

## Curriculum Vitae

### **Dr. Shweta Sanjay Deshpande or Dr. Shweta Sinha Deshpande**

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### **Work Address**

Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts  
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### **Personal Details**

**Date of birth:** 19 July 1975

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Vimanagar 411014,  
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Husband's Name: Mr. Sanjay Abhay Deshapande

Profession: Managing Director and CEO, Clearford India. Pvt Ltd.

### **Research Database**

**ORCID:** <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4510-5618>

**Google Scholar:** <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=tr8PJHQAAAAJ&hl=en>

**SCOPUS:** [57192752335](#) & [59193033300](#) (Valid current ID)

**Web of Science / Publons / Researcher ID:** AAO86892020

**SSRN:** 4196880

**Vidwan:** [\[279989\]](#)

### **Work experience- Teaching and Administration**

- Teaching courses across Anthropology, Archaeology, History, Migration Studies, and History.
- October 2022 – Present: Director, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA), Symbiosis International University (SIU)
- March 2018 – Present: Associate Professor, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA), Symbiosis International University (SIU)
- April 2016 – October 2022: Deputy Director, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA), Symbiosis International University (SIU)
- July 2020 to January 2021 - Corporate Consultancy - *Focus on development, utilization and appreciation of deep technical experts*, with student intern Tejashree Bhandari for Cummins India.
- November 2019 – Present Ph.D Guide, faculty of Humanities Social Science, Symbiosis International Deemed University. Head for SSLA International cell

- August 2015 – Present: Member, Board of Studies for Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, SIU
- 2015 –2017: Member Academic Council, Symbiosis International University
- July 2013 – November 2013- Additional duties as *In-charge* SSLA, SIU
- 2011 – August 2015: Faculty head for SSLA Community Outreach Cell
- June 2011– Head Anthropology Department, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA), Symbiosis International University (SIU)
- July 2011 – March 2016 Head Academics Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA), Symbiosis International University (SIU)
- June 2011 – March 2018 – Assistant Professor, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts, SIU
- 2009 - 2012 – Visiting Faculty, Symbiosis Centre for Liberal Arts
- 2009- May 2011 – Lecturer / Assistant Professor in Proto-history, Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune, Maharashtra.
- 2008-2009 – Assistant Professor, and Project Consultant, Child Development Cell, Yashwant Rao Chavan Academy for Development Administration (YASHADA), Pune, Maharashtra. Government of Maharashtra, School Education Department’s project on the Evaluation of the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme across 30 districts of the state of Maharashtra
- 2006-07 Ceramic Analyst, Girawad Excavations, Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute & Research Institute for Humanity & Nature, Kyoto, Japan.
- 2003 Research Associate, Cambay Project, Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute & National Institute of Ocean Technology.
- 2002-03 Ceramic Analyst, Mudvi Excavations, Pune, Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute
- 2002 Ceramic Analyst, Kasba Peth Excavations, Pune, Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute
- 2001-02 Ceramic Analyst, Bagor Excavations, Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute & Univ. Of Pennsylvania
- 2000-01 Research Scholar, American Institute of Indian Studies
- 1999-2003 Ceramic Analyst, Gilund Excavations, Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute & Univ. Of Pennsylvania
- 1999-2003 Teaching courses on Protohistory of India and pottery analysis to MA students at Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute

### **Ph.D Supervisor 2019 onwards. PhD Research areas**

- Societal capital and community formation among the non-displaced Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir, India.
- Towards a Framework for Joyful Reading: A Multi-Case Study of Reading-for-Pleasure Programs and Their Role in Shaping Engagement, Motivation, and Reader Identity among Children in Underserved Indian Communities
- Visual Sovereignty and Translational Governance: Conflict, memory and peacebuilding in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Anthropology of Nature and Environment Education for Undergraduate Students

### **Editorial experience**

- 2021- 2025 **Editorial Board member**, Migration Letters, Transnational Press London (Scopus Listed); ISSN: 1741-8984 | e-ISSN: 1741-8992

- 2020-2021- **Reviewer**, Migration Letters, Transnational Press London (Scopus Listed), ISSN: 1741-8984 | e-ISSN: 1741-8992
- 2011 – **Editor** for Farmana Reports (Indus Projects) Occasional Papers.
- 2010 – **Primary Editor** for Ancient Asia Vol.II, Journal of the Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA), Reesha Books, Mumbai.
- 2007 – **Editor** for Proceedings of the First Conference of SOSAA Bombay University.
- 2006 – **Primary Editor**, Ancient Asia Vol. I, Journal of the Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA), Reesha Books, Mumbai.
- 2004 – **Associate Editor**, Monsoon and Civilization, Roli Books, Delhi
- 2002 – **Assistant Editor**, Origins of Pottery and Agriculture, Roli Books, Delhi
- 2001 – **Assistant Editor**, Monsoon and Civilization I (abstracts), Roli Books, Delhi

### **Membership of Academic Organizations- National and International**

- World Archaeology Congress, Member
- Editorial Board, Migration Letters, Transnational Press London (Scopus Listed),
- Reviewer, Migration Letters, Transnational Press London (Scopus Listed),
- June 2020 – 2022: Member Executive Committee, Nehru Science Centre, Ministry of Culture, Government of India
- Big History Association of India (BHAI), Founding President
- International Big History Association (IBHA), Member
- Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA), Founding Member
- American Folklore Society (AFS), Member

### **Education**

- Ph.D. 2003. “A Study of Cultural Interactions in Central and Western India during the Third & Second Millennia BC”, Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune
- NET completed in 1999 in Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology
- M.A. (1996-98), Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology with Dissertation Study of Chalcolithic Social Organization in Central India with special reference to Balathal, Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute
- B.A. Honours History (1993-96), Miranda House, Univ. of Delhi, Delhi

## **Publications**

### **❖ Books**

- (Underway) *Unearthing the Past: Archaeology, History and Identity in India*
- 2016 *Chalcolithic South Asia: Aspects of Crafts and Technologies* (Indus Infinity Foundation Series: Contribution to History of Indian Science and Technology) (with Vasant Shinde and Amrita Sarkar), Pentagon Press ISBN 13: 9788182749085
- 2011 *Gazetteer of Indian Archaeological and Historical Sites: Vol. 1, Gujarat*, (with V.S. Shinde) Aryan International Publishers ISBN 978-81-7305-413-6

### **❖ Articles: National Journals and Book Chapters**

- 2015, Craft and Technologies of the Chalcolithic People of South Asia: An Overview. *Indian Journal of History of Science*, 50.1, 42-54 (with V.S. Shinde)
- 2014, The Deccan Chalcolithic, in Dilip K. Chakrabarti and Makkhan Lal Edt. *History of Ancient India, Volume II Protohistoric Foundations*. (with V.S. Shinde and Others) Vivekananda International & Foundation Aryan Books International pp 487-497 ISBN-10 8173054819
- 2014, Chalcolithic Madhya Pradesh, in Dilip K. Chakrabarti and Makkhan Lal Edt. *History of Ancient India, Volume II Protohistoric Foundations*. (with V.S. Shinde and Others) Vivekananda International & Foundation Aryan Books International pp 480-486 ISBN-10 8173054819
- 2013 ‘A Study of Chalcolithic in Malwa Plateau: A Chronological Reassessment’ in P. Raga and V.S. Shinde edited *Art and Archaeology of Madhya Pradesh and Adjoining Regions* pp 123-145 Bhopal: Commissioner, Archaeology, Archives and Museum, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh ISBN: 8189660187 / 9788189660185
- 2009 ‘A Study of the Chalcolithic Cultures in the Malwa Plateau: A Chronological Reassessment’, in Saundaryashri: *Studies in Indian History, Archaeology, Literature & Philosophy* S. Soundara Felicitation Volume, Sharada Publications ISBN: 818893461
- 2007 – ‘A Preliminary Report On The Excavations at Mudvi (Solapur District, Maharashtra) in 2002-2003’ (with V.S. Shinde and others) in *History and Heritage* Vol. 1, Agamkala Prakashan, Delhi pp 187-195
- 2006 – ‘Development of Urbanisation in the Mewar Region of Rajasthan, India in the Middle of 3rd Millennium BC’ (with V.S. Shinde), *Ancient Asia*, No. 1, pp.103-122

- 2006 – ‘Basic Issues in Harappan Archaeology: Some Thought’ (with V.S. Shinde), *Ancient Asia*, No. 1, pp.63-72.
- 2006 – ‘The Interaction Networks of Pre/Early Harappan Gujarat’, *Puratattva*, No. 36, pp. 30-44
- 2005 – ‘The Geomorphological and Archaeological Investigations Along the Gulf of Cambay’ (with V.S. Shinde, et al.), *Journal of Indian Ocean Archaeology* No. 2 pp 25-32
- 2004 – ‘New Light on the History of Pune City: The Results of Accidental Discovery and Rescue Excavation Work’ (with V.S. Shinde), *Puratattva*, No 33, pp 52-62
- 2001-02 – ‘The Ceramic Assemblage in Protohistoric Mewar (Rajasthan) with Special Reference to Gilund and Balathal (with V.S. Shinde & G. L. Possehl), *Puratattva*, No 32, pp. 5-24
- 2001-2002 – ‘A Report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Workshop of the ALDP (Asian Lake Drilling Programme Workshop) (with V.S. Shinde) on Monsoon and Civilization, held in Pune, India, between 15-19 January, 2001, *Indian Archaeological Studies*, No.23, pp. 117-119
- 1998-99 – ‘Chalcolithic Social Organization in Central India: A Case Study of Balathal, *Puratattva*, No. 29, pp. 50-59

❖ **Articles: International Journals and Book Chapters**

- (Under Review) A Preliminary Understanding of the Settlement Locations and Patterns using GIS and Landscape Archaeology: A case study of Early Historic sites in Neem ka Thana Tehsil, Rajasthan' in South Asian Studies.
- 2025 Living Amid Conflict: Lived Experiences of Non-Displaced Kashmiri Pandit Women in Kashmir, India. *Feminist Encounters: A Journal of Critical Studies in Culture and Politics*, 10(1), 27. Lectito, Netherlands University and research institution. E-ISSN: 2468-4414. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.20897/femenc/18027>
- 2025 An Accidental Deity: A New Religious Icon for the Modern Age in *Social Evolution & History*, Volume 24, NUMBER 1 / MARCH 2025. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.30884/seh/2025.01.00> (SCOPUS)
- 2025 An Exploratory Study on Bonding and Bridging Social Capital Among the Non-Displaced Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir, India. (with Avinash Kaul). *Journal of Population and Social Studies [JPSS]*, 33(.), 596–610. DOI:[10.25133/JPSSv332025.032](https://doi.org/10.25133/JPSSv332025.032) (<https://so03.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/jpss/article/view/277074>) (SCOPUS)

- 2024 *Relooking at the Archaeology of Neem ka Thana Tehsil, Rajasthan, India* in *Archaeological Research in Asia* (with Dr. Esha Prasad). [Volume 39](#), September 2024, 100538, ISSN 2352-2267, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ara.2024.100538> (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352226724000394>) (SCOPUS)
  
- 2024 *Curriculum and Community with Research, Action, and Service (CCBALwRAS), a Pedagogical Shift for Social Change* submitted to *Higher Education for the Future* (with Dr. Sulakshana Sen, Ms. Gayatri Mendanha and others). <https://doi.org/10.1177/23476311231210636> (SCOPUS)
  
- 2023 *A Reappraisal of the Chalcolithic of Central and Deccan India*, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Anthropology  
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190854584.013.567.7>
  
- 2022 *Curriculum and Community – the 2Cs for Community-Based Academic Learning with Research, Action, and Service (CBALwRAS): A case study from India*, (with Sulakshana Sen, Gayatri Mendanha, Roshni Raheja, Khushi Bajaj, Ananya Moorthy, Kuhelika Bisht, Sarah Cherian, Sharanya Nair, Naushi Mathur, Kodamarti Meghana) in *OIDA International Journal of Sustainable Development*, Ontario International Development Agency, Canada. ISSN 1923-6654 (print) ISSN 1923-6662 (online) [www.oidaijsd.com](http://www.oidaijsd.com) Also available at <http://www.ssrn.com/link/OIDA-Intl-Journal-Sustainable-Dev.html>
  
- 2022 *Bridging Traditional Study Abroad Programs with Virtual-in-person Collaborations* with (Dr. Nila Hofmann in J. Rubin and S. Guth) ed. *Guide to COIL Virtual Exchange. Implementing, Growing, and Sustaining Collaborative Online International Learning*. Stylus Publishing LLC. ISBN-10. 1620369834; ISBN-13. 978-1620369838                      Link                      to                      the                      case study: [https://coilconnect.org/case\\_study?r=QR7\\_Hofmann\\_Deshpande\\_Final.docx](https://coilconnect.org/case_study?r=QR7_Hofmann_Deshpande_Final.docx) (SCOPUS)
  
- 2020, *The Culture of Migration: A Case Study from Punjab*, in *The Migration Conference 2020, Proceedings: Migration and Politics*, Transnational Press London. Ibrahim Sirkeci and Merita Zulfiu Alili, Transnational Press London, pg 139-148, Paperback ISBN: 978-1-912997-82-4; Digital ISBN: 978-1-912997-89-3
  
- 2017, *Migration: A Triangle of Aspiration, Opportunity or Exploitation? A Migrant's Perspective* (with Aashna Banerjee) in *The Migration Conference 2017 Proceedings* By Ibrahim Sirkeci, Fethiye Tilbe, Elif Iskender, Transnational Press London, pg 403-414. ISBN: 978-1-910781-54-8
  
- 2017, *Community Partnerships and Education: paving the way to sustainable development in India* (with Ms. Sulakshana Sen and Ms Sana Vaidya). OIDA

International Journal of Sustainable Development, Vol. 10, No. 12, pp. 49-66, 2017. ISSN: 1923:6654 (print) and ISSN: 1923:6662 (online).

- 2016, 'Big History in India' in *Origins, The Bulletin of the International Big History Association*, Volume VI Number 7 June 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 by International Big History Association (IBHA) pp 23-28, ISSN 2377-7729.
- 2016, 'India: Evolving a Big History' in *Education and Understanding: Big History around the World* edited by Barry Rodrigue, Leonid Grinin and Andrey Korotayev ISBN 978-93-84082-76-5
- 2014 - 'Chalcolithic Pottery from Gilund, Rajasthan' in V.S Shinde et.al. edited *Gilund Excavation Report*, University of Pennsylvania Press. ISBN: 978-1-934536-66-7
- 2010 – 'The Bronze Age Civilization of South Asia: An Overview (with V. S. Shinde) in *Ancient High Tin Bronzes: Production Technology and Regional Characteristics International Scientific Meeting*, Japan 2010
- 2008 – 'Exploration in the Ghaggar Basin And Excavation at Ghirawad, Farmana (Rohtak district) and Mitathal (Bhiwani district) Haryana, India (with V.S. Shinde and others) in *Occasional Papers 3*, Linguistics, Archaeology and Human Past, Kyoto, Japan
- 2005 – 'Gujarat between 2000 and 1400 BC' (with V.S. Shinde), *South Asian Studies* 21, pp. 121-134
- 2004 – 'Human Response to Holocene Climate Changes in Western India between 5th and 3rd Millennium BC' (with V.S. Shinde) in *Monsoon and Civilization*, Luster Press, Singapore pp. 383-406
- 2003 – 'South Indian Chalcolithic' (with V.S. Shinde) in *The Encyclopaedia of Prehistory*, Vol. 8: *South and Southwest Asia* edited by Peter N. Peregrine and Melvin Ember, Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers, pp.344-360. ISBN 0-306-46262-1 (v.8)
- 2003 – 'Central Indian Chalcolithic' (with V.S. Shinde) in *The Encyclopaedia of Prehistory*, Vol. 8: *South and Southwest Asia*, edited by Peter N. Peregrine and Melvin Ember, Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers. ISBN 0-306-46262-1 (v.8)

### **Research experience**

#### **❖ Ongoing:**

- 2025 – 2027 (Principal Investigator) Archaeological Assessment and Research in Khetri (AARKh) with Dr. Esha Prasad. A Major Research Project granted by Symbiosis International University

- 2025 – 2027 (Co-Principal Investigator) National Education Policy: A study of Awareness, Preparedness, and Implementaion among Higher Education Instituions in Pune District with Dr. Neeta Inamdar, Dr. Sulakshana Sen and Dr. Kishori Kasat. A Major Research Project grant by Symbiosis International University
- (Co-Principal Investigator) Traditional Healthcare Knowledge Systems and National Identity: Contemporary Nation Building in India
- (Principal Investigator) Migration: A Triangle of Aspiration, Opportunity or Exploitation? A Migrant’s Perspective
- Women in domestic and workplace across India and the US, an ethnographic study.
- Collaborative research on “*Love and Marriage “across two cultures”*” with Dr. Nila Hofman DePaul University, Chicago

❖ **Complete:**

- 2023- 2024 (Co-Principal Investigator) Archaeological Assessment and Research in Khteri (AARKh) with Dr. Esha Prasad. Grant received from the Centre for Interdisciplinary Archaeological Research, Ashoka University
- 2021 – 2022 (Principal Investigator)*A relook at the Ganeshwar Jodhpura Culture with a special focus on the Neem ka Thana Tehsil, Sikar district Rajasthan: an exploration and ethnography project;* Grant for A Minor Research Project by Symbiosis International University
- 2017 – 2021 (Principal Investigator) *Community Partnerships and Education: engaging with Curriculum Based community partnerships for holistic* with Ms. Sulakshana Sen and Ms Sana Vaidya
- 2015–2018 (Principal Investigator) Minor Research Project Grant, Symbiosis International University. *Evolving new belief icons in Contemporary India: Two case studies*
- 2006-07 Ceramic Analyst, Girawad Excavations, Deccan College Post Graduate & The Research Institute & Research Institute for Humanity & Nature, Kyoto, Japan
- 2003 Research Associate, Cambay Project, Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute & National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)
- 2002-03 Ceramic Analyst, Mudvi Excavations, Pune, Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute
- 2002 Ceramic Analyst, Kasba Peth Excavations, Pune, Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute

- 2001-02 Ceramic Analyst, Bagor Excavations, Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute & Univ. Of Pennsylvania
- 2000-01 Research Scholar, American Institute of Indian Studies
- 1999-2003 Ceramic Analyst, Gilund Excavations, Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute & Univ. Of Pennsylvania

### **Conferences, Presentations & Lectures**

- 2026, April. *Transnational Education: Hidden Depths* at the Internationalisation of Higher Education Conference 2026. Symbiosis International University
- 2026, February. Roundtable discussion on “*Conversations in Liberal Arts & Sciences Leadership*” at PRAVAH, organised by Thapar School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Patiala; 27–28 February 2026 [pravah.tslas@thapar.edu](mailto:pravah.tslas@thapar.edu)
- 2025, Opening Remarks titled “From Vision to National Influence: Symbiosis, Pioneering the Liberal Arts education in India”. at the “Interdisciplinary Innovation in the Asian Liberal Arts University” hosted by *Annual Presidents’ Forum of the Alliance of Asian Liberal Arts Universities, 2025*, at Duke Kunshan University, China, on November 13-15, 2025.
- 2025, Conducted a Faculty Development Programme on “*Leveraging the power of Virtual Exchange in the classroom to build sustainable international partnerships*” on 6 August, 2025 with Dr Gian Mario Besana, DePaul, Chicago and Dr. Sulakshana Sen, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts, organised by Symbiosis International University, Pune
- 2025, Dr. Shweta Sinha Deshpande. Rethinking the “*Archive*” in *Archaeology: Reorganising and restructuring memory and identity* on 28 June, 2025 in the Session: Beyond Archaeological Heritage Hierarchy: Steps to a Decolonised Archaeology, in 10th World Archaeological Congress Darwin, Australia
- 2025, Afshan Majid, Shweta Sinha Deshpande, Esha Prasad. *History, Heritage and Storytelling: The Interplay of Media and Archaeological Narratives in 21st Century India* on 27 June, 2025 in 10th World Archaeological Congress Darwin, Australia
- 2025, Roundtable discussion on *Disjuncture and Difference in the Global Cultural Economy: evaluating India’s response to post-Liberalisation*, on 31 May 2025 at Association for Asian Studies (AAS) -in-Asia 2025 Reframing Global Asias: Margins, Modernities, and Mobilities, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 2025, Shweta Sinha Deshpande at LIBERNIUM 2.0 discussion on '*Liberal Arts Education in India: Challenges and Opportunities*' on 21st February, 2025 at CHRIST University, Bannerghatta Road Campus.
- 2025, with Esha Prasad “Reassessing the Chalcolithic and Early Historic Landscape of Neem ka Thana, Rajasthan” 28 February, 2025 in the session “Landscapes and

Ecologies” 17th Annual Workshop on South Asian Archaeology February 28-March 2, 2025 organised by Hartwick College and University of Chicago, USA

- **2024**, invited by the Teach for India Foundation to participate in a discussion with Dr. Wendy Kopp, Founder of Teach for America and Teach for All, and Shaheen Mistri, Founder, Teach for India, on the topic of Engaging Today's Youth; in Mumbai, on January 8, 2024.
- 2023, Prasad Esha and Shweta Sinha Deshpande. Site Census and Reconnaissance Survey in Neem ka Thana Tehsil, Sikar District, Rajasthan. In *Joint Annual Conference of IAS, ISPQS and HCS and International Seminar on Recent Field Research and Scientific Studies in Indian Archaeology* from 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February 2023 held at Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India, Greater Noida.
- 2023, presentation on “*Career Opportunities in Hindi, Sanskrit or other Indian languages, Indology, Buddhist Studies, Yog and Ayurveda*” in the Knowledge India Visitors Programme, organised by Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Govt. of India.
- 2023, Conducted a Faculty Development Programme on “*Converting Classroom Teaching Innovations into Publishable Research: Understanding the Scope of Pedagogical Research*” with Dr Zafar Iqbal, DePaul, Chicago
- 2023, Conducted a Faculty Development Programme on “*Converting Classroom Teaching Innovations into Publishable Research: Understanding the Scope of Pedagogical Research*” with Dr Zafar Iqbal, DePaul, Chicago
- 2023, Moderated session on *Anthropology for the Future* at the World Anthropology Pre-Congress, 26th and 27th July, organised by SSLA in collaboration with SPPU
- Prasad Esha and Shweta Sinha Deshpande 2022. Revisiting the Ganeshwar Jodhpura Culture with a special focus on the Neem ka Thana Tehsil, Sikar district, Rajasthan, India. In *25th Conference of the European Association for South Asian Archaeology and Art*, hosted by Department of Humanities, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain from 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.
- 2022, Presented a paper titled ‘Building Strategic Partnerships: Internationalisation of higher education in India’ with Sulakshana Sen, and Anita Patankar at the Conference for Higher Education Research (CHER), hosted by Lingnan University, Hong Kong
- 2022, collaborated with The Migration Conference (TMC), Rabat, Morocco on behalf of SSLA and IIMAD. Organized 5 panels in hybrid mode, including a plenary session. Chaired and moderated the panel on *Indian Diaspora: Shaping Cultures, Perceptions, and Patterns of Mobility*

- 2022, Moderated session on '*Research as Reflexivity: Confronting Self and Communities*' Prof. Rukmini Sen, Professor of Sociology, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi, part of Fostering Undergraduate Research in University Spaces, series funded by the Shastri Indio-Canadian Lecture Series grant received by SSLA.
- 2021, *Constructing the Present from the Past: Archaeology, History, Identity in India*. Paper presented and moderated the session in Changing the World: Community, Science and Engagement with Big History
- 2020, *The Culture of Migration: A Case Study from Punjab*, The Migration Conference 2020.
- 2019, *The 2Cs for Community Based Academic Learning: An integrated Approach*” in the 15th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2019, Global Conference & Exhibition. Received the 2nd position award in the poster presentation
- 2018, Oct 17-20, *The Airplane Gurudwara: Flight for a Better Life* presented at The American Folklore Society Annual Conference, Buffalo, NY, USA
- 2018, July 5-7, *Traditional Healthcare Knowledge Systems and National Identity: A case in on contemporary Nation Building in India* with Anita Patankar at *Asia in Motion: Geographies and Genealogies*, The Association of Asian Studies (AAS) conference in Delhi.
- 2018, April 18-19, *Global Festival of Learning: Inspiring Change* conference, SSLA & Bournemouth University, SSLA, Pune
- 2018, March 23-24, Session Chaired *Interdisciplinarity and Super Disciplinarity (Big History)* at *The Study of all Existence: SSLA Conference on Interdisciplinarity and Big History*, SSLA, Pune
- 2017, August 23-26, *Migration: A Triangle of Aspiration, Opportunity or Exploitation? A Migrant's Perspective* with Aashna Banerjee at The Migration Conference, Athens, Harokopio University.
- 2017, August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> August, Paper presented (virtually) *Community Partnerships and Education: paving the way to sustainable development in India* with Ms. Sulakshana Sen and Ms Sana Vaidya. at the International Conference on Sustainable Development, Ottawa, Canada Paper presented virtually
- 2017, February 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Presented a paper “*Partnership with the Community through ISR, a strategy for transforming India 2030*” with Sulakshana Sen, Sana Vaidya & Ananya Gouthi, at *Transforming India 2030: Strategies for Sustainable Development Goals* organised by Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Symbiosis International University.
- 2016, October – Lecture Delivered

- *Globalization and Religion in India Today* A Public Lecture at DePaul University, Chicago
  - *Globalization, Love and Marriage in India* in a course titled “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology” Department of Anthropology, School of Liberal Arts, DePaul University, Chicago
  - *Religion in India - an Understanding* in a course titled “Debates About God” Department of Religious Studies, School of Liberal Arts, DePaul University, Chicago
  - *Globalization and its Effects on Indian Society* for the study abroad program to India titled “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology: Observing, Documenting, Reflecting and Understanding India’s Identities” at Study Abroad Programme, School of Liberal Arts, DePaul University, Chicago
  - *Globalization, Love and Marriage in India* in a course titled “Introduction to Cultural Anthropology” Department of Anthropology, School of Liberal Arts, DePaul University, Chicago
  - *Archeological Fieldwork in India* seminar on Archaeological field work in celebration of World Archaeology Day, at Department of Anthropology, School of Liberal Arts, DePaul University, Chicago
  - *Applied Anthropology for an ISR initiative within the local space, a study of Community Food Systems* in a course titled “Community Food Systems” Stean Center for Community-based Service Learning and Community Service Studies at DePaul University, Chicago
- 2016, October 19-22<sup>nd</sup> invited to present paper at the 2016 Joint American Folklore Society/International Society for Folk Narrative Research Conference, Miami, USA on “*An Accidental Deity: A New Religious Icon for the Modern Age,*”
  - 2016, May 17<sup>th</sup> (with Dr. Nila Ginger Hofman) "*Co-teaching across geography: a learning experience across cultures*" at the Future of Liberal Arts and Science Education Conference, organised by SSLA, Symbiosis International University, Lavale, Pune
  - 2016, April 25<sup>th</sup> (with Gian Mario Besana, Rositsa Leon, Nila Ginger Hofman, Richard Farkas, and Pero Maldini) - COIL experiences enhanced by organically emerged mobility components at 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary COIL Conference: *COILing Across a Decade: Reflections and New Directions*, at CUNY (City University New York) Graduate Center, 365 5th Ave., NYC,
  - 2015, October lectures delivered:

- *Perspectives' of Indian Archaeology Over the Last Hundred and Fifty Years* at the American Institute of Archaeology, Paper presented at the AIA Public Lecture series, The DePaul Art Museum.
- *Love and marriage across two Cultures: India & the US. The Indian Wedding Industry or Industrialization / Commercialization of the Indian Wedding* Department of Anthropology, School of Liberal Arts, DePaul University, Chicago
- November 2015, Lectures delivered at State University of Albany, New York
  - *Effects of Globalization on the Idea of Love and marriage in India*
  - *Appropriating the Past to Build the Future*
- March 2014, Paper presented at IISER, Pune, *Reconciling Boundaries: Possible Avenues of Research across Disciplines*
- March 2013, *Development and Inequality, a Global Challenge*, National Seminar on Anthropology and Human Development: Issues and Challenges Organised by Department of Anthropology, University of Pune, India.
- November 2011, *Seeing beyond: identification of folklore in the archaeological context*, International Conference “Journey/Festival of Folktales”; Bhasha Foundation (The Centre for the Preservation of Regional Languages), Bachpan (Society for Children’s Literature & Culture) & SIU.
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