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EDUCATION

2020   (Expected) Ph.D. Sociology, University of Minnesota.

Dissertation: *Between the Cloud and a Hard Place:
A Study of Corporate Transformation in the Platform Age.*

Committee: Michael Goldman (Advisor), Rachel Schurman (Co-Advisor),
Ronald Aminzade, Vinay Gidwani, George Henderson.

Minor: Development Studies.

2013   M.Phil. Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.

2011   M.A. Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.

2009   B.A. Sociology (Honors), St. Xavier's College, University of Mumbai.

AREAS OF RESEARCH & TEACHING

Economic sociology; sociology of work; digital sociology; globalization;
platform studies; organizational and industrial sociology; science & technology
studies; urban studies, social theory, development studies; qualitative methods

ARTICLES

Goldman, Michael, and **Narayan, Devika**. 2019. "Water Crisis through the Analytic of
Urban Transformation: An Analysis of Bangalore's Hydrosocial Regimes." *Water
International* 44 (2): 95–114.

Narayan, Devika. 2017. "Decoding Disruption: Lay-Offs in the Software Industry."
Economic and Political Weekly 52 (22): 16–19.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Goldman, Michael, and **Narayan, Devika**. "Water Crisis through the Analytic of
Urban Transformation." In Rural–Urban Water Struggles: *Urbanizing Hydrosocial
Territories and Evolving Connections, Discourses and Identities*, Eds. Hommes,
Lenna., Boelens, Rutgerd., Harris, Leila, M., & Veldwisch, Gert, V. (New York:
Routledge. 2020), 15-35. [Lead Chapter]

BOOK REVIEWS

Narayan, Devika. 2017."Book Review Essay". *Seminar*, 694.

Books Reviewed:

- o Nagendra, Harini. 2016. "Nature in the City: Bengaluru in the Past, Present, and Future," Oxford University Press: New Delhi.
- o Upadhya, Carol. 2016. "Reengineering India: Work, Capital, and Class in an Offshore Economy," Oxford University Press: New Delhi.
- o Udupa, Sahana. 2015. "Making News in Global India: Media, Publics, Politics," Cambridge University Press: New Delhi.

POLICY BRIEFS

Narayan, Devika and Anuradha Sajjanhar. 2019. "A Study of Bangalore's Water Crisis: Key Findings and Policy Suggestions." International Waters Network.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS

"Transforming Markets Through Speculative Urbanism: Real Estate's Tryst with Global Finance in India." With Dr. Michael Goldman. 2020. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research.* Forthcoming.

"The Structural Liminality of Disposable Managers: An Analysis of Precarity." 2020. *Work Employment and Society.* Revise & Resubmit.

"The Autophagic Imperative: How IT firms cannibalize themselves." 2020. Under Review.

"Theorizing Cloud Infrastructures." 2020. Unver Review.

"From Products to Platforms: Revisiting the Rise of an Offshore Industry." 2020. Under Review.

"On-Demand Software and the New World of Offshoring." In Preparation for *New Media & Society* - Special Issue on Data Centers.

AWARDS & HONORS

Don Martindale Award: For excellence in scholarship and achievement "throughout the sociology graduate student career." (University of Minnesota, 2020).

Best Graduate Student Paper, Section: Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology (American Sociological Association, 2019).

Outstanding Graduate Research Paper, Sociology Research Institute. (University of Minnesota, 2018).

M.S.A. Rao. Memorial Medal: Academic Excellence in Research Methods. (University of Delhi, 2012).

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2020 (University of Minnesota, $25,000).
Awarded to 53% of nominees shortlisted by all departments.

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship at Charles Babbage Institute, 2019
(University of Minnesota, $25,000). *Awarded to 20% of applicants.*

Graduate Research Partnership Program, 2019 (University of Minnesota, $4000).

Anna Welsch Bright Research Fellowship, 2016 (University of Minnesota, $3700).

International Waters Network fellowship, 2016 ($5000).

MA, Professional and Doctoral Award by Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, 2014, (University of Minnesota, $5000).

Mini Grant, Institute of the Environment, 2014 (University of Minnesota, $3000).

Professional Development Award Department of Sociology, 2013 (University of Minnesota, $3000).

Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC) Fellowship ($20,000), research grant ($10,000) and pre-dissertation grant for international fieldwork ($4000), 2013 (University of Minnesota).

Krishna Raj Fellowship. (University of Delhi, 2011).

INVITED TALKS & PANELS

Future of Work in India. Panellist and Participant. International Labor Organization (ILO) & Tandem Research, Goa, India, (September 12-13, 2017).

Lay-offs in the IT Industry: Why Should We Care? Guest Speaker. Thursday Talkies – Lecture Series St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, India, (July 20, 2017).

What Is to Be Done? A Student Led Discussion about the State of Development Research. Panelist. ASA Development Sociology Section Conference, Brown University, Providence, (March 13-15, 2015).

Marginalities: A Workshop. Panellist for closing session, Delhi School of Economics, (March 25-26, 2010).

Industrial Change and the Logic of Corporate Cannibalization: The Re-Making of India's IT Sector. Annual Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Conference, New Orleans (2019).

How New Computing Infrastructures Support Asset-Light Economies, Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference, New York City (2019).

Platform Capitalism and the Restructuring of an Off-shore Economy: The Case of Middle Managers, Annual Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Conference, New York City, (2019).

Creative Destruction in the Age of Platform Capitalism. Annual European Group of Organizational Studies (EGOS) Conference. University of Edinburgh, (2019).

Between the Cloud and a Hard Place: New Computing Infrastructures and the Rebirth of Just-in-Time Logics, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, (SASE) Conference, New York City, (2019).

The Rise & Fall of the Middle Manager: An Analysis of Industrial Change in India's Technology Sector, Annual South Asia Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (2018).

The Promise and Perils of Creative Destruction in India's IT sector, Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference, Philadelphia, (2018).

Labor Disrupted: The Crisis and Reorganization in India's Software Industry. Annual American Association of Geographers (AAG) Conference, New Orleans, (2018).

Cashing Out the City: Speculative Urbanism through the Lens of India's Real Estate Industry. (Co-Author Dr. Michael Goldman). Annual American Association of Geographers (AAG) Conference, New Orleans, (2018).

Between the Cloud and a Hard Place: The Re-making of India's Software Sector. International Conference on Labour History, Delhi, (2018).

Programmed Disruption: Examining Crisis and Reorganization in a Hi-tech Offshore Industry. Annual Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Conference, Lyon, (2017).

Software-led Development: The Changing Politics of the IT Industry in India. ASA Development Sociology Section Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, (2016).

The Reconfiguration of India's Software Industry: Conceptualizing Labor Displacement in the Hi-tech Economy. ASA Economic Sociology Section Pre-Conference, Seattle, (2016).

The Changing Terrain of Software Labor in India. Annual South Asia Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (2015).

The Reconfiguration of India's IT Industry: Conceptualizing a new regime of productivity. ASA Development Sociology Section Conference, Brown University, Providence, (2015).

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS – UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Organizational Autophagy: How IT firms are drawn to auto-disrupt, Department of Sociology Workshop Series, (2019).

Software Labor and the Internal Contradictions of Middle Management: The case of an offshore industry, ICGC Brown Bag Series, (2019).

The Changing Terrain of Software Labor in India. South Asia Seminar Series, (2015).

The Reconfiguration of India's IT Industry: Conceptualizing a New Regime of Productivity. Sociology Research Institute, (2015).

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION & PRESENTATIONS

Summer Institute in Economic Geography, Montreal, (Postponed to 2021).

Digital and the Everyday: From Code to Clouds, Winter School Participant. International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore, (2017).

"Bangalore's Great Transformation: Urban Expansion and Issues of Water Access." Presented at the Justicia Hídrica Alliance and International Waters Network Workshop, Wageningen University, Netherlands. Co-presenter: Anuradha Sajjanhar (2016).

"The Financialization of Urban Infrastructure: A research agenda." Presented at the International Workshop on Comparative Urban and Regional Research, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bangalore, India, (2014).

"Re-thinking the State-Society Binary." Presented at Research Scholars Workshop, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, (2012).

"Theorizing Global Political Economy: Themes and Debates." Final presentation at Researching the Contemporary - A two month summer workshop. Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi, (2011).

DISSERTATION RESEARCH FEATURED (SELECT)

Basole, Amit. 2018. State of Working India. Centre for Sustainable Employment, Azim Premji University, Bangalore.

Ramanathan, Anuradha. 2018, May 16. 40 & Outdated. The-Ken.

Sturgeon, Timothy. 2017. The 'New' Digital Economy and Development, Technical Note, The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). 8, 1-37.

Subramanian, Sumanth. 2017, October 24. India warily eyes AI. MIT Technology Review.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Liberal Arts Technologies and Innovation Services (LATIS), UMN, project: Curriculum support and resource creation for online teaching and research during Covid-19 Pandemic (2020).

National Science Foundation funded project (# BCS-1636437): "Speculative Urbanism: Land, Livelihoods, and Finance Capital." Principle Investigator: Dr. Vinay Gidwani, University of Minnesota. (2017*). Core tasks: data collection (in-depth interviews, field trips), participant in project review meetings and workshops, and academic publishing.*

Dr. Janaki Nair (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi), project: "Speculations on Law and the New Urbanism." (2013). *Core task: Collecting and synthesizing legal documents.*

Dr. Shilpa Phadke (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai), project: "Women and Public Space in Mumbai." (2008). *Core task: data collection (in-depth interviewing).*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor:

> New Digital Economy: Key Debates (Lifelong Learning Institute, (Winter 2020).
> SOC3701: Social Theory (University of Minnesota, Summer 2018) – Online.

Graduate Teaching Assistantship (UMN):

> SOC 4966W: Senior Projects Seminar (Fall 2016)
> SOC 4966W: Senior Projects Seminar (Spring 2016)
> SOC1001: Introduction to Sociology - Discussion Section Leader (Fall 2015)
> SOC 3251W: Sociological Perspectives in Race, Class and Gender (Spring 2015)
> SOC3701: Social Theory (Fall 2014)

Course Co-Designer:

> SOC 3421W: Sociology of Work (Summer 2019)

Training Completed:

> SOC8011: Teaching Sociology (Spring 2016)

Guest Lectures (Select):

> "Introduction to the Platform Economy"
> "Interviewing and Qualitative Research"
> "Debating the Future of Work"
> "Introduction to Karl Polanyi"
> "Global Value Chains"

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Chair: Graduate Students Organization, Sociology, UMN (2020-2021).

Session Organizer: Panel, "Entrepreneurial Labor," Society for the Study of Social Problems, labor division (2020, *cancelled*).

Awards Committee Member: Best Student Paper, CITAMS Section ASA (2020).

Graduate Student Mentoring Coordinator (2015-2016).

Co-Organizer Bangalore Research Network Summer Workshop (2016).

Manuscript Reviewer: *Work and Occupations*; *Environment and Planning E; Economic and Political Weekly; Capitalism Nature Socialism.*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Society for Advanced Socio-Economics (SASE)
American Association of Geographers (AAG)
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
European Group for Organizational Studies (EGOS)
Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)

REFERENCES

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