

Brief Introduction: Course Directors

Course Director: Prof. P. C. Joshi

Prof. P. C. Joshi has served as head of the Department of Anthropology in various institutions and is currently Professor of Social Anthropology in the University of Delhi. He was nominated Asia Coordinator of the European Union 6th Framework Microdis Integrated Project, 2007 and was a delegate of the European Union to Poznan, Poland in United Nations Framework Climate Change Conference in 2008. Prof. P. C. Joshi is recipient of the Indira Priyadarshini Vriksha Mitra National Award as Friends of Trees founder member, 1987 and the Inter-University Centre Associateship Award in Humanities and Social Sciences, 1996-1999, Certificate of Honour at the First France-India Meet on Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy, 2007, Plaque of Appreciation from Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Xavier University Ateneo de Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines, 2008, and Certificate of Appreciation on his research on disaster impacts in Asia and Europe by Faculty of Public Health, University of Indonesia in 2009, among other honours and distinctions. He is the current UGC SAP Advisory Committee Member for the SV University, Tirupati and Karnataka University Dharwad. He has been recently nominated as the Task Force Member, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. He has organized Fifteen Conferences included one in the University of Hue, Vietnam in the year 2010. He is the current president of the Society for Indian Medical Anthropology, Mysore and Executive Member of the Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society, Lucknow. His scientific publications are in the fields of Medical Anthropology, Traditional Medicines, Shamanism, Impact of Disasters, Life Style Diseases and Antibiotic Resistance.

Co-Course Director: Dr. Avitoli G. Zhimo

Dr. Avitoli G Zhimo has been teaching social anthropology at the University of Delhi since January 2009. She received her Master's degree, M.Phil degree and PhD from the University of Delhi. Prior to joining the University, she worked as research assistant for an International Health NGO based at AIIMS, New Delhi. She teaches Visual Anthropology; Anthropology of Kinship, family and Marriage; Anthropology of religion, politics and economy; Cultural ecology; Anthropology in practice; Anthropology of Development; Tribal cultures of India; Anthropological Theories. She had worked extensively among the Naga tribes exploring the politics of conversion and the dynamics of customary law. She had also attempted to capture the changing realities among Naga tribes in the era of globalization. Her research papers had been published in reputed journals *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Indian Anthropologist* and Sage's *Social Change*. She is currently holding the position of Secretary- cum- Treasurer in Indian Anthropological Association.

Resource Persons

Dr. Alison Kahn

Dr. Alison Kahn is the CEO and Academic Director, Oxford Documentary Film Institute. She is also working as Research and Tutorial Fellow, Museum Studies, Visual Anthropology at the Stanford University Overseas Program, Bing Institute, Oxford. She has also previously taught at the Oxford Brookes University and has held research positions at University College London and University of Oxford. With a D.Phil. (Oxon) in Social and Cultural Anthropology from the University of Oxford, her research specializations include Visual Anthropology, gender and films, digital storytelling, public health and media, research practice and digital methods, museum studies and digital archiving among others. An avid ethnographer and filmmaker, Dr. Kahn is associated with the European Documentary Film Network (EDN), The Royal Anthropological Institute, Fellow of the Higher Education Institute, Oxford Internet Institute, Digital Ethnography Group, University of Oxford, Steering Committee for Teaching Practice with Film, Oxford Brookes to name a few.

Dr. Amit Nagpal

Dr. Amit Nagpal is currently Associate Professor at the New Delhi Institute of Management. Dr. Nagpal specialises in Digital Marketing with a PhD and MBA (Marketing). Dr. Nagpal has nearly twenty years of rich experience combining industry and academic, he has been awarded prize for 'Best Presentation', 'Write & Win-Marketing Strategy Contest' 'Corporate Affairs & Finance Quiz'; Outstanding GK Award etc. Dr. Nagpal has 7 publications in various Journals, Magazines, and Books and has presented 4 papers in international conferences and academic meets. He worked with Corporates like Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd., Sahara Television, in the fields of Digital and Social Media/ Marketing & Management and Online Branding and Digital Storytelling. He has conducted several workshops for corporate fields and TV Audience.

Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan

Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan was trained in social anthropology at Panjab University. His PhD thesis titled “Exploring the contours of Hindu- Muslim relations in Doda district, Jammu and Kashmir: an anthropological study” focused on unravelling the complex dynamics of inter-religious identities and interactions amidst a political backdrop of violence and suspicion in Jammu and Kashmir. He has been teaching papers on Fundamentals of Social Anthropology, Theories of Society and Culture, Urban Anthropology, Criminology, Anthropology of India, Research Methods, and Reading of Ethnographies since 2011 and has joined the department as an assistant professor in 2013.

Dr. Iftekhhar Ahmed

Dr. Iftekhhar Ahmed is a known media professional & educationist in India. He has joined as the Director, AJK Mass Communication Research Centre (AJKMCRC) in October, 2015 for his second tenure. He has also worked as Director of Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC), IGNOU from June, 2014 to October, 2015. Dr. Ahmed has helped several educational institutions and universities in designing the syllabi of their media courses and developing the infrastructure for the media, education & research. He has also worked as a jury member of the International Film Festival of India, Doordarshan Annual Awards & other National/International Film Festivals. Currently he is a member of advisory boards and governing councils of different educational institutions/universities, TV channels and organizations like UNESCO, University Grants Commission, Union Public Service Commission.

Dr. Indrani Chattopadhyaya

Dr. Indrani Chattopadhyaya is an archaeologist trained in the University of Allahabad. Her specialization is Prehistoric and Proto-historic Archaeology. She is Honorary Fellow of Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain & Ireland; Fellow Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla (2006 – 2008). She has been attached to the UGC Centre for Advanced Study, Department of Ancient History Culture & Archaeology, University of Allahabad, Indian Council for Historical Research, Department of Archaeology University of Cambridge (1984 – 85), Cambridge Philosophical Society (1987) as visiting Scholar. She has carried out explorations in Sonbhadra region in southern U.P. and participated in a number of excavations in Ganga valley. She is Managerial Editor of an International Journal - Journal of the Interdisciplinary Crossroads and member of Editorial Board in a number of journals in India. In addition to supervising research students she teaches Archaeological Anthropology, Prehistoric Archaeology and Material Culture in the department.

Dr. Janaki Abraham

Dr. Janaki Abraham is currently working as Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics with Humanities Concentration in Political Science Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA and a Masters and PhD degree from the Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University. Her research interests include the study of kinship, gender and caste, visual anthropology and gender and space, particularly the study of towns. She is currently finalising her manuscript entitled: Gender, Caste and Matrilineal Kinship: Shifting boundaries in twentieth century Kerala based on her doctoral research. An exhibition entitled: Exploring the Visual Cultures of North Kerala: Photographs, albums and videos in everyday life showed at the Arts and Aesthetics gallery in JNU, New Delhi and was based on her postdoctoral research. Dr. Abraham was the co-opted member on University Grants Commission (UGC) Task Force to look into the safety of women and gender sensitization on University Campuses in India from 2012-2014. Between July 2011 – 2016, she was the Book Reviews Editor for the Journal Contributions to Indian Sociology.

Dr. J S Yadav

Dr. J. S. Yadav was the Director General at the National institute- Indian Institute of Mass communication, New Delhi. He was the Professor and Head of Communication for 18 years and has 30 years of experience in communication and media research, training and consultancy. Dr. Yadav's research specialisations include research, strategic communication and behaviour change. He has conducted and coordinated over 150 research projects on media, health and development issues and has experience of coordinating large scale national & international projects. Dr. Yadav has been working senior consultant with Polio Eradication Programme and has been conducting capacity building workshops for the print and electronic media professionals. He has been associated with Indian Association of Parliamentarians for Population and Development (IAPPD) since 2014 as a Technical Resource Person where he has been planning and providing inputs for Communication & Advocacy Workshops on Population and Development. Dr. Yadav provided consultancy services to reputed national and international organizations like USAID, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, UNICEF, WHO, World Bank and European Union.

Prof. K G Suresh, Director General, IIMC

K G Suresh is currently serving as Director General, Indian Institute of Mass Communication. A media educator for the last two decades, Suresh is an Adjunct Professor with the Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research, an institution of National Importance

established by an act of Parliament. He has also served as Adjunct Professor at the Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism & Communication and Visiting Professor with the Delhi Institute of Heritage Research and Management, run by Govt of NCT Delhi. With a rich professional cross media experience of about three decades, Suresh is the recipient of Prem Bhatia Fellowship for Research in Media by Young Journalists. A post-Graduate in Mass Communications, Mr Suresh successfully completed a Public Health Journalism Experiential Course at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom. Suresh was a Member of the prestigious feature film jury & non-fiction jury of Indian Panorama 2018 & 2017 respectively for the International Film Festival of India. Suresh was on the international jury for the Plural+ International Youth Video Festival 2012, organised by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and the International Organisation for Migration. He was the first Indian to be nominated as a jury since the inception of the festival in 2009.

Dr. Kakali Chakraborty

Dr. Kakali Chakraborty is the Former Deputy Director, Anthropological Survey of India and is presently working as Guest Faculty in the Department of Museology, University of Calcutta. Dr.Chakraborty has a Masters degree in Anthropology from the University of Calcutta and a Ph.D in Anthropology from Ranchi University. She is also a member of the Advisory committee, Banglar Puratatva Gobesana Kendra, a non-governmental academic organization, the Indian Anthropological Society and Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCCA). Her research specializations include economic transformations, gender, poverty and development, ecological anthropology and indigenous knowledge. An avid and dedicated researcher, Dr. Chakraborty has collaborated across years towards visual methods, practices and has directed ethnographic documentaries as well as shorts on a range of different themes. Her writings have appeared in international and national journals and as books on a variety of topics.

Laura C. Murray

Laura C. Murray is an ethnographic filmmaker, photographer, and PhD candidate in the Department of Anthropology at New York University. Drawing upon multi-sited fieldwork with animal scientists, activists, and rural farmers, Laura's current doctoral research investigates changing political ecologies of cattle and dairy development in north India. Laura is particularly interested in the ways that such transformations intersect with and interrupt emergent practices of religious, cultural, and national identity. Her research is supported by the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, the American Institute for Indian Studies, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Her writing and photography has appeared in Visual Anthropology Review, Anthropology Now, and Seminar Magazine. Laura is also the director of the short ethnographic film, Strangers Ourselves (2018), which explores the lives of refugees and refugee activists in her hometown of Ottawa, Canada.

Dr. Margam Madhusudhan

Dr. Margam Madhusudhan is currently an associate professor at the Department of Library and Information Science, Delhi University. Dr. Margam Madhusudhan Osmania University, Hyderabad. Dr. Madhusudhan's research specialisations include designing and evaluation of websites, Web-OPACs, Electronic journals, Social Networking Sites, and ICT applications in Library and Information Science among others. His writings have appeared in international and national journals and as books on a variety of topics. Dr. Madhusudhan was awarded the status of "International Accreditation Organization (IAO) USA-Certified Faculty Member". He is associated with the Telangana Library and Information Science Association,

Hyderabad, Academy of library Science and Documentation (ALSD), Hyderabad, the Indian Library Association (ILA), Delhi, Delhi University Library Science Association (DULSA). One of his most recent projects include research on Design and Development of Web-based Database of Aerospace Testing Facilities Available in India.

Prof. Roma Chatterji

Professor Roma Chatterji is currently the Head of Department at the Sociology Department, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. With a BA in Sociology from Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University and a Masters and PhD from the Delhi University, Prof. Chatterji's research specialisations range from folklore and narrative traditions, folk art and folk culture, medical sociology, the sociology of collective violence, ethnographies of the state, bureaucratization and everyday life, Illness Narratives. Prof. Chatterji has extensively contributed writings on variety of themes through various international and national journals as well as books across the years. She has been a part of academic bodies like the Advisory Committee of Delhi Public Library and Kala Nidhi Reference Library, IGNCA, the Advisory Committee, Centre of Community Health and Social Medicine, School of Social Science, JNU, the Editorial Boards of Ethnicity and Health and South Asian Culture, Journal of Indian Folkloristics and the Medical Anthropologist Quarterly.

Dr. R P Mitra

Dr. R. P. Mitra was trained in social anthropology at University of Delhi and teaches Introduction to Social anthropology, Social Institutions, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity of India, Tribe and Peasantry in India, Psychological Anthropology, Anthropological Theories, Religion and Symbolism and Ecological anthropology to undergraduates and postgraduates. Prior to joining the department as an assistant professor in 2003, he has worked as a research fellow in Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IHBAS). He has completed a research project on Evaluation of Conservation-cum Development Plan for the Bharia community of Madhya Pradesh. (Period: 2008-2010)funded by Department of Tribal Welfare, Government of Madhya Pradesh and currently investigating a project on Crime against women in India (Period: 2011 – Ongoing) funded by BPRD, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

Prof. S M Patnaik

Prof. Patnaik is currently the Vice Chancellor of Utkal University, Odisha. He has been teaching Social Anthropology for the last 24 years. He was a Fulbright –Nehru Visiting Lecturer at VT Institute for Policy and Governance /Urban Affairs and Planning Virginia Tech University, USA (August 2011 to Jan 2012). He was also visiting faculty to many universities both home and abroad. His research specialisations include Anthropology of development, Tribal studies, Kinship, Globalization studies, Anthropological Theories and Research methodology. He is currently the President of Indian Anthropological Association. He now heads a commission on Policy and Governance in the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES). Currently he is the Convener of Research Committee, Rural, Peasants and Tribal Commission and the Director of Publication of Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society.

Ms. Sonia Sarkar

MS. Sonia Sarkar currently works as the Communication Officer for National Media at UNICEF. She has previously also worked as the Deputy Head of Press & Digital Manager at the Embassy of France in India as well as Communications Manager, French and Spanish language client focal point at the Societe Generale French Bank, African Diplomatic Mission.

Ms. Sarkar, with a Master of Science in Social Anthropology and training in Strategic Public Health Communication, French and Spanish languages from the University of Delhi, has an extensive experience in bilateral/multilateral diplomatic and UN communications teams and is an expert on capacity development, risk communication as well as spokesperson training for senior Government and UN officials. Ms Sarkar, with a use of ethnographic method to work towards indigenous community health projects and social media platforms to promote awareness and dialogue on the same, has been instrumental in UNICEF projects on tribal health in India.

Dr. Suryanadini Narain

Dr. Suryanadini Narain is currently associate professor at the Centre for Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Dr. Narain holds a B.A. in Sociology Honours from Delhi University, M.A. in Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, M. Sc. in Visual Anthropology, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford, UK and Ph.D. in Visual Studies, School of Arts and Aesthetics, JNU, 2014. Her areas of Specialization include Visual Culture Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Photography and Indian Popular Culture. Dr. Narain has worked on the project 'Museology and the Colony: the case of India' with University of California, Los Angeles and has also worked as a Consultant to the Ministry of Culture, Government of India to formulate Guidelines for the Reformation of Indian Museums.

Prof. V K Srivastava

Prof. V. K. Srivastava (M.Sc., Ph.D.) was a Professor in Department of Anthropology till December 2017. He was trained in anthropology and sociology at Department of Anthropology and Delhi school of Economics, University of Delhi. He earned his doctorate in social anthropology from University of Cambridge. Prior to joining the Department as a lecturer in 1985, he taught sociology in Hindu College and was the Teacher-in-charge of the Department of Sociology there. He was appointed as Principal of Hindu College from March 2010-2012 while on lien from Department of Anthropology. He taught courses on anthropological theory and methods, urban anthropology, medical anthropology, tribal and peasant societies in the Department. Professor Srivastava has joined as the Director of Anthropological Survey in the month of March 2017.

Prof. Venkata Rao

Prof. Venkata Rao is the Dean, Social Science, University of Hyderabad. Prof. Rao's teaching and research interests are in the areas of Anthropology of Development, Economic Anthropology, Complex Societies, and Research Methodology. Has special interest in the study of Ageing, and the dynamics of tribal communities. Prof. Rao has conducted a number of research projects funded by organizations like UGC, ICSSR, and ISRO and has presented large number of papers in national and international seminars. He has also served as a member on several academic bodies and expert committees of governmental non-governmental organizations. He was a recipient of University Grants Commission's Research Award in 1999. Presently Dr. Rao is the coordinator for UGC Special Assistance Programme of the department.