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Education

Ph.D., Environmental sociology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, 2018 (Supervisor: Prof. Sarmistha Pattanaik)

M.Phil., Planning and Development, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, 2013

M.A., Sociology, Jadavpur University, 2011

B.A., Sociology, Lady Brabourne College, University of Calcutta, 2009

Academic appointments

- **Assistant Professor**, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, August 2019- present
- **Visiting Faculty**, Azim Premji University, August 2019- present.
- **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, May 2018-July 2019 (Faculty affiliate: Professor Harini Nagendra)
- **Research Assistant**, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), National Law School of India University, Bangalore, February 2018-May 2018
- **Research Scholar**, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, June 2013- December 2017
- **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, June 2011- December 2017
- **Research Assistant**, Lady Brabourne College, University of Calcutta, January 2011-June 2011

Research interests

Environmental Sociology, Political Ecology, Forest Conservation, Natural Resource Conflicts, Urban Ecology, Environmental Governance, Community Based Natural Resource Management.

Awards and recognitions

- **Runner Up, Environmental Sociology Early Career Prize**, for article '[A Paradox of the "Community": Contemporary Processes of Participatory Forest Conservation in the Sundarban Biosphere Reserve \(SBR\) Region of West Bengal](#)' (published in *Environmental Sociology*, 2019), 2021
- **Excellence in PhD thesis award** for best PhD thesis, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, 2019
- **International Travel Grant**, Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), June 2018
- **International Travel Grant**, European Network of Political Ecology (ENTITLE), March 2016
- **UGC National Eligibility Test (NET)**, for lectureship in Sociology, August 2012
- **Teaching assistant (TA) fellowship**, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, 2011-2017

- **Certificate of Appreciation**, URBIO (Urban Biodiversity and Climate Change: Adaptation and Mitigation) conference, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, October 2012
- **Ranked 5th overall** in M.A. programme (Sociology), Jadavpur University, May 2011

Professional affiliations

- **Member**, *International Sociological Association*
- **Member**, *Indian Sociological Society*
- **Member**, *The International Association for the Study of Commons*

Refereeing for Journals and Book Publishers

Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics [Springer], *Environment Development and Sustainability* [Springer], *Sage Open* [Sage], *Journal of Political Ecology*, *World Development* [Elsevier], *Conservation and Society*, *Society and Natural Resources* [Taylor and Francis], *Arcadia* [Environment and Society Portal], *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management* [Taylor and Francis], *Urban Forestry and Urban Greening* [Elsevier], *The Oriental Anthropologist* [Sage], *Marine Policy* [Elsevier], *Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability* [Taylor and Francis], *World Development Perspectives* [Elsevier], *Journal of Urban Planning and Development*, Taylor and Francis- CRC Press

Teaching

At Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur:

Postgraduate and PhD

- HS51637: Society Science and Technology
- HS60084: Urban Sociology

Undergraduate

- HS30057: Sociology of Economics Development
- HS30003: Sociology of Architecture
- HS30073: Environmental Sociology
- HS40072: Sociology of Science

Sponsored projects

1. **Principal Investigator**, 'Understanding Resilience and Norms of Sustainability through Community-based Water Management Practices in Bengaluru and Kolkata'. Funding Agency: Institute Scheme for Innovative Research and Development (ISIRD), Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (Value: INR 900000), 2021-2024
2. **Co-principal Investigator**, 'Dried Fish Matters: Mapping the Social Economy of Dried Fish in South and South-East Asia for Enhanced Wellbeing and Nutrition'. Funding agency: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada (Value: CAD 2870250), 2018-2024
3. **Co-principal Investigator**, 'Vulnerability to Viability (V2V): Global Partnership for Building Strong Small-Scale Fisheries Communities'. Funding Agency: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada (Value: \$2,496,128.00), 2020-2027
4. **Co-principal Investigator**, 'Cluster of Collaboration (CLOC), Knowledge2Action South Asia'. Funding agency: Swissnex (Value: \$2400), August 2021-March 2022
5. **Co-principal Investigator**, 'Exploring the Role of Women in Collective Action on Lake Commons in Bangalore'. Host: Azim Premji University. 2021-2022

Publications

Books

1. Sarmistha Pattanaik and Amrita Sen. Eds. *Contested landscapes and regional political ecologies of environmental conflicts in India*. Routledge (Forthcoming)

2. Amrita Sen. 2022. *A political ecology of forest conservation in India: communities, wildlife and the state*. Abingdon and New York: Routledge

Articles in journals

1. Aditya Ghosh, Amrita Sen and Marina Frietsch. Uncovering Knowledge-Information-Action Gaps in Disaster Risk Reduction: A Socio-Scientific Resilience Approach. *Risk Analysis* (Forthcoming)
2. Aditya Ghosh, Amrita Sen, Kaberi Dutta and Priyanka Ghosh. 2021. Falling ‘Fortresses’: Unlocking Governance Entanglements and Shifting Knowledge Paradigms to Counter Climate Change Threats in Biodiversity Conservation. *Environmental Management*. (DOI: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00267-021-01552-0>)
3. Marlène Elias, Matt Kandel, Stephanie Mansourian, Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Mary Crossland, Deepa Joshi, Juliet Kariuki, Lynn C. Lee, Pamela McElwee, Amrita Sen, Emily Sigman, Ruchika Singh, Emily M. Adamczyk, Thomas Addoah, Genevieve Agaba, Rahinatu S. Alare, Will Anderson, Indika Arulingam, SGiids Kung Vanessa Bellis, Regina Birner, Sanjiv De Silva, Mark Dubois, Marie Duraisami, Mike Featherstone, Bryce Gallant, Arunima Hakhu, Robyn Irvine, Esther Kiura, Christine Magaju, Cynthia McDougall, Gwiisihlgaa Daniel McNeill, Harini Nagendra, Tran Huu Nghi, Daniel K. Okamoto, Ana Maria Paez Valencia, Tim Pagella, Ondine Pontier, Miranda Post, Gary W. Saunders, Kate Schreckenber, Karishma Shelar, Fergus Sinclair, Rajendra Singh Gautam, Nathan B. Spindel, Hita Unnikrishnan, Gulxa taa'a gaagii nga.aang Nadine Wilson, Leigh Winowiecki. 2021. Ten people-centered rules for socially sustainable ecosystem restoration. *Restoration Ecology*, e13574. (DOI: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/rec.13574>)
4. Amrita Sen, Hita Unnikrishnan and Harini Nagendra. 2021. ‘Restoration of Urban Water Commons: Navigating Social-Ecological Fault Lines and Inequities’. Special issue on ‘Restoration For Whom, By Whom’ (Edited by Marlène Elias, Deepa Joshi, Ruth Meinzen-Dick), *Ecological Restoration*, 39 (1&2), 120-129.
5. Amrita Sen and Harini Nagendra. 2020. ‘Local Community Engagement, Environmental Placemaking and Stewardship by Migrants: A Case Study of Lake Conservation in Bengaluru, India’. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 204, 103933
6. Amrita Sen, Hita Unnikrishnan and Harini Nagendra. 2020. ‘Imperilled Waterscapes: The Social-Ecological Transformation of Lakes in Bengaluru’. Special issue on ‘New Epistemologies of Water in India’, *Ecology, Economy and Society- The INSEE Journal* (Edited by Jenia Mukherjee and Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt), 3 (2), 125-134.
7. Amrita Sen and Jenia Mukherjee. 2020. Bonbibí: A Religion of the Forest in the Sundarbans. Environment & Society Portal, *Arcadia: Explorations in Environmental History* (Summer 2020), no. 22. Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society.
8. Amrita Sen and Harini Nagendra. 2020. ‘The Differentiated Impacts of Urbanization on Lake Communities in Bengaluru, India’. *International Journal of Urban Sustainable Development*, 13 (1), 17-31
9. Amrita Sen and Harini Nagendra. 2019. ‘The Role of Environmental Placemaking in Shaping Contemporary Environmentalism and Understanding Land Change’. *Journal of Land Use Science*, 14 (4-6), 410-424.
10. Amrita Sen. 2019. ‘Human Wildlife Conflicts in the Sundarban Biosphere Reserve and the Politics of Forest Conservation’. *Decision*, 46 (4), 321-333.
11. Amrita Sen and Harini Nagendra. 2019. ‘Mumbai’s Blinkered Vision of Development: Sacrificing Ecology for Infrastructure’. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 54 (9), 20-23.
12. Amrita Sen and Sarmistha Pattanaik. 2019. ‘A Paradox of the “Community”’: Contemporary Processes of Participatory Forest Conservation in the Sundarban Biosphere Reserve (SBR) Region of West Bengal’. *Environmental Sociology*, 5 (1), 33-46.
13. Amrita Sen and Sarmistha Pattanaik. 2019. ‘The Political Agenda of Implementing Forest Rights Act 2006: Evidences from Indian Sundarban’. *Environment Development and Sustainability*, 21 (5), 2355-2376 (published online on 19th March 2018).
14. Amrita Sen and Harini Nagendra. 2018. ‘Multiple Constructions of Environmental Placemaking around the Urban Commons in Bangalore, India: Some Empirical Reflections’. *Indian Anthropologist* 48 (2): 39-52.

15. Amrita Sen and Sarmistha Pattanaik. 2017. 'How Can Traditional Livelihoods Find a Place in Contemporary Conservation Politics debates in India? Understanding Community Perspectives in Sundarban, West Bengal'. *Journal of Political Ecology* 24: 861-880.
16. Amrita Sen and Sarmistha Pattanaik. 2017. 'Community Based Natural Resource Management in the Sundarbans: Implications of Customary Rights, Law and Practices'. *Economic and Political Weekly* 52 (29): 93-104.
17. Amrita Sen. 2016. 'Exclusionary Conservation in Sundarbans: Who Pays the Price?' *Economic and Political Weekly* 51 (53): 25-28. Reprinted as 'What's conservation without local hand?' in *India Water Portal*. Available at <http://www.indiawaterportal.org/articles/whats-conservation-without-local-hand>
18. Amrita Sen and Sarmistha Pattanaik. 2016. 'Politics of Biodiversity Conservation and Socio Ecological Conflicts in a City: The Case of Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai'. *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 29 (2): 305-326
19. Amrita Sen and Sarmistha Pattanaik. 2015. 'Degradation of Commons, Changing Customary Rights and Marginalization: The Vulnerability of the Poor in the Sundarbans'. *Research Process* 3 (2): 38-47.
20. Amrita Sen and Sarmistha Pattanaik. 2015. 'Alienation, Conflict and Conservation in the Protected Areas of Urban Metropolis: A Case Study of Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Mumbai'. *Sociological Bulletin* 64 (3): 375-395.
21. Sarmistha Pattanaik and Amrita Sen. 2013. 'Current Rehabilitation Status over the Issues of Displacement at Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai: Some Observations'. *Journal of Political Studies*, 8: 1-8.

Chapters in edited volumes

1. Amrita Sen. 'Forests, Folklores and Religion: Understanding 'Ecological Wisdom' in the Sundarbans, West Bengal'. In B. K. Pattnaik (ed.) *Environmental and Ecological Sustainability through Indigenous Traditions*. Singapore: Springer (Forthcoming)
2. Amrita Sen. 'Politics of Participation and the Myth of the Community: Reflections on Joint Forest Management (JFM) in Sundarban, West Bengal'. In Ajit Menon and Satyajit Singh (eds.) *Decentralized Nature and Politics of the Local*. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan (Forthcoming).
3. Amrita Sen, Dechamma C.S. and Harini Nagendra. 2021. 'Resilience and Conservation of Urban Commons: Lessons from Three Community Restored Lakes in Bengaluru'. In Angela Colucci and Giulia Pesaro (eds.). *Ecosystems of Resilience Practices 1st edition: Contributions for Sustainability and Climate Change Adaptation*. Elsevier (Forthcoming)
4. Amrita Sen, Harini Nagendra, Rodrigo Antonio Braga Moraes Victor, Sueli Angelo Furlan, Elaine Aparecida Rodrigues, Joanne Tippett, Janice Astbury and Ian Douglas. 2021. 'The Role of Urban Nature in Fostering Social Capital and Sense of Place'. In Ian Douglas, P M L Anderson, David Goode, Michael C. Houck, David Maddox, Harini Nagendra and Tan Puay Yok (eds.). *Routledge Handbook of Urban Ecology (Second edition)* (pp. 673-684). Oxon: Routledge
5. Amrita Sen and Sarmistha Pattanaik. 2018. 'Communities in a "Protected" Urban Space and Conservation Politics in Mumbai's Sanjay Gandhi National Park'. In J. Mukherjee (ed.), *Sustainable Urbanization in India: Challenges and Opportunities* (pp. 257-278). Singapore: Springer.
6. Amrita Sen. 2015. 'Conservation and Conflict over Natural Resources within the Protected Areas: The Issue of Displacement and Rehabilitation centring Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai'. In M. Slariya and P. Jha (eds.), *Socio Ecological Aspects of Development and Climate Change* (pp. 174-194). Saarbrucken, Germany: Scholars' Press.

Book review and conference proceedings

1. Book Review of *Living with Disasters: Communities and Development in the Indian Sundarbans*, by Amites Mukhopadhyay (New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, 2016) in *Seminar*, July 2017. Available at <http://www.india-seminar.com/semframe.html>.
2. Amrita Sen. 2013. Linking Cyber-Crime to the Social Media: A Case Study on the Victims of Kolkata. Proceedings of the South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology (SASCV) and Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tamil Nadu, India (ISBN-978-81-906687-5-0).

Other articles and policy briefs

1. Harini Nagendra and Amrita Sen. 2021. Our cities are designed for men, by men. *The Third Eye* (A think tank by Nirantar on the intersections of gender, sexuality, violence, technology and education). Forthcoming
2. Hita Unnikrishnan and Amrita Sen. 2021. The When, Why and How of Systemic Racism within and across Urban Social-Ecological Systems: Stories from India. *The Nature of Cities (Global Roundtable on 'Beyond Equity: What does an Anti-Racist Urban Ecology Look Like?')* (1st June 2021)
3. Jenia Mukherjee and Amrita Sen. 2020. Not a 'Wasted' Enterprise: Political Ecologies of Wastewater Wetlands in Kolkata. *Undisciplined Environments (series on Reimagining, remembering and reclaiming water)* (17th November 2020)
4. Jenia Mukherjee and Amrita Sen. 2020. From SMART to Sustainable Cities: is COVID 19 An Opportunity? *Observer Research Foundation* (19th May 2020).
5. Jenia Mukherjee and Amrita Sen. 2020. Is COVID 19 a 'Capitalocene' Challenge? *Seeing the Woods (A blog by the Rachel Carson Centre)* (11th May 2020).
6. Amrita Sen and Jenia Mukherjee. 2019. Cyclone Bulbul in the Indian Sundarbans: Another Lesson on Deltaic Vulnerability and Resilience. *Mongabay-India* (2nd December 2019)
7. Amrita Sen. 2019. Surviving in the fragile Sundarbans delta: will the new government respond? *Mongabay-India* (16th July 2019)
8. Amrita Sen. 2019. Politicization of Rights: What Impedes the Forest Rights Act, 2006, From Being Implemented in the Sundarban Biosphere Reserve in West Bengal? *Down to Earth* (1st-15th January 2019)
9. Amrita Sen, Leo Saldanha, Swetha Rao Dhananka and Dechamma C.S. 2018. How Bengaluru's Garbage Killed Mavallipura's Environment. *Citizen Matters* (8th December 2018).
10. Harini Nagendra and Amrita Sen. 2018. Bengaluru's Lakes are a Lifeline for the Crowded City. *The Hindu* (1st December 2018).
11. Amrita Sen. 2017. A Promenade of Human Spaces in the "Land of the Tigers": Experiences from the Indian Sundarban. *Toxic News* (16th May 2017).
12. Amrita Sen. 2016. Honey, they shrunk our livelihoods! *Down to Earth* (16th- 31st December 2016, pp. 52-54).

Project Reports

1. Raktima Ghosh; Jenia Mukherjee; Amrita Sen and Souradip Pathak (2021). Dried Fish in West Bengal, India: Scoping Report. Dried Fish Matters [<https://driedfishmatters.org/>]
2. Raktima Ghosh; Jenia Mukherjee and Amrita Sen (2021). Indian Sundarbans: A Situational Analysis. V2V Global Partnership [<https://www.v2vglobalpartnership.org/>].

Media citations

1. *Readers Digest*. What our plant needs now: India's leading eco-experts explain our biggest environmental challenges and what we can do to make a difference. July 2021.
2. *The Indian Express*. [Why the Sundarbans has unwavering faith in Bon Bibi — a forest deity with a stage presence](#). July 2020.
3. *Livemint*. [Keeping faith with Bonbibi](#). November 2019.
4. *Mongabay*. [Demand for FRA implementation in the Sundarbans echoes in 2019 general elections](#). May 2019

Workshops and conferences organized

1. Faculty coordinator, workshop on **Academic Social Responsibility in the Age of Extremes**, American Anthropological Association (event- *Raising Our Voices 2020*), 3rd December 2020.
2. Co-coordinator, workshop on **Research Methodologies and Frameworks on Socio-environmental Resilience**, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, 13th September 2019.

Services to the profession

1. Technical Program Committee (TPC) member for International Conference on Sustainable Development Goals and Gender Perspective, organized by Department of Electrical Engineering, Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat, Gujarat (2021)
2. Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Political Ecology* (2021-)

Invited talks/interviews/lectures

1. Book talk: *A political ecology of forest conservation in India: communities, wildlife and the state*, organized by Dried Fish Matters: Mapping the Social Economy of Dried Fish in South and Southeast Asia for Enhanced Wellbeing and nutrition (1st December 2021)
2. Facilitator, for a session organized virtually by V2V – Chilika Field School on Environmental Change and Governance: Rethinking Coastal Sustainability and Development (7th-14th August 2021).
3. **'Industry oriented pedagogical methods in social sciences'**. Invited lecture for AICTE Sponsored five-day Faculty Development Programme, organized by the Centre for Management Studies, Jain University, Bangalore (10th June 2021)
4. **'Sociological perspectives'**. Invited lecture for Refresher Course in Historical Studies (Archaeology, Ethnology, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Tourism), organized by the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu (23rd January 2021)
5. **'On the future of urbanization and community centric conservation'**. Interview, in conversation with **The Swaddle**, (15th September 2020). Recording available at: https://theswaddle.com/podcast/dr-amrita-sen-on-the-future-of-urbanisation/?fbclid=IwAR0m7VLxm8_VXvAmtwS5ukjeREGR7CcSbrYGWTU5pPSQOFhnE8pQkpIBhh8
6. **'Representing gender as a variety of environmentalism: lessons and critical reflections'**. Invited plenary speaker at the *1st National Seminar on Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development*, organized by the Rama Devi Women's University, at Bhubaneswar, Odisha (29th February 2020).
7. **'Of Urbanization and Indigeneity: The Social Ecology of Lakes in Bengaluru'**. Invited talk at the *Bangalore Research Network (BRN)-NAGARA Workshop on Bangalore City Studies*, at Bengaluru, Karnataka (1st August 2019).
8. **'Environmental Placemaking and Lakes in Bengaluru'**. Invited talk at the *Sustainable Urbanization: Realities, Challenges and Responses in Bengaluru (Gubbi at Ten)*, organized by the Gubbi Labs LLP, Karnataka, at Courtyard Koota, Bengaluru, Karnataka (6th to 7th April 2019).
9. **'Tracing Indigenous Socio-Ecological Interventions in Conserving Urban Commons: Reflections on the Kaikondrahalli Lake in Bangalore, India'**. Invited talk at *Indigenous Urbanisms: Exploring Climate Justice in Resilient Cities*, organized by the UNESCO Category 2 Centre (C2C) for World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the Pacific Region at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun and University of East Anglia, United Kingdom, at Dehradun, Uttarakhand (8th to 9th January 2019).
10. **'The Scope of Implementing Forest Rights Act in the Sundarban Biosphere Reserve of India: A Critical Exploration'**. Invited talk at the *International Conference On Livelihood Promotion, Bio-diversity Conservation and Social Security in Indian Sundarbans*, organized by the Department of Plant Protection, Palli-Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan and Hiranmayapur Agro-horticultural Society for Technology and Rural Development, at Jharkhali, Sundarbans, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal (7th to 9th December 2018).
11. **'Hybrid Forms of Placemaking in Urban Commons Management: Lessons from the Kaikondrahalli Lake in Bangalore, India'**. Invited talk at the *Sixth Network of Rural and Agrarian Studies International Conference*, organized by the Central University of Gujarat, at Gandhinagar, Gujarat (20th to 22nd September 2018)
12. **'Tussles over Authenticity and Levels of Political Interventions: Implementing the Forest Rights Act in Sundarban, West Bengal'**. Invited talk at the workshop on *Human Nature Relationships - Conflict or Symbiosis*, organized by the Gossner Theological College, at Ranchi, Jharkhand (14th to 15th October 2017).

National conference presentations

13. **'Environment-Culture Interface: Reflections from the Idol-Makers of Kumortuli'** at the *Workshop on Urban Riverine Heritagescapes of Bengal: From Nostalgic Yearnings to Visions of a Resilient Future*, organized by The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences in collaborations with The Rekhi Centre of Excellence for the Science of Happiness, at Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, West Bengal (28th to 29th January 2020).
14. **'Conserving Lakes in Bengaluru through Environmental Placemaking: Inclusive Approaches in Urban Ecology'** at the *First International Conference of Water Future on 'Towards a Sustainable Water Future'*, organized by The Sustainable Water Future Programme (Water Future) of Future Earth and Divecha Centre for Climate Change, Indian Institute of Science (IISC), at IISC Bengaluru, Karnataka (24th to 29th September 2019).
15. **'Urban Environmentalism and the Idea of Placemaking: Methods and Lessons from Lakes of Bengaluru'** at the *Workshop on Research Methodologies and Frameworks on Socio-Environmental Resilience*, organized by the Rekhi Centre of Excellence for the Science of Happiness, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, at Kharagpur, West Bengal (13th September 2019).
16. **'Understanding Placemaking in Urban India through Socio-ecological Processes and Community Interventions on the lakes in Bangalore'** at the *ESP Asia Conference on Communicating and Engaging Ecosystem Services in Policy and Practice in Asia*, organized by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), at Dehradun, Uttarakhand (9th to 12th October 2018).
17. **'The Politics of Implementing Forest Rights Act in Sundarban, West Bengal: a Critical Analysis'** at the *National Seminar on Governance, Resource and Livelihoods of Adivasis in India: Implementation of PESA and FRA*, organized by the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR), at Rajendranagar, Hyderabad (18th to 19th November 2016).
18. **'Conservation Politics, Conflict and Livelihood Vulnerability in the Protected Areas: the Case of Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai'** at the *2nd International Conference on Contemporary Debates in Public Policy and Management*, organized by Indian Institute of Management (IIMC) Calcutta, at Kolkata, West Bengal (15th to 17th January, 2016).
19. **'Transformation of Customary Rights, Livelihood Insecurity and Marginal Existence among the Communities of Sundarban: How Conservation Politics plays a Role in the Protected Areas of India'** at the *International Conference of the Commission of Legal Pluralism on Normative Interfaces of Globalization and High Tech Capitalism: Legal Pluralism and the Neoliberal Turn*, organized by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, at Mumbai (14th to 16th December, 2015).
20. **'Conservation Politics, Conflict and Vulnerable Livelihoods in the Sundarbans, India'** at the *Graduate Research Meet 2015*, organized by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati, at Guwahati, Assam (28th to 30th October, 2015).
21. **'Urban Space in a Protected Zone: Conservation and Conflicts in Mumbai's Sanjay Gandhi National Park'** at the *national conference on Sustainable Urbanization in India: Challenges and Opportunities* organized by the Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata (IDSK), at Kolkata, West Bengal (15th to 16th January, 2015).
22. **'Conservation and Conflict over Natural Resources within the Protected Areas: The Issue of Displacement and Rehabilitation centring Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Mumbai'** at the *international conference on Development, Biodiversity and Climate Change: Issues and Challenges* organized by Govt PG College, at Chamba, Himachal Pradesh (3rd to 5th October, 2014).
23. **'Conservation, Politics and Displacement centring Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai: Exploring the Post Judgment Implementations and its Corollaries'** at the *Cultural Studies Workshop on Law, Culture and Social Justice*, organized by Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (CSSS) Kolkata, at Santiniketan, West Bengal (9th to 14th March, 2014).
24. **'Linking Cybercrime to the Social Media: A Case Study on the Victims of Kolkata'** at the *Second International Conference of the South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology (SASCV)*, organized by the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, at Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, India (11th to 13th January, 2013).
25. **'Cyber Stalking: Its Extent and Impact on the Social Networking Sites'**, at the *All India Sociological Conference*, at Cuttack, Bhubaneswar (28th December, 2010).

International conferences/workshops/webinars

1. **'Restoration for whom, by whom? Exploring the socio-political dimensions of restoration'** (With Marlène Elias, Deepa Joshi, Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Sanjiv da Silva and Juliet Kariuki) at the *Society for Ecological Restoration Webinar Series* (10th November 2021).
2. **'Decentring Conservation in the Indian Sundarbans Delta: a Nexus Between Global Ocean Science and Competing Grounded Environmentalities'** (with Jenia Mukherjee) at the *26th International Congress of History of Science and Technology* (26th July 2021)
3. **'Reimagining, Remembering and Reclaiming Water'**. *Panellist* (with Jenia Mukherjee and others) at the *IASC 2021 Water Commons Virtual Conference* (19th -21st may 2021)
4. **'Academic Social Responsibility in the "Age of Extremes"'** at workshop on *Raising Our Voices 2020*, organized by American Anthropological Association (3rd-4th December 2020, with Jenia Mukherjee, Amrita DasGupta, Tathagata Dutta and Daniel Waqar)
5. **'Coping Mechanism Through Social Skills: exploring climate resilience in the Indian Sundarbans'** at the virtual conference on *Voices from the Field – Research on the Climate Crisis*, organized by American Association of Geographers Climate Action Task Force (9th April 2020).
6. **'Contested Waterscapes and Complex Fishing Rights in the Coastal Wetlands of Sundarban Biosphere Reserve, West Bengal'** at the *First International Conference on Sustainable Fisheries (ICSF) 2019*, organized by the Faculty of Fisheries, Sylhet Agricultural University, at Sylhet, Bangladesh (25th to 27th August 2019).
7. **'Urban Commons and Placemaking: Exploring Diverse Socio-Ecological Linkages with Lake Commons in Bangalore'** at the *First International Association for the Study of Commons Virtual Conference* (12th to 30th November 2018).
8. **'Politics of conserving the "World Heritage Site": socio-ecological conflicts in the Sundarban, West Bengal'** at the *Second Biennial Conference of the Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) on Political Ecology, the Green Economy, and Alternative Sustainabilities* organized by Oslo Metropolitan University, at Oslo, Norway (19th to 22nd June, 2018).
9. **'A Political Agenda of Biodiversity Conservation: Evidences from Livelihood Vulnerabilities in Sundarban, West Bengal'** at the *international conference on Challenging Perspectives on the Indian Diaspora: a Global Conference on Diaspora Studies and Policies* organized by the International Institute of Social Studies, at The Hague, Netherlands (5th to 7th October, 2017).
10. **'The Discourse of Political Ecology, Conservation and Conflicts in the Protected Areas: a Case Study on Sundarban, India'** at the seminar of Ceratonia Foundation on *Towards a Zero Carbon Society* organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Malta, at Malta (29th October 2016, in absentia).
11. **'Living at the Edge: Politics of Biodiversity Conservation, Poverty and Livelihood Insecurity in the Sundarbans, India'** at the *International Conference of the European Network of Political Ecology (ENTITLE) on Undisciplined Environments* organized by the KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, at Stockholm, Sweden (20th to 24th March, 2016).

PhD supervision

1. Madhubarna Dhar (ongoing, jointly with Prof. Archana Patnaik)
2. Gunjan Chowhan (ongoing, jointly with Prof. Jenia Mukherjee)
3. Sukanya Borkataki (ongoing, jointly with Prof. Jenia Mukherjee)

Other Graduate supervision

1. Sujoy Subroto (jointly with Prof. Conny Davidsen, in collaboration with University of Calgary, under MITACS Globalink Research Internship)

Recommendations

On request