

Nirmal Kumar

Associate Professor of History

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Awards & Honors

1.ICCR Professor History chair , University of Vienna, Austria from October, 2013 to January, 2014 (Taught history of Hindi cinema and also History of Delhi)

2. Guest fellow at **Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla** from August to October, 2012

3. Coordinator and Member, Board of Governors of an **Exchange Programme called Contemporary Indian studies Aarhus (CISCA)** between Sri Venkateswara College and **Aarhus University, Denmark** for faculty exchange programme and a participant exchange faculty under the same. (Funded by European Union)

4. 2003: Awarded a **Major Research Project** by Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) to work on "**Situating Widows: The Case of 18th Century Rajasthan**"

5. 2003-2004: **Visiting Fellow** at **Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, Leeds University, UK.**

6. 2002-2006: **Associate Fellow** at Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla (India).

7. 2002: Invited to **chair/moderate** a session at NWSA conference at Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, in (could not attend due to unavailability of funding).

8. 2001: Gave a lecture on 'Changing focus and Paradigms in South Indian History Writings' at the **Refresher course for the History Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya**, Delhi, December, 2001

9. 1997: **Minor Research Project** from the University Grants Commission India (UGC) - "Widow Remarriage in 18th Century Rajasthan".

10. 1994: **Travel cum research Grant** for Ph.D. work from Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)

Conferences: Papers presented

1. Presented a paper :Bhojpuri : A Big-small cinema” at Film and literature conference organized by Punjab University Chandigarh, 18-19 January, 2013

2. Presented a paper on ‘In the By-lanes of Hindi Films: Locating the phenomenon of the Bhojpuri Cinema’ presented at a conference 100 years of Bollywood, jointly organized by CSDS and IAS, Shimla, 7-8 October, 2012

3. Presented a paper titled “Nikah: A Simple-Complex Film on Muslim society or Hindutva Agenda” at a workshop organized by CISCA, Aarhus University, **Denmark** on 17/18 June, 2010
4. Presented paper on “Criminalisation of Individual Migration in Hindi Films” on October 29/2009 and November 1, 2009 at SunYat Sen National University, Kaohsiung, **Taiwan**
5. Presented a paper on “Situating widowhood in 18th century- Why Rajasthan was different?” at UGC sponsored conference titled Feminism in at BHU, **Varanasi**, March, 2008
6. Presented a paper on “Ahistoricity of Hindi films” at Media and Imperialism organized conference at **Amsterdam**, July 17-20, 2007
7. Presented a paper on “Structures of Punishment in 18th century Rajasthan” at the Annual Meeting, 2007 of Association of Asian Studies (AAS) at **Boston** on March 22-25, 2007.
8. Presented a paper titled “Camel: The Economics of Theft” at international conference at **Jaipur in December, 2005** at Rajasthan Studies Group (Accepted for publication in the proceedings volume)
9. Presented a paper on ‘Real and Imagined Widowhood in Hindi Films: The case of Prem Rog and Kati Patang’ at **Southampton** conference organized by Women’s History Network, UK on **2-4 September 2006**.
10. Presented 'Widow Remarriage in 18th Century Rajasthan' at ICAS conference held in **August 2003**, at **Singapore**.
11. A paper titled 'Gender and Crime in 18th Century Rajasthan' presented at International Association of History of Crime and Criminal Justice at **Maison des'l Homme, Paris** on 6th/7th of June, 2003.

Press Coverage:

1. Interviewed by New York times on “Hoe Bollywood’s Views on Pakistan evolved”, NYT, August, 16, 2012 (http://india.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/08/16/how-bollywoods-views-on-pakistan-evolved/?_r=0)
2. Katy Collins, in Rajinder Dudrah....
3. In Times of India, New Delhi, February 9, 2002 in news item ‘Spare the rod and spoil the child? Not Any More(p.2)
4. In Times of India, march 1, 2002 in special budget item ‘There is no respite’ (p.8)
5. Review of Filming the line of Control book in Mail Today, a daily from the India Today group

News Paper articles:

1. "The Irresistible Rise of Benazir's Fall", Times of India, New Delhi, February 3, 1997;
2. "Karchila Sanvaidhanik Pravdhan hai Rajyapal" (Hindi), Jansatta, February 12, 1997;
3. "There is No Alternative", The Pioneer, New Delhi, October 7, 1997;
4. "Hamari Zeb Ko Ab Hajat-e Rafu Kya Hai", (Hindi), Jansatta, September 10, 1997;
5. "Monumental Neglect of National Heritage", Times of India, New Delhi, April 17, 1997;
6. "Rastogi Report Clips Academic Report", Times of India, New Delhi, July 2, 1997
7. "Do we Have it in Us?", The Pioneer, New Delhi, January 9, 1998
8. "Khushwant ki Khushfahmi" (Hindi), Jansatta, New Delhi, November 9, 1999
9. "Real Issues are Marginalised", The Pioneer, New Delhi, January 31, 2001
10. "History : No Servitude", The Poineer, New Delhi, August 16, 2004
11. "Treat all institutions as elite centres", The Pioneer, New Delhi, January 16, 2007
12. "Teaching has no rewards", The Pioneer, New Delhi,
13. "celebrity Hunting" In Indian Express

Public lectures

14. Two lectures as Resource Person at **Refresher Course at Jamila Millia** ASC on 20th June, 2014
15. **Keynote Speaker** at the UGC funded International Conference at T.C. Bora College, Shirur, Pune on 10th February, 2014 on "Hindi Sahitya aur Jan Sanchar ke Madhyam"
16. **Keynote speaker** at the International Conference at K.M.Aggarwal College, Kalyan, on 7/8 February, 2014 sponsored by UGC,ICSSR and Hindi Academy, Maharashtra on "Vaikalpik Media aur samajik sarokar"
17. Delivered **four lectures** at a Month Long workshop on "Indian Cinema Workshop" in the month of November, 2013 at Indian Embassy, Vienna, Austria
18. Delivered a **Public Lecture** at Buddhist and Tibetan studies, Vienna University on 15 November, 2013 on "Historical Films(?) in Hindi
19. Delivered a **Public Lecture** at Buddhist and Tibetan Studies, Vienna University on 24th January, 2014 on " How Islamic is Delhi? A study on the basis of how Delhi is seen and Portrayed"

20. Invited as **Keynote Speaker** at UGC sponsored international Conference at KM Aggarwal College, Kalyan west, Mumbai on 11-12 January, 2013
21. Delivered an **Invited Lecture** 26/Nov/2008: Ram Lal Anand College, New Delhi: The politics of legitimacy and the early Mughals
22. 29/March/ 2008: **Plenary lecture** at 'Feminism in India' conference at BHU, Varanasi, India.
23. **Delivered Two Lectures** on 23/25 November/2008: Resource person at UGC organized Refresher Course at BRA Marathwada University, Aurangabad, Maharashtra
24. Delivered a **Public lecture** at a Seminar at State and Society at Deshbandhu College, New Delhi, 2009 on "Is Medieval early Modern" Chaired by professor Rajat Dutta

Memberships of Academic Bodies:

1. Fellow, **Royal Asiatic Society of United Kingdom and Ireland**
2. Life member, **Indian History Congress**
3. Member, **Women's History Network, UK**
4. Member, **Society for South Asian Studies, London.**
5. Member, **British Association of South Asian Studies, UK**

Publications : Books:

1. Co-edited **Brave New Bollywood**, Sage, New Delhi, 2014
2. Co-edited a book of collected articles on Pakistan in Hindi films titles "**Filming the Line of Control: India Pakistan Relationship through the Cinematic Lens**" published by **Routledge.**, NY, London, New Delhi, 2008(ISBN:978-0-415-4609)
3. Editor of **Essays in History of India, 1600-1800**, **Research India Press**, New Delhi, 2013 (ISBN 9788189131876)
4. Edited book **Essays on History of Medieval Delhi** Research India Press, 2014
5. Co-editing a book on "**Muslim Identities in Hindi films**" and to be submitted for publication to a very reputed international publisher.(under progress)
6. Series editor of '**Sources of Medieval Indian History**', a series of about 20 monographs each of 60 to 100 pages to be

written by young and established historians (in negotiation with a prominent publisher)

Articles/Papers

1. 2014: "Web media aur Hindi ka Vaishvik paridrishya" in Anita Manna and Manishkumar Mishra, eds., *webmedia aur abhivyakti ke khatre*, Hind-Yugm, New Delhi, 2014, pp, 205-14, ISBN: 978-93-81394-65-6
2. 2008: Paper titled 'Economics of Camel theft: some observations' published in Varsha Joshi and Surjit Singh (ed.), *Culture ,Polity and Economy*, **Rawat Publications**, Jaipur, 2009 (ISBN 81-316-0206-0)
3. 2004: Paper titled "Gender and Crime in 18th Century Rajasthan" published in the XXXth issue of **Indian Historical Review**.

2. 2004: "Adultery in 18th Century Rajasthan", a paper presented at Seminar on Medieval Rajasthan on 6th of February 2004, at **Sri Venkateswara College**, New Delhi.

3. 2004: "Spare the Body, Spare the Soul: A 'Different' Model of Penal Regime in 18th Century Rajasthan", presented at **IIAS, Shimla**.

4. 2001: Paper "Widow Re-marriage in 18th Century Rajasthan", at Sri Venkateswara College seminar on "**State and Ideology in History**" on 6-7 December.

- 5.1997: Rituals of Power and Power of Rituals in 16th Century Mughal India in *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, Bangalore.
- 6.1995: One article in the **Delhi University Textbook on Delhi Sultanate** for Hindi language students:
 - (a) Urbanization in Medieval India.

7. 1994: One paper on "Imperial Rituals in 16th century Mughal North India" presented at the UGC seminar on "**State and Society**" at Delhi University

8. 1993: Three articles in the **Delhi University Textbook on Mughal India** for Hindi language students

- (a) Turko-Mongol Theory of Kingship;
- (b) The Law of Escheat in Mansabdari System (of Mughal India);
- (c) Rise of the Marathas.

Book Reviews

1. 2004: **Satish Chandra**, *Essays in Medieval Indian History*, OUP, New Delhi, 2003, in *Indian Historical Review*
2. 2004: **P.J.Marshall**, ed., *The Eighteenth Century In Indian History: Evolution or Revolution*, OUP, New Delhi, 2003, in *Indian Historical Review*
3. 1994-95: **Indu Banga**, ed., *Ports and Their Hinterlands*, Manohar, New Delhi, 1992, in *Social Science Probing*s, Vol.11 and 12, 1994-1995, Special Issue.
4. 1993: **Stephen Blake**, *Shahjahanabad: The Sovereign City of Mughal India, 1639-1739*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1991, in *Social Scientist*, vol.21, no.12.
5. 1987-1988 - **Hamida Khatoon Naqvi**, *Agricultural, Industrial and Urban Dynamism the Sultans of Delhi*, Munshiram Manoharlal, Delhi, 1986, in *Indian Historical Review*, vol. XIV, nos. 1-2.
6. **H.C.Verma**, *Harvesting Water And Rationalization of Agriculture in North India (for Indian Historical Review)*, forthcoming.
7. 2002: **Aparna Basu & Anup Taneja**, Eds. *Breaking Out of Invisibility*, Indian Council of Historical Research and National Book Center, New Delhi, in *Contemporary India*, a journal published by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi.
8. **Annamarie Schimmel**, *The Mughal Empire*, OUP, 2005 for *Indian History review*, Forthcoming.
9. **Rima Hooja**, *History of Rajasthan*, Rupa, New Delhi, 2007, for *Social Scientist*, forthcoming.
10. **Vidyut Chakrabarty**, *Indian Pilitics and Society Since Independence: Events, Processes and Ideology*, Routledge, London and New York, 2008, for *Journal of South Asian Development*, forthcoming.
11. **R.V.Smith**, *The Delhi no-one Knows*, Chronicle books, Delhi, 2005, *Contemporary South Asia*, SOAS, UK

12. **Kumkum Srivastava, The Wandering Sufis: Qalanadars and Their Path**, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal and Aryan Books International, New Delhi, 2008 for Social Scientist, , Forthcoming

13. **Mytheli Sreenivas, Wives, Widows and Concubines: The Conjugal Family Ideal in Colonial India**, Indiana University Press, Bloomington and Indianapolis, 2008 for IAS Netherland.

14. **Patrick Peebles, Ed., Voices of South Asia: Essential readings from Antiquity to the Present**, M.E.Sharpe, New York And London, 2012 for Teaching History: A Journal of Methods of Gerorgia Highland College, Georgia.

15. **Sabyasachi Bhattacharya**, (ed.), Approaches to History: Essays in Indian Historiography, ICHR monograph series, Primus, Delhi, 2011, Summer Hill, Vol. XIX, No. 1(Summer 2013), IAS. Shimla.