

## **AMITA BAVISKAR**

### **DATE OF BIRTH**

9 May 1965

### **CURRENT POSITION**

Associate Professor  
Sociology Unit  
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### **EDUCATION**

1992	Ph.D. (Development Sociology), Cornell University.
1988	M.A. (Sociology), University of Delhi.
1986	B.A. (Economics), University of Delhi.

### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

\* Teaching interests: graduate and undergraduate courses in environment and development studies, economic anthropology, political sociology, urban anthropology

\* Research interests: environmental politics, with a focus on social inequality and natural resource conflicts, environmental and indigenous social movements, anthropology of development, urban environmental politics, state formation and the environment in south Asia.

Associate Professor, Sociology Unit, Institute of Economic Growth (6/2006 to present)

ICCR-Chanel Chair of Contemporary Indian Studies, Sciences Po (8/2012 to 12/2012)

Visiting Associate Professor, Departments of Geography and South Asian Studies, University of Washington, Seattle (3/2011 to 6/2011)

Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Yale University (1/2009 to 5/2009)

Visiting Associate Professor, Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University (9/2004 to 6/2005)

S. V. Ciriacy-Wantrup Fellow, Institute of International Studies, University of California at Berkeley (8/2002 to 7/2004)

Reader in Sociology (Associate Professor), Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, India (5/2002 to 7/2003)

Visiting Associate Professor, Polson Institute for Global Development, Cornell University (Fall 2001)

Lecturer in Sociology (Senior Scale), Department of Sociology, University of Delhi (1/1999-4/2002)

Lecturer in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi (1/1994-1/1999)

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND ACADEMIC AWARDS**

- 2012 Indo-US Community Chair, University of California at Berkeley
- 2010 Infosys Prize for Social Sciences
- 2008 VKRV Rao Prize for Social Science Research
- 2008 STICERD Visiting Fellowship at the London School of Economics
- 2007 Ford Foundation grant for research on ‘The Middle Classes in India: Identity, Citizenship and the Public Sphere’
- 2005 Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for Distinguished Contributions to Development Studies
- 2004 Srinivas Memorial Prize
- 2002-4 S. V. Ciriacy-Wantrup Fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley
- 2001 Winrock International grant to organize an international conference on ‘The Cultural Politics of Water’
- 2000 Residential Fellowship Program in Environment and Culture, Berkeley Workshop on Environmental Politics, University of California, Berkeley
- 1998 Ford Foundation grant for research on ‘Water, Social Stratification and the State’
- 1992 Beatrice Brown Award, Cornell University
- 1990 Research grant for pre-dissertation fieldwork: Institute for Intercultural Studies
- 1988 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
- 1988 Kunda Datar Gold Medal for First in Sociology, University of Delhi
- 1986 National Scholarship: Centre for Advanced Study in Sociology, University of Delhi
- 1981 National Talent Search Scholarship, National Council for Educational Research and Training.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- 2011 Edited volume *Elite and Everyman: The Cultural Politics of the Indian Middle Classes* (with Raka Ray). New Delhi: Routledge.
- 2008 Edited volume *Contested Grounds: Essays on Nature, Culture and Power*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- 2007 Edited volume *Waterscapes: The Cultural Politics of a Natural Resource*. Delhi: Permanent Black.
- 2006 *Untouchability in Rural India* (with Ghanshyam Shah, Harsh Mander, Sukhdeo Thorat, Satish Deshpande). New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- 2004 *In the Belly of the River: Tribal Conflicts over Development in the Narmada Valley*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. (second edition)
- 2003 Edited volume *Waterlines: The Penguin Book of River Writings*. New Delhi: Penguin Books.
- 1995 *In the Belly of the River: Tribal Conflicts over Development in the Narmada Valley*. Oxford University Press: Delhi. (fifth impression 2002)
- In progress *Nadi ki Korb Mein* [In the Belly of the River] Hindi edition. Delhi: Rajkamal Prakashan.

### Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- 2013 'Coda: Protest and Participation in the City' in Karen Coelho, Lalitha Kamath and M. Vijayabaskar (eds), *Participolis: Consent and Contention in Neoliberal India*, pp.306-9. New Delhi: Routledge.
- 2012 'Public Interest and Private Compromises: The Politics of Environmental Negotiation in Delhi, India' in Julia Eckert, Brian Donahue, Christian Strümpell and Zerrin Özlem Biner (eds), *Law Against the State: Ethnographic Forays into Law's Transformations*, pp. 171-201. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2012 'Extraordinary Violence and Everyday Welfare: The State and Development in Rural and Urban India' in Soumhya Venkatesan and Thomas Yarrow (eds), *Differentiating Development: Beyond an Anthropology of Critique*, pp. 126-44. New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2012 'Food and Agriculture' in Vasudha Dalmia and Rashmi Sadana (eds), *Cambridge Companion to Contemporary Indian Culture*, pp. 49-66. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2012 'Cultural Politics of Environment and Development: The Indian Experience' (reprint) in

- R. Maria Saleth (ed.) *From Individual to Community: Issues in Development Studies*, pp. 86-101. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- 2012 'India's Changing Political Economy and its Implications for Forest Users' in Rights and Resources Initiative (ed.) *Deeper Roots of Historical Injustice: Trends and Challenges in the Forests of India*, pp. 33-46. Washington, DC: Rights and Resources Initiative.
- 2012 'Fate of the Forest: Conservation and Tribal Rights' (reprint) in Indra Munshi (ed.) *The Adivasi Question: Issues of Land, Forest and Livelihood*, pp. 385-406. Orient Longman and Economic and Political Weekly.
- 2012 'Indono shutoniokeru tairitu: toshikeikaku to suramu [Conflicts in the Capital of India: Urban Planning and Slums]' in Haruka Yanagisawa and Yosiko Kurita (eds) *Ajia, Chuto: kyodotai, kankyo, gendaino hinkon* [Asia and Middle East: Community, Environment and Contemporary Poverty]. Tokyo: Keiso Shobo.
- In press 'The City and its Commons' in Pooja Sood (ed.), *48<sup>0</sup>c: Public Art and Space in Delhi*. New Delhi: Goethe Institute.
- 2011 'What the Eye Does Not See: River Yamuna in the Imagination of Delhi' in *Economic and Political Weekly* (Review of Urban Affairs). 46 (50): 45-53.
- 2011 'For a Cultural Politics of Water' in *Cairo Papers in Social Sciences* (Special issue on The Burden of Resources: Oil and Water in the Gulf and the Nile Basin). 30 (4): 9-19.
- 2011 (with Raka Ray) 'Introduction' in Amita Baviskar and Raka Ray (eds), *Elite and Everyman: The Cultural Politics of the Indian Middle Classes*, pp. 1-23. New Delhi: Routledge.
- 2011 'Cows, Cars and Cycle-rickshaws: Bourgeois Environmentalism and the Battle for Delhi's Streets' in Amita Baviskar and Raka Ray (eds), *Elite and Everyman: The Cultural Politics of the Indian Middle Classes*, pp. 391-418. New Delhi: Routledge.
- 2011 'Written on the Body, Written on the Land: Violence and Environmental Struggles in Central India' (reprint) in Mahesh Rangarajan and K. Sivaramakrishnan (eds) *India's Environmental History: Colonialism, Modernity, and the Nation*, pp. 517-49. New Delhi: Permanent Black.
- 2010 'Spectacular Events, City Spaces and Citizenship: The Commonwealth Games in Delhi' in Jonathan Shapiro Anjaria and Colin McFarlane (eds), *Urban Navigations: Politics, Space and the City in South Asia*, pp. 138-161. New Delhi: Routledge.
- 2010 'Urban Exclusions: Public Spaces and the Poor in Delhi' in Bharati Chaturvedi (ed.) *Finding Delhi: Loss and Renewal in a Megacity*, pp. 3-15. New Delhi: Penguin.

- 2010 'The Unquiet Woods and Indian Environmental History' in Ramachandra Guha's *The Unquiet Woods: Ecological Change and Peasant Resistance in the Himalaya*, pp. 213-221. Twentieth anniversary edition. New Delhi and Ranikhet: Permanent Black.
- 2009 'Social Movements in India' in Niraja Gopal Jayal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta (eds), *Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, pp. 381-90. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- 2009 'Is Knowledge Power?: The Right to Information Campaign in India' in John Gaventa and Rosemary McGee (eds), *Citizen Action and National Policy*, pp. 130-52. London: Zed Books.
- 2009 'Breaking Homes, Making Cities: Class and Gender in the Politics of Urban Displacement' in Lyla Mehta (ed.), *Displaced by Development: Confronting Marginalisation and Gender Injustice*, pp. 59-81. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- 2009 'Demolishing Delhi: World-Class City in the Making' reprinted in Josephine B. Slater and Pauline van Mourik Broekman (eds), *Proud to be Flesh: A Mute Magazine Anthology of Cultural Politics after the Net*, pp. 399-403. London: Mute Publishing and Autonomedia.
- 2008 'Environmental History in India' in Bharati Ray (ed.), *Different Types of History*, pp. 147-62. New Delhi: Pearson Educational Publishing.
- 2008 'Pedagogy, Public Sociology and Politics in India: What is to be Done' in *Current Sociology*. 56 (3): 425-33.
- 2008 'Culture and Power in the Commons Debate' in Isha Ray and Pranab Bardhan (eds), *The Contested Commons: Conversations between Economists and Anthropologists*, pp. 107-24. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing and New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- 2008 'Dillīchyā Suśobhikaranāchā Bourgeois Dhāchā' [The Bourgeois Basis of Delhi's Beautification] in *Samaj Prabodhan Patrika*. 46 (181): 97-104.
- 2007 'The Dream Machine: The Model Development Project and the Remaking of the State' (reprint) in Kanchan Chopra and C. H. Hanumantha Rao (eds), *Growth, Equity, Environment and Population: Economic and Sociological Perspectives*, pp. 287-310. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- 2007 'Indian Indigeneities: Adivasi Engagements with Hindu Nationalism in India' in Marisol de la Cadena and Orin Starn (eds), *Indigenous Experience Today*, pp. 275-304. Oxford: Berg Publishers.
- 2007 'The Dream Machine: The Model Development Project and the Remaking of the

- State' in Amita Baviskar (ed.), *Waterscapes: The Cultural Politics of a Natural Resource*, pp. 281-313. Delhi: Permanent Black.
- 2007 'Demolishing Delhi: World-Class City in the Making' reprinted in Lalit Batra (ed.), *The Urban Poor in Globalising India: Dispossession and Marginalisation*, pp. 39-44. Delhi: South Asian Dialogues on Ecological Democracy and Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam Publications.
- 2007 'Cultural Politics of Environment and Development: The Indian Experience' in *Review of Development and Change*. 11 (1): 1-14.
- 2006 'Demolishing Delhi: World-Class City in the Making' in *Mute*. 2 (3): 88-95.
- 2006 'The Politics of Being "Indigenous"' in Bengt G. Karlsson and Tanka B. Subba (eds), *Indigeneity in India*. London: Kegan Paul.
- 2006 'Foreword' to Ranjit Dwivedi *Conflict and Collective Action: The Sardar Sarovar Project in India*, pp. xi-xxvi. New Delhi and London: Routledge.
- 2006 'Rethinking Indian Environmentalism: Industrial Pollution in Delhi and Fisheries in Kerala' (with Subir Sinha and Kavita Philip) in Joanne Bauer (ed.), *Forging Environmentalism: Justice, Livelihood and Contested Environments*, pp. 189-256. New York: ME Sharpe.
- 2006 'Bhāratātīl Paryāvaran va Vikās yanché Sānskritik Rājkāran' [The Cultural Politics of Environment and Development in India] in *Samaj Prabodhan Patrika*. 44 (176): 425-30.
- 2005 'Adivasi Encounters with Hindu Nationalism in MP' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 40 (48): 5105-13.
- 2005 'Between Micro-politics and Administrative Imperatives: Decentralization and the Watershed Mission in Madhya Pradesh, India' in Jesse Ribot and Anne Larson (eds), *Democratic Decentralisation through a Natural Resource Lens*, pp. 26-40. London: Routledge.
- 2005 'Red in Tooth and Claw?: Searching for Class in Struggles over Nature' in Raka Ray and Mary Katzenstein (eds), *Social Movements in India: Poverty, Power, and Politics*, pp. 161-78. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.
- 2004 'Between Micro-politics and Administrative Imperatives: Decentralization and the Watershed Mission in Madhya Pradesh, India' in *European Journal of Development Research*. 16 (1): 26-40.
- 2004 'Aliens' in Bregje van Eekelen, Jennifer González, Bettina Stötzer and Anna Tsing

- (eds), *Shock and Awe: War on Words*. Santa Cruz, CA: New Pacific Press.
- 2003 'For a Cultural Politics of Natural Resources'. Introduction to an edited collection on 'Natural Resources: Conceptions and Contestations' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 38 (48): 5051-55.
- 2003 'Tribal Politics and Discourses of Environmentalism' in Paul Greenough and Anna Tsing (eds), *Nature in the Global South: Environmental Projects in South and Southeast Asia*, pp. 289-318. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- 2003 'Between Violence and Desire: Space, Power and Identity in the Making of Metropolitan Delhi' in *International Social Science Journal*. 175: 89-98.
- 2002 'States, Communities and Conservation: The Practice of Ecodevelopment in the Great Himalayan National Park' in Vasant Saberwal and Mahesh Rangarajan (eds), *Battles over Nature: Science and the Politics of Wildlife Conservation*, pp. 267-99. Delhi: Permanent Black.
- 2002 'Community and the Politics of Honour' in Vandana Madan (ed.), *The Village in India*, pp. 252-66. Readings in Sociology and Social Anthropology. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- 2002 'Kaihatu wo meguru Narmada kyokoku niokeru Toraibu no tatakai' (Tribal Conflicts over Development in the Narmada Valley) in Haruka Yanagisawa (ed.), *Gendai Minami Ajia 4: Kaihatu to Kankyo (Contemporary South Asia, 4: Economic Development and Environmental Change)*, pp. 263-80. Tokyo: University of Tokyo Press.
- 2001 'Forest Management as Political Practice: Indian Experiences with the Accommodation of Multiple Interests' in *International Journal of Agricultural Resources, Governance and Ecology*. 1 (3/4): 243-263.
- 2001 'Environmental Movements in India: The South Forges its own Discourse' in James Nickum and Kenji Oya (eds), *New Regional Paradigms: Environmental Management, Poverty Reduction, and Sustainable Regional Development*, pp. 93-107. London: Greenwood Press.
- 2001 'Written on the Body, Written on the Land: Violence and Environmental Struggles in Central India' in Nancy Peluso and Michael Watts (eds), *Violent Environments*, pp. 354-79. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- 2001 'The Dialectics of Environmentalism' in A. K. Giri (ed.), *Rethinking Social Transformation*, pp. 231-45. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.
- 2000 'Claims to Knowledge, Claims to Control: Environmental Conflict in the Great

- Himalayan National Park, India' in Roy Ellen, Peter Parkes and Alan Bicker (eds), *Indigenous Environmental Knowledge and its Transformations: Critical Anthropological Perspectives*, pp. 101-19. Studies in Environmental Anthropology Vol. 5. Amsterdam: Harwood Academic Press.
- 1999 'Vanishing Forests, Sacred Trees: A Hindu Perspective on Eco-consciousness' in *Asian Geographer*. 18 (1-2): 21-31.
- 1999 'Participating in Ecodevelopment: The Case of the Great Himalayan National Park' in R. Jeffery and N. Sundar (eds), *A New Moral Economy for India's Forests?: Discourses of Community and Participation*, pp. 109-29. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- 1998 'Tribal Communities and Conservation in India' in A. Kothari et al. (eds), *Communities and Conservation: Natural Resource Management in South and Central Asia*, pp. 252-69. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- 1997 'Ecology and Development in India: A Field and its Future' in *Sociological Bulletin*. 46 (2): 193-207.
- 1997 'Tribal Politics and Discourses of Environmentalism' in *Contributions to Indian Sociology*. 31 (2): 195-223.
- 1997 'Displacement and the Bhilala Tribals of the Narmada Valley' in Jean Dreze, M. Samson and S. Singh (eds), *The Dam and the Nation: Displacement and Resettlement in the Narmada Valley*, pp. 103-35. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- 1997 'Women and Forests: Dependence without Control' in N. Rao and L. Rurup (eds), 1997. *A Just Right: Women's Ownership of Natural Resources and Livelihood Security*, pp. 347-52. New Delhi: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.
- 1996 'Reverence is Not Enough: Ecological Marxism and India's Adivasis' in E. M. DuPuis and P. Vandergeest (eds), *Creating the Countryside: The Politics of Rural and Environmental Discourse*, pp. 204-24. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
- 1996 'The Administration and Human Rights in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh' in V. K. Gupta (ed.) *Perspectives on Human Rights*. Delhi: Vikas Publishing House.
- 1996 'Carrying Capacity and Usufruct Rights' in W. Fernandes (ed.) *Drafting a People's Forest Bill: The Forest-dweller - Social Activist Alternative*. Delhi: Indian Social Institute.
- 1996 'The Cooperative Movement in India before Independence' in L. C. Jain and Karen Coelho *In the Wake of Freedom: India's Tryst with Cooperatives*. New Delhi: Concept Publishing.



- 1994 'The Fate of the Forest: Conservation and Tribal Rights' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 29 (38): 2493-501.
- 1994 (with A. K. Singh) 'The Sardar Sarovar Dam and its Impact on Public Health' in *Environmental Impact Assessment Review*. 14 (5-6): 349-58.

### **Other journal articles**

- 2010 'Resisting Distorted Readings' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 45 (41): 78-79.
- 2010 Comment on Tania M. Li's 'Indigeneity, Capitalism, and the Management of Dispossession' in *Current Anthropology*. 51 (3): 400-01.
- 2010 'Between Reason and Resistance' in *Seminar*. 605: 82-85.
- 2008 (with Nandini Sundar) 'Democracy versus Economic Transformation?'. Comment on Partha Chatterjee's 'Democracy and Economic Transformation in India' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 43 (46): 87-89.
- 2008 'Contract Killings: Silicosis among Adivasi Migrant Workers' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 43 (25): 8-10.
- 2007 'For a Cultural Politics of Natural Resources' in *Maitrayee*. 8: 10-13.
- 2006 'Water Follies and Frauds' in *Seminar*. 557: 93-96.
- 2002 'The Politics of the City' in *Seminar*. 516: 40-42.
- 1999 'A Grain of Sand on the Bank of the Narmada' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 34 (32): 2213-4.
- 1999 Comment on P. Brosius, 'Analyses and Interventions: Anthropological Engagements with Environmentalism' in *Current Anthropology*. 40 (3): 288-89.
- 1998 'Nature at Stake' in *Seminar*. 466: 74-78.
- 1998 'Towards a Sociology of Delhi' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 33 (49): 3101-02.
- 1997 'Who Speaks for the Victims?' in *Seminar*. 451: 59-61.
- 1995 'The Political Uses of Sociology: Tribes and the Sardar Sarovar Project' in *Sociological Bulletin*. 44 (1): 89-96.

- 1994 'The Administration and Human Rights in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh' in *The Administrator*. 34 (2): 63-70.
- 1994 'Negotiating with Hinduism' in *Lokayan Bulletin*. 11 (1): 25-32.
- 1991 'Narmada "Sangharsh Yatra": State Response and its Consequences' in *Economic and Political Weekly*. 26 (9-10): 477-478.
- 1991 'Creation Myth of the Bhilalas' in *Lokayan Bulletin*. 9 (3-4): 11-20.
- 1991 'The Researcher as Pilgrim' in *Lokayan Bulletin*. 9 (3-4): 91-97.

### **Book Reviews and Articles for a General Readership**

More than two hundred book reviews and articles published in journals including *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, *Indian Social and Economic History Review*, *Indian Review of Books*, *Biblio*, *The Book Review*, *Himal*, *Frontline*, *The India Magazine*, *The Hindu*, *Indian Express*, *Outlook*, *The Telegraph*, *Geo*, *Outlook Traveller*, *City Limits*, *Timeout*, *The Illustrated Weekly of India*, *Dainik Bhaskar*, *Sandarbh*, *Prabhat Khabar*, *Amar Ujala*.

### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

Co-Editor, *Contributions to Indian Sociology* (2007-11)

Member, Editorial Team, Review of Urban Affairs, *Economic and Political Weekly*

Member, Editorial Collective, *Journal of Peasant Studies*

Member, Editorial Board, *Antipode*

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *World Development*

Member, Editorial Board, *Global Environmental Politics*

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Ethnographic Theory*

Member, Editorial Board, *Human Ecology: An Interdisciplinary Journal*

Member, Editorial Board, *Biblio*

Member, Editorial Board, *Transforming Cultures*

Founding Member and Member of the Governing Council, *Conservation and Society*

Founding Member, Kalpavriksh, Environmental Action Group

Member, Governing Board, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore

Member, Advisory Board, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment

Member, Special Committee of the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Member, Advisory Committee, Research on Reviving Rain-fed Agriculture (ResRRA) Network

Senior Advisor, Indian Institute of Human Settlements

Vice-President, SRUTI (Society for Rural, Urban and Tribal Initiatives) (2008-2011), Member of Board

Member, Advisory Committee, Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India

Member, Forest Advisory Committee, Government of India (2010-12)

Member, Advisory Council, India Rural Development Report 2013-14

Member, NCERT Committee for Sociology textbooks, classes XI and XII

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society

**Referee for journals:** *Development and Change, Economic and Political Weekly, Sociological Bulletin, Indian Social Science Review, Gender, Place and Culture, Ethnography, Critical Asian Studies, Society and Natural Resources, Current Anthropology, Antipode, Indian Economic and Social History Review, Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology, American Anthropologist, Oxford Development Studies, Geoforum.*

**Referee for book publishers:** Oxford University Press; Sage Publications; Pluto Press; Penguin Books; Duke University Press; Routledge; University of Toronto Press; Berghahn Books

**Referee for projects:** Indian Council of Social Science Research; Social Science Research Council (New York); Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada); Japan Foundation

**Research projects and consultancies:**

2007-2009 Designed, co-ordinated and administered a research project entitled ‘The Middle Classes in India: Identity, Citizenship and the Public Sphere’ with financial support from the Ford Foundation. Organized an international conference on this theme; an edited volume entitled *Elite and Everyman: The Cultural Politics of the Indian Middle Classes* was published in 2011 by Routledge India. Also organized a dissertation workshop for PhD researchers from across the country, and a dialogue between academics and activists to discuss the findings from the project.

1998-2002 Designed, co-ordinated and administered a research project entitled ‘Water, Social Stratification and the State’ with financial support from the Ford Foundation. Organized an international conference on ‘The Cultural Politics of Water’ in Delhi in March 2001 with support from Winrock International. An edited volume of the conference papers entitled *Waterscapes: The Cultural Politics of a Natural Resource* was published in 2007.

1995-2001 Commissioned as a consultant to: Ford Foundation (researching and writing an institutional history of the Foundation's programme for agricultural and water resources development in India); Wildlife Institute of India (for project on 'Natural Resource Use and Conflict Management in the Great Himalayan National Park' and for training officers of the Indian Forest Service); Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund, Government of Japan (to advise on a programme for supporting forest-based tussar sericulture as a poverty-alleviation strategy); Swedish International Development Agency (to advise on future water resources-related programmes); and the International Labour Organization (to write a status report on 'Women's Access to Wastelands').

1992-1993 Worked with a trade union of tribal peasants in Jhabua district, Madhya Pradesh (10/1992-12/1993). Responsibilities included grassroots organizing of villagers around issues of forest rights, dam-induced displacement, and education, as well as managing public relations, networking for joint campaigns, public interest litigation, and fund-raising.

#### **M.PHIL. DEGREES SUPERVISED**

- 2002 T. Chaudhuri: Middle-Class Environmentalism in India.
- 2002 D. Sen: Battles over Biodiversity: The Discourse on State and Property Regimes in India.
- 2000 S. Pattanaik: Environmental Movements in a Global Context.
- 1999 F. Ibrahim: A Comparative Study of an Islamic Ritual: Liturgy and Everyday Life in the Karbala Paradigm.
- 1998 S. Ghatak: The Concept of Agency in Radical Social Movements.
- 1997 A. Joshi: Environmental Movements and Development.
- 1996 I. Chaudhuri: Women and Environment in Development: A Study of the Chipko Movement.

#### **PH.D. CANDIDATES SUPERVISED**

**A. de Souza:** Management of water resources in Maharashtra

**R. Savithri:** Property, kinship and gender: A study of Tamils in an urban context

(ongoing) **Chakraverti Mahajan:** An anthropological study exploring the contours of Hindu-Muslim relations in Jammu & Kashmir (joint supervision with Abhik Ghosh, Panjab University)

(ongoing) **Jyoti Dalal:** Delineating identity: Reflections on its construction and articulation in the school (joint supervision with Poonam Batra, Faculty of Education, University of Delhi)

(ongoing) **Alka Sabharwal:** The cultural politics of nomadic pastoralism in contested territory: The case of Changthang, Ladakh (joint supervision with Greg Acciaioli, University of Western Australia)

(ongoing) **Sakshi Khurana:** Work, community and neighbourhood: Lives of informal women workers (joint supervision with Rajni Palriwala, University of Delhi)