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EDUCATION

- 2002-2008 PhD, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
▪ Dissertation titled *Other Backward Classes in Uttar Pradesh: A Sociological Study*
- 1997-1999 MPhil, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
▪ Dissertation titled *Positive Discrimination in Tamil Nadu: A Sociological Case Study of a Backward Class Movement*

POSITIONS

- 2015-16 Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi
- 2015- Visiting Fellow, The Arrighi Center for Global Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA
- 2012-Present Assistant Professor, G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad (April 2012 to the present)
- 2011- Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
- 2010 British Academy Fellowship at the Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
- 2009 Member of research team, University College of London (UCL, UK)-Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS, Delhi) joint project on “Comparative Electoral Ethnographies in India”
- 2008-09 Visiting Fellow, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, USA
- 2005-06 Visiting Scholar, Departments of Sociology and Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, through the University of Delhi-UCEAP Fellowship
- 2001-2002 Research Assistant, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi
Assisted Prof. Satish Deshpande in researching and producing a report titled “Social Science Research Capacity in South Asia” (January 2002-June 2002)
- 1999-2000 Senior Field Investigator, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi
Conducted research for the project “Poverty, Social Capital and Risk Management in Urban India: What do Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods Tell Us?” (September 1999-December 2000)

- 1999 Research Assistant, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi Conducted research for the project “Evolving a Comprehensive All India Caste Code” with Prof. Yogendra Yadav (March 1999-August 1999)
- 1999 Member of Evaluation Team, European Union
Conducted research on the project “Training of *Mahila Panchs* on their Rights and Responsibilities as Elected Members in Haryana”

PUBLICATIONS

- Kumar, S. 2017 (Forthcoming). "After Silent Revolution: Most Marginalised Dalits and Local Democracy in Uttar Pradesh, North India". *Studies in Indian Politics*, Vol 5, Issue 1.
- Young, S., Kumar, Satendra et al. 2017 (Forthcoming). “Beyond improvisation? The rise and rise of youth entrepreneurs in north India”. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, Vol. 42, Issue 2.
- Kumar, S. 2016. “The Time of Youth: Joblessness, Politics and Neo- religiosity in Uttar Pradesh.” *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 51, No. 53, pp. 102-09.
- Kumar, S. 2016. “Agrarian Transformation and the New Rurality in Western Uttar Pradesh.” *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 51, No. 25-26, pp. 61-71.
- Kumar, S. 2016. “Emergence of New Sociality and Communal Violence in Rural Western Uttar Pradesh.” *Seminar*, June 682.
- Young, S., Kumar, Satendra. 2016. “College Eentrepeneurs in India: The Fortune at the Bottom of a Pyramid Scheme”, in *Geographies of Global Issues: Change and Threat, Geographies of Children and Young People*, ed. N. Ansell et al. Singapore: Springer Science.
- Kumar, S. 2014. “The Promise of Ethnography for the Study of Politics.” *Studies in Indian Politics*, Vol. 2(2), pp.1-6.
- Kumar, S. 2014. “Rural Transformation and Occupational Diversification in Western Uttar Pradesh: Economic and Demographic Changes in a Village,” in *Development Failure and Identity Politics in Contemporary India: the case of Uttar Pradesh*, ed. Roger Jeffery, Craig Jeffrey & Jens Lerche. Delhi: Sage Publication.
- Kumar, S. (2014). “Privatisation of Higher Education in India: Hopes and Despairs.” *Social Change*, 44 (3).
- Kumar, S. 2013. “Inclusion of the Excluded Groups through Panchayati Raj: Electoral Democracy in Uttar Pradesh,” in *Navigating Exclusion, Engineering Inclusion: Indian Social Processes*, ed. Uwe Skoda, Kenneth Bo Nielsen & Marianne Fibiger. London. Anthem Press.
- Kumar, S. 2013. “How Indian Universities Become Profit Machines.” *The Global Dialogue*, 3(3).

- Kumar, S. 2012. "Imagining Communities through History: Cultural Politics of the Marginalized Groups in Western Uttar Pradesh, North India." *Journal of Polity and Society*, 4 (2), 45-59.
- Kumar, S. 2012. "Ethnography of Youth Politics: Leaders, Brokers and Morality in a Provincial University." *History and Sociology of South Asia: Contemporary Perspectives*, 6(1), 41-70.
- Kumar, R., Satendra Kumar, et al. 2009. "Social and Economic Inequalities: Contemporary Significance of Caste in India." *Economic and Political Weekly*, 44 (50), 55-63
- Kumar, S. (2008). "Strategic Transformation in Lower Caste Labour in Western Uttar Pradesh." Published in the Proceedings of Seventh International Conference of the Association of Indian Labour Historians held 27-29 March 2008, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- Kumar, S. (2004). "Debate on Equality-Gandhi, Ambedkar and Pariyar." *Social Science Probing*s, 16 (2), 111-128.
- कुमार, सतेंद्र. 2016. " उत्तर प्रदेश में पिछड़ी जातियों की राजनीति: लोकतंत्र की उत्तर कथा", *प्रतिमान*, जनवरी-जून, वर्ष 4, अंक 7.
- कुमार, सतेंद्र. 2016. "भारत में शिक्षा का निजीकरण: संविधान के सपने का दाहसंस्कार", *प्रतिमान*, जनवरी-जून, वर्ष 4, अंक 7.
- कुमार, सतेंद्र. 2015. "राजनीतिक अध्ययन में एथनोग्राफी की भूमिका", *प्रतिमान*, जनवरी-जून, वर्ष 3, अंक 5.

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- Kumar, S. 2015. Review Paper: Red tape: bureaucracy, structural violence, and poverty in India, by Akhil Gupta, Durham, Duke University Press, 2012, 384 pp., US\$26.95 (paperback), ISBN 978-0-8223-5110-8. *Journal of Peasant Studies*
 - Kumar, S. 2015. Review Paper: Beyond Inclusion: The Practice of Equal Access in Indian Higher Education, by Satish Deshpande and Usha Zacharias, eds. New Delhi, Routledge, 2013. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*
 - Kumar, S. 2003. Review Paper: For the Solution of the 'Caste' Question Buddha is not Enough, Ambedkar is not Enough either, Marx is a Must (trans. from Telugu by B.R. Bapuji), by Ranganayakamma, Hyderabad: Sweet Home Publication, 2001. *Contributions to Indian Sociology* 37: 383

UNDER REVIEW:

- Kumar, S. "Democracy and Political Imagination: The Culture of Political Participation in an Indian Village." *American Ethnologist*. (Submitted in December 2016)

- Kumar, S. “Economic Transformation in Contemporary India: From Unemployed Youth to Broker to Legal Entrepreneur.” *Economy and Society*. (Submitted in October 2016)

PRESENTATIONS

- Public Talk (Invited Lecture) on 26th March, 2016 at Chedi Lal Sathi Trust and Museum, Lucknow. Talk titled: *Uttar Pradesh Main Ati -Pichadi Jatinya: Hashiye ki Rajniti*.
- Public Lecture (Invited Lecture) on 27th March, 2015 at the Arrighi Center, Johns Hopkins University, USA. Lecture titled: *Aspirations without Opportunities: Agrarian Transformation in North India*
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- Public Lecture (Invited Lecture) on 27th April, 2015 at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi. Lecture titled: *Uttar Pradesh Main Pichadi Jatiyon Ki Rajniti: Loktantra Ki Uttar Katha*
- Paper presented in the International Seminar "Political Cultures in South Asia", 14-15 July 2016, University of Oxford, UK. Paper titled: *Elections and Political Imaginations: The Culture of Political Participation in a North Indian Village*.
- Paper presented in the International Seminar "Student Mobilities and Mobilisations in South Asia: Global Challenges-Local Action", 16-18 June 2016, University of Bielefeld, Germany. Paper titled: *The Great Transformation: Youth, Politics and Higher Education in a North Indian University*.
- Paper presented in the National Seminar "Most Marginalised Dalits: Mobilizations and Struggles for Justice", 29-30 March 2016, G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad. Paper titled: *After Silent Revolution: Most Marginalised Dalits (MMDs) and Local Democracy in Uttar Pradesh*
- Paper presented in the Seminar "The Question is Democracy", organized in Honour of Professor Rajni Kothari by the CSDS, Delhi from 14-16 March 2016. Paper titled: *Emergence of New Sociality: Communal Violence in Rural Western Uttar Pradesh, North India*.
- Paper presented in the 4th NRAS International Conference at G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, from 18-20 December 2015. Paper titled: *Agrarian Transformation and Emergence of New Sociality: Communal Violence in Rural Western Uttar Pradesh, North India*.
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- Paper presented in the Grounded? Youth in Contemporary South Asia Conference, May 21-22, 2015 at St. John's College, Oxford. Paper titled: *Balson Chowraha alias the "Tahrir Square": Youth and Future Politics in North India*
- Paper presented in the 4th annual conference of the Sociology of Development March 13-15, 2015 at the Brown University, Providence RI, USA. Paper titled: *The Association of Dead People: The struggle for life in Uttar Pradesh, North India*
- Paper presented in the Sociological Research Colloquium, 14th November, 2014, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University. Paper titled:

Violent Entrepreneurs: Everyday Understanding of Politics, Law and Violence in Contemporary North India

- Paper presented in the Workshop of Networks of Rural and Agrarian Studies (NRAS), held 29-31 October 2014, the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) Bhopal. Paper titled: *After Silent Revolution: Emergence of New Modes of Distance-Making in Rural Western Uttar Pradesh, North India*
- Paper presented in the 43rd Annual Conference on South Asia held 16-19 October 2014, Centre for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Paper titled: *Improvising Leadership: Political Entrepreneurs, Everyday Ethics and Democratic Politics in North India*
- Paper presented in the ECSA Conference, held 23-26 July 2014, University of Zurich. Paper titled: *Politicians, Crime and Violence: Everyday Understanding of Politics and Law in North India*
- Paper presented in an International Conference, held 26-28 April 2013, at Yale University, New Haven. Paper titled: *Rural Livelihoods and Agrarian Change: Caste, Class and Mobility in Contemporary Uttar Pradesh, North India*
- Paper presented in National Seminar, held 8-9 April 2013, in B. B. Ambedkar University, Lucknow. Paper titled: *Unequal Opportunities: Caste, Class and Mobility in Contemporary western Uttar Pradesh (UP), North India*
- Paper presented in the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), held 21-24 March 2013, in San Diego, California. Paper titled: *Shifting Strategies and Changing Meanings in Rural India: the Case of Agrarian Transformation in Meerut, North India*
- Paper presented in a National Seminar, held 1-2 March 2013, in University of Mumbai. Paper titled: *Imagining Communities through History: Political Mobilization among the Low-Caste Groups in Rural Western Uttar Pradesh, North India*
- Paper presented in the Workshop, held 5-6 October 2012, at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (CSSS) Calcutta. Paper titled: *Caste and Micro-Politics of Electoral Democracy: Political Mobilization among Low-Caste Groups in Rural Western Uttar Pradesh, North India*
- Paper presented in South Asia Centre on 14 March 2012, at Stanford University, USA. Paper titled: *Changing Lives and Shifting Landscape in Rural India: The Case of Agrarian Transformation in western Uttar Pradesh*
- Paper presented in the Workshop, held 9-11 March 2012, at Cornell University, USA. Paper titled: *Shifting Strategies and Changing Meanings in Rural India: The Case of Agrarian Transformation in Meerut*
- Paper presented in the Conference, held 8-9 December 2011, at Aarhus University, Denmark. Paper titled: *Media vs Candidates: Contradictory Visual Representations of Politicians in the Vernacular Press in India's 2010 Local Elections*

- Paper presented in the Seminar, held 16-17 November 2011, at Delhi University, Delhi. Paper titled: *Caste, Identity and the Self: Political Mobilization in UP*
- Paper presented in the workshop, held 8-9 September 2011, at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. Paper titled: *We (Saini) are also Modern': Vernacular Cosmopolitanism in Youth Politics in Western Uttar Pradesh, India*
- South Asia Conference, held 21-22 January 2011, Center for Human Sciences, Delhi. Paper titled: *Electoral Politics and Socio-economic Changes: Democracy in a North Indian Village*
- Paper presented in the American Anthropological Association, 109th Annual Meeting held 17-21 November 2010, New Orleans. Paper titled: *Agrarian Democracy and Postcolonial Imagination: Culture of Democracy in a North Indian Village*
- Paper presented in the South Asian Anthropologists Group (SAAG) 2010 Meeting held at University of Oxford, UK, September 3-4, 2010. Paper titled: *Democracy and Political Imagination: The Culture of Political Participation in an Indian Village*
- Paper presented in the Globalizing South Asia Conference, held 27-29 May 2010, Helsinki. Paper titled: *Persisting Inequalities: Caste, Class and Gender in Contemporary Rural North India*
- Paper presented in the Globalizing South Asia Conference, held 27-29 May 2010, Helsinki. Paper titled: *Agrarian Democracy and Postcolonial Political Imagination: Culture and Politics of Elections in a North Indian Village*
- Paper presented in a seminar on "Comparative Electoral Ethnographies" held 15-17 June 2009, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla. Paper titled: *Ritual and Spectacle of Elections in a North Indian Village: An Ethnographic Study of Political Participation among the Marginalized Groups*
- Paper presented in the American Anthropological Association, 107th Annual Meeting held 19-23 November 2008, San Francisco. Paper titled: *Slippery Caste, Vernacular History-writings and Globalist Homogenisation in Western Uttar Pradesh*
- Paper presented in the 37th Annual Conference on South Asia held 17-19 October 2008, Centre for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Paper titled: *Slippery Caste, Vernacular History-writings and Globalist Homogenisation in Western Uttar Pradesh*
- Paper presented in the National Seminar on "Theorizing the Contemporary" held 24-25 March 2008, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi. Paper titled: *Vernacular History-writings and Identity Reformulations in Western Uttar Pradesh*

GRANTS

2014-15 One and a half years grant from the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi. Project title: *Other Backward Classes in Uttar Pradesh: Politics and Culture*. (The project started in January 2014 and completed in September 2015).

LANGUAGES

Native in Hindi, fluent in English, (learning Urdu)