

CURRICULUM VITAE OF SHALINI GROVER

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Education:

- 1999 – 2006 **PhD, Department of Anthropology, University of Sussex (UK)**
PhD awarded February 2006
Doctoral Supervisors: Dr. Filippo Osella & Dr. Geert De Neve.
Examiners: Professor Patricia Jeffery (University of Edinburgh) and Professor Katy Gardner (London School of Economics).
PhD Thesis Title: 'Poor Women's Experiences of Marriage and Love in the City of New Delhi: Everyday Stories of *Sukh* aur *Dukh*.'
- 1996 – 1997 **London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)**
Masters in Gender Studies
Thesis Title: 'An Exploration into Contemporary Indian Feminism.'
- Aug 1996 **University of Oslo (Norway)**
Summer School in International Development Studies
- 1992 – 1994 **University of Cambridge, Christ's College (UK)**
Bachelor of Arts in Law
Converted in 1999 to a Master's Degree (MA Cambridge)
- 1988 – 1991 **St. Stephens College, Delhi University (India)**
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy
- 1982-1988 **Lawrence School Sanawar, Himachal Pradesh, India**

Professional Experience:

- 2014-19: **Honorary Research Fellow.**
School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh,
Edinburgh (Scotland), United Kingdom.
- June 2016: **Visiting Lecturer, Fully Funded**
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya,
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

- Nov 2014-15 **Associate Professor in Social Anthropology/Sociology**
Sociology Unit (Social Change and Social Structure), Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), University of Delhi Enclave, Delhi, India.
<http://www.iegindia.org/scsc/Social-Change-and-Social-Structure>
- Dec 2013-2014 **Assistant Professor (Dec 2013 till July 2014)**
Department of Sociology, Ambedkar University,
Delhi, India.
- 2011-13 **Senior Research Fellow, Social Anthropology/Sociology**
(Associate Professor Level)
Indian Council of Social Science Research Grant Holder (ICSSR)
Grant No. F.No.2-10/10/S-Fel
Sociology Unit, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), University of Delhi
Enclave, Delhi, India.
- 2007- 2010 Sir Ratan Tata Post-Doctoral Award Fellowship in Sociology
(Assistant Professor Level)
Sociology Unit. Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), University of Delhi
Enclave, Delhi, India.

Scholarship:

Books (Single Authored)

Grover, Shalini. 2011. *Marriage, Love, Caste and Kinship Support: Lived Experiences of the Urban Poor in India*. New Delhi: Social Science Press.

(Foreword by Patricia Uberoi).

<http://socialsciencepress.blogspot.in/2010/11/just-out-from-ssp.html>

Grover, Shalini. June 2017. Revised international edition published by Routledge. Taylor and Francis, United Kingdom and New York and Social Science Press, New Delhi
<https://www.routledge.com/Marriage-Love-Caste-and-Kinship-Support-Lived-Experiences-of-the-Urban/Grover/p/book/9781138019331> Additional preface and epilogue; the latter marks change and continuity from 2000-16. It interlaces recent reflections in the context of India's celebrated economic growth story.

Grover, Shalini. June 2017. Revised Indian edition on *Marriage, Love, Caste and Kinship Support*. Social Science Press: Delhi.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Grover, Shalini. 2017. Revisiting the Devyani Khobragade Controversy: The Value of Domestic Labour in the Global South. In 'Voices' from Asian Feminist Activism, *Asian Journal of Women's Studies (AJWS)*. March, Volume 23.

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/12259276.2017.1279892> (Opinion Piece)

Grover, Shalini. 2016. Jural Relations of Middle-Class Marriage and Women as Legal Subjects in the Imaginary of "New India." *The Australian Journal of Anthropology*. (TAJA) Doi:10.1111/taja.12188.

2017, Issue Print: 28 (3): 249-393.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/taja.12188/abstract>

(Wiley)

Grover, Shalini. 2011. *Purani aur Nai Shaadi: Separation, Divorce, and Remarriage in the Lives of the Urban Poor in New Delhi*. *Asian Journal of Women's Studies (AJWS)*. 17 (1): 67-99.

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/12259276.2011.11666103>

(Taylor and Francis)

Grover, Shalini. 2009. Lived Experiences: Marriage, Notions of Love, and Kinship Support Amongst Poor Women in Delhi. *Contributions to Indian Sociology (CIS)*. 43 (1): 1-33.

<http://cis.sagepub.com/content/43/1/1.abstract>

(Sage)

Peer Review Special Journal Issue: Articles Under Preparation

Grover, Shalini, Patricia Jeffery and Thomas Chambers (editors). The Domestic Service Sector and Reproductive Work in Contemporary India. Special Issue Introduction, *Journal of South Asian Development (JSAD)*.

Book Chapters

Grover, Shalini. 2017 forthcoming. Conjuality and Marital Dissolution in Historical Perspective. *Contributions to Indian Sociology (CIS)*. Special Issue in commemorating 50 years of Contributions to Indian Sociology.

Grover, Shalini. 2017 (accepted). Who is an Expatriate? Euro-American Identities, Race and Integration in Postcolonial India. In, Sanna Schlieuwe, Nandita Chaudhary and Giuseppina (eds.) *Cultural Psychology of Intervention in the Globalized World*. Information Age Publishing: USA, Charlotte: NC.

Grover, Shalini. 2014. *Purani aur nai shaadi: Separation, Divorce and Remarriage Amongst Delhi's Urban Poor* (reprint). In, Ravinder Kaur and Rajni Palriwala (eds.) *Marrying in South Asia: Shifting Concepts, Changing Practices in a Globalizing World*. Delhi: Orient Blackswan.

<http://www.gbv.de/dms/zbw/776443607.pdf>

Published Report and Working Paper

Grover Shalini, Minu Hemmati, Clare Flenly, 1999. Gender and Sustainable Consumption: Bridging the Policy Gaps in the Context of Chapter 4, Agenda 21, "Changing Consumption and Production Patterns." Report to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development 7th Session, April 1999. London: United Nations Environment and Development Committee (UNED-UK).

Grover, Shalini. 2007. *Looking into Marriages*. Institute of Economic Growth Working Paper Series Number: E/285/2007. Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), University of Delhi Enclave.

Writings in Newspapers and Blogs

Comprehensive write-up (August 21st, 2017) of my new revised international edition, Routledge United Kingdom Version, London School of Economics, South Asia Blog.

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/southasia/2017/08/21/marriage-love-caste-and-kinship-support-lived-experiences-of-the-urban-poor-in-india/>

Grover, Shalini. 2016 (18th November). Why Many Asian Students Are Turning to Malaysia for Higher Education. The WIRE. <http://thewire.in/author/shalini-grover/>

Grover, Shalini. 2016 (23rd August). Remembering ‘Badi Nani:’ A Pointer to Bygone Times at Delhi’s Connaught Place of the 1970s. *The Hindu – Opinion - Open Page*.

<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/open-page/open-page-remembering-badi-nani/article9020822.ece>

Kabita Chakraborty and Shalini Grover. 2015 (14th September). Illness and Hardship as Rites of Passage (a critique of neo-colonial fieldwork and privileged expatriate sojourns). *SiliconAfrica.Com*

<http://www.siliconafrika.com/illness-and-hardship-as-rites-of-passage/>

Grover, Shalini, Ellina Samantroy, and Nupur Dhingra Paiva. 2015 (May 31st). “New India’s” Inflexible Workforce – Caring is but Women’s Work. *Kafila*.

<https://kafilabackup.wordpress.com/2015/05/31/new-indias-inflexible-workforce-caring-is-but-womens-work-shalini-grover-ellina-samantroy-nupur-dhingra-paiva/?iframe=true&preview=true>

Grover, Shalini. 2012 (7th June). Do we over Idealise the Concepts of Family and Motherhood? *Tehelka, Opinion*.

http://archive.tehelka.com/story_main53.asp?filename=Fw070612OPINION.asp

Book Reviews Written by Grover

Grover, Shalini. 2015. Kenneth Bo Nielsen and Anne Waldrop. Women, Gender, and Everyday Social Transformation in India (review), 2014, London and New York: Anthem Press. *Gender and Development*. Volume 23: 2. July.

<http://www.anthempress.com/women-gender-and-everyday-social-transformation-in-india>

Grover, Shalini. 2015. Pallavi Aiyar. Punjabi Parmesan. (review, “Changing Equations”), 2013, New Delhi: Penguin. *The Book Review*. Volume xxxix (4) April: p20.

Grover, Shalini. 2014. Raka Ray and Seemin Qayum. Cultures of Servitude: Modernity, Domesticity, and Class in India (review), 2009, New Delhi: Oxford University New Delhi. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*. 48 (2): 284-286

<http://cis.sagepub.com/content/48/2.toc.pdf>

Grover, Shalini. 2012. Livia, Holdven. Hindu Divorce: A Legal Anthropology (review), 2008, England: Ashgate, *Asian Journal of Women's Studies*. 18 (2): 124-127.

<https://www.dbpia.co.kr/Journal/ArticleDetail/NODE02113848>

Grover, Shalini. 2007. Prem Chowdhry. Contentious Marriages, Eloping Couples: Gender, Caste, and Patriarchy in Northern India (review, "The Right to Choose If, Who and When to Marry"), 2007. Delhi: Oxford University Press, *Economic and Political Weekly*. XL11 (24): 2269–71.

<http://www.epw.in/journal/2007/24/book-reviews/right-choose-if-who-and-when-marry.html>

<http://www.europe-solidaire.org/spip.php?article6412> (Full review on-line in Europe Solidaire Sans Frontieres)

Referee for Peer-Review Journals

American Ethnologist, Contributions to Indian Sociology (CIS), Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (JRAI-MAN), Indian Journal of Gender Studies, Journal of South Asia Development (JSAD), Modern Asian Studies, Population and Development Review.

Research Interests: On-going and New

- Lived experiences of marriage, love, kinship, and intimacy in urban India and South Asia.
- Legal and non-legal pluralisms: women-led arbitration courts (*mahila panchayats*), Family Courts, Crime Against Women's Cells (CWC), Police Stations.
- Formal divorce, jural relations and changing legal behaviour in middle-class India.
- The transnational domestic labour sector (global care chains).
- Euro-American 'expatriate' cultures, employer-domestic worker labour relations, race and class positioning, integration, transnationalism and 'postcolonial continuities in India.

Reviews of my Book (Marriage, Love, Caste, and Kinship Support)

2011. Nilika Mehrotra, (Jawaharlal Nehru University). *Indian Anthropologist*. 41 (2): 99-100.

2013. Jonathan Parry, (London School of Economics and Political Science). *Contributions to Indian Sociology*. 47 (1):141-3.

2013. Shruti Chaudhry, (University of Edinburgh). *Sociology*. 47 (1): 204-5.

2013. Kabita Mary Chakraborty, (University of York). *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (n.s.). 19: 894-4.

Participation in International Conferences and Seminars

March 2017: Title: Care-Domestic Economy: Placement Agencies, Formalization and Training in Globalized India. **Symposium on Gender in South Asia (Patricia Jeffery, Retirement Event)**, Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

February 2017: Title: Social Mobility in an Unequal Gendered Labour Market: Educated Female Domestic Workers and Transnational Employers in Postcolonial India. **Conference on, Servants Past**, University of Delhi, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Humboldt University and ZMO Berlin, at CSDS, New Delhi. Funded by the European Research Commission (ERC).

September 2016: Title: Marriage, Divorce, and Modernization From 1970 to Present-Day India. **Conference on, Modern Matters: Negotiating the Future of Everyday life in South Asia (for the panel, Staging Marriage and Modernity among the Middle Classes in South Asia)**, SASNET (Swedish South Asian Studies Network), University of Lund, Sweden.

July 2016: Title: Liberalisation's Educated Female Domestic Workers: Transnational Employers, Social Mobility, and Intersectionality in Postcolonial India. **Conference on, 'Gender, Household Labour Relations and (Post) Colonialism, 1800-Present,'** Wageningen University and Universitas Gajah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

June 2016: Title: Who is an Expatriate: Euro-American Identities, Race and Integration in Postcolonial India. **Seminar** at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Gender Institute, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

May 2016: Title: From 'Indissoluble Sacrament' to 'Ambiguity:' Marriage, Divorce, and Modernization from 1970 to Present-Day India. **Seminar** at the Centre for Development and Environment, University of Oslo, Norway.

January 2016: Title: Reconfigurations of Labour Relations: Domestic Workers Agency and the Role of Recruitment Bureaus in New Delhi. *Conference on, 'Redefining Labour Roles in a Globalizing India,'* Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi.

September 2015: Raising Awareness on racialized terms such as '*ayah*' and punitive measures by foreign nationals and embassies on 'blacklisting' domestic staff. *Talk on* discussions towards making ethical guidelines for good labour practices: American Embassy (USA), New Delhi.

September 2014: Title: Forms of Resistance in Domestic Labour Negotiations. *Conference on, 'Rhythms of Resistance,'* Aalborg University (Denmark) and Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi, New Delhi.

August 2014. Title: Labour Relations with Western Expatriates: Domestic Workers as *Ayachs*, Maids, and Nannies in India's Globalizing Economy. *Conference on, 'Women's Migration From and Across Asia for Work: Histories, Emotions, and Relationships,'* University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

January 2014. Title: Labor Relations with Western Expatriates: Domestic Workers as *Ayachs*, Maids, and Nannies in India's Globalizing Economy. *Conference on, 6th Next-Generation Global Workshop, 'Revising the Intimate and Public Spheres and the East-West Encounter,'* Kyoto University, Japan.

March 2013. Title: Labour Relations with Western Expatriates: Domestic Workers as *Ayachs*, Maids, and Nannies in India's Globalizing Economy. *Conference on, 'Paid Domestic Work: Emerging Trajectories, Organisational, and Regulatory Scenario,'* Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS), New Delhi.

November 2012. Title: The Legal Divorce Phenomenon: The Changing Family in Modern India. *Conference on, 'Marriages in Asia, Trends, Determinants, and Implications,'* National University of Singapore (NUS), Asia Research Institute (ARI), Singapore.

June 2011. Title: Parental Negotiation and Young People's Agency: Modern Courtship, and Love Marriages in New Delhi. *Conference on, 'Transitioning to Adulthood in Asia,'* National University of Singapore (NUS), Asia Research Institute (ARI), Singapore.

Organizer of International Conferences

September 2008: *Conference* organized by Shalini Gover, Ravinder Kaur and Rajni Palriwala. **Marriage in Globalizing Contexts: Exploring Change and Continuity in South Asia.** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi.

January 2016: *Conference* organized by Shalini Grover, Arup Mitra, Patricia Jeffery and Tom Chambers. **Redefining Labor Roles in a Globalizing India.** Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), University of Delhi Enclave, New Delhi.

Grant No: C16/1S/25/NIS/2015-16

Committee: Asian Population Association Council: Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore (NUS).

Awards and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Offers:

APRIL 2007: Was offered an ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council/UK) Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh. (Mentor: Professor Patricia Jeffery, Reference No. of Application: ES/E0 156II/I)

JUNE 2004: ASA/Radcliffe-Brown Trust Fund (Royal Anthropological Institute).

JULY 2003: Charles Wallace India Trust Grant.

1992-1994: Commonwealth Scholarship to Cambridge University.

Teaching, Research and NGO Experience

JAN 2017: Examiner for PhD Viva on Marriage at IIT Delhi, (Paro Mishra).

NOV 2015: Present: Advisor for three students at Delhi School Sociology: Chayanika Pal, G. Suguna, and Nargis Vasundhara.

DEC 2013-JUNE 2014: Taught both BA and MA courses in Sociology, at Ambedkar University.

JAN-July 2000: Royal Holloway College, Department of Geography, University of London.

Lecturer: lectured to and supervised third year undergraduates on a course entitled South Asia Development.

- FEB-APRIL 2000: Briefings in Gender and Development at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University.
Researcher: Compiled information and conducted a gender training programme. Wrote an annotated bibliography on Men, Masculinities, and Development.
- OCT-DEC 1999: The Commonwealth Secretariat, Gender and Youth Affairs Division, London.
Consultant: Assisted in designing the Commonwealth Gender website.
- DEC 1998-SEPT 1999: United Nations Environment and Development Committee.
Researcher: Wrote the report *Gender and Sustainable Consumption: Bridging the Policy Gaps* that examined the gender dimensions of consumer behaviour and linkages with sustainable development. Organised a seminar at the 7th UN International Conference on Sustainable Development (April 1999) for the purpose of lobbying the findings of the report. Also compiled a database and expert committee of resource persons working on gender and consumption.
- JULY-AUGUST 1998: Action Aid Asia Regional Office, India.
Researcher: Wrote a poverty situational analysis of the South Asian region (by reviewing secondary sources) for the purposes of policy and funding interventions for Action Aid.
- APRIL-JUNE 1998: Women's Policy Research and Advocacy Unit, Bangalore.
Trainer: Facilitated an Advanced Gender Training Programme for men and women in the Education Department of the Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- JAN-MARCH 1998: Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation, Bangalore.
Researcher: Wrote a literature review that analysed four documents on the status of women for the conference 'Strengthening Women's Participation in Governance at the District Level'. The conference was aimed at strengthening techniques on gender issues and how gender should be incorporated into the Human Development Report for the state of Karnataka (South India).
- MAY-DEC 1995: Centre for Social Research (CSR), New Delhi.
Research Associate: Participated in research study *Breaking the Barriers: Mobilisation of Rural Women in Uttar Pradesh*.
- FEB-MAY 1995: United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) New Delhi.

Consultant: Reviewed project documents for funding and assisted in preparations for the Fourth UN Conference on Women, Beijing 1995.
OCT-DEC 1994: United Nations Volunteers, Sub-Regional Programme for South Asia, New Delhi, India.

Paid Student Volunteer: Wrote a report on the work and activities of the Ruchika Platform School, an NGO assisting child labourers with informal education in Orissa. This first assignment was aimed at developing insights into NGO work in South Asia.

Languages: English, Hindi and Norwegian (conversational)