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Publications

Articles:

Malik, L. 2022, "Everyone Wants to Feel Like a Movie Star": Aesthetics, Work, Pleasure, and Caste in India. *Anthropology of Work Review*.
<https://anthrosource.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/awr.12242>

Tarini Bedi, Aditi Aggarwal, Josephine Chaet, Lakshita Malik 2021 "Feminist Pedagogy Through the Small Fieldnote." *Feminist Anthropology*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/fea2.12068>

Book Chapter: Malik, L., 2019. 'Tayyari Jeet Ki': The Production of Childhood as a Cultural Trope of Developmentalism. In *Investigating Developmentalism* (pp. 141-159). Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.

Report: Co-authored a World Bank report titled "Resilience in LGBTQIA Students on Delhi Campuses"
(<http://crossasia-repository.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/3692/1/LGBTQIA%20Students%20Delhi%20Campuses.pdf>)

Book review: (forthcoming) Smriti Srinivas 2016 A Place for Utopia: Urban Designs from South Asia . In *Society and Culture in South Asia*

Professional Positions:

Contributing Editor (2022): [Platypus, the CATAC Blog](#)

Education

2018- present: PhD in Anthropology Graduate school in Anthropology at University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

2015-2017: MPhil in Sociology from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India

2011-2013: MA in Sociology from Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi, India

2008-2011: BA(H) in Sociology from Delhi University, Delhi, India

Dissertations

MPhil dissertation (passes with an A grade in 2018): "Urban Domestic Spaces in the Indian Context" under the supervision of Prof. Susan Visvanathan

Awards

Provost Award for Graduate Research (2020)

Mary B Bialas Award (2019-2020)

Charles A Reed Award (2022)

Research Interests

Urbanization in India, Anthropology of Space, Gender Studies, Labor studies

Presentations

2022:

Culture Studies Association: Story Time: Reckoning with Caste, Influence, and the Politics of Online Opinions

Annual Conference on South Asia: Filtering the “Real:” Negotiating the Obscured Self on Social Media

Neil Postman Graduate Conference: “A Matter of Self Respect:” Filters, skin Color, and Caste in India

Teaching

Jan 2022-May 2022: Teaching Assistant to Dr. Kristin Landau for the Undergraduate course: “The Human Adventure”

Aug 2020-May 2021: Teaching Assistant to Dr. Vince LaMotta for the Undergraduate course: “Introduction to Archaeology”

May 2020- Aug 2020: Research Assistant to Prof. Tarini Bedi (Mobilities and Methods Lab)

Aug 2019-May 2020: Teaching Assistant to Dr. Vince LaMotta for the Undergraduate course: “Introduction to Archaeology”

Jan 2019-May 2019: Teaching Assistant to Dr. Matilda Stubbs (UIC) for the Undergraduate course: “World Cultures”

Aug 2018- Dec 2018: Teaching Assistant to Prof. Tarini Bedi (UIC) for the Undergraduate course: “Economic Geography”

Lectures:

Performing Childhood: Changing Representation of Children in the Indian National Imaginary

Languages

English and Hindi

Professional Affiliation

Feb 2014-June 2014: Worked at Amaltas Consulting Pvt. Ltd. as a Research Assistant

Dec 2014- July 2015: Worked as a Research Assistant with Dr. Rochana Bajpai (Senior

Lecturer, Department of Politics and International Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London)

July 2016: Provided research consultation at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) for their ongoing HI-AWARE project aiming to assess the capacity, resilience strategies and adaptation of the women in the mountains and floodplains of the Indus, Ganges, and Brahmaputra river basins.

Service

July 2014- December 2014: Volunteered at Hazards Centre, working especially on their participatory research work at Kathputli Colony (Central Delhi slum). I conducted household surveys as a part of the project and documented the media coverage on the slum (which was supposed to be demolished at the time).

References

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