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Ph.D. (History)		Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi			2000	
M.Phil. (History)		Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi			1995	
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- 31 December 2014 till date: Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi.
- 1 December 2009 30 December 2014: Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi.
- 1 October 2002 30 November 2009: Fellow in History, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC).

# Areas of Interest / Specialization

Medieval and Early Modern Indian History: Literary and Historical Traditions, Religion and Political Cultures, Sufism in Indian environment

# Subjects Taught

The Practice of History (Parts)

Philosophy and Methods of History

History of Eastern India, 13th - 18th Centuries

History of North India, c. 1400 - 1550

Forms of History Writing in Medieval and Early Modern India

Medieval Societies: The Central Islamic Lands ca. 600 - 1300

# Research Guidance

Supervision of M.Phil dissertation: Three (completed); Two (in progress)

Supervision of PhD thesis: Two (completed); Three (in progress)

#### **Publications Profile**

# 1. Books/Monographs (Authored/Edited)

Days in the Life of a Sufi: 101 Enchanting Stories of Wisdom (New Delhi: Pan Macmillan, 2020).

An Earthly Paradise: Trade, Politics and Culture in Early Modern Bengal, co-edited with Tilottama Mukherjee (New Delhi and London: Manohar and Routledge, 2020).

The Muslim Question: Understanding Islam and Indian History, paperback (New Delhi: Penguin Books, 2017); earlier published as In the Name of Allah: Understanding Islam and Indian History (New Delhi: Penguin-Viking, 2009).

Lovers of God: Sufism and the Politics of Islam in Medieval India (New Delhi: Manohar, 2017 and London: Routledge, 2020).

Literary and Religious Practices in Medieval and Early Modern India, co-edited with David L. Curley (New Delhi and London: Manohar and Routledge, 2016; reprinted by Manohar, 2019).

Warfare, Religion, and Society in Indian History, co-edited with Kaushik Roy (New Delhi: Manohar, 2012).

Sufism and Society in Medieval India, Debates in Indian History and Society Series, edited (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010; reprinted in 2011).

History in the Vernacular, co-edited with Partha Chatterjee (Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2008; paperback 2010, 2012, 2017).

Sufism, Culture, and Politics: Afghans and Islam in Medieval North India (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2007; reprinted in 2009; paperback 2012, 2013).

#### 2. Research papers published in Refereed/Peer Reviewed Journals

'Music and Related Practices in Chishti Sufism: Celebrations and Contestations', in *Social Scientist*, 40: 3-4 (March-April 2012), pp. 17-32.

'Hazrat-i-Dehli: The Making of the Chishti Sufi Centre and the Stronghold of Islam', South Asia

Research, 28: 1 (February 2008), pp. 23-48.

- 'Salvaging a Fractured Past: Reflections on Norms of Governance and Afghan-Rajput Relations in North India in the Late Fifteenth and Early Sixteenth Centuries', *Studies in History*, 20:1, 2004, pp. 1-29.
- 'Episodes from the Life of Shaikh Farid-ud-Din Ganj-i-Shakar', *International Journal of Punjab Studies*, 10: 1-2, January-December 2003, pp. 25-46.
- 'Reconsidering Sovereignty and Governance Under the Afghans: North India in the Late Fifteenth and Early Sixteenth Centuries', *South Asia*, 26: 1, April 2003, pp. 5-21.
- 'Conversion in Chishti Sufi Literature (13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Centuries)', *Indian Historical Review*, 24: 1-2, 1997-98, pp. 70-94.

# 3. Other publications (articles in edited volumes)

'Introduction', in *The Gulistan of Shaikh Sa'di Shirazi*, English translation by Major R.P. Anderson, originally published by Thacker Spink and Co., Calcutta in 1861 (New Delhi: Manohar, 2021).

'Conversion to Islam in South Asia as Transformation of the Heart, by Hazrat Khwaja Nizam al-Din Awliya and Amir Hasan 'Ala Sijzi', in Nimrod Hurvitz, Christian C. Sahner, Uriel Simonsohn, and Luke Yarbrough, eds, *Conversion to Islam in the Premodern Age: A Sourcebook* (Oakland: University of California Press, 2020).

- 'The Study of Sufism in Medieval India: An Overview', Syed Jaffar Ahmed, ed., *Challenges of History Writing in South Asia: Special Volume in Honour of Dr Mubarak Ali* (Karachi: Pakistan Study Circle, University of Karachi, 2013), pp. 284-320.
- 'Dispatching *Kafirs* to Hell?: The Languages of Warfare, Politics and Religion in the Delhi Sultanate', in Raziuddin Aquil and Kaushik Roy, eds, *Warfare, Religion, and Society in Indian History* (New Delhi: Manohar, 2012), pp. 63-84.
- 'The Study of Islam and Indian History at the Darul Musannefin, Azamgarh', in Raziuddin Aquil and Partha Chatterjee, eds, *History in the Vernacular* (Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2008), pp. 322-56.
- 'On Islam and *Kufr* in the Delhi Sultanate: Towards a Re-interpretation of Ziya' al-Din Barani's *Fatawa-i Jahandari*', in Rajat Datta, ed., *Rethinking a Millennium: Perspectives on Indian History from the Eighth to the Eighteenth Century, Essays for Harbans Mukhia* (Delhi: Aakar Books, 2008), pp. 168-97.
- 'From Dar-ul-Harb to Dar-ul-Islam? Chishti Sufi Accounts and the Emergence of Islam in the Delhi Sultanate', in Satish Saberwal and Mushirul Hasan, eds, Assertive Religious Identities:

India and Europe (New Delhi: Manohar, 2006), pp. 59-84.

'Miracles, Authority and Benevolence: Stories of *Karamat* in Sufi Literature of the Delhi Sultanate', in Anup Taneja, ed., *Sufi Cults and the Evolution of Medieval Indian Culture*, ICHR Monograph Series 9 (New Delhi: ICHR and Northern Book Centre, 2003), pp. 109-38.

#### 4. Review Essays

'Making Sense of the Languages of Islam in Medieval North India', *Comparative Islamic Studies*, 1:1, 2005, pp. 93-106.

'Chishti Sufi Order in the Indian Subcontinent and Beyond', *Studies in History*, 21:1, 2005, pp. 99-111.

'Scholars, Saints and Sultans: Some Aspects of Religion and Politics in the Delhi Sultanate', *Indian Historical Review*, 31: 1-2, 2004, pp. 210-20.

'Sufi Cults, Politics and Conversion: The Chishtis of the Sultanate Period', *Indian Historical Review*, 22: 1-2, 1995-96, pp. 190-97.

#### 5. Book Reviews

Review of Martin Fuchs and Vasudha Dalmia, eds, *Religious Interactions in Modern India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2019, *South Asian Studies*, 36:2, 2020, pp. 218-20.

Review of Pius Malekandathil, *The Mughals, the Portuguese and the Indian Ocean: Changing Imageries of Maritime India*, Primus Books, Delhi, 2013, *Studies in History*, 29:2, 2013, pp. 281-83.

Review of Ahmet T. Karamustafa, *Sufism: The Formative Period*, The New Edinburgh Islamic Survey Series, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh, 2007, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, 52: 2, 2009, pp. 354-57.

Review of Reeta Grewal and Sheena Pall, eds, *Five Centuries of Sikh Tradition: Ideology, Society, Politics and Culture. Essays for Indu Banga*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2005, *Contemporary South Asia*, 16: 4, 2008, pp. 476-77.

Review of M. Athar Ali, *Mughal India: Studies in Polity, Ideas, Society, and Culture*, with a Preface by Irfan Habib, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2006, *Studies in History*, 23: 2, 2007, pp. 347-49.

Review of Asim Roy, ed., *Islam in History and Politics: Perspectives from South Asia*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2006, *Indian Historical Review*, 34: 2, 2007, pp. 256-59.

Review of J.S. Grewal, ed., The Khalsa: Sikh and Non-Sikh Perspectives, Manohar, New Delhi,

2004, Contemporary South Asia, 15:4, 2006, pp. 497-98.

Review of Salma Ahmed Farooqui, *Islam and the Mughal State*, Sundeep Prakashan, New Delhi, 2005, in *The Medieval History Journal*, 9:2, 2006, pp. 371-73.

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Review of Mansura Haidar, ed., *Sufis, Sultans and Feudal Orders: Professor Nurul Hasan Commemoration Volume*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2004, in *The Sixteenth Century Journal: The Journal of Early Modern Studies*, 37: 1, 2006, pp. 224-26.

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Review of Richard B. Barnett, ed., *Rethinking Early Modern India*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2002, in *Contemporary South Asia*, 12: 4, 2003, pp. 560-62.

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and Co., Delhi, 2002, in The Book Review, October 2002, p. 98.

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Review of Muhammad Zaki, *Muslim Society in Northern India During the 15<sup>th</sup> and First Half of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century*, K.P. Bagchi, Calcutta, 1996, in *Indian Historical Review*, 23: 1-2, July 1996 & January 1997, pp. 162-64.

Review of Syed Hasan Askari and Qeyamuddin Ahmad, eds, *The Comprehensive History of Bihar*, Vol. II, Part II, K.P. Jayaswal Research Institute, Patna, 1987, in *Indian Historical Review*, 20: 1-2, July 1993 & January 1994, pp. 159-60.

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