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- CURRENT POSITION** Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad
- EDUCATION** *PhD* (2016), Centre for Comparative Politics and Political Theory (CCP&PT), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Thesis Title: Making Feminist Sense of the Commercial Surrogacy ‘Industry’ in India
- M.Phil* (2011), Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament (CIPOD), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Dissertation title: Globalisation and Women’s Remunerative Work: The Case of Commercial Surrogacy in India
- M.A.* (2009) Politics with specialization in International Relations, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- B.A.* (2007) Political Science (Hons.), Miranda House, University of Delhi
- POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH AND FELLOWSHIPS**
- Postdoctoral Research Associate based at the Centre for Women’s Development Studies, New Delhi working on the European Research Council funded project “Laws of Social Reproduction” hosted at King’s College London; 15 October 2019 - 24 February 2020
 - Post-Doctoral Scholar, Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH; Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities), New Delhi, India; 01 September 2018 - 14 October 2019
 - Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies, University of Zurich, Switzerland, *Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship*, 1 September 2017 - 31 August 2018
- SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS**
- University Grants Commission (UGC) Junior Research Fellowship, 2010 - 2015 (upgraded to Senior Research Fellowship in January 2013)
 - *Schweizerische Akademie der Geistes und Sozialwissenschaften* (SAGW) Reisekosten - Early Career Researchers’ Travel Grant to attend the 25th European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS), Paris, France 2018
 - Young South Asia Scholars’ Meet (YSASM) Travel Grants - 2016 and 2011 to attend YSASM at Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), Georg-August University, Goettingen and Humboldt University, Berlin respectively in Germany
 - Travel Grant to attend the Critical Voices in Swiss IR conference at The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland 2012.
 - Fee Waiver Grant and Travel Grant from the Central European University-Summer University (CEU-SUN), Budapest, Hungary for Certificate Course on “Gender, State and Welfare in a Global Economy”, 2011 Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York
 - Travel Grant to attend Inter-Asian Connections II conference at National University of Singapore, 2010
 - ICSSR Conference Travel Grant to attend Inter-Asian Connections II conference at National University of Singapore, 2010 (Did not avail)

Journals

- Banerjee, Sneha (2019), “Beyond Healthcare at Hospitals: Understanding ‘Well Being’ Through Surrogacy”, in Clémence Jullien, Bertrand Lefebvre and Fabien Provost (eds.), *Hospitals in South Asia: Health Policies, Care Practices, Collection Puruṣārtha*, Centre d’Études de l’Inde et de l’Asie du Sud (CEIAS), Paris, Vol. 36, p. 207-215
- Banerjee, Sneha (2018), “Understanding Gestation Work in India Through Surrogacy Contracts”, *Interdisziplinäre Zeitschrift für Südasienforschung (The Interdisciplinary Journal for Research on South Asia)*, Heidelberg, Vol. 3: 1-29
- Banerjee, Sneha (2018), “The Law Commission and Surrogacy: A Critical Look at the 228th Report”, *Journal of Indian Law and Society*, “Indian Feminisms, Law Reform and the Law Commission of India: Special Issue in Honour of Lotika Sarkar” 6(Monsoon; dated 2015):44-64
- Banerjee, Sneha, Sarojini Nadimpally, Deepa Venkatachalam and Divya Bhagianadh (2016), “An idea whose time has come: Compensation for vaccine-related injuries and death in India”, *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, 11(2): 93-98
- Banerjee, Sneha (2012), “Emergence of the ‘Surrogacy Industry’”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 47(11): 27-29, 17 March

Book Chapters

- Banerjee, Sneha (2018), “Engendering International Relations: A Feminist Understanding”, in Siddharth Tripathi (ed.) *International Relations Today: Theories and Issues*, New Delhi: Worldview, p. 162-183
- Banerjee, Sneha and Amrita Nandy (2017), “When State Policy Refracts the Mother”, in Janelle Reinelt and Bishnupriya Dutt et. al. (eds.) *Gendered Citizenship: Manifestations and Performances*, Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan and New Delhi: Orient Black Swan, p. 63-77
- Banerjee, Sneha (Forthcoming), “Ecofeminism and Feminist Environmentalism: Critical Issues on Women and Environment” in Sunalini Kumar (ed.) *Women’s Empowerment: A Critical Reader*, Book Manuscript Under Review with Orient Black Swan, Delhi

Thematic Paper

- Banerjee, Sneha, Sarojini Nadimpally and Deepa Venkatachalam (2016), *Commercial Surrogacy: A Contested Terrain in the Realm of Rights and Justice*. ARROW Thematic Paper. Kuala Lumpur: Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)

Research Report

- Banerjee, Sneha, Chhatwal, Jeevika, Momin, Noorjahan, & Prakash, Preeti (2009). *Work to School: Overcoming Barriers to Social Inclusion-A Case Study of RBCs in Jamui, Bihar*. New Delhi: UNICEF-KCCI

Book Review

- Banerjee Sneha (2016), Book Review of Amrita Pande (2014), *Wombs in Labour: Transnational Commercial Surrogacy in India*, New York: Columbia University Press in *Society and Culture in South Asia*, 2(2): 311-13.

Other Articles

- Banerjee, Sneha and Prabha Kotiswaran (2020), “Tracing the journey, and flaws, of the surrogacy bill”, *The Hindustan Times*, 16 February <https://www.hindustantimes.com/analysis/tracing-the-journey-and-flaws-of-the-surrogacy-bill/story-zuWjB3MXI3KHZ3lQ3dcpAJ.html>
- Banerjee, Sneha (2020), “Of Freedoms and Agency: Commercial Surrogacy and Reproductive Rights”, 22 January <https://lawsofsocialreproduction.net/team-blog/>
- Banerjee, Sneha and Sarojini Nadimpally (2017), “Uterus Transplants are Reinforcing Patriarchal Notions of ‘Biological Motherhood’”, *The Wire*, 20 May <https://thewire.in/137747/uterus-transplants-biological-motherhood>
- Banerjee, Sneha, Sarojini Nadimpally and Deepa Venkatachalam (2017), “India’s Abortion Wars”, *The Asian Age*, 17 April <http://www.asianage.com/opinion/oped/170417/indias-abortion-wars>.

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- Banerjee, Sneha, Sarojini Nadimpally and Deepa Venkatachalam (2016), “Regulating the Surrogacy Industry – A Feminist Perspective”, *Kafila.online*, 28 August <https://kafila.online/2016/08/28/regulating-the-surrogacy-industry-a-feminist-perspective-sarojini-nadimpally-deepa-venkatachalam-and-sneha-banerjee>
- Banerjee, Sneha and Sarojini Nadimpally (2016), “Why Do Women Need A Medical Board to Sign-off on Abortion?”, *The Wire*, 16 August 7 <http://thewire.in/59330/why-do-women-need-a-medical-board-to-sign-off-on-abortion/>
- Banerjee, Sneha (2013), “Shahrukh Khan, Surrogacy and Sex Selection”, *Kafila.online*, 22 June <https://kafila.online/2013/06/22/shahrukh-khan-surrogacy-and-sex-selection-sneha-banerjee>
- Banerjee, Sneha (2011), “The Curious Case of Commercial Surrogacy in India”, *Countercurrents.org*, 9 March <http://www.countercurrents.org/banerjee090311.htm>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc), Department of Political Science, Zakir Husain Delhi College, University of Delhi, 23 July-15 December 2012
- Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc), Department of Political Science, Gargi College, University of Delhi, 9 January 2013-30 April 2013
- As a Student Tutor, conducted Remedial Classes for M.A. Course “Political Thought I” (IS 401N) at the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, during August-November 2014

Guest teaching

- “Locating the Self in Doing Research”, to B.A. Social Anthropology students at University of Zurich, 21 and 28 February 2018
- Guest Lecture, to M.A. Sociology, Semester II students at the School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi as part of their course titled “Social Research” on 14 March 2016
- Guest Lecture, to B.A. First Year students of Liberal Arts at the School of Liberal Arts, Symbiosis International University (Pune) as part of the core subject “Diversity Studies”, 11 February 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Lecture on “Surrogacy and Human Rights”, for the SWAYAM Platform on “Human Rights, Ethics and Environment” by the National Resource Centre at Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Government of India. 2018
- Module Author, “Gender and International Politics”, e-PG Pathshala, Ministry of Human Resource Development, 2014
- Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Chapter Author, and, Course Coordination Consultant to Population Foundation of India (PFI) for Appreciation Program on Population and Sustainable Development (APPSD) launched in collaboration with IGNOU, 2013
- Examination Evaluator, University of Delhi, Political Science Courses - Comparative Government and Politics, Colonialism in India

Reviewer

- Journal & Publications - *Human Fertility* (Taylor & Francis), *Zurich Anthropology Working Papers - ZANTHRO* (University of Zurich, Switzerland), *Social Change* (Sage India)
- Conference Abstract Reviewer, *14th World Congress of Bioethics* organised by the International Association of Bioethics at Bengaluru, India, 2018

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- Project Coordinator at Sama Resource Group for Women and Health, New Delhi, 11 July 2017 - 11 July 2018.
- Consultant with Population Foundation of India (PFI), New Delhi, 5 June - 30 September 2013
- Consultant with The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, New Delhi, June - July 2010

- Part-time Documentation Assistant, Partners for Law and Development (PLD), New Delhi, September 2008 - August 2009
- Consultant with UNICEF, New Delhi, 8 December 2008 - 7 January 2009
- Summer Internship with the UNICEF – Knowledge Community on Children in India (KCCI) hosted by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), New Delhi, 28 May - 5 August 2008

CONFERENCES,
WORKSHOPS AND
LECTURES

- International Conference on (Non)Reproductive Freedom: Theories, Experiences and Movements, Ca'Foscari University of Venice, Italy, 5-6 December 2019. Title of the paper: "Commercial Surrogacy & Reproductive Freedom: Reflections from Regulatory Debates in India".
- Participant, Pre-Congress Symposium on "Unravelling Bio-markets: Through the lens of ethics, gender, race and political economy" at the World Congress of Bioethics, St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru, 4 December 2018.
- Presentation at the CSH Seminar Series, Title of the Paper: "From Legalising to Banning Commercial Surrogacy in India: Understanding the Regulatory U-turn", 26 November 2018.
- Invited Resource Person, Gender and Health Stream, International Public Health University (IPHU), People's Health Movement (PHM), Savar, Bangladesh, 9-12 November 2018.
- Invited Discussant, Young South Asia Scholars' Meet (Y-SASM) co-organised by South Asia Forum UZH and ETH, Zurich, Switzerland, 15-17 June 2018.
- 25th European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS), Paris, France. 24-27 July 2018, Title of the Paper: "Surrogacy in the City: Fertile Spaces for Women negotiating Livelihood".
- South Asia Forum Lecture Series, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland. 2 May 2018, Lecture Title: "Reproduction in the Market: Understanding Commercial Surrogacy in India".
- 6th Annual Conference of the International Feminist Journal of Politics (IFJP), hosted by the South Asian University, New Delhi. 9-11 April 2017, Title of the Paper: "The Personal is International': A Critical look at the Commercial Surrogacy 'Industry' in India".
- XV National Conference of the Indian Association of Women's Studies (IAWS), Chennai, India. 22-25 January 2017, Title of the Paper: "Who Can Play Mother? Answers in Parental Leave Provisions" (co-authored with Dr. Amrita Nandy).
- Invited Talk (along with Sarojini N.), UGC - SAP Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, 27 October 2016. Title of the Talk: "Surrogacy and the Regulation Bill 2016".
- Young South Asia Scholars Meet (Y-SASM) 2016 on the theme "Transformations of the Political", Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), Georg-August University, Gottingen, Germany. 24-25 June 2016, Title of the Paper: "Gestation Workers' in India: (Re)Producing for the Commercial Surrogacy 'Industry'".
- Jindal Global Law School, Seminar and Panel Discussion on "Surrogacy in India Today: Contract, Feminist and International Perspectives". 30 April 2016, Title of the Paper: "Mere Incubator or Gestation Worker?: The Woman who acts as Surrogate and the Law in India".
- Young Scholars' Conference, Department of Sociology, South Asian University, New Delhi; "On Gender and Sexuality: Discourses, Dialogues and Praxis in contemporary South Asia". 15-17 October 2015, Title of the Paper: "(In)Fertile Ground for Commercial Surrogacy in India: Making a Feminist Sense".
- UGC UKIERI Gendered Citizenship Project Research Scholar's Colloquium, School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. 19 February 2015, Title of the Paper: "The 'Gestation Work' by Surrogates and the Law".
- 'Left' in the Dark? Postcolonial Conversations on Law, Neoliberalism and Queer-Feminist Futures, Jindal Global Law School, New Delhi. 17-18 October 2014, Title of the Paper: "'Gestation Work' in Surrogacy and 'Affective Labour': Some Reflections".
- National Seminar on Surrogacy, National Law University Delhi and National Commission for Women, New Delhi. 13-14 September 2014, Title of the Paper: "Regulating Surrogacy: A Critical Analysis of the Indian Scenario".
- Invited Speaker in Plenary Session, "Social Sectors and Discriminations against Women and Children", at 20th Women's Political Empowerment Day Celebrations organised by Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, 23 April 2013.

- The Dawning of the ‘Asian Century’: Emerging Challenges before Theory and Practices of IR in India, First Annual Convention of the Indian Association of International Studies (IAIS), New Delhi. 10-12 December 2012, Title of the Paper: “Making Feminist Sense of the Transnational Commercial Surrogacy ‘Industry’”.
 - Surrogacy in India: Empirical Evidences and Policy Recommendations, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. 16-17 October 2012, Title of the Paper: “The Political Economy of Transnational Commercial Surrogacy in India”.
 - Critical Voices in Swiss IR: Feminism, Difference and Beyond, Programme on Gender and Global Change, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland. 10-11 May 2012, Title of the Paper: “Making Feminist Sense of the Transnational Commercial Surrogacy ‘Industry’”.
 - International Seminar on “Globalisation, Migration and Informalisation of Labour Markets”, CIPOD, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi & Norwegian University of Science and Technology, New Delhi. 12-14 March 2012, Title of the Paper: “Women’s ‘Labour’ in the Market: Understanding the Case of Commercial Gestational Surrogacy”.
 - International Conference on Feminism and the Law: Revisiting the Past, Rethinking the Present and Thinking the Way Forward, ILS Law College, Pune, India. 10-12 February 2012, Title of the paper: “Commercial Surrogacy and the Law in India: A Feminist Critique”.
 - Invited Discussant, Introductory Session at the Certificate Course on “Women and Laws in India”, Miranda House, University of Delhi. 7 February 2012.
 - Fifth Symposium, Delhi Chapter, Law and Social Sciences Research Network (LASSNET) on “Law and Life in India”, Centre for Studies in Law and Governance (CSLG), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. 4 February 2012, Title of the paper: “Commercial Surrogacy and the Law in India: A Feminist Critique”.
 - Workshop on “Feminist Research Methodology”, Inter-University Centre for Social Science Research and Extension (IUCSSRE), M.G. University, Kottayam, India. 26 September-1 October 2011.
 - Invited Discussant, Student Seminar on “Democratic Upheaval in the Arab World”, Centre for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. 19 September 2011.
 - Centre for Comparative European Union Studies Second International Workshop “Politics in the Global Age: Sovereignty, Citizenship, Territory and Nationalism”, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Madras, Chennai. 6-10 June 2011.
 - Young South Asia Scholars Meet (Y-SASM) 2011 on the theme “Engendering and Degendering South Asia”, Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. 19-21 May 2011, Title of the Paper: “Wombs-to-let: Subversive ‘Work’ or Exploitation under Capitalist Patriarchy?”.
 - XIII National Conference of the Indian Association of Women’s Studies (IAWS), Wardha, India. 21-24 January 2011, Title of the Paper: “New Forms of Remunerated (Re)Productive Labour: The Case of Commercial Surrogacy in India”.
 - Inter-Asian Connections II, Singapore; organized by the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York, National University of Singapore (NUS) and The Hong Kong Institute for Humanities and the Social Sciences (HKIHSS) and University of Hong Kong. 8-10 December 2010, Title of the Paper: “Globalization And Women’s Remunerative Work: The Curious Case Of Commercial Surrogacy In India”.
 - Workshop on “Feminist Research Methodology”, Indian Association of Women’s Studies (IAWS) and Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai. 23-26 February 2010.
 - National Conference on “Gender Empowerment and the State”, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata. 10-11 December 2009. Title of the Paper: “Work to School via RBCs: Empowerment through Education”.
- SHORT TERM COURSES
- 4-9 July 2011, “Gender, State and Welfare in a Global Economy”, Central European University-Summer University (CEU-SUN), Budapest, Hungary
 - 2006-07 , “Women’s Studies”, Daulat Ram College with Women’s Studies and Development Centre (WSDC), University of Delhi

- 3-15 July 2006, “Women’s Studies: An Introduction”, Centre for Women’s Development Studies (CWDS), New Delhi

AWARDS

- Certificate of Appreciation, Miranda House, University of Delhi, 2006-07
- First Prize in the *All- India Annual Essay Competition 2006*, organized by the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, on the topic “Empowerment of Women in India”