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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D. in Conflict and Development Studies (Political Science), Ghent University, Belgium, 2018.

Dissertation Title: “No Way Out of the Woods: the Political Ecology of Resource Extraction, Livelihoods and Conservation in Assam, India”.

Master of Arts (Social Work, 1st Class), specialization in Dalit and Tribal Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India, 2010.

Dissertation Title: “Accessibility to Health and Support Services by Injecting Drug Users in Guwahati, Assam.”

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science, with 1st Class Honours), University of Delhi, India.

LANGUAGES

English, Hindi, Bengali, Assamese, Urdu and German (elementary).

PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018 – Post Doctoral Researcher (Tenure Track), Christian Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen, Norway

2014 – 2018 Doctoral Researcher, Ghent University, Belgium.

2017 Visiting Assistant in Research, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, USA.

2017 Visiting Doctoral Candidate, RISEZAsia Project, Department of Anthropology, Aarhus University, Denmark.

2016–2018 Visiting Fellow, Center for North-East Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi.

2012 – 2013 Research Scholar, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva Switzerland.

2013 – 2014 Research Assistant, University of Tuebingen, Germany.

2011 – 2012 Security Analyst, International SOS, New Delhi, India.

2011 Disaster Management Analyst, Risk Management Solutions India (RSMI), Noida, India.

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

2010 Assistant Project Officer, Gujarat Rural Livelihood Promotion (Government of Gujarat), Gandhinagar, India.

2009 Student Researcher, The Action North East Trust, Assam.

2008 Counsellor, Govt. Special Rehabilitation Home, Mumbai.

2008 Field Worker, Action Aid, Rural Maharashtra, India.

2007 Coordinator, Society for People’s Action for Development, Bangalore.

2006 Co-Founder and chief coordinator, Khoj Foundation, New Delhi
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1yV384ovPI>).

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

2021 Dutta A and Bo Nielsen K. Autocratization of Environmental Governance in India, eds. Sten Widmalm in Autocratization in South Asia, Routledge (*forthcoming*)

- 2021 Dutta A and Shailendra Y. Indigenous Irrigation system connecting place people and planet., eds. Smyer yu and de Maaker, Routledge Series on Environmental Humanities (*forthcoming*).
- 2021 Seagar J, Bowser G. and Dutta A. Where are the women? Towards gender equality in the ranger workforce. *PSF- The Interdisciplinary Journal of Place-Based Conservation*, 36:4 (*forthcoming*)
- 2021 Dutta A. A phenomenological exploration of lived experiences of violence in northeast India. *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, 44:4 (*forthcoming*).
- 2020 Dutta A and Fischer H. The local governance of Covid-19: Disease prevention and social security in rural India. *World Development*. (*forthcoming*)
- 2020 Raju E, Dutta A and Sonja K. COVID-19 in India: Who are we leaving behind? Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning (*forthcoming*)
- 2020 Dutta A. Forest becomes frontline: Conservation and counterinsurgency in a space of violent conflict in Assam, Northeast India. *Political Geography*, 77, 102117.
- 2018 Dutta, A. "Rural informalities and forest squatters in the reserved forests of Assam, India." *Critical Asian Studies*: 1-22.
- 2017 Dutta A. and Suykens B. Verwantschap, "Ideologie en contraoffensieven: de transformatie van de relatie tussen rebellen en bevolking in Assam, India", *De alledaagse rebel : tien rebellengroepen in het Zuiden*: 67–88.
- 2017 Dutta, A. "Look East to Act East." *Economic & Political Weekly*, 52(16): 25.
- 2016 Dutta, A. "The Politics of Complexity in Bodoland: The Interplay of Contentious Politics, the Production of Collective Identities and Elections in Assam." *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, 39(2): 478-493.
- 2013 Dutta A. "Multilateral governance: To be or not to be: A case study of Northeast India." In N. Maslowski (Ed.), *Collective Memory and International Relations: 17th International Conference of Young Scholars* (Prague:): 70–85.

Other

- 2020 Davis, A., Gamble, R., Gupta, S., **Dutta, A.**, & Roche, G. (2020). Melting Opportunities: Managing climate change and conflict in the Himalaya. *The La Trobe Asia Brief*, (3).
- 2020 Dutta A. "Yoga og kumøkk mot korona" (<https://www.nrk.no/ytring/yoga-og-kumokk-mot-korona-1.14941444>)
- 2019 Dutta A. (Book Review), "Nightmarch: Among India's Revolutionary Guerillas" (<https://bit.ly/3cQg9Cf>)
- 2018 Dutta A. "More than 'link' persons: women recruits and insurgency in Assam" (<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/southasia/2018/05/17/a-look-at-insurgency-and-women-recruits-of-assams-bodo-areas/>).
- 2016 Dutta A. and Bhattacharjee M. "A letter to Prannoy Roy from two 'migrants' in Assam", *The Hindu*. (<http://www.thehindu.com/thread/politics-and-policy/article8498526.ece>).
- 2016 Dutta A. and Bhattacharjee M. "A letter to the National Media from two 'migrants' in Assam", *The Wire*. (<https://thewire.in/36762/a-letter-to-the-national-media-from-two-migrants-in-assam/>).
- 2015 Dutta A. and Dutta B. "Dear PM, You've Failed To Sell Us 'Your' Dream Of Digital India!" *Youth ki Awaz* (<https://www.youthkiawaz.com/2015/09/digital-india-is-another-form-of-colonialism/>).
- 2015 Dutta A. "Dear Mr. Prime Minister, You Failed To Sell Us Your Digital Un-Freedom." *Huffington Post*. (<http://www.huffingtonpost.in/author/anwasha-dutta-/>)

- 2010 Dutta A. "Accessibility to Health and Support Services by Injecting Drug Users: A study in the city of Guwahati (India)", LAP Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2017 "Crisis contexts in BTAD, Assam", 47th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA.
- 2017 "Whose land is it anyway? Legalizing (il)legality through the politics of 'dokhol' in the reserve forests of Assam, India ", Yale Modern South Asia Workshop, Yale University, USA.
- 2017 "*Running through the paddy fields in the dark, leeches sticking to our bodies*"- Fearscales in BTAD, Assam", British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) Annual Conference, University of Nottingham, UK.
- 2016 "Violent Democracies in South Asia-the case of BTAD, Assam", 46th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA
- 2016 "*Some cut it, some buy it, some sell it: the political economy of illegal timber logging in BTAD, Assam*", 10th EASAS PhD workshop in South Asia Studies, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2016 "Political Economy of illegal timber logging in BTAD, Assam", PRIO Conference on Multitude and Democracy, Guwahati, Assam
- 2016 "Legal ambiguities and the politics of land encroachment in reserved forests in Assam", Governance at the Edge of the State, University of Zurich, Zürich.
- 2015 "Coping and Conflict in BTAD, Assam", EISA Summer School on Political Conflict and Violence, Nafplio, Greece.
- 2015 "Political Economy of timber smuggling beyond scenes of conflict: the case of BTAD, Assam", Governance at the Edge of the State, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2015 "Politics of Complexity in BTAD, Assam", Reimagining India's North East: Narratives, Networks and Negotiation", Jamia Milia Islamic University, New Delhi.
- 2014 "Precarious life worlds: living in IDP camps post conflict in BTAD, Assam" Resources in the Social Context(s): Curse, Conflicts and the Sacred, University of Tuebingen, Germany.
- 2013 "Multilateral Solutions to Regional Conflicts", 17th Annual Conference on Young Scholars on Collective Memories and International Relations, Prague.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 "Militarized Conservation in Assam", Tokyo University, Japan
- 2018 "Illegal Resources Extraction within RFs in Assam", Kyoto University, Japan
- 2018 "Epistemologies of Rural Informalities among the Forest Squatters in Assam", Center for Himalayan Studies, CNRS, Paris
- 2017 "Constellations of power, authority and the political economy of illegal timber extraction in BTAD, Assam", Yale Himalaya Initiative, Yale University, USA
- 2016 "The politics of dokhol in BTAD, Assam", PRIO Conference on Multitude and Democracy, Guwahati, Assam.
- 2015 "Politics of Complexity and election violence in BTAD, Assam", HSS Graduate Seminar Series, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.

FUNDING

- 2018 FWO Post Doctoral Project Grant, Belgium (Declined).
- 2017 Visiting Scholar Grant, South Asia Council, Yale University, USA.
- 2017 AUFF Visiting Doctoral Researcher Grant, RISEZAsia Project, Department of Anthropology, Aarhus University, Denmark.

- 2016 Doctoral Finalization Scholarship, Special Research Fund (BOF), Ghent University, Belgium.
- 2014–17 Erasmus Mundus, Action 2, NAMASTE, European Commission.
- 2013 German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD, University of Tübingen (Offered but Declined).
- 2012 Hans Wisdorf Foundation, IHEID, Geneva.
- 2012 Erasmus Mundus, Action 2, European Commission, Trinity College, Dublin (Declined).

AWARDS

- 2010 Best Meritorious Student Award, highest marks at the Center for Social Justice and Equity, TISS, Mumbai.
- 2008 Gold Medal, highest marks in Political Science (Honours), Sri Venkateswara College, Delhi University.
- 2007 Silver Medal, 2nd highest marks in Political Science, Delhi University.

External Activities

Reviewer for *Critical Asian Studies*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Conservation and Society*, *ACME*, *Asian Ethnicity*, *Journal of Communication Inquiry*

Graduate Student Representative-Department of Conflict and Development Studies, Ghent University

Summer School Organizer, “Governance at the Edge of the State”, Ghent University, September, 2018

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