

CURRICULUM VITAE
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Academic Positions

January 2022 - present	Assistant Professor of Anthropology Asian University for Women (Bangladesh)
August 2021- December 2021	Assistant Professor (Adjunct) Sociology, Department of International Studies, American University of Sharjah (UAE)
January 2021 – September 2021	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts Symbiosis International University (India)
October 2020 – February 2021	Postdoctoral Research Consultant, Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University (with Professor Sarah Lamb on her Andrew Carnegie Fellowship Project)
September 2019 – March 2020	Postdoctoral Fellow, International Centre of Advanced Studies: Metamorphoses of the Political (ICAS:MP), Max Weber Stiftung, Thematic Module: The Challenge of Gender

Areas of Teaching and Research

Globalization, Development, Gender stratification, Labor, Migration, Urbanization, Social Theories, Structural Inequality.

Education

2019	Ph.D.	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
	Dissertation Title	Everyday Talk and Gendered Labour: An Ethnography of action in interaction between Domestic Servants and Middle- class Bengali women in Kolkata and Delhi. (Under the supervision of Professor Ayesha Kidwai)
2014	M.A. (Anthropology)	University of Texas at Austin
2007	M.Phil. (First Class)	Centre for English and Linguistics. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
2001	B.A. (English Hons.)	University of Calcutta.

Certificate

2008-9 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program, U.S. Department of State

Grants & Fellowships

2016-18 Doctoral Fellowship, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)
2015-16 Doctoral Study Stipend, University Grants Commission (UGC) (India)
2012 Summer Research Fellowship, South Asia Institute, Univ. of Texas (Austin)
2011 Taraknath Das Foundation, South Asia Institute, Columbia University.
2010 Liberal Arts Graduate Research Fellowship, Univ. of Texas (Austin)
2010 Summer Research Grant, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Texas (Austin)
2010 Summer Grant, Liberal Arts Instructional Technology Services, Univ. of Texas (Austin)

Awards and Honors

2016 Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) New Delhi, awarded a 100% funding to attend Association for Asian Studies in Asia conference in Kyoto, Japan.
2016 International Gender and Language Association awarded travel bursary and Hardship registration for paper presentation in the conference in Hong Kong.
2016 Awarded Corpus funding from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (40,000 INR) to present papers at the University of Pittsburgh and at American Association of Applied Linguistics.
2012 National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded Travel Bursary to attend International Gender and Language (IGALA) bi-annual Conference in Brazil.
2011 South Asia Institute Travel Award.
2010 National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded Travel Bursary to attend International Gender and Language Association (IGALA) bi-annual Conference in Japan.
2008 IGALA Conference Grant for IGALA Biannual Conference in New Zealand.
2006 IGALA Conference travel Grant for IGALA Biannual Conference in Spain.

Publications (peer reviewed)

Chatterjee, Anindita (2021) “Home away from home? Belonging and dislocation among migrant domestic workers” in *Home, belonging and memory in migration: Leaving and Living*, edited by Sadan Jha & Pushpendra, 121-136. London & New Delhi: Routledge.

Chatterjee, Anindita. & Anne Schluter. 2020 “Maid to maiden”: The false promise of English for the daughters of domestic workers in post-colonial Kolkata. Special issue on ‘*Language, Inequality and Global Care-work*’ *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* (Eds.) Kellie Goncalves & Anne Schluter 2020; 262: 67–95. Berlin and Boston: De-Gruyter Publications.

Chatterjee, Anindita. 2014. “Telling tales in gendered spaces: Ritual narratives in the Lokkhi pooja of Bengal.” *International journal of Bengal Studies*, (Ed.) Amitava Chakraborty Vol. 4-5. 119-150. International Society of Bengal Studies, Viswakos Parishad: Kolkata 700009

Aimee Lawrence & Chatterjee, Anindita. (Eds.) 2012 Symposium about language and society XX (SALSA) conference proceedings. *Texas Linguistic Forum* Vol 55.

Academic Blog-piece

Chatterjee, Anindita 2020. ‘The Other Side of COVID-19: Ostracization and Guilt among Older Patients in India’ in AAGE December series (The Association for Anthropology, Gerontology and the Life Course) (<https://anthropologyandgerontology.com/the-other-side-of-covid-19-ostracization-and-guilt-among-older-patients-in-india/>)

Work in Progress

Chatterjee, Anindita. ‘Uneasy Coexistence: Patterns of Exclusion and Isolation among Female Domestic Workers in Homes and Public Spaces’ (peer review in process)

Chatterjee, Anindita. ‘Exhausted Bodies and Suppressed Desires: An Analysis of embodied gender inequality among migrant domestic workers’ in *Politics and Society in India and the Global South*. Matthias Gsänger, Krishna Dara and Amrita Pande (Eds.) Sage publication (forthcoming in 2022)

Courses Taught

Instructor of Record – Asian University for Women

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Writing Seminar II: Knowing the lives of others: Ethnographic Research Methods.

Intersectionality: Class, Caste and Gender.

Instructor of Record – American University of Sharjah

Introduction to Sociology

Instructor of Record – Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

Sociology of India: Themes and Perspectives

Class, caste, race and patriarchy

Labour in India: Past and Present

Capstone Seminar: “The Challenges of Gender: Globalization, Urbanization and Migration

Teaching Assistant – University of Texas at Austin

Introduction to India

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Culture and Communication

Laboratory Assistant – University of Texas at Austin

Linguistics Anthropology Lab, Dept. of Anthropology

Fulbright Scholarship – University of Texas at Austin

Bengali Language and Culture (Instructor)

Instructor of Record – Jawaharlal Nehru University

Semantic Theory and Analysis for Graduate Students

August 2005 – January 2006

Remedial English classes for Under-graduate students

Academic Associate – Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

May – August 2004

Written Analysis and Communication-I

Research Assistantship

January 2019 – February 2019

Worked on a Research Internship in a project with Professor Sarah Lamb from Brandeis University, Massachusetts, USA, on ‘*Single women in India*’ funded by Brandeis University, Massachusetts, USA

Spring – Summer 2011

University of Texas at Austin

Worked as a Research Associate with Professor Elizabeth Keating regarding a project on “*Intercultural Knowledge system Dynamics in Complex Services Offshoring*” funded by the National Science Foundation. The project was also conducted in Calcutta, for which I provided assistance based on my fluency in Bengali and my training as a Linguistic Anthropologist.

January – May 2008

National Council of Educational Research & Training, Delhi

As a student of Jawaharlal Nehru University, I worked as a Research Associate for National Council of Educational Research and Training on a project: “*The Poor Results Shown in Both Primary As well As Secondary Level School Education among Scheduled Castes/Tribes Students in Peri-urban and Rural Areas in India.*”

Conference Presentations (Selected few)

2021 “Uneasy Coexistence: Religion and Patterns of Exclusion of Female Migrant Domestic Workers in Homes and Public Spaces,” International Gender and Language Association

(IGALA 11) June 22-24, 2021

- 2021** “The Other Side of COVID-19: Ostracization, Humiliation and Guilt among the Vulnerable Older Patients in India,” at International Gender Conference in SSLA & De Paul University, Pune India (March 25 -27)
- 2021** “Gender and Reproduction: An analysis of Embodied Gender Inequality and Motherhood among Migrant Domestic workers,” presented at a Conference on Interdisciplinary Gender Studies: Issues, Facts and Approaches at Altinbas University (Turkey-March 11-12)
- 2018** “Mapping identities: An analysis of domestic space as a contested terrain among the workers”, paper presented in a Panel on *Gendered South Asian mobilities*, at the Annual Conference of South Asia in Madison, Wisconsin (October 11th-14th).
- 2018** “Language of Aspiration: English language as a medium of social mobility among the migrant Workers in Delhi”, paper presented at BASAS (British association for South Asian Studies) in University of Exeter, London on April, 2018.
- 2017** “First among Equals: An analysis of domestic space as a contested terrain among the Workers”, a paper presented in a panel on ‘Intersectionalities for Critical Change’, at the Annual conference of National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA), Baltimore, Maryland from November 16th-19th 2017.
- 2016** “First among Equals: Analyzing women’s ritual spaces reworked as dominant spaces among Bengali Brahmin domestic workers in Kolkata”, a paper presented in a panel on “*Women, Ritual and Religion in Urban Asia*”, at Association for Asian Studies in Asia, hosted by Doshisha University in Kyoto Japan, from June 24th to 27th, 2016.
- 2016** “Being a *Bhadramahila*: An ethnography of everyday lives of Bengali cultured women,” Paper presented at American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL) in Orlando, Florida, from 9th April to 12th April 2016.
- 2016** “Maid to Maiden: Speaking skills, styling and bodily comportment among the Bengali Domestic workers of Calcutta,” paper presented at University of Pittsburgh, in ‘Doing the body in the 21st century’ conference from 31st March -2nd April 2016.
- 2015** ““Was I born to cook for others?” Unraveling the questions of servitude through an affective attachment of love and labor between the domestic workers and the middle-class Bengali women,” Paper presented in the Department of Sociology, at South Asian University, New Delhi, on *Gender and Sexuality*, in October 17th.
- 2012** “Who is a Gossiper? Questioning gossip as a gendered activity,” International Gender and Language Association (IGALA), São Leopoldo, Brazil, 20-22 June.
- 2011** “From Sweepers to Sellers: Interpersonal Narratives about Occupation Change from Mothers to Daughters,” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, November 16-20.

2010 “Gender and Contestation in Bengali Adda,” IGALA, Tokyo, September 18-20.

2006 “Telling Tales in Gendered Spaces: Analysis of a ritual narrative of Bengal,” IGALA, University of Valencia (Spain), 8-10 November.

Invited Lectures

Nov. 2021 Guest lecture on ethnographic research methods in INS 300: Research Methods seminar course in the Dept. of International Studies at the American University of Sharjah.

Nov. 2021 “First among Equals: An analysis of domestic space as a contested terrain among the workers.” Department Colloquium at Department of International Studies, American University of Sharjah, UAE.

March 2021 International Gender Conference (SSLA) Symbiosis International University, Pune
Project experience on vulnerabilities among older people in the Pandemic.

July 2018 “Languages of Aspiration”- guest lecture at Amity University, Noida (Delhi-NCR)

Fall 2015 “From Sweepers to Sellers: An interaction with the mall workers and their Mothers as domestic workers”- guest lecture at Maharshri Dayanand University (MDU), Rohtak, INDIA.

Spring 2013 “Adda- Gender & Domestic Ritual in India”- guest lecture for Prof. Angela Nonaka’s class on Culture and Communication.

Fall 2012 “Telling Tales in Gendered Spaces- Concept of Ritual, its Association with Vrata Katha (tale-telling) and How Gender Plays a Role in it.” Class Lecture in “Introduction to India” course (University of Texas at Austin, U.S.A).

Fall 2009 “Native Ethnography: In Understanding Bengali Culture,” Class Lecture in “Culture and Communication” course (University of Texas at Austin, U.S.A).

Workshops

November 2020

Max Weber Stiftung (Online Format)

Invited for workshop on *Gender and Reproduction*.

Paper presented on “Reproducing Sons: An Analysis of embodied gender inequality and motherhood among migrant domestic workers.”

June 2012

São Leopoldo, Brazil

Workshop session with Professors Sue Wilkinson and Celia Kitzinger on “*Conversation Analysis: Data Session*” at the International Gender and Language Association (IGALA)

October 2011

University of Colorado (Boulder)

Culture, Language, and Social Practice (CLASP)

Workshop session with Professors Marjorie Goodwin and Cecilia Ford on “*How do we do Conversation Analysis?*”

August 2008

University of Wisconsin (Madison)

Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program - Workshop on Pedagogy

October 2007

University of Colorado (Boulder)

Workshop session with Professor Karen Tracy on “The Prettier Doll: Analyzing discourse in Public Meetings”

Ethnographic Experiences (selected few)

- Working with migrant workers in Delhi and Kolkata on several issues
- Working on the sudden Outbreak of the pandemic COVID 19 and its social and economic impact-Post COVID (Ongoing Project)
- Working with the domestic workers and middle class female employers in both Kolkata and Delhi. Worked at seven different middle-class households and also went to the squatter settlements and the colonies where the workers lived.
- Working with students and professionals both male and female to understand the gendered discourse of a casual conversational practice commonly known as *adda* in Bengal.
- Working with the sales agents who sell beauty products in the Kolkata shopping malls to understand the training process and the way they negotiate with the customers, as well as among them as competitors or collaborators.
- Working in Bengali households during religious rituals to understand how a narrative is recited by women within the ritual space and the similar rendering of the version outside the ritual space.

University/Postdoctoral Service

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| 2020 | Peer reviewed a student and teacher collaborated journal ‘ <i>Confluence</i> ’ at Symbiosis International University. Have also mentored a student to publish in the journal and International conferences. |
| 2019 | Participating and organizing colloquiums/workshops; inviting both senior/ junior scholars for interaction and creating an inclusive space to share knowledge. |
| 2015 | Participated in the organization of an International Conference (ICOLSI) at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi |
| 2012 | Co-Chair, Symposium about Language and Society (SALSA), Graduate Student Conference |
| 2011 | Organizing Committee, Texas Asia Conference. |

2009-2012 Volunteer at UT-EXPLORE: theme on diversity and heterogeneity based on different languages. I participated as a Bengali Coordinator.

Professional Membership

International Gender and Language Association (2006-present)
National Woman's Studies association (2013-present)
Annual South Asian Studies (Wisconsin, Madison) (2018-2019)
University of Texas, Austin, Alumnus (Life member)
Fulbright Association Alumnus, IIE (Life member)

Languages Known

Bengali: native
English: Near native/ fluent in both writing and speaking
Hindi: Fluent in both writing and speaking.

Referees

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