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EDUCATION

2015-2017	MPhil in Sociology MPhil dissertation titled ' Cyberhate on Twitter: Perspectives from Feminist Digital Sociologies ', under the supervision of Dr. Gita Chadha, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai, India.
2016	Passed the University Grants Commission – National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) examination i.e. Qualification to teach undergraduate programs in India
2013- 2015	Master of Arts with Honors in Sociology Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai, India. Grade A. Cumulative GPA of 6.31 on a 7 point scale. Awarded the Department Merit Scholarship for the overall results obtained in the first year of the Master's degree.
2008-2011	Bachelor of Laws G.J. Advani College of Law (affiliated to the University of Mumbai, India). Second class.
2005-2008	Bachelor of Arts with a major in Sociology St. Xavier's College, Mumbai (then affiliated to the University of Mumbai, India). First class

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021-2023	Full-time Teacher (Sociology) Grade 11 and 12 The Valley School, Bangalore, Krishnamurti Foundation, India. The Valley School, established in 1978, is an alternative school from grades 1-12. Grade 11 and 12 take the Indian School Certificate (ISC) examinations. Details are available at www.thevalleyschool.info
2020	Visiting faculty in sociology at the Jyoti Dalal School of Liberal Arts, NMIMS (deemed-to-be) University, Mumbai, teaching Contemporary Sociological Theory and Gender and Sexuality Studies to final year undergraduate students of liberal arts majoring in sociology Developed course syllabi. Mentor for 'Capstone Projects' i.e. the undergraduate dissertation.
2019	Visiting faculty in sociology at the Jyoti Dalal School of Liberal Arts, NMIMS (deemed-to-be) University, Mumbai, teaching the Contemporary Sociological

Theory course to final year undergraduate students of liberal arts majoring in sociology. Mentor for 'Capstone Projects' i.e. the undergraduate dissertation.

RESEARCH AND OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

2019-2022	Editorial and research assistant on an edited volume titled ' Mapping Scientific Method: Disciplinary Narrations ', edited by Dr. Gita Chadha, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Mumbai and Dr. Renny Thomas, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal published by Routledge in 2022.
2017-2018	Full-time Research Associate on an Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICCSR) funded Major Research Project titled ' India-Africa Engagements in Agriculture: Building Capacity, Adding Value ' with Dr. Renu Modi at the Center for African Studies, University of Mumbai. Engaged in data collection, analysis and writing draft chapters that fed into the final project report. Mentored a part-time Research Assistant.
2017-2018	Helped organize an international conference titled ' South-South Co-operation: India-Africa Partnerships in Food Security and Capacity Building ' held in January 2018, hosted by the Center for African Studies, University of Mumbai and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), Mumbai, supported by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Rome and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Also assisted in preparing the book proposal for the post-conference compendium.
2017	Taught a short course at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai with Dr. Gita Chadha on ' Gender and Science ' to students from the University of California at Berkeley on exchange in India, as part of the St. Xavier's-UC Berkeley Summer Student Exchange program. Graded essays that factored into the summer school grade.
2015-2018	Editorial and research assistant to editors Dr. Gita Chadha and Dr. M.T. Joseph, Assistant Professors, Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai on their edited volume titled ' Re-imagining sociology in India: Feminist Perspectives ' published by Routledge in 2018.
2016	Engaged in a desk study titled ' India-Africa trade in textiles ' to examine the enduring trade history of West India and East Africa, specifically in relation to the 'Kanga' fabric. Involved research, data collection and writing drafts. The research contributed to a documentary film titled 'Common Threads-from India, for Africa' directed by Dr. Renu Modi which was selected for screening at the Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF), July 2018. Also assisted on a number of other small research and writing projects during this time.
2012-2013	Legal Associate for commercial contracts at Pangea3 – A Thomson Reuters Company (now Ernst and Young), Mumbai, India

2011-2012	Trainee Analyst in legal research and commercial contracts at CPA Global, New Delhi, India
2010-2011	Legal Assistant/Intern in Litigation and consultation in employment law at Mitra Das Legal Associates, Mumbai, India

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022	'Diversity and Inclusion in the Technology Industry: Gendered experiences of women designers in India' at the Gender, Sex and Sexualities Conference organized by the University of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia.
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GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2021-2022	Research Fellowship awarded by IT for Change , Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the European Commission . Details available at National Gender Fellowships on Gender and the Digital Economy IT for Change
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PUBLICATIONS

Chapter in book

2018	Finding Feminisms: Through Life in General and Academics in Particular (with Ashika Bhargava) in <i>Re-imagining sociology in India: Feminist Perspectives</i> edited by Dr. Gita Chadha and Dr. M.T. Joseph, Routledge (2018)
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Academic articles

2022	Research paper titled Diversity and Inclusion in the Technology Industry: Gendered experiences of women designers in India as part of the National Gender Fellowships on Gender and the Digital Economy IT for Change
2016	Liminal Spaces: Racism against Africans in India , <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> , (with Dr. Renu Modi), Sameeksha Trust, Mumbai, 51 (41): 18-20, 8 October 2016
2015	Feminism and Classical Sociology Feminist Critiques of Classical Sociological Thought (with Dr. Gita Chadha), <i>Classical Sociological Theory, e-PG Pathshala: E-Content Creation for Postgraduate Courses</i> , Ministry of Human Resource Development and UGC, Government of India

Research articles in online publications

2017	What Sub-Sahara can learn from India's 'Green revolution': The good and the bad (with Dr. Renu Modi), <i>The Conversation</i> , 23 August 2017 (also carried by <i>Business Standard</i> with the title How Africa can emulate India's agricultural success , 18 December 2017)
2016	Sorry Sushmaji, Racism against Africans is a Reality. Here's How to Counter It , (with Dr. Renu Modi), <i>The Wire</i> , 4 June 2016, (a version of this article was carried by University World News and Institute of Global Dialogue)
2016	How to tackle the xenophobic attacks on Africans in India , (with Dr. Renu Modi), <i>Daily Nation</i> , 10 June 2016

Book Review

2020	The Age of Surveillance Capitalism: The Fight for a Human Future at the New Frontier of Power. Shoshana Zuboff, Public Affairs, 2019, Sambhāṣaṇ , University of Mumbai, Volume 1: Issue 05, September 2020
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Research assistance on published works

2018	Conference report titled South-South Cooperation: India-Africa Partnerships in Food Security and Capacity Building by Dr. Renu Modi, Dr. Meera Venkatachalam and Dhaval Desai (2018)
2017	Book chapter titled Early Women Sociologists in India by Dr. Kamala Ganesh, retired Professor and Head of Department (Sociology), University of Mumbai, in <i>Re-imagining sociology in India: Feminist Perspectives</i> edited by Gita Chadha and M.T. Joseph, Routledge (2018).
2016–2017	Documentary film titled ' Common Threads- from India, for Africa ' directed by Dr. Renu Modi, selected for screening at the Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF), July 2018.
2016	Research and writing of an online educational module titled ' Contemporary Women's Movement: Campaigns, Organizations, Issues ' by Dr. Manisha Rao, Assistant Professor, University of Mumbai in e-PG Pathshala: E-Content Creation for Postgraduate Courses, Ministry of Human Resource Development and UGC, Government of India.