

CURRICULUM VITAE:

Thomas Blom Hansen,
 Reliance-Dhirubhai Ambani Professor of Anthropology,
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EDUCATION:

Dr. Phil. (Habilitation in the social sciences): September 1996, Roskilde University, Denmark,
MA. in Political Theory: December 1989, Department of Political Science, Aalborg University, Denmark
MA in International Studies, 1988, Center for International Studies, Aalborg University
BA in Sociology: June 1986, Department of Sociology, Aalborg University, Denmark

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

2017-18 **Visiting professor** at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
 From March 2014 – 2020 **Adjunct Professor at the Global South Asia Program**, Cross-Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen.
 From August 2010 - : **Professor of Anthropology and Reliance-Dhirubhai Ambani Chair in South Asian Studies** at Stanford University
 July 2006 – August 2010 **Professor of Religion and Society, Department of Anthropology** University of Amsterdam
 February 2008 – September 2008 - **Dean of the International School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Director of the Graduate School in Social Sciences**, University of Amsterdam.
 July 2004 - 2006. **Professor of Anthropology**, Department of Anthropology, Yale University and **Chair of the South Asia Council** at The Yale Center for International and Area Studies.
 2003 – 2004. **Professor of Political Anthropology**, Department. of Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh
 2000 – 2003 **Reader**, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh
 1997 – July 2000 **Associate Professor of International Development Studies**, Roskilde University
 1994-97 **Assistant Professor at International Development Studies**, Roskilde University

MAJOR GRANTS AND RECOGNITIONS

2017. UPS Endowment grant (\$55,000) for the project “Vernacular urbanism. Social segregation and economic development in middle India”
2014-16. (with Sylvia Yanagisako and James Ferguson) of UPS Endowment grant (\$50,000) for the project “Urban beyond Measure”.
2013 - Melville J Herskovits Award in African Studies, honorable mention for *Melancholia of Freedom. Social Life in an Indian township in South Africa*, Princeton University Press, 2012.
2011 Recipient of five year project grant from the European Science Foundation. Title: “The Criminalization of Politics in India.” Eleven different projects of varying duration in different parts of India carried out by anthropologists and historians in UK, Norway, US, Germany. Principal Investigator: Lucia Michelutti, Oxford University. September 2012 – September 2017
 Personal project: ‘Crime, community and morality among Muslims in Mumbai and Aurangabad’. Shorter fieldworks in the summers of 2012 and 2014. Share of budget: \$50,000
2009 (October) Awarded the Alexander von Humboldt Professorship, (3,5 million Euros), 2010-2015, dedicated to research based at the new Center for Modern Indian Studies, University of Goettingen, Germany. (declined in April 2010)
2006. Recipient of research grant from Ford Foundation for the international collaborative project “The Religious Lives of Immigrant Minorities’ (\$ 900,000). Responsible for the research component in Johannesburg (budget \$ 225,000)
2005. Grants from Kempf Fund, Yale University (\$20.000) for conference on “Law and Life in South Asia”, and grant (\$ 15.000) for the conference ‘Urban Charisma’, held at Yale University.
2000-2002. Two-year grant from the Social Science Research Council in Denmark. Project title: *Culture, Citizenship and Democracy: South African Indians in the Making of the new South Africa*. (Budget \$130,000)

1996-2000. Recipient of grant from the Danish Council for Development Research, covering nine researchers for four years. Project title: *Livelihood, Organisation and Identity in Situations of Instability*. Total budget \$850,000. Personal share app. \$ 100,000, covering fieldwork in India and South Africa.

1989-1993 Doctoral research grant from Danish Council for Development Research. Project title: *Hindu nationalism and the Dynamics of Indian Democracy* (Budget \$ 200,000)

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

2012. *Melancholia of Freedom. Social Life in an Indian Township in South Africa*. Princeton University Press. South African edition by Witwatersrand University Press, Fall 2013.

2009. *Cool Passions: the political theology of modern convictions*. University of Amsterdam Press, April 2009

2001. *Wages of Violence. Naming and Identity in Postcolonial Bombay*. Princeton, Princeton University Press.

(published simultaneously by Permanent Black, New Delhi, under the title *Urban Violence in India. Identity politics, Mumbai and the postcolonial city*. 2001

1999. *The Saffron Wave: Democracy and Hindu Nationalism in Modern India*, Princeton: Princeton

University Press. Published simultaneously in South Asia by Oxford University Press under the same title. The latter edition was included in the Omnibus volume *Hindu Nationalism and Indian Politics*, edited by Pratap Bhanu Mehta. Oxford University Press, 2004

Edited Books:

2019. *Majoritarian State. How Hindu nationalism is Changing India*. Edited with Christophe Jaffrelot and Angana Chatterji. London: Hurst and Co.

2005. *Sovereign Bodies. Citizens, Migrants and States in the Postcolonial World*. (Edited with Finn Stepputat) Princeton University Press.

2001. *States of Imagination. Ethnographic Explorations of the Postcolonial State*, edited by Hansen, T.B. and Stepputat, F. Durham (N.C.): Duke University Press.

1998. *BJP and the Compulsions of Politics*, edited with Christophe Jaffrelot . (2001, 2nd edition with a new Introduction and Afterword) Delhi: Oxford University Press.

This volume was also included in Pratap Bhanu Mehta's Omnibus volume *Hindu Nationalism and Indian Politics*, Oxford University Press, 2004

Special Issues of refereed journals:

2015. Special Issue of the journal *Identities* (with Ravinder Kaur). "Aesthetics of Arrival. Spectacular Economy and Newness in Post-reform India"

2009. Guest –editor of special issue (with Oskar Verkaaik) of *Critique of Anthropology*, co-authored introduction entitled "Urban Charisma. On the everyday mythologies in the city." March 2009

2009. "Portable Spirits and Itinerant People. Religion and Migration in South Africa in a comparative Perspective". Introductory essay and guest editor of *African Studies*, Vol. 68, no 2, August 2009.

Selected Journal Articles (refereed):

(In press) "The Force of Symbolic Power" Afterword in special issue of the *Journal of Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*. (Spring 2020) "Rethinking Sovereignty, Colonial Empires, and Nation-States in South Asia and Beyond".

2018 'The state as an object of ethnographic inquiry', *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, Special 50th Anniversary Issue. Sage: Delhi.

2018 "Civics, civility and race in post-apartheid South Africa." *Anthropological Theory* Volume: 18 issue: 2-3, pages: 296-325

2017 “On Law, Violence and Jouissance in India”, Cultural Anthropology Website, November 1, 2017.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1226-on-law-violence-and-jouissance-in-india>

2018 “Whose Public, Whose Authority? Reflections on the moral force of violence”, *Modern Asian Studies*. 52, 3 (2018) pp.1076–1087. Special Issue entitled “The Politics of Order and Disturbance. Public Authority, sovereignty and Public Contestation in South Asia” Edited by Bart Klem and Bert Suykens

2015. “Communalism, Democracy and Indian Capitalism’. *Seminar*. (New Delhi), Vol. 674, Oct. 2015. Pp. 40-44.

2015, “The Aesthetics of Arrival: spectacle, capital and novelty in post-reform India” Introduction, co-authored with Ravinder Kaur in 2015 in special Issue of *Identities*, 2016: vol 23, no. 3, 265-275

2015. Afterword “Citizenship as Horizon” in special issue of the journal *Citizenship Studies*, Vol 19, no. 2, 229-232.

2014. “Migration, Religion and Post Imperial Formations.” *Global Networks*, vol 14(3), pp. 273-290.

2011. “From Houses to Barbed Wire: on Houses and Walls in South Africa”, in special issue on ‘Walls’, in *Texas International Law Journal*, vol. 47 (Fall 2011). Pp. 345-353.

2009. “The Political Theology of Violence in Modern India.” SAMAJ-Revue (on-line academic journal of South Asian studies edited in Paris) January, 2009

2009. “Urban Charisma. On the everyday mythologies in the city”,(with Oskar Verkaaik) in *Critique of Anthropology*, Vol 29 (1), 5-26

2006a. “Sovereignty Revisited’ *Annual Review of Anthropology*, Vol. 35, pp. 295-315.

2006b. “Performers of Sovereignty. On the privatization of security in urban South Africa” *Critique of Anthropology*, August 2006. Special issue on State Violence, edited by Toby Kelly and Alpa Shah.

2006c. “Sounds of freedom. Music, taxis and the racial imagination in post-apartheid South Africa’, in *Public Culture* 18 (1)

2005a. ‘Melancholia of Freedom. Humor and Nostalgia among South African Indians.’ in special issue of *Journal of Modern Drama*, Vol. XLVIII, No. 2, Summer 2005.

2003. ‘ Souveraene jenseits des Staates’ (in German) in *Berliner Debatte Initial* 14 (2003) 3. Pp. 18-28. Special issue entitled “Indien: Postkoloniale Moderne”

2000. ‘Predicaments of Secularism: Muslim Identities in Mumbai’, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, Vol. 6, no.2.

2000. ‘ Plays and Politics: Politics and Cultural Identity among South African Indians’ *Journal of Southern African Studies*, Vol. 26 (2). Translated into Italian and published in the journal *Afriche e Orienti*, (3), 2001, 40-48

1997. ‘Inside the Romanticist Episteme’. *Thesis Eleven*, Number 48, February 1997, (pp. 21-41) (an earlier version was published in *Social Scientist*, New Delhi, Autumn, 1996, and an even earlier version in Arnfred, S (ed.) (1995), *Occasional Paper* no. 15, IDS, Roskilde).

1996. ‘Recuperating Masculinity: Hindu nationalism, Violence and the Exorcising of the Muslim Other’, *Critique of Anthropology*, Vol. 16, no. 2, (pp. 137 - 72).

1996. ‘The Vernacularisation of Hindutva: Shiv Sena and BJP in Rural Maharashtra’, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, Vol. 30, no. 2 (pp. 177 - 214).

1994. ‘Controlled Emancipation: Women and Hindu nationalism’, (15 p.) in *European Journal of Development Research*, Vol. 6. no. 2, Dec, 1994. Also printed in Wilson, Fiona and Frederiksen, B. F. (eds.) (1994): *Ethnicity, Gender and the Subversion of Nationalism*, London, Frank Cass.

Selected Book Chapters:

(in press) – “Social segregation, memory and everyday Hindutva in middle India” in *New Hindutva. The rise of democratic authoritarianism in India*, edited by Srirupa Roy and T.B. Hansen) SAGE Publications (2020)

(in press) “When the Past is Tense: a democratic history of monuments in an Indian city.” in *State of Democracy in India: Life and Politics in Contemporary Times*. Edited by Manas Ray. Delhi: Primus Books (December 2019)

(in press) “A history of distributed sovereignty. Trade, migration and rule in the Indian Ocean world.” In *The Global Indian Ocean and the Liberal Order*. Edited by Anatol Lieven and Harry Verhoeven. London: I. B. Tauris

(Spring 2020)

2019. "Democracy against the Law. Reflections on India's Illiberal Democracy" in *Majoritarian State. How Hindu nationalism is changing India*, London: D Hurst and Co.
2019. "Introduction" by Christophe Jaffrelot, Angana Chatterji and Thomas Blom Hansen, in *Majoritarian State. How Hindu nationalism is changing India*, London: D Hurst and Co.
2014. "On narrative authority in the global cultural economy." In *Anthropology Now and Next: Diversity, Connections, Confrontations, Reflexivity*. Edited by Christina Garsten. Oxford: Berghahn Books,
2014. "Religion" in *A Companion to Urban Anthropology*. Edited by Don Nonini. London: John Wiley and Sons. Pp. 364-380.
- 2013, "Rethinking the city. Neighbors, strangers and public life in urban India", in *Modernity and Citizenship: Challenges of Building Democratic India*, edited by Surinder Jodhka. Delhi: Oxford University Press,
2012. "Secular Speech, Popular passion and Public Order in modern India", in Anders Berg Sorensen (ed.) *Contesting Secularism*. London: Ashgate Publishing (2013). Pp. 207-231
2011. "Secular Speech and Popular Passion. Antinomies of Indian Secularism" in Winnifred Sullivan, Mateo Taussig (eds.) *The Law and the Secular/Sacred Divide*. Stanford University Press. Pp. 261-281
- 2009a. "In Search of God's Hand. Masculinity and Religion". In *Piety and Gender. Comparative Perspectives*. Edited by Lene Sjoerup and Hilda Roemer Christensen. Brill: Leiden
- 2009b "Anthropologists and other interpreters in the global cultural economy" (translated to Dutch) in edited volume on the future of anthropology, entitled *Antropologie in een zee van verhalen*, (Anthropology in a sea of narratives) edited by Thijl Sunier. Amsterdam: Aksant
- 2009c "The Unwieldy Fetish. Desire and Disavowal of Indianness in South Africa" in *Eyes Across the Water* edited by Pamila Gupta and Isabel Hofmeyr. Pretoria: UNISA Press.
- 2008a. "Race, Security and Racial Anxieties in the Post-apartheid City" in *Gender and Urban Space*. Edited by Martina Rieker. London: Palgrave,
- 2008b. "Reflections on Salman Rushdie's Bombay" , in *Midnight's Diaspora. Critical Encounters with Salman Rushdie* including a response from the author. Edited by Daniel Herwitz and Ashutosh Varshney. University of Michigan Press, 2008
- 2008c. "Javeedbhai" article in the volume *Muslim Portraits* Edited by Mukulika Banerjee. Penguin (London and Delhi),
2006. "Where names Fall Short: Naming and Forgetting in contemporary South Africa" In Barbara Bodenhorn and Gabriela vom Bruck (eds.) *The Anthropology of Naming*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2005a. 'Sovereigns beyond the State. On Legality and Authority in Urban India' in *Sovereign Bodies...* (edited by T.B. Hansen and F. Stepputat), Princeton University Press.
- 2005b . 'Sovereigns beyond the State. On Legality and Authority in Urban India' in Ravinder Kaur (ed.) 2005. *Religion, Violence and Political Mobilization in South Asia*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- 2005c. "Between Autochthony and Diaspora. Indians in the 'New' South Africa". In *Dislocating Nation States*. Edited by Akio Tanabe et al. Kyoto University Press/ Trans Pacific Press (Melbourne).
- 2005d. 'In Search of the Diasporic Self: Bollywood in South Africa.' in *Bollywood*, edited by Raminder Kaur and Ajay Sinha. London, Sage Publications.
2003. 'Politics as Permanent Performance: on the production of authority in the locality', in *De-centering the Nation: Politics and Cultural Mobilisation in Contemporary India*, edited by Andrew Wyatt and John Zavos, Sage Publications.
2002. 'After the Excess: race, racism and reconciliation in contemporary South Africa' in *Discrimination and Toleration*, edited by K. Hastrup and G. Ullrich, Amsterdam, Kluwer Press.
2001. 'Governance and State Mythologies in Mumbai' in *States of Imagination. Ethnographic Explorations of the Postcolonial State*. Durham: Duke University Press.
2000. 'Governance and Myths of State in Mumbai' in *The Everyday State in India*. Edited by Veronique Benei and C.J. Fuller. Delhi, Social Science Press.
2000. 'Bridging the Gulf: Migration and Modernity among Muslims in Mumbai' in Crispin Bates (ed.) *Empire, Migration, Community*, London, Macmillan.

MAJOR FIELDWORKS

- Fieldwork in Aurangabad Sept. 2017 – April 2018
 Fieldwork in Aurangabad July-August 2012
 Durban in August –September 2011.
 Durban and Johannesburg for four months in 2007.

Durban for twelve months in 2001-2
 Townships in Durban for twelve months, 1998-99
 Mumbai for nine months 1996-97
 Mumbai and Pune 1992-1993
 Pune and Aurangabad 1990-1991

TEACHING:

Stanford University (2010 onwards)

Bing Overseas Seminar in India, "Minority as a Cultural Form"(2012, 2013)
 Bing Overseas Seminar in India. "Mega city. The many lives of Delhi"(2018)
 Undergraduate Course "Urban Culture in a Global Perspective"
 Undergraduate course "South Asia: History, people, Politics"
 Proposal writing for 2nd year graduate students in anthropology,.
 Graduate course: "Theory of the Modern Subject 1: Reason, individuality and colonial culture".
 Graduate course: "Theory of the Modern Subject 2: Beyond the Bourgeois Self. Desire, ethics and the limits of the human."
 Graduate Course "Sacrifice, Ethics and Modern Convictions"
 Graduate course; The Universal and the Vernacular. The Global life of concepts and social forms
 Undergraduate course. "Urban Life and Cultural Imagination in South Asia".

Columbia University (2009-2010)

Undergraduate Course: "Urban Life and Cultural Imagination in South Asia".

University of Amsterdam (2006-2009)

Undergraduate course "Culture and Power. The anthropology of the political"
 Undergraduate Course "Urban Anthropology" Fall 2007,
 Research Master thesis seminar, International School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam
 "Interpretive Methods Workshop" Research Master course, Amsterdam School for the Social Sciences,
 Graduate course "Globalization and the circulation of cultural forms" at Amsterdam School of Social Science Research

Yale University (2004-2006)

Undergraduate course "Ethnic Violence in a Global Perspective",
 Undergraduate course "Culture and Power. The anthropology of the political"
 "The Anthropology of South Asia", Graduate course, Department of Anthropology,
 "Seminar in Socio-cultural Anthropology: From the margins of empire to the margins of the university. The emergence of anthropology as a field of knowledge"

University of Edinburgh (2000-2004)

Undergraduate course "The Anthropology of South Asia",
 Undergraduate course, "Consumption and Exchange",
 Undergraduate lecture course, "Social Enquiry".
 Undergraduate course on ethnographic fieldwork and questions of epistemology in anthropology
 Graduate course, "Qualitative Methods and Ethnographic Fieldwork" course at the Graduate School of Social and Political Studies,
 Graduate course "Theory and History of Anthropology", Spring 2004

Completed PhDs. (main supervisor)

Marten Boekelo (public space and religious identity in Beirut) University of Amsterdam (awarded PhD in March 2016)
 Anick Volleberg (urban space and ethnicity in Antwerp) University of Amsterdam. Phd in March 2016.
 Ajay Gandhi "Taming the Residual. Workers, Animals and Others in Old Delhi". Anthropology, Yale University (Nov. 2010)
 Durba Chatteraj "Roadscapes: Everyday Life of roads in India". Anthropology, Yale University (awarded PhD in November 2010)

Nazima Kadir “The Autonomous Life? Paradoxes of Hierarchy, Authority and Urban Identity in the Amsterdam Squatters Movement”, Anthropology, Yale University (awarded PhD in November 2010)
 Annie Harper “Modernity and urban space in Islamabad”, Anthropology, Yale University (awarded PhD in April 2010)
 Devika Bordia, “The Ethics and politics of Governance in the “tribal” regions of Western India”, Yale University, (November 2009)
 Martijn Koster. “In fear of Abandonment: Slum politics in Brazil” University of Amsterdam, Wageningen University (March 2009)
 Olga Sooudi, “Travel and self making among Japanese in New York.”. Yale University (awarded PhD in November 2008)
 Johan Fischer, (IDS), Roskilde University. ‘Consumption, Islam and the family in contemporary Malaysia’ (September 2005).
 Ravinder Kaur, (IDS) Roskilde University. ‘Narratives of Resettlement. Punjabi Hindus in Delhi after 1947’ (December 2004)
 Soeren W. Nielsen, IDS Roskilde University. ‘Reintegration of Ex-fighters in Eritrea’ (awarded PhD in June 2003)
 Simon Turner, IDS Roskilde University: ‘Being like a Victim: Burundian refugees in Tanzania.’ (awarded PhD in June 2002)
 Steffen Jensen, IDS, Roskilde University, ‘Young men, violence and identity in the Cape Flats, Cape Town’ (March 2002)
 Maribel Blasco, IDS, Roskilde University. ‘Schooling, youth and identity in Guadalajara, Mexico’ (awarded PhD in June 2001)

Completed PhDs (committee member)

Tomonori Sugimoto (indigeneity and urban life in Taipei) (Defended May 2019)
 Vivek Narayanan. Theatre and Performance Studies, Stanford (caste and performance in Kerala – defended April 2019)
 Johanna Markkula (work and culture on commercial cargo ships) (Fall 2018)
 Elandre Dedrick (urban renewal in Marseilles) (Winter 2019.)
 Vivian Lu (traders and transnational economies in Nigeria) (August 2018)
 Eda Pepi (Marriage and kinship formations between Palestinians and Jordanian citizens) (May 2017)
 Yasemin Ipek Can (youth culture in Beirut) (Spring 2017)
 Amrapali Maitra (Domestic violence in Kolkata) (Spring 2017)
 Firat Bozcali, Anthropology Stanford University (Illicit economies in the Kurdish borderlands) (Fall 2017)
 Alexa Hagerty, Anthropology Stanford University (A Genealogy of Mortals. Rituals and humanitarian exhumations) (Winter 2017)
 Aisha Ghani, Anthropology, Stanford University (Muslim communities and terror trials in the US), Nov. 2015
 Sebastian Calderon, Stanford University, (Baroque States: Television and Theatricality in contemporary L. America). Completed PhD in June 2014
 Abhinav Chandrachud, Stanford Law School (A history of the Bombay High Court during the British Raj (1862-1947), awarded PhD in April 2014.
 Dolly Kikon, Stanford University (Disputed territories in India’s northeast) – Awarded PhD in June 2013.
 Maura Finkelstein, Stanford University (Mill workers and urban transformation in Mumbai) – awarded PhD in July 2012
 Austin Zeidermann, Stanford University (Security and governance of the urban margins in Bogota) – awarded PhD in July 2012
 Nikhil Anand, Stanford University (water, connectivity and slum politics in Mumbai) Awarded PhD in Fall 2011.
 Jill Alpes (migration culture in Cameroon) University of Amsterdam, Awarded PhD in Fall 2011.
 Pauline Nolan, Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh, ‘Negotiating Justice. Legal practices, NGOs and the Discourse of Human Rights in South Africa’ (awarded PhD in April 2007)
 Ahmed Afzal, Anthropology, Yale University, ‘The Pakistani diaspora in Houston, Texas’, (awarded PhD in April 2005)
 Anne Jepson, Social Anthropology, Edinburgh, ‘Gardening and Identity in Cyprus’ (awarded PhD in December 2003).
 Norbert Wildermuth, Film and Media studies, University of Copenhagen. ‘India’s TV revolution in the 1990s’ (awarded PhD in Sept. 2002)

ACADEMIC SERVICE (SELECTIONS SINCE 2008)

Chair, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University, from Summer 2018 -

Chair of Global Academic Advisory Board at Habib University, Karachi, Pakistan (a premier private liberal arts university in Pakistan). 2017 -

Member of the advisory board for the Institutional Development project for Anthropology at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Chile’s premier private university). The project is supported by the WennerGren Foundation for Anthropological Research.

Member of the External Review Board, assessing the Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics and Political Science, March 2017

2014 - editor of the book series “South Asia in Motion”, Stanford University Press

January 2012 to Summer 2017, member of the Editorial Board of Stanford University Press

Member of International Evaluation Committee of Nordic Institute for Asian Studies, Copenhagen, Spring 2015.

Chair of the External Review Committee, reviewing the Department of Anthropology at Cornell University Oct. 2013

Chair of the Graduate Committee in the Department of Anthropology, Stanford University, 2013-15

Chair of the Curriculum Committee in the Department of Anthropology, Stanford University 2012-13

Member of professorial appointment committee, Faculty of Social Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 2011-12

External reviewer of Faculty Fellowships for 2011/12, the Humanities Institute, University of Michigan

Member of the Center for Urban Studies, Stanford University, 2011-

Member of the Center for Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity, Stanford University, 2010 –

August 2010 – founding Director of the Center for South Asian Studies, Stanford University

January 2010 – December 2010. Member of international panel evaluating anthropological training and research in Norway.

2008 – to present: External Examiner, Asian Studies, University of Aarhus, Denmark.

2008 – to present: External Expert, (promotions and appointments) London School of Economics and Political Science.

2008 – to present: External expert (promotions and appointments) Department of Asian and South Asian Studies and Department of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen.

2010 – present: External expert (promotions and appointments) Department of Anthropology, Stockholm University.

2008-9 Dean of the International School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Director of the Graduate School of Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam**KEY NOTES AND OTHER MAJOR LECTURES SINCE 2000**

May 27, 2019. Public lecture at the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin. “Race, Empire and the European ‘Republic of letters’”.

May 14, 2019: Key word lecture at the Australian Institute of Indian Studies, University of Melbourne, “Violence”

May 16, 2019: Public lecture at the University of Melbourne. “How India Works. Caste, community and the Indian Economy”.

March 14/15, 2018: Keynote lecture at the international conference, *Populism and the Shifting Coordinates of the Political*, Center for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi. Title: “Democracy against the Law. Reflections on India’s Illiberal Democracy”

October 26, 2018: Institute Plenary Lecture, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. “How India Works. Caste, Community and the Indian Economy”

March 20, 2017. Keynote lecture at the conference *The Global Indian Ocean and the Liberal Order* at Georgetown University in Doha, March 20-21, 2017

January 6th, 2017. Opening lecture at the Latin America Social Issues Summer-school, San Pedro

Atacama, Chile: "The State as an Ethnographic Object"

November 12, 2016: Annual lecture at the Institute for South Asian Studies, Indiana University: "Urban Theory goes South: reflections of the South Asian city"

September 15, 2016: Key-note lecture at the PhD seminar and training course "Ethnography of Connections", (September 15-17) Department of Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen

December 15 2015. Keynote lecture at the conference "Memoria, Conflicto y co-existencia. Interculturalidad y descolonizacion in America Latina y el mundo" Universidad Catolica, Santiago, December 14-17, 2016. Title: "When the Past is Tense: minorities and the doubling of memory."

November 26, 2015, The annual India-Canada Association Lecture at University of Toronto: "Urban Theory goes South: on the historicity of space and urban imagination in South Asia"

February 20, 2015 Inaugural Scholar-in-residence Lecture at Habib University, Karachi Pakistan. "Modi and the Rise of Hindu nationalism. A view from Bombay"

November 15, 2014: Keynote lecture at the conference "City in South Asia" University of Oregon (Eugene).

January 16, 2014, Welcome address to the conference *Technology and Democracy in South Asia*, Mumbai University, Kalina Campus.

March 21, 2014, Inaugural Lecture at the Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen. Title: "The Sacrificial Self. Recasting Renunciation in South Asia."

May 28, 2014, The Kingsley Martin Memorial lecture at Cambridge University. "The Sacrificial self. Recasting Renunciation in South Asia"

June 29, 2014, Inaugural keynote lecture of the Centre for Comparative Political Thought, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Title: "On the historicity of Space and Urban Imagination"

Keynote address the conference *Modernity and its Discontents in South Asia*. Princeton University April 29-30 2013.

Keynote at the seminar *Contested Spaces* at University of Pennsylvania on 29-30 March 2013

Annual lecture at the COMPASS program at Oxford University on 26th February 2013

Introductory keynote at the conference *The spectacle of Globality and Modern India* at University of Copenhagen, August 29-30 2012.

Keynote at the seminar *Transnational Cultures in Asia* at University of Aarhus on September 12th 2012

Keynote at the conference *Worlds of South Asia* on September 17th 2012 at University of Copenhagen

Keynote lecture at the conference "*Cities and Nationalism*" held at CRASSH, University of Cambridge, February 9-11 2012. Title: "At Home with Strangers. Urban life and the moral force of nationalism."

December 6th. 2011 Annual lecture at the Institute for Culture, Religion and World Affairs, Boston University. Title: "Violence and Democracy in Modern India"

Plenary Address, at the 40th Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, October 14-17th 2011. Title: "Strangers, Neighbors and Political Order in the South Asian City".

June 28-29 2011 , Keynote lecture at the conference: *Global Migration and Multiculturalism: Religion, Society, Policy and Politics*, University of Surrey, UK. Title: “*Migration, religion and post-imperial formations*”.

Keynote speaker at the conference, *Uncertain Transitions. Youth in a Globalizing World*, Copenhagen, January 20-22, 2011

Keynote speaker at the symposium *The Modern Field*, The National Research School of Anthropology, Denmark, 28-30th August 2009.

Key note speaker at the seminar “Globalization, sovereignty and the state”, School of Social Sciences, University of Bergen 3-5th June 2009.

Keynote address at the international colloquium “Men and Masculinities” in Universidad de Antiochia in Medellin, Colombia 6-8th December 2008.

Key note address at colloquium “Performing Gender” at Universidad de Los Andes, Bogota, Colombia 5/12 2008

Keynote address at the international conference “Outraged Communities in South Asia” at CERI, Paris 25-27th September 2008. Title: “The Political Theology of Violence in Contemporary India”.

Keynote lecture at the seminar “For a New Sociology of India”, London School of Economics, July 4-5th 2008. Title: “Re-imagining the Urban in South Asia”.

Public lecture in international seminar on “Law and Disorder” (with John Comaroff and James Scott) at Roskilde University, 23 April, 2008.

Annual Lecture, Department of Anthropology. University of Uppsala, 17 March 2008. Title: “The India that does not shine. India’s Muslims as a permanent minority”

Keynote lecture at the conference “The State in South Asia”, Leeds University, 17-18th February 2007. Title: “On the Clay Feet of the Behemoth”

Keynote lecture at the conference: “Mobilities – people, goods, ideas” held at the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research 24-26th January, 2007. Title “Freedom and its Discontents. Autonomy, authenticity and the modern self”

Keynote lecture at the conference “Gender and religion” at Copenhagen University, October 26-28th 2006. Title: “In Search of God’s Hand”

Public lecture at University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, October 17th 2005: “On the difficulty of being Hindu in the new South Africa”

Opening address at the conference “*Death, bio-politics and sovereignty*”, at WISER, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 9-11th February 2003.

INVITED LECTURES SINCE 2000

2019.

Humanities Institute, University of Wisconsin

South Asia Institute, University of Wisconsin

South Asia Institute, UCLA,

UC Berkeley

University of Melbourne

Deakin University

Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

2018.

KRVIA Art School, Juhu, Mumbai
Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
O. P. Jindal University, Delhi
Center for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.
Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University
University of Chicago
Universidad Catolica, Santiago, Chile

2017.

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur, Maharashtra, India
Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, India
South Asia Institute, University of California, Berkeley
NYU Abu Dhabi
Habib University, Karachi, Pakistan

2016.

Central European University, Budapest.
Amsterdam International School of Social Sciences

2015.

Center for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad, India
Victoria Government College, Palakkad, Kerala, India
South Asian Studies Program, Lund University

2014

CERIUM, McGill University, Montreal
Weatherhead Center, Harvard University

Godrej India Culture lab, Vikhroli, Mumbai

Institute for International and Comparative Area Studies, University of California, San Diego

2013.

University of California, Davis.
Tata Institute of Social Science and Cotton College, Guwahati, India
University of California, Berkeley
St. Antony's College, Oxford University

2012

School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
Center for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi.
Department of Anthropology Cornell University.

2011

Department of Anthropology, University of California Santa Cruz
Department of Anthropology, University of Oslo.
Department of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen.
Danish Research School in Anthropology.
Institute for Culture, Religion and World Affairs, Boston University.
Center for African Studies, University of Copenhagen
Center for Indian Studies at University of Witwatersrand, South Africa.

2010

Department of Anthropology, Columbia University,

2009.

Department of Anthropology, Columbia University

Department of Anthropology at Graduate Center of the City University of New York

Department of Anthropology, Stanford University

Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan

2008

Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan

Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago

Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago

Department of Anthropology, Utrecht University,

Department of Anthropology, Leiden University

2007

Department of Religious Studies, University of Amsterdam

Center for South Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley

EHESS, Paris,

CERI, Paris

WISER, University of the Witwatersrand,

University of Johannesburg

Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago,

Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai

2006

Central European University in Budapest.

Department of Anthropology, University of Edinburgh

London School of Economics and Political Science,

Birkbeck College, London,

University of Chicago

2005

South Asia Centre at the University of Syracuse

Anselm College, New Hampshire

Lecture series at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) and (CERI) in Paris

Department of Anthropology at the University of Chicago,

New School University,

Tufts University, Boston

2004

Department of Religious Studies, University of Copenhagen

Lecture at the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin

Center for South Asia, University of Washington, Seattle.

Social Anthropology, University of Bergen

Dept. of Anthropology, University College London

Dept. of Social Anthropology, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London,

2003

Dept. of Anthropology, Harvard University

Rand Afrikaans University, Johannesburg,

Dept. of Anthropology, Yale University,

2002

New York University
 Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan
 Dept. of Anthropology, Yale University,
 Tsukuba University, Japan
 Tokyo International University,
 Maison Francaise in Oxford
 Manchester Metropolitan University,
 New School University
 Department of History, Princeton University
 Franz Boas lecture series, Columbia University
 Center for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University
 Department of Politics, Delhi University
 Centre for South Asian Studies, SOAS, University of London
 Dept. of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge,

2001

WISER, Witwatersrand. University, Johannesburg
 Dept. of Social Anthropology, London School of Economics
 Benjamin Meaker Visiting Professor at the Department of Politics, University of Bristol
 Dept. of Social Anthropology, University of Manchester
 Dept. of Anthropology, University of Chicago,
 Dept. of Anthropology, University of Manchester,
 Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University

2000

School of Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam
 Centre des Etudes et Reserches International, Paris,
 SNTD Women's University, Mumbai,
 Dept. of Sociology, Pune University, India

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2019

The People's State, University of Copenhagen, March 2019
WhatsAppPolitics, Ethics, and Elections: India and Beyond, Santa Clara University, April 2019
New Hindutva: the rise of democratic authoritarianism in India, Center for Modern Indian Studies, University of Goettingen, January 2019

2018

Democratic Theory in India, University of Chicago, November 2018
States of the South, AAA San Jose, November 2018
Populism and the Shifting Coordinates of the Political, Center for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi

2017.

Expulsions, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
The Global Indian Ocean and the Liberal Order, Georgetown University in Doha,
Latin America Social Issues Summer-school, San Pedro Atacama, Chile:

2016.

Democratic cultures in South Asia, University of Oxford.
Memoria, Conflicto y co-existencia. Interculturalidad y descolonizacion in America Latina y el mundo, Universidad Catolica, Santiago, Chile
Ethnography of Connections, Department of Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen

2015.

Latin American Studies Association meeting in Puerto Rico

New India's World, University of Copenhagen.

Civility: Trust, Recognition and Co-existence, Stanford University.

Nehru and Today's India, sponsored by Cambridge University and the India International Centre, New Delhi.

2014.

Producing Governance: The Anthropology of Religion Meets Political Theory in Asia, AAA Roundtable

Technology and Democracy in South Asia, Mumbai University,

Authority and Authenticity in Fragmented Public Spheres, University of Copenhagen,

Comparative Political Thought, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

Social mobilization and the force of the ordinary in South Asia, Association of Asian Studies, Annual Meeting 2013.

Global Perspectives on Urbanization, Stanford Center at Peking University

Utopias in South Asia, at the Annual South Asia Conference, Madison, Wisconsin.

In the Name of the Ordinary, University of Goettingen.

City in South Asia, University of Oregon

Urban Challenges in China and Beyond, Freman-Spogli Institute, Stanford University

Vernacular Urbanism in South Asia, Stanford University.

2013

Modernity and its Discontents in South Asia. Princeton University

Contested Spaces at University of Pennsylvania

2012.

Techniques of the City. Grids, Materiality and Infrastructure, Stanford Humanities Center.

The spectacle of Globality and Modern India at University of Copenhagen,

Cities and Nationalism CRASSH, University of Cambridge,

Transnational Cultures in Asia at University of Aarhus

Worlds of South Asia, University of Copenhagen

Politics of Circulation, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association

2011

Muslim Communities in South Asia, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Paris

Democracy and Diversity, sponsored by the New School of Social Research, held in Wroclaw, Poland

Global Migration and Multiculturalism: Religion, Society, Policy and Politics, University of Surrey, UK.

Uncertain Transitions. Youth in a Globalizing World, University of Copenhagen,

Civility, Ethics and the Politics of Sociality, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montreal

The Everyday and the Ordinary, Amsterdam School of Social Science Research

2010

Globalizing Public Culture. Engaging the vision of Carol Breckenridge, American Anthropological Association meeting.

Walls. What they break and what they make, Texas Law School, Austin

Johannesburg Workshop in Theory and Criticism, University of the Witwatersrand

2009

Roundtable on Secularism, MEALAC, Columbia University

The Law and the Sacred/Secular Divide, SUNY Buffalo

The Modern Field, The National Research School of Anthropology, Denmark,

Globalization, Sovereignty and the State, School of Social Sciences, University of Bergen

Ethnographies of Doubt, Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics

At the Gates of the Polis, Amsterdam School of Social Science Research,

2008

Law and Sovereignty, Max Planck institute for Social Anthropology, Halle,

Panel in honor of Ulf Hannerz, European Association of Social Anthropologists, Ljubljana
Outraged Communities in South Asia, CERI, Paris
Performing Masculinity, Universidad de Los Andes, Bogota, Colombia
Men and Masculinities, Universidad de Antiochia in Medellin, Colombia
For a New Sociology of India, London School of Economics
Law and Disorder, (with John Comaroff and James Scott) Roskilde University,
The Religious Lives of Migrants, University of Witwatersrand

2007

Sacrifice and Sovereignty, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Anthropologists
A Post-exotic India? A new narrative in the making, Roskilde University,
Eyes Across the Water, University of the Witwatersrand
Mobilities – people, goods, ideas, Amsterdam School for Social Science Research
Secularism and Beyond, University of Copenhagen
The State in South Asia, Leeds University,
Ethnicity Inc., at the Royal Swedish Academy in honor of Jean and John Comaroff.

2006

Sovereignty from above and Below, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Anthropologists
Authenticity and cultural production in the Black Atlantic, Centro de Estudos de Afro-Orientais, Federal University of Bahia, Salvador, Brazil.
Adequate Life in China, Harvard University
Gender and Religion, Copenhagen University
Visceral Nations, Yale University
Law and Life in South Asia, Yale University
Non-Violence, New School University
The changing nature of the political in South Asia, Columbia University/Barnard College
Affect in Political Life, Cambridge University
Urban Futures – Bombay and beyond, New School University

2005

Bombay, the Cinematic City, New School University,
Reasons of Faith, WISER, University of Witwatersrand
Urban Charisma, Yale University
Visual Practices and Public Subjects, The American University in Beirut,
Religion and Public Ethics, Society for the Anthropology of Religion in Vancouver
Gendering Urban Space, American University in Cairo

2004

Paradoxes of Secularism, University of Copenhagen,
Ethnographies of the Political in South Asia, Columbia University
Security and Development, DIIS, Copenhagen, Denmark
Transnationalism and Diaspora. research training course, University of Copenhagen.
State Violence, Goldsmiths College
India in the 21st Century, Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Nobel Institute, Oslo
The Peculiarities of Democracy in India, University of Chicago,
Sovereignty and Democracy, Annual Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Portland
 urban South Africa”
Transnational Religion and Migration, SSRC and University of Cape Town

2003

Transforming Migrants into a Diaspora, AAA, Chicago
 “*Death, bio-politics and sovereignty*”, WISER, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.
Political Scandal, CERI, Paris
Gangs, Crowds and City Enclaves. Urban Violence in a Globalising World, University of Amsterdam
Uncertain Transitions. Youth in a Changing World, University of Edinburgh

Transnational Religious Movements in a Globalizing World, IIAS, Amsterdam.
Religious Mobilization and Violence in South Asia, Roskilde University.
City One: the urban experience in South Asia. CSDS, New Delhi

2002

Democratic Modernities in South Asia at American Anthropological Association centenary meeting
Regions in Globalization at the University of Kyoto
The Urban Experience in South Asia, University of Sussex,
Mapping Race in the South Asian Diaspora at the Association of Asian Studies Annual meeting in Washington DC

2001

De-centering the Nation. Politics and Cultural Mobilisation in India, University of Bristol
Secularism and Anti secularism: Ethnographic and Historical Perspectives. Dept. of Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh.
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies in Chicago
Hindu nationalism: History and Politics at Wolfson College, Cambridge
The State and Self making SOAS, London
Migration and Modernity in South Asia, University of Sussex,

2000

Discrimination and Toleration, UNCR, Copenhagen
Identities and Governance in Situations of Instability, Copenhagen
Culture as Critique, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta