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KRANTIJYOTI SAVITRIBAI PHULE WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTRE,
DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR BHAVAN, UNIVERSITY OF PUNE.

EDUCATION

1995 PhD in Sociology 'From a Malestream Sociology to a Gender Sensitive Sociology', University of Pune

1989 Master of Philosophy [Sociology], Sati: A Sociological Analysis, University of Pune

1987 Master of Arts in Sociology, University of Pune

1985 Bachelor Of Arts, Sociology Honors, University of Pune

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2008-2013 Associate Professor and Director Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women's Studies Centre, University of Pune

2005-2008 Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, University of Pune

1991-2005 Assistant Professor, Women's Studies Centre and Department of Sociology, University of Pune

1989-1991 Lecturer, St. Mira's College For girls, University of Pune

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Sociology of Gender, Dalit Studies, Critical Pedagogy in Higher Education, Social History of Maharashtra , South Asia

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

2011 Against the Madness Of Manu: B.R Ambedkar on Brahmanical Patriarchy: Navayana Publications, New Delhi

2006 Writing Caste/Writing Gender: Narrating Testimonios of Dalit Women in Maharashtra:: Zubaan Publications, New Delhi

2003 Sociology of Gender: The Challenge of Feminist Sociological Knowledge: Sage, New Delhi

MONOGRAPHS

2009 Education as Trutiya Ratna :Towards Phule- Ambedkarite Feminist Pedagogical Practice, Savitribai Phule Memorial Lecture: National Council of Educational Research and Training , New Delhi

2003 ‘Not a Small Place in Brahman Galli : Dalit Studies as Pedagogical Practice, Malcolm Adisesiah Lecture : Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai

2002 Our Story: Twenty years of the Indian Association of Women’s Studies’: Indian Association of Women’s Studies , Mumbai

1996 Caste and Gender : The Violence Against Women in India, European Univeristy Institute Working Paper RSCNO 96/17: Robert Schuman Centre , EUI, Florence

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Education as Trutiya Ratna, *Economic and Political Weekly,*Vol.XLV,nos 44 &45, Oct30-Nov12,2010
- Dalit Studies as Pedagogical Practice, *Review of Development and Change* , Vol XII, no.1, Jan-June 2008
- Interrogating the Thesis of ‘Irrational Deification’, *Economic and Political Weekly,* Volume 43, Number 4, January 26 - February 1, 2008.
- Dalit Adhyanache Adhyapanshastra, *Samaj Prabhodan Patrika*, April- June 2007
- More Than Just Tacking Women On To ‘Macro picture’, Samyukta, Vol. , No.2, Special Issue on Indian Women’s Movement , July 2006
- ‘More than Just Tacking Women on to the ‘Macropicture’: Feminist Contributions to Globalisation Discourse’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXXVIII, No. 43, October 25, 2003
- ‘Kala Streevaad’ (Black Feminism), a series of ten articles in *Satyashodhak Sanghatak*, started from September 2003.
- ‘Conceptualising Popular Culture: Lavani and Powada in Maharashtra’, *Economic And Political Weekly*, March 16 – 22, 2002
- ‘Understanding Popular Culture: The Satyashodhak and Ganesh Melas in Maharashtra’, *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 49, September 2000
- ‘Histories from the Borderlands’, *Seminar* (Issue on ‘Situating Sociology’), vol. 495, November 2000.
- ‘Real Feminism: Scripts of Denial and Accusation’, *Economic and Political Weekly*. February 2000.
- ‘A Dalit Feminist Standpoint’, *Seminar*, Vol. No. 471, Nov 1998.
- ‘Dalit women Talk Differently: A critique of Difference and Towards a Dalit Feminist Standpoint’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, October 1998.
- ‘The Institutional Alliance between Sociology and Gender Studies: The Story of the Proverbial Crocodile and Monkey’. *Economic and Political Weekly*, July 1997
- ‘Homophobia in the Name of Marxism, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XXI No. 22, June, 1996.

- ‘Feminist Pedagogies and Sociology for Emancipation in India’, *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 44 (2) September 1995.

- ‘The Hegemonic Appropriation of Sexuality: The Case of Lavani Performers’, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, Vol. 29, No. 1 & 2, 1995.

- ‘If this is Tuesday .....It must be Social Role: Sociology and Challenge of Gender Studies’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.XXIX No. 19, May 7, 1994.

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

- Women’s Studies Since the 1990s: Mapping New Conjuncture, Challenges and Strategies in KumKum Roy (ed) Insights and Interventions: Essays in Honour of Uma Chakravarti, New Delhi:Primus,2011

- Exorcising Fear of Identity: Interrogating the ‘Language Question’ in Sociology and Sociological Language in Sujata Patel (ed) Doing Sociology in India: Genealogies, Locations and Practices, New Delhi, OUP, 2011

- Writing Caste/writing Gender in Mary. E John (ed) Women’s studies in India : A Reader, New Delhi: Penguin,2008

- ‘Dalit women Talk Differently: A Critique of Difference and Towards a Dalit Feminist Standpoint’, in Maitreyi Chaudhari (ed.), *Feminism In India*, New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2004

- ‘The Institutional Alliance between Sociology and Gender Studies: The Story of the Proverbial Crocodile and Monkey’ in Maitreyi Chaudhuri, *The Practice of Sociology*, Orient Longman, 2003

- ‘Gujarat Carnage: Outlining the Gendered Character of Communal Stereotypes, Strategies and Violence’, in *Lessons From Gujarat* (ed. volume), Mumbai: Vikas Adhyayan Kendra, 2003

- ‘Dalit women Talk Differently: A Critique of Difference and Towards a Dalit Feminist Standpoint’, in Anupama Rao (ed.) *Gender and Caste*, New Delhi: Kali for Women, 2003.

- ‘Streevadi Itihas Paddhati: Abrahmani Pariprekshatun Chikitsa’ (A Critique of Feminist Historiography from a Non-brahmanical Perspective) in Bhagwat & Pardeshi (ed.) *Abrahamani Streevadi Itihas Paddhatichya Dishene* (Towards a Non – Brahmanical Feminist Historiography), Women’s Studies Centre, University of Pune, 1998. (Marathi)

- ‘Caste and Gender: The Violence against Women in India’ in P.G. Jogdand (ed.) *Dalit Women: Issues and Perspectives*, New Delhi: Gyan, 1995.

CURRENT RESEARCH

1. My current project is titled Champions of Higher Education: A Study of First Generation Women Learners in Colleges in Maharashtra**.** This project is jointly proposed by the Women’s Studies Centre, University of Pune and FXB Centre for Health and Human Rights, Harvard University and funded by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights New Delhi. This project examines the 400 Indian female college students—“champions”—from marginalized, illiterate families in Maharashtra managed to successfully overcome economic, social and infrastructural barriers to girls’ education and gain access to a college education. It explores the infrastructural and social drivers of the girls’ success and the public policies that make the most significant contribution to the success of these young, educational, champions. The focus will be ways in which policies can be replicated and scaled to benefit future generations of Indian women.

Funding The Project was awarded a grant 8,00,000 INR by the NCPCR and 4,00,000 INR by Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University with Potential for Excellence Phase II programme of University of Pune for a period of August 2012-August 2013.

I have recently completed

1. Three year long research project (October 2008- Feb 2012) on ' Re-imagining Higher Education on the Site of Women's Studies in India' . This project was designed in dialogue with the Higher Education Cell at the Centre for Study of Culture and Society , Bangalore. This study sought to survey the state of higher education in social sciences and humanities in Universities in Maharashtra and to design new programmes that explicitly break the bind between quality and equality. The project culminated with launching of new teaching programmes, bridge courses, modular trainings for integrating criticality and employability issues in social sciences and dialogues between interdisciplinary field of gender studies, healt studies, dalit studies and sexuality studies in India. As a part of this project 49 different innovative teaching aids were designed and published.

   Funding : The project was awarded a grant of 87,15000 INR by the Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust for three years .

2. In 2011, the University Grants Commission in recognition of the research and innovative teaching programmes at the Women's Studies Centre designated the Centre as a Advanced Studies Centre (only three Centres in India out of total 159 were granted this status) . This brought in a funding of 20,000 INR per year from the University Grants Commission.
3. In 2011, I have completed a project on 'Oral Histories of Women's Movement' for the feminist publishing house Zubaan, New Delhi. This received a grant of 2,00,000 INR from Zubaan.

Other Research Projects

- 'Researching Histories of Social Movements from Caste and Gender Perspectives' – A project with a fellowship Grant from Sarai, CSDS, New Delhi. Under this grant a study on Writing Caste/Writing Gender: Reading Dalit Women's Testimonios was completed during the period 2002 – 2004. The project has culminated into a book with pedagogical intent, published by Kali for Women (Zubaan), New Delhi.
- 'Developing New Perspectives in Cultural Studies' – A seed grant project from Sarai, CSDS, New Delhi. This grant was utilized for empirically researched histories from below of the events in the Ambedkarite Calendar during the period 2001 – 2002. A Report and an audio-visual documentation of the Ambedkarite Counterpublics in Maharashtra was submitted to Sarai.
- Building a digital archive of the documentation on Ambedkarite CounterpublicsfFor CSSH, University of Pune completed in 2009. This project received a grant of 3,00,000 INR from the UPE phase I project of the University of Pune. A text on 'Caste, Identity and Public Sphere: Music and print Cultures of the Ambedkarite Counterpublics' – to be published by Samya, Kolkota.
- 'Gender and Communal Riots'– A research project commissioned by Vikas Adhyayana Kendra, Mumbai, in June 2002. This report was published by Vikas Adhyayana Kendra.
- 'Researching Impact of Gender on the Discipline at the Institutional, Organizational and Pedagogical level' – A University Grants Commission sponsored Minor project on 'The Classroom as a Site of Interrogation'. A study of the teaching of sociology in seven Universities in Maharashtra. The project also included a gender-sensitive review of the official journal of the Indian Sociological Society over the last fifty years (1999 – 2001) – this project became the basis of the volume, 'Sociology of Gender' published by Sage in 2003).
- 'Developing Standpoint Epistemologies in India' – A project theorizing Dalit Feminist Standpoint (1997-98). The outcome of this research was published simultaneously in three journals, Vikalp,

Seminar and Economic and Political Weekly, as opening up new lines of inquiry in caste and gender studies.

- 'Researching and Documenting Popular Cultural Practices in Maharashtra' – Lavani, Tamasha, Powada, Satyashodhak and Ganesh Melas This included fieldwork and analysis of archival sources (1995 – 1998). Three research articles based on this work were published in Contributions to Indian Sociology, Sociological Bulletin and Economic and Political Weekly.

Services

- Since July 2012 Member ,Committee of Eminent Social Scientists appointed by the ICSSR to consider areas of priority for Research in social sciences
- Since September 2012, Member, UGC appointed Committee on Parity in Scholarships and Fellowships
- Since 2011, Editorial Committee , EPW, Special Issues on Women's Studies
- Since 2012, Editorial Advisor Board, Journal of Gender Studies
- 2008-2011 : Member, Academic Council, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla
- Since 2005: Member, HRD Ministry empowered UGC Committee on Women's Studies
- Since 2007: Member, UGC Expert Committee on Social Exclusion and Inclusive policy
- 2005-06: Member, NCERT Focus Group on Gender
- 2003-05: Member, EC, Indian Association of Women Studies

AWARDS/ INVITED LECTURES/ FELLOWSHIPS

- Awarded Life Membership of Institute of Social And Economic Change, Bangalore, 2012
- Visiting Fellowship Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla
- G. Ram Reddy Award 2011 for Social Scientists
- Malcolm Adeshesiah Award 2006 for contribution to Development Studies
- NCERT Savitribai Phule Memorial Lecture 2008-9.
- Dr Ambedkar Memorial Lecture, TISS, Mumbai, 2009-10.
- Dr Ambedkar Memorial Lecture, IGNOU, New Delhi, April 2010
- Doctoral Fellowship Award , European Universities Institute, Florence,1992

Curriculum Development, Courses taught and Pedagogical Innovations Designed

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- Designed and Floated Masters course in 'Gender, Culture and Development Studies' at Women's Studies Centre, University of Pune (2009).
- Designed an undergraduate off campus course in 'Women and Development' at Women's Studies Centre, University of Pune (2003). This has resulted in a consortium of six colleges in Pune City, Ahmednagar, Baramati and Shirur linked to the Centre through this programme.

Designed and taught courses in Sociology of India, 'Popular Culture and Modernity in India ', Dalit Studies: Issues and Perspectives' , Caste and Gender : History and Memory , Feminisms : Beyond the Global and Local

Innovative Pedagogies for Diversity

- Batch of 2005-7 (Course on Dalits and Public Sphere) published a student Project on *Dissonant Democracy*. University of Pune: Department of Sociology
- April 2007; Batch of 2006-8 (Course on Popular Culture and Modernity in India). *Sansanati Youth News*: A Short Film on Mobile Cultures shot on Mobiles, University of Pune : Department Of Sociology, April 2008
- Batch of 2007-9(Course on Gender and Popular Culture in Modern India) . *Exploring the Popular: texts, identities and politics*- A bilingual edited volume with a foreword by Uma Chakravarti. University of Pune : Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women's Studies Centre, December 2008
- WS 10 Class of 2009 (Course on Gender and Caste : History and Memory) . *Isn't This Plate Indian / Hi Thali Bharatiya Nahi Ka ? Dalit histories and memories of food.*April 2009.
- Ws-10 Class of 2010 , Bilingual student publication on *Plundering the Popular* , April 2010
- WS-10, Class of 2011, Bilingual student publication on *De-familiarizing the Familiar* , April 2011
- WS-10, Class of 2012, Bilingual student publication on '*Interrogating Love'*, April 2012
- Developing Bridge Courses for students as an alternative to the Remedial Teaching programmes .A bridge course manual for the same has been recently published.
- Developing Field action research projects with SWAach – waste pickers organisation in Pune city. This has resulted in a student campaign and a film jointly made by waste pickers and students.
- Planned and Edited a series (49) of innovative teaching-learning materials for promoting diversity in curricular and pedagogical practices

Consultancy

Presently a consultant to an IDRC-Zubaan project (2012-2016) on Impunity and Sexual Violence in South Asia

Leadership Positions in the University

- Head , Department of Sociology 2005-8
- Director, Women's Studies Centre, 2008 to present
- Nominated Member of the University Senate 2005-8
- Member of Academic Council, 200 to present
- Chairperson, Board of Studies
- Member of the University Committee on University with Potential for Excellence Programme , Phase I and II
- Nominated Member of the University Senate 2012-15
- Member- Secretary Cell Against Sexual Harassment on Campus 2008 to Present