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Areas of Specialization: Political Sociology, Sociology of Development, Sociology of Religion, Sociology of Gender, Sociology of Tourism

Education:

- Ph.D. (Sociology), on “Religion and Civil Society in India: A Study of Ramakrishna Mission, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) and Don Bosco Foundation”, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2015, under the supervision of Professor Anand Kumar.
- M.Phil. (Sociology), on “Associational Culture and Civil Society in India”, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2012, under the supervision of Prof. Anand Kumar (FGPA –7.83, 83.3%, A Grade, First Class: Highest scorer of the batch).
- National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lectureship (Sociology), University Grants Commission, 2010.
- M.A. (Sociology), Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2009 (7.68, 82%, A Grade, First Class).
- B.A. (Hons.) (Sociology), Hindu College, University of Delhi, Delhi, India, 2007 (First Division, 3rd position in Delhi University, 1st position in Hindu College, 63.62%).
- Higher Secondary (10+2), Cotton College, Guwahati, Assam Higher Secondary Education Council, Assam, India, 2004 (First Division, 79.4%)
- Matriculation, St. Mary’s English High School, Guwahati, Board of Secondary Education, Assam, India, 2002 (First Division, 84.16%)

Teaching and Research Experiences:

- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Central University of Punjab (CUPB), from December 2015 to 20th February, 2025 (currently on one year lien from CUPB)
- Visiting Faculty, National Institute of Design, 2022
- Visiting Faculty, MGSIPA, 2021-22
- Assistant Professor and Teacher-in-Charge, Department of Sociology, Central University of Haryana, July, 2014 to December, 2015 (on contract basis).
- Guest Faculty, Department of Sociology, Hindu College, University of Delhi, September, 2012.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, July, 2011 – May, 2012. (on ad-hoc basis)
- Project Manager, of the “*Sociogeek*” project – India Chapter, under the supervision of the India coordinator, Dr. Santosh Kr. Patra, November-December 2010.
- Research Assistant on a project entitled “*Spending Time with Family: A Study of Four Cities in India*”, under Centre for Applied Sociology, New Delhi, 2010.

Honors, Awards and Distinctions:

- Convenor of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Sociology of Religion, (ISA RC 22) Mid-term Conference on *Global Flows and Reconfigurations of the Sacred*, under the stewardship of Professor Mar Griera, President, ISA RC 22, and Professor K.K. Aggarwal, President, South Asian University, from 5th to 8th February, 2026, at the Department of Sociology, South Asian University, which was attended by delegates from 25 nation states across 5 continents.
- Elected as Early Career Researcher, in the Board of Research Committee in Sociology of Religion, RC – 22, International Sociological Association (ISA) 2023-2027.
- Exchange Scholar Award, to visit Thailand for 20 days under ICSSR-NRCT Bilateral Programme for Exchange of Scholars, in connection with my research work on “Prospects of Agri-Tourism and Sustainable Rural Development in North-East India: Lessons from Thailand”, in April, 2018.
- Registration grant to attend 5th ISA Forum of Sociology, held at Mohammed V University, Rabat, Morocco, 6th – 12th July, 2025.
- Registration grant to attend ACSRAL-RC-22, International Sociological Association (ISA) Joint conference at Montevideo, Uruguay, 2024, by ACSRAL & RC-22, ISA.
- Registration grant from RC-22, and ISA, to attend the XX World Congress of Sociology, at Melbourne, Australia, 2023.
- Award of Honor, Swadeshi Jagaran Manch, Bathinda, 2023.
- Women Inspirations of Bathinda, by Ashirwad Welfare Society, Bathinda, 2022.

- Full conference bursary to present a plenary address on “Beginning with Polanyi: Global Capitalism Vs. Civil Society Movements in Neo-liberal India”, in the international conference, *A Great Transformation? Global Perspectives on Contemporary Capitalisms*, at Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria, from 9th to 13th January, 2017.
- Doctoral Fellowship by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, 2012-2014.
- Full conference bursary, awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru University, to present a paper entitled, “Religious Associations and Development in India: A Study of the Ramakrishna Mission”, in the 2nd International Conference of Social Sciences (ICSS), organized by the University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, November, 2013.
- 3rd Position in Delhi University and 1st Position in Hindu College, New Delhi, in B.A. (Hons.) Sociology 3rd Year Examination, 2007.
- 2nd Position in North East India I.T. Olympiad, organized by the North East Information Technology Association, 2001.

Countries Visited: Austria, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Czech Republic, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, Morocco, Myanmar, Kazakhstan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Qatar, Thailand, Uruguay, Uzbekistan.

Research Grants:

- “Voluntary Organizations, Drug De-addiction and Rehabilitation in Punjab: Sacred Vs. Secular Approaches”, as Principal Investigator (PI), sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, under Major Projects, from January 2018- September 2020 (Sanctioned amount: 700000 INR)
- “Indian Beliefs: Analysis in the Context of Vedic and Modern Science”, as Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI), sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, for a period of 2 years, from May, 2019- May 2022 (sanctioned amount: 3500000 INR).

Publications:

Journal Articles:

- Alemu, Dagnachew and Dutta, Sumedha. 2025. The Ethiopian Government’s Role in Ethnic Empowerment: Insights from Sidama, Central and Southern Ethiopia. In *International Journal on Minority and Group Rights*, 18th July. (SCOPUS Indexed)

- Alemu, Dagnachew and Dutta, Sumedha. “Ethnic Identity and Social Dynamics: The Evolution of Ethnic Identity and Its Implications in Central and Southern Ethiopia”. In *Afrika Focus* (accepted; SCOPUS Indexed).
- Dutta, Sumedha and Mishra, Pallavi. 2024. Expectation of Young Adults from Marital lives/Marriage: A Case Study, in *Journal of Asiatic Society for Social Science Research*, Volume 6, Issue 2: pp. 73-92
- Charanteja, Mahadevuni, and Dutta, Sumedha. 2023. “Tracing Gender Norms in the Political Sphere: A Study on the Nizamabad (Urban) Assembly Constituency of Telangana”, *International Journal for Multidisciplinary Research(IJFMR)*, Vol5(6)Online,(<https://doi.org/10.36948/ijfmr.2023.v05i06.9668>)
- Singh, Anoop and Dutta, Sumedha. 2023. “The Concept of Seva in Sikhism and its Practice for Holistic Well-being- An Analysis”, *International Journal for Multidisciplinary Research*, Vol. 5, 5. (<https://doi.org/10.36948/ijfmr.2023.v05i05.6109>)
- Khosla, Samriti, Dutta, Sumedha et. al., 2022. “A Review of Modern and Vedic Practices on Use of Umbilical Cord”, *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology* 2588-2591, <https://doi.org/10.1080/01443615.2022.2111254> (SCOPUS Impact factor: 1.66)
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2021. “Analysing Sites of Contestations: Review of Sadan Jha, Dev Nath Pathak and Amiya Kumar Das (edited), *Neighborhoods in Urban India: In between home and the city*”, *The Book Review*, 45(7): 26-28
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2020. “The Status of Women in Contemporary Indian Society: An Overview”, *Society, Gender and Family in Central Asia* (journal of OILA MARQAZI, under the Cabinet of Ministers, Uzbekistan), 2 (1), 81-103
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2018. Review of the book, *Revolution, Yes! Right Liquidationism, No! Series of Letters Sent to the Headquarters of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist)* by Yogendra Dhakal. *Society and Culture in South Asia*, Vol. 4, Issue 2, July: 323 – 326 (SCOPUS impact factor: 1.2)
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2018. Review of the book *Decentralisation, Governance and Development*, by Pranab Kumar Das. *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 67, No. 1, April: 130- 132 (SCOPUS impact factor : 0.68)
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2016. “Urban Living and Quality Time with Family”, *Research Journal Social Sciences*, 24(1&2): 154-176
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2018. “The Politics of Power Vs. The Politics of Identity: Understanding the Dynamics of Statehood Demands in Assam”, *IGPP-VMF: Papers in South Asian Governance, Policies and Politics*, February, No. 2.
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2014. “Religious Associations and Development in India: A Study of the Ramakrishna Mission”, *Journal of Social Sciences* (Kelaniya University, Sri Lanka), Vol. 6, No. 2: 96 - 111

- Dutta, Sumedha. 2014. “Dvaitvaad se pare: Aadhunik Bharat Mein Dhaarmik Sansthaon ki Bhoomika”, *Bharatiya Samaj Shastra Sameeksha*, Vol. 1, No. 1.: 107- 112

Book Chapters:

- Dutta, Sumedha. 2025. “Sustainable Development, Vocational Education, and Nation Building: The Role of Civil Society in Promoting NEP 2020”, in Manish Kumar Verma (ed.) book, *New Education Policy, Sustainable Development and Nation Building: Perspectives, Issues and Challenges*, Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group, UK.
- Odamo, Dagnachew Alemu and Dutta, Sumedha. 2024. “Historicizing Ethnic Identity Politics in Ethiopia”. In Aurora Martin and Nandini Basistha (ed.). *Human Security in a Polarized World*. Interdisciplinary Institute of Human Security and Governance, New Delhi: 101-111
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2017. “Mapping the Plight of the Urban Poor in the Era of LPG”, in Anand Kumar, Sarada Prasanna Das and Ashish Kumar Das (ed.), *Chronic Poverty in India: Issues, Policies and Challenges*, New Delhi: Vitasta Publishing: 420-440

Invited Talks and Resource Person:

- Invited as a discussant in the Diplomacy Dialogue series to deliberate on the topic, “*Digital Storytelling and Social Media Diplomacy*”, in the School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, on the 4th of November, 2025 at SGT University, Budhera, Gurugram- Haryana, India.
- Invited as a resource person to deliver a speech on “Socio Economic impacts of Natural and Man-made Disasters”, in the *International conference on Disaster Management*, organized by Government Degree College Dehar, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, on the 8th of November, 2025.
- Invited speaker on “New Religious Movements and their Concept of Wellness through Spirituality in India”, - the 6th seminar in a series entitled, *Religions and Identities in Global Geopolitical Contexts*, coordinated by the Program of Imaginary Studies at the Regional Center for Multidisciplinary Research (CRIM), part of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, March 5th, 2025 (Online, broadcasted through YouTube - <https://lnkd.in/gYjZVjZ8>)
- Key Speaker on, “Consumerism, Stress and Drugs: The New Narrative of Urban Development in Punjab?”, in Technical Session 1 of RC 19: Urban Studies, in the 49th All India Sociological Conference, organized by the Indian Sociological Society, at BML Munjal University, Gurgaon, Haryana, 22nd December, 2024.
- Invited talk on, “Beyond the Sacred - Profane Dichotomy? New Religious Movements and Their Concept of Wellness through Spirituality in South Asia” in the XXI Jornadas de Alternativas Religiosas en América Latina, Joint

Meeting of RC-22, Sociology of Religion (ISA) and ACSRAL, in the Catholic University of Uruguay, Montevideo, on the 22nd of July, 2024.

- Resource person to speak on “Sustainable Development, Vocational Education and Nation Building: Role of NEP 2020”, in a four day workshop on Quality Education in Jammu and Kashmir: Role of NEP 2020, organized by Jammu and Kashmir Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (IMPA), Srinagar, from 25th to 28th of June, 2024.
- Resource person in an ICSSR sponsored two day national seminar on Information Technology and its Impact on Society, organized by Bebe Nanaki University College Mithra, Kapurthala, on the 27th and 28th of March, 2024.
- Resource person for a 12 Days DoPT, Government of India sponsored Induction training programme for newly recruited cutting edge level State Government functionaries, to deliver a talk on the topic: Stress management, on the 12th of May, 2022, at Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University, Firozpur
- Resource person for a 12 Days DoPT, Government of India sponsored Induction training programme for newly recruited cutting edge level State Government functionaries, to deliver a talk on the topic: Emotional Intelligence, on the 12th of May, 2022, at Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University, Firozpur
- Resource person for a three-day training programme on “Gender Budgeting”, conducted by Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration Regional Centre Bathinda, to deliver a talk on the topic, “Gender Equality in Local Governance and why rethink rotation of reservation in Panchayati”, on the 28th of March, 2022, at DC secretariat, Bathinda.
- Resource person for a three-day capacity building training programme on “Women in Politics”, conducted by Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration Regional Centre Bathinda, in collaboration with National Commission for Women, to deliver a talk on the topic, “Women’s Rights to Participate in Politics: Breaking the barriers and Women’s empowerment”, on the 6th of December, 2021, at DC secretariat, Bathinda.
- Resource person for a three-day capacity building training programme on “Women in Politics”, conducted by Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration Regional Centre Bathinda, in collaboration with National Commission for Women, to deliver a talk on the topic, “Presentation, Communication and Writing Skills”, on the 7th of December, 2021, at DC secretariat, Bathinda.
- Resource person for a three-day capacity building training programme on “Women in Politics”, conducted by Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration Regional Centre Bathinda, in collaboration with National Commission for Women, to deliver a talk on the topic, “Women’s Rights to Participate in Politics: Breaking the barriers and Women’s empowerment”, on the 1st of December, 2021, at DC secretariat, Bathinda.
- Chaired a session entitled, Performative traditions in Asia: The Bahurupias, at an International conference on Performative Traditions in Asia, organized by

Department of Sociology, South Asian University (supported by IMPRESS-ICSSR), 2021

- Discusssant at an online Book discussion event, The state of cities- #City Conversations and Book Discussion: Neighborhoods in Urban India: In between Home and the City, organized by Centre for Habitat, Urban and Regional Studies (CHURS), IMPRI Impact and Policy Research Institute, New Delhi, 2021
- Invited talk on “ Exploring the Position of Women in India”, at the Scientific and Practical Research Centre, OILA Marqazi, at the Cabinet of Ministers, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, June, 2019.
- Resource person to deliver a talk on, “Exploring the Interfaces between Sociology, Political Science and International Relations”, at the National Workshop on “Philosophical and Methodological Foundations of Political Science and International Relations”, organized by the Teaching Learning Centre, under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching, at Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, India, February, 2019.
- Invited talk on, “Beginning with Polanyi: Global Capitalism Vs. Civil Society Movements in Neo-liberal India”, in the international conference, *A Great Transformation? Global Perspectives on Contemporary Capitalisms*, at Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria, from 9th to 13th January, 2017, as a Plenary Speaker.
- Invited talk on, “Religious Associations as Civil Society? The Case of India”, at Institute Fur Asien-und Afrikawissenschaften, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, January, 2017.
- Resource person on, “People’s Movements”, Competitive Examination Cell, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, Punjab, India, 2016.
- Resource person to speak on, “Research Report Preparation and Publication” in a one week workshop on *Research Methodology and Data Analysis Using SPSS*, jointly organized by the Department of Statistics and Department of Education, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh, India, 2016.

Invited interviews (International):

- Interviewed by Lukas Weiselberg, for the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation ORF, on the relevance of Karl Polanyi’s *The Great Transformation*, for understanding the social, economic and political realities of contemporary India, on the 11th of January, at Linz Austria.

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Sessions organized

- Convenor of the International Sociological Association, RC – 22 Mid-term conference on *Global Flows and Reconfigurations of the Sacred*, scheduled to be held from 5th to 8th February, 2026, at the Department of Sociology, South Asian University, New Delhi.
- Convenor of the Sociology Seminar Series, South Asian University, New Delhi
- Co-organizer of the RC 22 session, “Spirituality and Nature in the Anthropocene” at the 5th International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology held in the Mohammed V University of Rabat, Morocco, from the 6th to 12th of July, 2025
- Co-organizer of the RC 22 session, “New Approaches to the Study of Religion” at the 5th International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology held in the Mohammed V University of Rabat, Morocco, from the 6th to 12th of July, 2025
- Co-organizer of the RC 22 session, “Dissertations in Progress” at the 5th International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology held in the Mohammed V University of Rabat, Morocco, from the 6th to 12th of July, 2025
- Convenor of a programme entitled, Free Thinkers Values – a conversation of Professor Anand Kumar with Dr. Dev Pathak, organized by the Department of Sociology, SAU, March 2025.
- Member Organizing Committee, Two Week Capacity Building Programme for young Faculty Members in Social Sciences, organized by Department of Sociology, CUPB, sponsored by ICSSR, 2024
- Convenor of a programme entitled, Gender in Modern India – a Book talk and Quiz contest, with Professor Lata Singh (JNU) and Dr. Shashank Shekhar Sinha (Routledge), organized by the Department of Sociology, SAU, May, 2025

Paper Presentations at Seminars and Conferences:

- Dutta, Sumedha. 2025. “Why Should Boys Have All the Fun? Exploring the Impact of Solo Female Travelers on Society and the Hospitality Industry in India”, in the RC50 Session on “Evolving Tourism: New Trends, Diverse Travelers, and Innovative Experience Models” at the 5th International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology held in the Mohammed V University of Rabat, Morocco, from the 6th to 12th of July, 2025
- Singh, A. and Dutta, S. 2025. “Sikhism and Environmental Activism: A Comprehensive Analysis of Ecosikh and Khalsa Aid Fostering Sustainability and Justice” at the RC 22 session, "Spirituality and Nature in the Anthropocene" in the 5th International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology held in the Mohammed V University of Rabat, Morocco, from the 6th to 12th of July, 2025
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2024. “The Color of Modernity is Grey: Religious Organizations, Political Activism and Decision-making in Contemporary India”, in the XXI Jornadas de Alternativas Religiosas en América Latina, Joint

Meeting of RC-22, Sociology of Religion (ISA) and ACSRAL, in the Catholic University of Uruguay, Montevideo, 22nd July, 2024.

- Alemu, Dagnachew and Dutta, Sumedha. 2024. “Identity Politics and its Repurcussions in Ethiopia”, in ICSSR sponsored two day national seminar on Caste, Tribe and Gender in India’s Policy and Landscape, organized by Department of Sociology, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab, 15th-16th March.
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2023. “Covid Pandemic, Rising Authoritarianism, Food Insecurity and Emerging Cultural, Social, Economic, Political and Democratic Challenges”, in XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne Australia
- Singh, Anoop and Dutta, Sumedha. 2023. “Interrogating the Sikh Response to Environmental Degradation and Climate Change: A Case Study of the Ecosikh in Punjab”, in XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne Australia
- Dutta Sumedha. 2023. “Beyond the Sacred – Profane Dichotomy? New Religious Movements and Their Concept of Wellness through Spirituality in South Asia”, in XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne Australia
- Dutta Sumedha. 2023. “Substance Abuse, Stigma, and the Right to Health for Drug-dependent persons: A Case study of Punjab and Chandigarh”, presented in a three day international conference on Sustainable Development Goals and the Gandhian Way, organized by the Gandhian School of Democracy and Socialism, ITM, Gwalior
- Dutta Sumedha. 2023. “Religious Diversity: Dialogue and Integration”, in XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne Australia
- Dutta Sumedha. 2023. “Sustainable Development, Vocational Education and Nation Building: The Role of Civil Society in Promoting NEP 202”, in a two day national seminar on National Education Policy 2020, Sustainable Development Goals and Nation Building, organized by Department of Sociology, BBAU, Lucknow, 3rd-4th November.
- Dutta Sumedha. 2022. “Indigenous Knowledge Systems and water management in Hill cities of India”, in the Mid term workshop of RC 19, ISS, at University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya
- Dutta Sumedha. 2022. “Urbanism in India and the Growing preference for spirituality: A case study of the Art of Living Foundation” in the 47th All India Sociological Conference, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2019. “Leisure and Sustainable Rural Development in Thailand: A Case Study of the Khlong-Bang-Bai-Mai and Khlong-Roi-Sai Agri-tourism Sites”, at the International Sociological Association conference on the theme, *Leisure and Social Development in the Post Modern Era: Contemporary Issues and Challenges*, held at Lucknow University, India, from the 2nd to the 4th of December.
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2017. “Beginning with Polanyi: Global Capitalism Vs. Civil Society Movements in Neo-liberal India”, in the international conference, *A Great Transformation? Global Perspectives on Contemporary Capitalisms*,

- at Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria, from 9th to 13th January.
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2016. “Religion and Welfare in the Indian Scenario: A Study of Ramakrishna Mission and Salesians of Don Bosco”, at the 42nd All India Sociological Conference, held at Tezpur University, Assam (27th – 30th December)
 - Dutta, Sumedha. 2016. “A double movement? Global Capitalisms vs. Civil Society Movements in Neo-liberal India”, at the 42nd All India Sociological Conference, held at Tezpur University, Assam (27th – 30th December)
 - Dutta, Sumedha. 2014. “The Salesian Movement and Civil Society in Guwahati”, at the 40th All India Sociological Conference, held at the Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi (29th November - 1st December).
 - Dutta, Sumedha. 2013. “Forced Nationalisms, Failed Development and the Politics of Recognition: Understanding the Dynamics of Statehood Demands in Assam” at the 39th All India Sociological Conference, held at the Karnataka State Open University (27th - 29th of December).
 - Dutta, Sumedha. 2013. “Negotiating the Adaptability of Tradition: The Role of Religious Associations in Modern India”, at the Interdisciplinary National Seminar on ‘Towards Understanding Modernization of Indian Tradition’, honoring the contributions of Prof. Yogendra Singh and celebrating 40 years of his book, *Modernization of Indian Tradition*, organized by the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, in collaboration with ICSSR (9th - 11th December).
 - Dutta, Sumedha. 2013. “Religious Associations and Development in India: A Study of the Ramakrishna Mission”, at the 2nd International Conference of Social Sciences (ICSS), organized by the University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka (22nd - 23rd of November).
 - Dutta, Sumedha. 2013. “The Politics of Power vs. the Politics of Identity: Understanding the Dynamics of Statehood Demands in Assam” at the seminar entitled “North-east: New Issues, Young Voices”, organized by the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) in collaboration with India International Centre (IIC), at IIC, New Delhi (23rd of August).
 - Dutta, Sumedha. 2012. “Urban Associational Cultures and Civil Society in India”, at the 38th All India Sociological Conference, of the Indian Sociological Society, held at the Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur (27th - 29th of December).

- Dutta, Sumedha. 2011. “Frenzied Urban Living and Quality Time with Family”, at the 37th All India Sociological Conference, of the Indian Sociological Society, held at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (11th - 13th of December).
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2010. “Rise of Residents Welfare Associations and the Phenomenon of Urban Development- A Case- study of Three RWAs in South Delhi”, at the 36th All India Sociological Conference, on the theme *Development, Polity and Social Tensions*, held at the Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Orissa (27th - 29th of December).
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2010. “The Dynamics of Displacement in North East India: A Reflection”, at the National Seminar on *Social Research on North East India: Issues and Challenges*, organized by the North East India Studies Programme (NEISP), Jawaharlal Nehru University, at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (25th -26th February).
- Dutta, Sumedha. 2009. “Mapping the Plight of the Urban Poor in the Era of Globalization: A Sociological Study” at the 35th All India Sociological Conference on the theme *Identity, Development and Nation Building*, organized by the Indian Sociological Society, held at the Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Kashmir (10th -12th of October).

Membership of Learned Bodies:

- Life Member, Indian Sociological Society (ISS)
- Member, International Sociological Association (ISA)
- Member, Research Committee on Sociology of Religion, RC-22, ISA
- Member, Research Committee on Sociology of Tourism, RC-50, ISA
- Life Member, North East India Sociological Association (NEISA).

Research Collaboration

- Collaborated with Dr. Samriti Khosla, DAV University, Jalandhar, on a DST sponsored research project entitled, “Indian Beliefs: Analysis in the Context of Vedic and Modern Science”

Peer Recognition

- Reviewer, Religions Journal, MDPI (Scopus Indexed – 0.8 impact factor)
- Reviewer, Society, Gender and Family in Central Asia, published by OILA, under Cabinet of Ministers, Uzbekistan, 2019-present
- Reviewer, Research Journal Social Sciences, Punjab University, Chandigarh,

2016 -17

Faculty Training Programme Attended:

- Attended a 2-week National Workshop on Curriculum Design and Development organized by PMMMMNMTT, School of Education, Central University of Punjab (Online), from 3rd to 16th of February, 2021.
- Attended the 115th Orientation Programme organized by UGC-HRDC, Panjab University, Chandigarh, from 28th June, 2017 to 25th July, 2017.

PhD Supervision

- Awarded: 1
- Recently Submitted: 1
- Supervising : 3

M.A. Supervision:

- Supervised 9 M.A. Projects and 9 M.A. Dissertations
- Supervising 10 M.A. Dissertations

Administrative and Other Responsibilities

- Member, Academic Committee, Department of International Relations, South Asian University 2025-
- Member, The SAU Employee Welfare Fund, 2025-
- Member, PR Committee, SAU, 2025-
- Coordinator, Alumni Cell, CUPB, 2021-2025
- Member North-east Cell, CUPB
- Member, Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), Central University of Punjab, 2018-2020
- Member, Board of Studies, Department of Sociology, 2016-2021.
- Member, Board of Studies, Department of South and Central Asian Studies, Central University of Punjab, 2019-2021.
- Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economic Studies, Central University of Punjab, 2021-24.
- Co-coordinator, Teaching Learning Centre, under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching, Central University of Punjab, 2018-2025.
- Member, Organizing Committee, One Day Training Programme on Human Rights, Funded by National Human Rights Commission, Central University of Punjab, November, 2018
- Member, Organizing Committee, Youth Parliament, Central University of Punjab, 2018
- Member, Organizing Committee, Nation Wide Legal Awareness Competition,

- Central University of Punjab, 2018.
- Secretary, Women’s Association, Central University of Punjab, 2017-18
 - Faculty Advisor, NSS, Central University of Punjab, 2017-2019
 - Member, Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan, Central University of Punjab, 2016-present
 - Teacher-in-charge, Department of Sociology, Central University of Haryana, 2015.
 - Teacher-in-charge for dissemination of Social Skills, under Placement Cell, Central University of Haryana, 2015.
 - Member, Board of Studies, Department of Sociology, Central University of Haryana, 2014-2015, 2015-16.
 - Coordinator of the event, “Youth Contribution to the Beijing +20 Review Debate”, jointly organized by Centre for Social Research (CSR), New Delhi, and Central University of Haryana, March, 2015.
 - Member, School Board, School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Central University of Haryana, 2014-2015.
 - Assistant Warden, Girls’ Hostel, Central University of Haryana, 2014 – 2015.
