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### **Education**

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- 2009 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Chicago  
2001 M.A. Sociology, The New School for Social Research  
1999 B.A. Social Relations & Anthropology, with honors, James Madison College at Michigan State University

### **Research and Teaching Interests**

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Urban sociology, Political economy, Globalization, Political sociology, Development, South Asia

### **Employment and Affiliations**

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- 2009 – Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Northeastern University.  
2009 – Senior Research Associate, Michael and Kitty Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy, Northeastern University.  
2007-2009 Preceptor, Masters of Arts Program in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.  
2003-2005 Research Assistant, Program on Human & Community Development, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

### **Articles in Refereed Journals**

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- 2009 “Democracy in the Globalizing Indian City: Engagements of Political Society and the State in Globalizing Mumbai,” *Politics & Society*, 37(3) (forthcoming Sept 2009).  
2009 “The Changing Right to the City: Urban Renewal and Housing Rights in Globalizing Shanghai and Mumbai,” (co-authored with Xuefei Ren) *City & Community*, 8(3) (forthcoming Sept 2009).  
2008 “Mumbai’s Development Mafias: Organized Crime, Land Development, and Globalization,” *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 32(1): 22-39.  
2007 “Explaining Incomprehensible Bombay in Three Volumes,” *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 31(1): 225–231.

### **Book Reviews**

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- 2008 *Urban Studies*, Sujata Patel and Kusal Deb (eds.) New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2006. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 32(2): 526–528.  
2005 *Investigating Social Capital: Comparative Perspectives on Civil Society, Participation and Governance*, Sanjeev Prakash and Per Selle (eds.) Sage Publications, 2004. *South Asia News*, Autumn/Winter 2004-05.

## **Other Publications**

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- 2008 “The Shanghai Effect: Political Devolution and Mega-Project Development in China and India,” (with Xuefei Ren) *India in Transition*, 03/10/2008.
- 2002 “The Training Experiences of Transitioning Workers,” (co-authored with Jamie Harris and Thomas E. Lengyel) in Faces of Change: Welfare Policy Through the Lens of Personal Experience. Milwaukee, WI: Alliance for Children and Families. 2002.
- 2000 “Preserving the Social as well as the Structure: The Potential Role of the Applied Sociologist in the Field of Historic Preservation.” *Social Insight*, Fall 2000.

## **Publications Under Review**

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- “Urban Mega-Projects and Scalar Transformations in China and India” (co-authored with Xuefei Ren), *Journal of Urban Affairs*.
- “Democratic Citizenship in Globalizing Mumbai” in R. Desai and R. Sanyal (eds.) Cities and Citizenship: Interrogating Urbanism in Contemporary South Asia. Blackwell Series in Urban and Social Change (Revise and Resubmit.)
- “Building Politics: Gender and Political Power in Globalizing Mumbai,” (with Tarini Bedi) in S. Dasgupta (ed.) Gender and Power in Global Context. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- “Global Recognition, Local Legitimacy: The Role of Planning Consultants in the Making of Mumbai’s Global Downtown,” in G. McDonogh and M. Peterson (eds.) Global Downtowns. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

## **Awards and Competitive Fellowships**

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- 2008 Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA’s Political Sociology Section.
- 2008 Funded participant at the Advanced Graduate Workshop on Poverty, Development and Globalization, University of Manchester’s Brooks World Poverty Institute (BWPI), Co-sponsored by Columbia University’s Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD).
- 2007 University of Chicago Cmt on Southern Asian Studies Dissertation Writing Grant.
- 2006 University of Chicago Cmt on Southern Asian Studies Dissertation Research Grant.
- 2005 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Grant. (Funds not released due to visa complications)
- 2005 Doolittle-Harrison Conference Travel Grant, supported attendance at the International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress in Durban, South Africa.
- 2005 American Sociological Association (ASA) National Science Foundation-funded Travel grant for attendance at International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress.
- 2004 University of Chicago Committee on Southern Asian Studies Field Research Grant.
- 2003 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Marathi Language.
- 2003 Foreign Language Enrichment Program (FLEP) Fellowship, Marathi Language.
- 2003 Funded participant at the South Asia Summer Language Institute, University of Wisconsin.
- 1999 James Kennedy Memorial Award for the Best Student Paper, Society for Applied Sociology.

## **Selected Conferences and Invited Presentations**

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- 2009 “Building Politics: Gender and Political Power in Globalizing Mumbai,” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting.
- 2009 “Slumdog Millionaire: A Panel Discussion,” University of Chicago, Center for Southern Asian Studies.
- 2009 “The Power of Place in Old Town Lansing,” Michigan State University, Program on American Studies, Lansing 150 Old Town Commemoration, East Lansing, MI.
- 2008 “Democracy in the Globalizing Indian City: Co-optation and Participation in Mumbai’s Slum Redevelopment,” 38th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin.
- 2008 “‘Metropolitanizing’ the State: Scalar Transformations and Mega-Project Development in Shanghai and Mumbai,” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting.
- 2008 “Democracy in the Globalizing City: Democratic Participation in Mumbai’s Mega-Project Development,” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting.
- 2008 “Urban Development in Contemporary India,” Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill (SOM) Spring Leadership Annual Partners’ Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2008 “Democracy in the Globalizing City: Democratic Participation in Mumbai’s Mega-Project Development,” University of California, Symposium on Cities and Citizenship.
- 2007 “The Best Laid Plans: The Sorted History of Master Planning in India’s Commercial Capital,” Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting.
- 2007 “Developing a Consensus: Authoritarianism, Participation, and Negotiation in Mumbai’s Land Development Politics,” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting.
- 2007 “Mumbai’s Development Mafias: Organized Crime, Land Development, and Globalization,” Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting.
- 2007 “The Rise of Planning Consultants and the Transformation of Urban Development in India’s Commercial Capital,” Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Annual Meeting.
- 2007 “The Best Laid Plans: The Sorted History of Urban Planning in India’s Commercial Capital,” Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Meeting.
- 2006 “Reading Globalization on the City: The Case of the Dharavi Development Project,” Rachana College, Urban Studies Program. Mumbai, India.
- 2006 “Mumbai’s Development Mafias: Organized Crime, Land Development, and Globalization,” International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress.

## **Teaching and Advising**

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### **Undergraduate Courses**

- Spring 2007 Immigrant Experiences, DePaul University
- Winter 2007 Urban Sociology, DePaul University
- Autumn 2002 Introduction to Sociology, Saint Mary’s College

### **Graduate Seminars**

- Autumn 2009 Seminar in Urban Sociology, Northeastern University
- Autumn 2008 Perspectives in Social Science Analysis, University of Chicago
- Autumn 2007 Perspectives in Social Science Analysis, University of Chicago

## Professional Service

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### Service to Scholarly Journals

- 2006-2007 Student Manuscript Review Board: *American Journal of Sociology*  
2003-2005 Book Review Editorial Board: *American Journal of Sociology*  
Occasional Manuscript Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Applied Sociology*, *Michigan Sociological Review*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*

### Conference Organizing

- April 2007 Local Arrangements Co-Chair, Midwest Sociological Society/North Central Sociological Association Conference.  
Feb. 2006 Conference Coordinator, Partnerships in Urban Research and Knowledge (PUKAR) and the Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS), Mumbai, India, *Mediascapes: Shifting Boundaries, Contested Terrains*.  
2003-2004 Coordinator, University of Chicago, Workshop on the Sociology & Cultures of Globalization.  
April 2004 Conference Coordinator, University of Chicago, Annual Globalization Conference, *Mediating Scale: Localizing Transnational Processes*.

### Professional Association Membership

- Since 2001 American Sociological Association (ASA), Sections on Community & Urban Sociology and Political Sociology.  
Since 2005 Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)  
Since 2005 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)  
2001-2009 Society for Social Research (SSR) at University of Chicago.

### Institutional Affiliations

- Since 2007 The Bombay Observatory at the New School University  
2003-2007 Transnationalism Project at University of Chicago

## References

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### **Saskia Sassen**, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology

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