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EDUCATION

PhD in Urban Geography, CNRS-EHESS (Paris, France)	2020- Now
Bachelor in Hindi, INALCO (Paris, France) <i>Cum Laude</i>	2016
Master in Urban Governance, Sciences Po (Paris, France) <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> Thesis: <i>The power dynamics behind the NGO-driven concept of “empowerment” in the slums of Patna</i>	2013
Master in Mass Communication, Jamia Millia Islamia (New Delhi, India) <i>Exchange Program</i>	2011
Bachelor in Political Science, Sciences Po (Paris, France)	2011

CURRENT POSITION

Member of CEIAS-EHESS (*Centre d'Études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud*— Center for South Asian Studies), the largest French research institute in social sciences dealing with South Asia.

Based at CSH (*Centre de Sciences Humaines*) in New Delhi, India.

Affiliated to the Sub-Himalayan Research Centre (SHRI), Bihar, India.

EXPERIENCE

KPMG (Government Advisory) Goa, India
Advisor - Assistant Manager Feb 2019 – Nov 2020

- Technical guidance to the Government of India to conceptualize, design and implement development projects in the field of urban planning and tourism;
- Key projects: (1) Planning and Controlling Over-Tourism in Goa, (2) Smart Cities Initiative.

Altai Consulting Kabul, Afghanistan
Researcher – Project Manager July 2017 – Feb 2019

- Conceptualized and conducted surveys across Afghanistan on behalf of international development organizations (World Bank, USAID, ADB);
- Projects :(1) Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund, (2) Mapping Health Services in Afghan cities,

AFD – The French Development Agency Dhaka, Bangladesh
Urban Portfolio Project Coordinator Feb 2015 – April 2017

- Facilitated the implementation of urban infrastructure projects funded by AFD in Bangladesh
- Monitoring & Evaluation and Implementation of Environmental and Social safeguards
- Key Projects: (1) Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit System, (2) Water supply in Low-Income Communities, (3) Technical Assistance to the Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority

The Aga Khan Foundation New Delhi, India
Urban Development Consultant Nov 2013 – Feb 2015

- Internal mid-term impact assessment of the Nizamuddin Urban Renewal Initiative (public space revitalization, waste management, housing improvement, community toilets, parks development)
- Conceptualized and Drafted (in Hindi) a “Governance Manual” for local residents

The Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA)

Community Mobilizer

Patna, India

Jan 2013 – June 2013

- Participatory mapping of informal settlements;
- Advocacy with local authorities related the rights of slum dwellers;
- Training of community leaders

LANGUAGES

French - Mother tongue

Bangla – Intermediary knowledge

English – Full professional proficiency

Urdu – Advanced knowledge

Hindi – Professional proficiency

Farsi/Dari - Moderate level

DISTINCTIONS

- 2012 – Selection and exhibition at the Venice Biennale of Architecture for a research work on the architectural and socio-economic relevance of high-rise social housing in the suburbs of Paris
- 2020 – Selection for the Connected Cities Lab Practitioner in Residence Fellowship, School of Urban Design and Architecture of the University of Melbourne

PUBLICATIONS

Academic (peer-reviewed)

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2013), The participation of marginalized citizens in the public sphere: how power relations reshape the concept of empowerment in Patna, India. Sciences Po, Paris: *Working Papers: Cities Are Back in Town*.

Popular culture

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2021). Au revoir Guruji: a French student's tribute to Hindustani musician Yograj Naik. *Scroll.in*, <https://scroll.in/article/1012352/au-revoir-to-guruji-a-french-students-tribute-to-hindustani-musician-yograj-naik>

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2020), Bolly ki Boli: Who Won ‘Hindi’ Cinema’s Language Wars Since 1947? *The Quint*, <https://www.thequint.com/entertainment/bollywood/bollywood-hindi-urdu-english-titles>

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2019), Once symbols of despair, Kabul’s blast walls are spreading messages of hope and defiance. *Scroll.in*, <https://scroll.in/magazine/903561/once-symbols-of-despair-kabuls-blast-walls-are-spreading-messages-of-hope-and-defiance>

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2018), Bangladesh’s abiding love for the Taj Mahal should be a lesson for the new Mughal-hating India. *Scroll.in*, <https://scroll.in/magazine/868796/bangladeshs-abiding-love-for-the-taj-mahal-should-be-a-lesson-for-the-new-mughal-hating-india>

Book and film reviews

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2022), *The Empowering King of Bollywood* (Review of the book “Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh: India’s Lonely Young Women and the Search for Intimacy and Independence”, by Shrayana Bhattacharya). *Books and Ideas*, link: [here](#).

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2022), *Singeries Tragiques à New Delhi* (Review of the film *Eeb Allay Ooo!*), *Les Cahiers du Cinema*, n°784 (paper version only)

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2021), Basic Urban Services in India: a Paradoxical Bricolage (Review of the book *Quand L'Inde s'urbanise: Services essentiels et paradoxes d'un urbanisme bricolé*, by Marie-Hélène Zérah). *Books and Ideas*, <https://booksandideas.net/Basic-Urban-Services-in-India-a-Paradoxical-Bricolage.html>

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2021). L'Ennemi Public: revisiter le cinéma de Satyajit Ray pour décrypter la crise du Covid-19 en Inde (Review of the film *Ganashatru*). *L'Humanité*. <https://www.humanite.fr/lennemi-public-revisiter-le-cinema-de-satyajit-ray-pour-decrypter-la-crise-du-covid-19-en-inde>

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2020), Review of “Shareholder Cities. Land Transformations Along Urban Corridors in India” by Sai Balakrishnan, *Books and Ideas*, <https://lavedesidees.fr/Des-villes-vendues-en-bourse.html>

Writings in Hindi

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2021). सरकारें 'स्मार्ट' शहर तो बना लेंगी, मगर औरतों के लिए 'समझदार' शहर कैसे बनेगा? (Sarkarein "Smart" shaher to bana lengi, magar auraton ke lie "Samajdhar" shahar kaise banega?). *The Lallantop*, <https://www.thelallantop.com/odnaari/hugo-ribadeau-dumas-opinion-on-aap-government-advertisement-on-women-safety-why-women-term-is-better-than-sister/>

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2021). फ्रांस से लेकर भारत तक, नारीवाद पर अंग्रेजी भाषा के दबदबे के बारे में मैंने क्या समझा (France se lekar Bharat tak, narivaad par angrezi bhasha ke dabdabe ke bare mein maine kya samjha). *FII – Feminism in India*, <https://hindi.feminisminindia.com/2021/04/22/feminism-and-the-language-limit-hindi/>

Policy advocacy

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2017), Mitigating Traffic Congestion: Remedies Already Exist. *Dhaka Tribune*, https://archive.dhakatribune.com/tribune-supplements/tribune-climate/2017/04/13/mitigating-traffic-congestion-remedies-dhaka-already-exist/?fb_comment_id=1603698396325825_1606217452740586

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2013), What antidotes to genuinely strengthen the voice of the urban poor. *Terra Urban*

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2013), Mastipur, Bodhgaya: story of an “incidental rehabilitation” scheme in the land of the Enlightenment. *Terra Urban*

Ribadeau Dumas, H. (2013), Barriers against public participation: the “Han ji syndrome”. *Terra Urban*