu College), University of Delhi, Delhi, India.

Courses covered: All Periods of English Literature. **First Division.**

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2018-present **Lecturer in Postcolonial and Queer Literatures and Literary Translation**, University of Paris Denis-Diderot, France. Course convenor: MA – Literary Translation (French-English), BA (Hons) – Narratives of Slavery in British Literature and Culture.

2016-2018 **Lecturer in English**, University of Le Havre, France. Modules in Law, Contemporary Literature. Course convenor – MA: Diasporas and Memory and MA : Postcolonial Studies: Texts and Contexts. BA (H) English: Introduction to Queer Theory.

2014-2016 **Teaching and Research Fellow in English**, University of Le Havre, France. Modules in Law, Contemporary Literature and International Business and Culture.

2012-2013 **Postdoctoral Fellow in English**, University of Leicester, UK. Editorial and Research team of the journal *Contemporary Women's Writing*, Oxford University Press

2008-2011 **Seminar Tutor** School of English, University of Leicester, UK. Undergraduate Modules on Shakespeare and his Contemporaries and The Novel: A Literary Genre

2001-2006 **Lecturer in English** Faculty of Humanities, University of Rouen, France. Undergraduate Modules on Composition and Academic Essay Writing Courses, Shakespeare and Renaissance Drama and World Literatures

1996-1997     **Lecturer in English** Department of English, Zakir Hussain College, University of Delhi, India. Undergraduate courses on Shakespeare, Marlowe, Forster and Naipaul

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- “Bollywood Homes: Queer Diasporic Identity in Ghalib Shiraz Dhalla’s Ode to Lata.” *DESI 5*, Presses Universitaires de Bordeaux, 2019. (Forthcoming).
- Blog post on the trans artiste Raju Rage:  
<https://decolonizingsexualities.com/2018/05/14/the-decolonial-queer-artist-is-present-and-refuses-to-forget/>
- Sandeep Bakshi and Anouk Guiné (eds) (2017) *EOLLES* 8. Special Issue “Multiculturalism in Europe and the Americas.” <https://gric.univ-lehavre.fr/spip.php?article258>.
- Bakshi, Sandeep, Suhraiya Jivraj and Silvia Posocco (eds) (2016) *Decolonizing Sexualities: Transnational Perspectives, Critical Interventions*. Foreword by Walter Mignolo. Oxford: Counterpress.  
<http://counterpress.org.uk/publications/decolonizing-sexualities/>. Edited collection. The book was nominated for the Lambda Literary Awards.
- “Decoloniality, Queerness, and Giddha.” In Bakshi, S., S. Jivraj and S. Posocco (eds) (2016) *Decolonizing Sexualities: Transnational Perspectives, Critical Interventions*, Oxford: Counterpress. Chapter. 81-99.
- Bakshi, Sandeep, Suhraiya Jivraj and Silvia Posocco, “Introduction.” In Bakshi, S., S. Jivraj and S. Posocco (eds) (2016) *Decolonizing Sexualities: Transnational Perspectives, Critical Interventions*, Oxford: Counterpress. 1-15.
- “Past Matters: Queer Contestations of Colonial Masculinity in Leslie de Noronha’s *The Dew Drop Inn* and Shyam Selvadurai’s *Cinnamon Gardens*.” *Journal of Postcolonial Writing* 51.5 (2015): 543-555. DOI:10.1080/17449855.2015.1066411.
- “Writing Dissent: Making African Queernesses Visible.” *Queer African Reader*. GLQ 21.2-3 (2015): 441-443. (Book review).
- Achille Mbembe. *Sortir de la Grande Nuit : Essai sur l’Afrique Décolonisée*. Tr. *We Must Get Out of the Great Night: Essay on Decolonized Africa*. *International Journal of Feminist Politics*. Special Issue : “Murderous Inclusions.” 15.4 (2013): 565-67. (Book review).

- Bakshi, Sandeep, Giorgia Aiello, Sirma Bilge, Lisa K. Hall, Lynda Johnston & Kimberlee Perez, “Here, and Not Yet Here: A Dialogue at the Intersection of Queer, Trans, and Culture.” *Journal of International and Intercultural Communication*, Vol. 6, no. 2, 2013. 96-117.
- “Fractured Resistance: Queer Negotiations of the Postcolonial.” *South Asian Review*, Vol.33, no.2, 2012. 37-55.
- Bakshi, Sandeep, Jin Haritaworn, Adi Kuntsman and Jennifer Petzen, “Sexualities and Raciality.” George Ritzer, *Encyclopedia of Globalization* Blackwell Publishing, 2012.
- “La Théorie Queer et les Hijras de l’Inde.” Tr. “ Queer Theory and the Hijras of India.” Ed. Christophe Bareille, *Homosexualités: Révélateur Social* Paris: PURH, 2010. 71-81.
- “A Comparative Analysis of Hijras and Drag Queens: The Subversive Possibilities and Limits of Parading Effeminacy and Negotiating Masculinity.” Reprint. Ed. Stephen Hunt, *Religions of the East*. Surrey: Ashgate, 2010. 451- 463. Originally published in *Journal of Homosexuality* 46 (3-4), 2004. 211-223.
- “Arundhati Roy.” *Encyclopedia of Social Activism and Justice*. New York: Sage, 2007.
- “Soupçon d’un Espace Alternatif: Etude de deux Films du Cinéma Parallèle en Inde.” Tr. “Alternative Spaces: A Study of two Arthouse Films from India.” *Inverses* 2002. 9-21.
- Marie-Hélène Bourcier. *Queer Zones: Politiques des Identités Sexuelles, des Représentations et des Savoirs*. Balland, 2002. *Inverses* 2 (2002): 204. (Book review).

## **GUEST LECTURES AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

November 2018 Invited to deliver a seminar talk on Decolonial Enunciations of Queerness, University of Sorbonne, Paris.

March 2018 Invited and accepted to participate in the teach-in organised at the University of Kent, UK. Title of presentation: “Decolonising Education: Towards new Queer Canons.” <https://vimeo.com/266717224>

March 2018 Invited and accepted to participate in “Queer Week” organised by University of Sorbonne, Paris.

June 2017 Invited and accepted to discuss *Decolonizing Sexualities* at the University Autònoma of Barcelona, Spain.

April 2017 Guest Lecture Sciences Po, Le Havre titled, "What does Decolonizing Sexualities entail?"

March 2017 Invited and accepted to discuss *Decolonizing Sexualities* in "Queer Week" organised by Sciences Po, Paris. <http://www.queerweek.com/#partner>. Also, see, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANvKel6fPE8>

November 2016 Invited and accepted to participate in the seminar titled "Gender in Multiplicities: Intersectionality, Decoloniality, Assemblages, Co-Formations: French and U.S. Conversations," co-organised by the University of California, Berkeley, and Service Culture, Consulate of France in San Francisco, USA.

July 2016 Invited and accepted to participate in the panel on Black Diasporas in France and the UK. The event was organised for the first Black Pride in Paris.

April 2016 "Hijras and transgender frames." Invited and accepted to speak at the Open Education Series, University of Warwick, UK.

June 2015 "Plural masculinities." Keynote address at the University of Le Havre "Toutes en Seines" conference.

2014 "What is decolonial queerness?" Silvia Posocco in conversation with Sandeep Bakshi. <https://www.kent.ac.uk/law/dsn/sounds.html>

2013 Decolonizing Sexualities Network Roundtable II, Sokari Ekine, Yasmin Nair, Karma Chávez, Ryan Conrad and Sandeep Bakshi in Conversation, convened by Silvia Posocco, Suhraiya Jivraj and Sarah Lambie, Birkbeck College. <https://www.kent.ac.uk/law/dsn/roundtable.html>

2012 Invited to review an essay on hijras in India to be published in the special issue titled Murderous Inclusions in *International Feminist Journal of Politics*.

2012 Panel Convenor - Transnational Queer of Colour Critique. Cultural Crossroads Conference, Sorbonne University, Paris, France.

2011 Invited to participate in Roundtable on Queer Desire and India with Professor Hoshang Merchant, University of Hyderabad, India. Other Indias Conference, University of Laguna, Tenerife, Spain.

2010 Invited to participate in the transnational Decolonize Queer Project, Berlin, Germany

2010 Queer Reading of Bollywood and Diasporic Fiction . Postcolonial Queer Belonging Conference, University of Sussex, UK.

2010 Queer/ Postcolonial Intersections in South Asia. Postcolonialisme: Pratiques et Méthodologies Conference, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Lyon, France.

2010 Queer Adolescence in South Asian Fiction. The Age of Sex Conference, University College Dublin and Monash University, Australia in Prato, Italy.

2008 Queer Negotiations of the Postcolonial in R. Raj Rao's *The Boyfriend*. British Association for South Asian Studies Annual Conference, University of Leicester, UK.

2005 Lecture on intersection of queer and postcolonial theories with special reference to the *hijras* (the third sex) of India. Homosexualités Conference, University of Rouen, France.

2002 Talk on Indian films, *Fire* and *Uttara*, and the hijras of India. International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival of Brussels, Brussels, Belgium.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND GRANTS**

May 2017 Research project shortlisted for interview for the **Co-Fund Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Leadership** Fellowships, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Warwick.

2016 Shortlisted and attended the **Summer Institute** "Toward a non-Eurocentric Academia: Border Thinking and Decoloniality from Africa and Asia to Europe and the Americas" at Duke University. **Honorarium received \$500.**

[https://www.academia.edu/19828715/Border Thinking and Decoloniality Towards a non-Eurocentered Academia](https://www.academia.edu/19828715/Border_Thinking_and_Decoloniality_Towards_a_non-Eurocentered_Academia). UNC and Duke University May 14-22 2016

2015 **Co-organizer** of the one-day **international symposium** titled **Colonial and Decolonial Pasts and Presents in France**. Secured **grants** from professional and public sector bodies. Total grant amount: **€ 7,000**. Conference proceedings to be published in 2016. For impact, see, <https://www.mediapart.fr/journal/france/020116/l-universite-reflechit-sur-la-colonialite-du-pouvoir-en-france>

2013 Qualified in the National Qualification Competition for the position of Assistant Professor in English in France. Qualification number: 18211224463D.

2013 AHRC grant for the organisation of events of the Decolonizing Sexualities Network at the University of Kent and Birkbeck College, University of London, UK. Total grant amount: **£30,000**.

2007-2011 AHRC research grant to read PhD at the University of Leicester, UK.

2010 Postgraduate Student grant of €400.00 to present at the Age of Sex Conference in Prato, Italy.

2008 University of Bristol grant to participate in training seminars on Colonial and Postcolonial Histories, UK. The grant included a week-long board in Bristol and maintenance allowance by the AHRC.

2008 University of Warwick grant to participate in the one-day AHRC session on Colonialism and Postcolonialism, UK.

2004 Participated actively in the elaboration of the special issue on drag queens of the *Journal of Homosexuality* 46.3-4 (2004). Reviewed and provided critical insights to two contributors of the issue.

## **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

Six MA dissertations to date.

Research topics: Queer theory, cultures and literatures; Postcolonial theory, cultures and literatures, especially South Asia; Decolonial movements.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Co-coordinator of the Decolonizing Sexualities Network website and blog. [www.decolonizingsexualities.com](http://www.decolonizingsexualities.com)
- Member of the Scientific Committee. International Conference on Gloria Anzaldù. 2019, University Paris 8.
- Member of the Scientific Committee. International Conference “Feminisms and Activisms in 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries Americas.” 2017, University of Rouen, France.
- Invited Reviewer for the special issue on Islamophobia in *Gender, Sexuality and Race* (2016), eds. Paola Bacchetta and Rabab Abdulhadi, University of California, Berkeley.
- Invited Reviewer for the special issue on Queer, Postcolonial Europe in Nordic LGBTQ studies journal *Lambda Nordica* (2016), ed. Ulrika Dahl.
- Member of the Programme Committee of the Sexualities Studies Association, Canada, since 2015.
- Invited Reviewer for the journal *Sexualities*, since 2014.
- One of the founding members of the Decolonize Queer Collective, now known as the Decolonizing Sexualities Network, that critiques the manifold ways in which

queerness reinforces the geo-racial dichotomy.

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/law/dsn/index.html>

Also see,

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/law/dsn/contactus.html>

- Member of the research cluster GRIC 2014-2016 – Research Group on Identities and Cultures (University of Le Havre, France). Elected to the executive council of the GRIC in May 2015. Associated member of GRIC since September 2016.  
<https://gric.univ-lehavre.fr/spip.php?rubrique63>
- Member of the Queer Migration Research Network. [www.queermigration.com](http://www.queermigration.com)
- Member of Association of Cultural Studies (ACS) since 2012.

## **LANGUAGES**

English, Punjabi, French and Hindi – Fluency in speaking, reading and writing.

- Acted as translator (French-English) for two chapters in Bakshi, S., S. Jivraj and S. Posocco (eds) (2016) *Decolonizing Sexualities: Transnational Perspectives, Critical Interventions*, Oxford: CounterPress. The chapters were originally written in French by João Gabriell and the group Lesbiennes of Color (LOCs).