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Books

Inhabiting 'Childhood': Children, Labour and Schooling in Postcolonial India. Palgrave, UK, 2014.

Co-Authored

M, Samuel; Y. Sayed; R. Subrahmanian; C. Soudien; N. Carrim; S. Balagopalan and F. Nekhawa, *Educational Exclusion and Inclusion: Policy and Implementation in South Africa and India.* London: DFID Series #72, Researching the Issues, 2007.

Co-Edited

Balagopalan, S; C. Coe; and K.Green, *Diverse Unfreedoms: The Afterlives and Transformations of Post-Transatlantic Bondages.* Routledge, 2020.

Associate Editor, *SAGE Encyclopaedia of Children and Childhood Studies.* 4-volume series. SAGE: 2020.

Guest Edited Journal

Guest Editor. Special Issue on "Childhoods and the Indian Context." *Childhood: A Journal of Global Child Research.* London: Sage. August 2011.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"The Politics of Deferral: Post-independence development, schooling and the 'economic value' of children's labor in India" *Current Sociology* (forthcoming)

"Why Historicize Rights Subjectivities: Children's Rights, Compulsory Schooling and the Deregulation of Child Labor in India" in *Childhood: A Journal of Global Child Research*, 26(3) 2019

"Afterschool and During vacations: On Labor and Schooling in the Postcolony" *Children's Geographies.* 17(2), 2019.

"Does 'gender' exhaust a feminist engagement with elementary education?" *Contemporary Education Dialogue.* New Delhi: Sage. 9(2), 2012

"On Freire's Critical Optimism." *Contemporary Education Dialogue.* New Delhi: Sage. 8(2), 2011.

“Rationalizing Seclusion: A Preliminary Analysis of a Residential Schooling Scheme for Poor Girls in India.” *Feminist Review* London: Sage, December 2010.

“Memories of Tomorrow: Children, Labor and The Panacea of Formal Schooling.” *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* Johns Hopkins University Press. May 2008.

“Draft Free and Compulsory Education Bill, 2004” *Economic and Political Weekly*, August 2004

“These children are slow”: Some experiences of inclusion, formal schooling and the Adivasi Child” *Perspectives in Education*, September 2003.

“Understanding Educational Innovation in India: Interviews with Eklavya staff and teachers” *Contemporary Education Dialogue*, Monsoon 2003

“Neither Suited for the Home nor For the Fields: Inclusion, Formal Schooling and the Adivasi Child.” In *IDS Bulletin*, Vol.34(1), Sussex: Institute of Development Studies, 2003.

“Dalit and Adivasi Children in Schools: Some Preliminary Research Themes and Findings.” Co-Authored with R. Subramanian in *IDS Bulletin*, Vol.34(1), Sussex: Institute of Development Studies, 2003.

“Constructing Indigenous Childhood: Colonialism, Vocational Education and the Working Child.” *Childhood: A Journal of Global Child Research* Vol. 9(1), London: Sage, 2002.

Articles in E-Sources

“Postcolonial Childhoods” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Childhood Studies*. Ed. Heather Montgomery. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.

“South Asia” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Childhood Studies*. Ed. Heather Montgomery. New York: Oxford University Press, March, 2013.

Book Chapters and Encyclopaedia Entries

Co-authored with Peter Kraftl and Gariella Tabet “Children’s Geographies Beyond Agency.” SAGE Global Childhoods Handbook (forthcoming).

“Postcolonial Childhoods.” in SAGE Encyclopedia on Children and Childhood Studies, 2020.

“Out-of-School Children.” in SAGE Encyclopedia on Children and Childhood Studies, 2020.

“Teaching ‘Global Childhoods: From a Cultural Mapping of ‘Them’ to a Diagnostic Reading of us/US’” in A. Twum-Danso Imoh, M. Bourdillon and S. Meichsner (eds.) *Global Childhoods Beyond the North/South Divide*. Palgrave Studies on Children and Development. 2019.

“Childhood, Culture, History: Redeploying ‘multiple childhoods’” in S. Spyrou, R.Rosen and D.Cook (eds.) *Reimagining Childhood Studies*. Bloomsbury Academic. 2019.

“Colonial Modernity and the ‘child-figure’: Reconfiguring the Multiplicity in ‘multiple childhoods’” in T. S. Saraswathi et al (eds.) *Childhoods in India: Traditions, Trends and Transformations*. Routledge, 2018.

“The Politics of Failure: Street Children and the Circulation of Rights discourses in Kolkata (Calcutta), India” in Karl Hanson and Olga Neiuwenhuys (eds.) *Reconceptualizing Children's Rights in International Development: Living Rights, Social Justice, Translations*. Cambridge University Press, 2013.

“Unity in Diversity: Diversity, Social Cohesion and the Pedagogical Project of the Indian State” in S. Vandiyar et al (eds.) *Social Cohesion, Desegregation and Diversity*. Amsterdam: Rozenburg Publications. 2009.

“National Curriculum Framework 2005” *Book Review*, New Delhi, October 2005.

“An Ideal School and the Schooled Ideal: Educational Experiences at the Margins” in P. Jeffrey et al (eds) *Educational Regimes in Contemporary India*, New Delhi: Sage, 2005

“Understanding ‘inclusion’ in Indian Schools” in M.Nkomo et al (eds) *Reflections on School Integration*, Cape Town: Human Science Research Council, 2004

“Deshaj Bachpan Ki Banawat” in *Vimarsh*, August 2002. (In Hindi)

“Sadak ke Bacche Aur Patshala” in *Vimarsh*, Nov 2000. (In Hindi)

Book Reviews

Bambi L. Chapin. “Childhood in a Sri Lankan Village: Shaping Hierarchy and Desire”. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2014. *Children's Geographies*. vol.14 (1), 2016.

Geetha Nambissan and S. Srinivasa Rao (eds.) Geetha B. Nambissan and S. Srinivasa Rao, eds. “Sociology of Education in India: Changing Contours and Emerging Concerns”. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2013. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, New Delhi: SAGE.

J. Tilak (ed.) “Higher Education in India: In Search of Equality, Quality and Quantity.” New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2013. *Contemporary Education Dialogue*. New Delhi: SAGE, July 2014 11: 241-245.

Ritty A. Lukose, “Liberalization’s Children: Gender, Youth and Consumer Citizenship in Globalizing India”. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2009. 284 pp. ISBN 9780822345671 (pbk) *Journal of Consumer Culture*, 11(1): 132-134, 2011.

Karen Wells, “Childhood in Global Perspective.” Cambridge: Polity Press, 2009, 212 pp. *Childhood: A Global Journal of Child Research*, vol. 17 (4): 563-571, 2010.

Deepak Behera (ed.) “Childhood in South Asia” New Delhi: Pearson, 2007, 356 pp. *Childhood: A Global Journal of Child Research*, vol. 15 (4): 574-575, 2008.

“Moving Beyond Equity: Rethinking Research in Education” Review essay based on the review of the following books: Ravikumar, “The Crises of Elementary Education in India” New Delhi: Sage, 2006,

pp.366'; Smita, "Locked Homes, Empty Schools: The Impact of Distress Seasonal Migration on the Rural Poor" New Delhi: Zubaan, 2006, pp.144; Kapur, Arun "Transforming Schools: Empowering Children" New Delhi: Sage, pp.252 in *Book Review*, vol.XXXII no.2: 25-33, 2008.

Academic Conference Presentations

Keynote and Plenary Presentations

Delivered *Children's Geographies Keynote Lecture* titled "On Labor and Schooling in the Postcolony." at the Association for American Geographers (AAG) meeting, April 4-7th, 2017.

Delivered keynote at conference on "Childhoods in South Asia: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives," Australian National University, Canberra, July 18-19, 2013.

Spotlight Panel. "Multiple Childhoods, Multidisciplinary Perspectives." Conference at Rutgers University, Camden, May 21, 2011.

Special Presidential Session, "Knowing Enough to Act: The Educational Implications of a Critical Social Justice Project on Difference." American Education Research Association (AERA) Conference April 2012, Vancouver, Canada.

Invited Talks

"Childhoods and Research Methodologies in South Asia" Invited online talk delivered to the Critical Childhoods and Youth Studies Collective, August 5th, 2020.

"The Politics of Deferral' Paper presented at the conference on 'The value of Children in Asia: Economy, Family and Public Policies.'" at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, November 8-9, 2018.

"Mass Education and the naturalization of children's Labor: Compulsory Education in the Bombay Presidency, 1923-26." Paper presented at the 'Poverty and Education from the Nineteenth Century to the Present: India and Comparative Perspectives' at the German Historical Institute London, September 27-29, 2017.

"Postcolonial Childhoods." Mini-workshop designed and presented at 'Rethinking Childhoods in the Global South Through a Postcolonial Lens' at the 'Exploring Childhood Studies in the Global South' conference, University of Sheffield, January 19-21, 2016.

"Childhood and the Postcolonial: An Ethnographic Exploration." Paper presented at University College London, January 18, 2016.

"On Ethnography, Childhood Studies and 'Multiple Childhoods.'" Paper presented at a symposium on 'Childhoods in India' held at the Azim Premji University, Bangalore, November 19-21, 2015.

"Inhabiting 'Childhood': Children, Labour and Schooling in Postcolonial India." Book Discussion, Education Research Seminar, University of Brighton, June 29, 2015.

“Now we know how these schools are being run’: Children, Education and the Legal Form, 1997-2007.” Paper presented at conference on “Inequality, Education and Social Power: Transregional Perspectives” held at the Wissenscha szentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, Berlin, November 24-25, 2014.

“Inhabiting ‘Childhood’: Children, Labour and Schooling in Postcolonial India.” Book Discussion, Birkbeck, University of London, June 23, 2014.

“Children, Labour and Schooling in Postcolonial India.” Paper presented at the Centre for International Education (CIE), University of Sussex, Brighton, UK, July 3rd, 2014.

“Inhabiting ‘Childhood’ in Postcolonial India.” Paper presented at South Asian University, New Delhi, January 29, 2014.

“Sedimenting Labour Through Schooling: Colonial State and Working Children in Early Twentieth Century India.” Paper presented at Azim Premji University, Bangalore, November 7, 2013.

“Reforming Lives: The Child on the Street and the ‘Street Child.’” Paper presented at Macquarie University, Sydney, July 23, 2013.

“A Magic Wand: Reading the Promise of the ‘Right to Education.’” Against The Lives of Working Children’ South Asia Seminar Series, Australian National University, Canberra, July 17, 2013

“Pedagogies of Citizenship: A Discussion on 'Social And Political Life' Textbooks.” Paper presented at Institute of Education, University of London, June 13, 2011.

“The Politics of Failure: Street Children and the Circulation of Rights Discourses in Kolkata (Calcutta), India.” Paper presented at Centre for the Study of Childhood and Youth, University of Sheffield, June 10, 2011.

“The Politics of Education and the Marginal Child.” Paper presented at India International Centre, New Delhi on March 16, 2005

“Re-forming Subjectivities: Street Children, Civil Society and the Politics of ‘Saving Childhood.’” Paper presented at South Asia Colloquium, University of Texas at Austin on February 10, 2005.

”Understanding ‘Inclusion’ in Indian Schools.” paper presented at the Colloquium on School Integration held at Pretoria in October 2003 and organised by the Human Science Research Council, South Africa.

Conference Presentations

“Travelling Technologies of Schooling and their translations: The case of ‘compulsory schooling’ in Bombay and Calcutta, 1919-1939.” Paper presented at the Society for the History of Childhood and Youth (SHCY) conference held at Rutgers University, Camden, June 21-23, 2017.

“Colonial Modernity and the Child-figure: Reconfiguring the ‘multiplicity’ in ‘multiple childhoods.’” Paper presented at the 2015 International Childhood and Youth Research Network conference held at Nicosia, Cypress, June 10-12, 2015.

“Memories of Tomorrow: Children, labor and Postcolonial Development.” Paper presented at the 2015 Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group (ACYIG) Conference, Long Beach, California, March 12-15, 2015.

“Naturalizing Labour: The Colonial State and the Poor Native Child.” Paper presented at Society for the History of Childhood and Youth (SHCY) Conference, Teachers College, June, 2011.

“The Girl Child and Schooling In India: A Critical Reading.” Paper presented at Manchester Feminist Network Theory Seminar, Manchester Metropolitan University, June 23, 2009.

“Street Children and the Politics of Reform.” Paper presented at Birkbeck College, London, June 9, 2009.

“On Global Threads and Local Sutures: Street Children and the Politics of Translating Rights in Calcutta, India.” Paper presented at Childhood Studies Research Seminar at Rutgers University, April 17, 2009.

“From Feminine to Feminist: Re-thinking Research on Schooling.” Paper presented at the Indian Association of Women’s Studies Conference, Lucknow, February 8, 2008.

“Sedimenting ‘Native’ Childhoods: The Colonial State, Poor Children and the Politics of Reform.” Paper presented at seminar on ‘Colonial Childhoods’ at Linnkoping, Sweden, October 21, 2008.

“Modernity’s Other Children: The Marginal Child Within Colonial and International Rights Discourse.” Paper presented at the Society for History of Children and Youth conference, Sweden, June 27-30, 2007.

“Schools As Safe Spaces: First-Generation Learners and the Rights of Children in Schools in India.” Paper presented at the 16th Commonwealth Conference of Education Ministers (CCEM), Cape Town, December 2006.

“Unity in Diversity: Diversity, Social Cohesion and the Pedagogical Project of the Indian State.” Paper presented at Colloquium on ‘Social Cohesion, Desegregation and Diversity’ organised by The University of Pretoria, South Africa, June 2006.

“Theorising Inclusion and Exclusion: North and South Discourses.” Paper presented at the Southern African Comparative and History of Education Society (SACHES) Annual Conference, University of Pretoria, October, 2002.

“Dalit Children, Primary Schooling and the Formation of Identities.” paper presented at Comparative and International Education Society’s (CIES) Annual Conference, Florida, March, 2002.

“Rethinking Street Children’s Immersion in Non-formal Education.” Paper presented at Urban Childhood: An International Interdisciplinary Conference, Trondheim, Norway 9-12 June, 1997.

Conferences Organized/Served as a Discussant

Co-organizing session on “Democratizing Education in Late Colonial and Early Independent India: Universal Education, Representation, and the Re-alignment of Desirability.” European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC), Leiden, Netherlands, 18 - 21 March 2020.

Co-Organized “Rethinking Child and Youth Marginalities: Narratives, Movements and Exchanges.” Anthropology of Childhood and Youth Interest Group (ACYIG) Conference, Rutgers University, Camden, March 7-9, 2019.

“Diverse Unfreedoms and their Ghosts.” Co-organized a one-day conference with Dr. Cati Coe and Dr. Keith Green at Rutgers University, Camden on March 31, 2017.

Organized and Chaired Panel on “Democratizing Schooling” at the ‘Poverty and Education from the Nineteenth Century to the Present: India and Comparative Perspectives.’ German Historical Institute London, September 27-29, 2017.

Co-organized and Chaired the panel on “Landscapes of Learning: Educational Imaginaries in Early twentieth century India.” Society for the History of Childhood and Youth (SHCY) conference held at Rutgers University, Camden, June 21-23, 2017.

Discussant for panel on “Constructions of Childhood in Colonial and Postcolonial India.” at the Association of Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference, March 31 – April 3, 2016.

Group Facilitator, Exploring Childhood Studies in the Global South workshop, University of Sheffield, January 19-21, 2016.

Organized an international conference on “Childhoods and Children’s Rights in India.” CSDS, New Delhi, November 2008.

Fellowships/Awards/Internationally Funded Collaborations

- Regional Faculty Fellow, Wolf Humanities Centre, University of Pennsylvania (September 2019 – May 2020)
- Co-PI, British Academy Grant, “Children’s Rights and Perceptions of Justice, Rights and Equality.” (April 2019 – July 2020)
- Co-PI, “Start-up Funding for Childism Institute.” Provost’s Fund for Research, Rutgers University-Camden (2020-21)
- Committee on Institutional Equity and Diversity Grant, Rutgers University, Camden (July 2019 – June 2020)
- Mid-Career Research Grant, Rutgers University, Camden (July 2019 – June 2020)
- PI, “Rethinking Child and Youth Marginalities” conference grant for ACYIG conference held at Rutgers University-Camden, March 2019.
- Rutgers Research Council Grant, (July 2018 – May 2019)
- Rutgers Global Travel Grant (Spring 2018)
- Co-PI (with Cati Coe and Keith Green) “Diverse Unfreedoms and their Ghosts.” Conference Grant. Rutgers University-Camden, March 2017.
- Visiting Fellow, German Historical Institute London (GHIL), London. (June 2015, June 2016, June 2014).
- Civic Engagement Faculty Fellow, Rutgers University – Camden, (Spring 2015).
- Research Collaborator in the Children’s Rights Unit, University of Kurt Bosch, Switzerland, “Living rights in translation. An interdisciplinary approach of working children's rights.” Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (2015-2017).
- Co-PI, Transnational Research Group “Poverty Reduction and Policy for the Poor between the State and Private Actors: Education Policy in India since the Nineteenth Century.” Funded by Max Weber Stiftung Foundation. (2012 to 2017).
- Principal Researcher, UK India Education Research Initiative (UKIERI) Project on Children’s Rights (August 2007-2009).
- Child Research and You (India) National Child Rights Fellowship, New Delhi (January 2008).
- Charles Wallace Trust, Short-term Research Fellowship, London (June 2007).
- Indian Council of Social Science Research Travel Grant (June 2007).
- Lead Researcher, DFID Project on “Educational Exclusion and Inclusion: Policy Implementation in South Africa and India.” (2001-2003).

- Research Assistant, Metropolitan Center for Educational Research, New York University (1991-96).
- Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund Fellowship (1995-96).
- Taraknath Das Memorial Scholarship, Columbia University (1994-95).
- P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship (1992-95).
- Columbia University, Graduate Assistantship (1989-91).
- National Merit Scholarship, Government of India (1987-89).

Academic Service

Professional Association Service

- Member, International Advisory Board, Centre for Anthropological Research on Childhood, Youth and Education (CARCYE), Brunel University, London (2009 to date).
- International Advisor, Brunel University Project on Education systems, aspirations and learning in remote rural settings, Funded by ESRC-DFID. 2017-19.
- Co-Chair, Education and Childhood Thematic, European Social Science History Congress, Leiden, Netherlands, 2020.
- Convenor, Thematic Panel on “Children’s Rights In a Globalized World”, XIV World Congress of Comparative Education Societies (WCCES), Istanbul, Turkey, June 2010.
- Chief Advisor, NCERT, Class 6, 7, & 8 ‘Social and Political Life’ textbook (July 2005 to 2008).
- Member, Working Group on “Safeguarding the Rights of Children in Contact with Railways”, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Government of India, (June-August 2014)
- Advisor, Nirantar, *Through The Gender Lens: An Analysis of Nation and Identity in School Textbooks* (June 2006- 2009).
- Member, Social Science Syllabus Committee Grades 6-12, NCERT (March-July 2005)
- Invited Member, National Focus Group on the Teaching of the Social Sciences, NCERT (March 2005)
- Advisory Member, Regional Resource Centre for Elementary Education, University-School Resource Network, University of Delhi (January 2007 to date)

Service as Editor and Editorial Board Member

- Editor and former member of the Editorial Board, *Childhood: A Journal Of Global Child Research* London: SAGE.
- Founding Co-Editor and Editorial Board Member, *Contemporary Education Dialogue* New Delhi: SAGE (March 2002 to August 2014; 2015 to date)

Current Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University-Camden, since Sept 2014.

Graduate Director, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University-Camden, since September 2014.

Previous Appointments

Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi, India. (2012-August 2014)

Assistant Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi, India. (2008 to 2011)

Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi, India. (2003 to 2007)

Visiting Associate Professor, University of Texas, Austin. (June 2012-May 2013; January-May 2009)

Adjunct Fellow, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore, India. (2000-2002)

Research Fellow, Eklavya, Bhopal, India. (1998-2000)

Education

Ph.D., School of Education, New York University, New York, 1996.

MA in International Affairs, Specialized in Human Rights and South Asia, Columbia University, New York, 1989-91.

MA in International Relations, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1987-89.

BA in Political Science, University of Bombay, 1984-87.