

Sapana Doshi

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Merced

2020-present Associate Professor, Department of History and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
Undergraduate Program Chair, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies

University of Arizona, Tucson

2018-present Associate Professor, School of Geography and Development
2011-2018 Assistant Professor, School of Geography and Development
2011-present Faculty Affiliate, Department of Gender and Women's Studies

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

2011 Ph.D., Department of Geography

Dissertation Title:

The Right to the Slum? Redevelopment, Rule and the Politics of Difference in Mumbai

Committee: Michael J. Watts (Chair), Gillian Hart, Ananya Roy, Raka Ray

2005 M.A., Department of Geography

Thesis Title:

The Rise of an Imperial Urban Water Complex: 'Sanitary' Bombay, 1850 – 1890

Committee: Michael J. Watts (Chair), Gillian Hart, Ananya Roy

Barnard College, Columbia University, New York

1997 B.A., Economics (Honor of Distinction)

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Doshi S (2019) Greening displacement, displacing green: Environmental subjectivity, slum clearance, and the embodied political ecologies of dispossession in Mumbai. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 43(1):112-132

Doshi S (2018) The redevelopment state: Governing surplus life and land in the 'Urban Age'. *Development and Change* <https://doi.org/10.1111/dech.12410>

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Doshi S and Ranganathan M (2018) Toward a critical geography of corruption and power in late capitalism. *Progress in Human Geography* <https://doi.org/10.1177/0309132517753070>

Doshi S and Ranganathan M (2017) Contesting the unethical city: Land dispossession and corruption narratives in urban India. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers* 107(1): 183–199.

Doshi S (2017) Embodied urban political ecology: five propositions. *Area* 49(1): 125–128.

Marston SA and Doshi S (2016) The Janice Monk Lecture in Feminist Geography: The first 10 years. *Gender, Place and Culture* 23(12): 1657–1664.

Doshi S (2014) Imperial water, urban crisis: A political ecology of colonial state formation in Bombay, 1850-1890. *Review: Journal of the Fernand Braudel Center* 37(3/4): 173-218.

Casolo J and Doshi S (2013) Domesticated Dispossession? Towards a Transnational Feminist Geopolitics of Development. *Geopolitics* 18(4): 800–834.

Doshi S (2013) The Politics of the Evicted: Redevelopment, Subjectivity, and Difference in Mumbai's Slum Frontier. *Antipode* 45(4): 844–865.

SCHOLARLY BOOK CHAPTERS

Doshi S and Ranganathan M (2019) Corruption: A Keyword for Global Capitalism Today (invited submission for an edited book to be published by *Antipode Foundation*)

Ranganathan, M and Doshi S (2019) A radical politics for the Anthropocene? Political ecologies of dispossession and anticorruption in urban India in *Urban Political Ecology: The Anthro-Obscene*, eds H. Ernston and E. Swyngedouw

Doshi S (2015) Rethinking gentrification in India: displacement, dispossession and the spectre of development. In: Lees L, Shin HB, and López-Morales E (eds), *Global gentrifications: uneven development and displacement*, Bristol, UK: Policy Press, pp. 101–120.

Doshi S (2013) Resettlement ecologies: Environmental subjectivity and graduated citizenship in Mumbai. In: Rademacher A and Sivaramakrishnan K (eds), *Ecologies of Urbanism in India: Metropolitan Civility and Sustainability*, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, pp. 225–248.

Doshi S (2012) The politics of persuasion: Gendered slum citizenship in neoliberal Mumbai. In: Desai R and Sanyal R (eds), *Urbanising Citizenship: Perspectives on Contested Spaces in Indian Cities*, New Delhi: Sage, pp. 82–108.

IN PROGRESS

Doshi S (in preparation) 'Free your body': Social movement experiments in embodied abolition through somatics and Buddhist-inspired mindfulness.

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Ranganathan M, Pike D and Doshi S, (in preparation) *Corruption Plots, Imagined Publics: The Ethics of Space in the Millennial City* (a collaborative book project supported by a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Ranganathan M and Doshi S (2017) The Color of Corruption: Whiteness and Populist Narratives. *Society & Space*. Available from: <http://societyandspace.org/2017/02/07/the-color-of-corruption-on-the-perverse-morality-of-whiteness/> (accessed 12 April 2017).

Doshi S “Review of Gavin Shatkin (ed.), *Contesting the Indian City: Global Visions and the Politics of the Local*” in *Urban Studies* 2015.

Doshi S “Introduction: Book Review Forum for Akhil Gupta’s *Red Tape: Bureaucracy, Structural Violence, and Poverty in India*” in *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* (online open site) <http://societyandspace.org/2013/08/28/red-tape-bureaucracy-structural-violence-and-poverty-in-india-by-akhil-gupta-introduction-by-sapana-doshi/>

Doshi S “Review of Akhil Gupta’s *Red Tape: Bureaucracy, Structural Violence, and Poverty in India*” in *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* (online open site) <http://societyandspace.org/2013/08/28/red-tape-bureaucracy-structural-violence-and-poverty-in-india-by-akhil-gupta-review-by-sapana-doshi/>

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

2018	Antipode Foundation International Workshop Award
2017	American Council of Learned Societies Collaborative Research Fellowship
2006	Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Grant
2006	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
2005	Society of Women Geographers National Fellowship Award

Internal

2015	Faculty Small Grant (UA-SBSRI)
2015	Udall Center Fellowship (UA-Udall Foundation)
2013	International Research Development Grant (UA-Global Initiatives)
2008 – 2009	University of California Dissertation Year Fellowship (UC Berkeley)
2007 – 2008	Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship (UC Berkeley)
Multi-year	The Berkeley Fellowship (UC Berkeley)
2005	Human Rights Center Fellowship (UC Berkeley)
2005	Qayum Family Foundation Grant for Research in South Asia (UC Berkeley)
1996 – 1997	Lucy Hooke Senior Thesis Field Research Award (Barnard College)

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2018 “Land as Ethics in Contention: Corruption Discourse and Struggles Over Urban Space in Mumbai”, invited speaker, Multi-dimensionalizing Land Workshop, Global Challenges Research Fund of the Oxford University Department of International Development, December 20-21, International Centre Goa, India.
- 2017 “The fictions, desires and discontents of slum redevelopment in Mumbai” Plenary speaker, Mumbai Social Research and Urban Projections Symposium, March 4, Harvard University Mellon Initiative and South Asia Institute, Cambridge.
- 2016 “Embodied Urban Political Ecologies: Six Propositions from the Postcolonial City” Plenary speaker, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, February 26, University of Kentucky, Lexington.
- 2015 “Social Justice and the City: Development and Urban Social Movements in 21st Century India” Colloquium speaker, Interrogating Social Justice Speaker Series, December 4, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, India.
- 2015 “Modernity corrupted, Development Betrayed: Urban Social Movements in Millennial India” Keynote speaker, Supporting Women in Geography Workshop in Social Justice and Feminist Research, March 17, San Diego State University, San Diego.
- 2014 “Rethinking Gentrification: Political Ecologies of Postcolonial Urbanization, Displacement and Social Mobilization” Plenary speaker, Urban Democracy Laboratory, May 8, New York University, New York.
- 2014 “The Redevelopmental State: Governing Dispossession through Difference in Mumbai” Colloquium speaker, Department of Geography (cosponsored by the Center for South Asian Studies and Urban and Regional Planning Department), January 30, University of Hawai’i, Manoa.
- 2013 “The Redevelopmental State: Governing Dispossession through Difference” Colloquium speaker, School of Habitat Studies Colloquium Series, July 5, Tata Institute for Social Sciences, Mumbai, India.
- 2012 “Redeveloping Women? Intersectional Politics and Housing Movements in Mumbai” Plenary speaker, Gender Equity and Capitalism Symposium, March 8, Wayne Morris Center for Law and Politics, University of Oregon, Eugene.
- 2010 “Resettlement Ecologies: Space, Citizenship and Difference in Mumbai”, Urban Ecologies in Asia Symposium, University of Hong Kong.
- 2008 “From Slum to Margins? A Political Ecology of Redevelopment, Eviction and Claims to Urban Space in Mumbai” invited speaker, Metropolitan Studies Department, New York University, New York.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2018 “Free your body: Experiments in embodied abolition through Buddhist-inspired somatic mindfulness” Annual Meeting, American Association of Geographers, New Orleans.
- 2016 “The (anti)ethics of community: Development, dispossession, and the urban spatiality of fascism in India” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, San Francisco.
- 2015 “Displacing Urban Criminality: Corruption Discourse, Dispossession and Urban Social Movements in India” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Chicago.
- 2014 “The Affective Ethico-politics of Slum Redevelopment, Displacement and Dispossession in Mumbai” Annual Meeting, Relational Poverty Network, Seattle.
- 2014 “The Ethical City? Critical Geographies of Corruption, Accountability and Inequality in Urban India” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Tampa. (session co-organizer)
- 2014 “New Turns In Feminist Political Geography: Challenging the Subjects and Objects of Politics” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Tampa. (panelist)
- 2013 “Author Meets Critics: Akhil Gupta’s Red Tape” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles. (session organizer)
- 2012 “Domesticated Disposessions: Political Geographies of Slum Eviction, Social Reproduction and Difference in Mumbai, India” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, New York.
- 2011 “The Redevelopmental State: Accumulation through Displacement and Difference in Mumbai” Rethinking Development Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca.
- 2010 “The Redevelopmental State: Accumulation through Displacement and Difference in Mumbai” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Washington, D.C.
- 2009 “The Nation and Its Displaced: Redevelopment, Politics and Citizenship in ‘Global’ Mumbai” Metropolis and Micropolitics: South Asia’s Sutured Cities Symposium, University of Washington, Seattle.
- 2009 “The Nation and Its Displaced: Redevelopment, Politics and Citizenship in ‘Global’ Mumbai” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas.
- 2008 “Gendering the Grassroots, Producing Community: Power and Difference in Mumbai’s Slum Redevelopment” Annual Meeting, American Anthropological Association, San Francisco.
- 2008 “Redeveloping Women, Shanghaiing Citizens: Neoliberalism and the Politics of the Evicted in ‘Global’ Mumbai” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Boston.

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- 2008 “Redeveloping Women, Displacing Citizens: The Politics of the Evicted in Neoliberal Mumbai” Cities and Citizenship: Interrogating Urbanism in Contemporary South Asia, Pre-Conference to the 23rd Annual South Asia Conference, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2006 “Eco-governmentality or Gendered Hegemony? The Politics of Participation, Displacement and Compensation in Mumbai” Annual Meeting, Association of American Geographers, Chicago.
- 2005 “Environmental, Women’s or Housing Rights? Redefining Human Rights for Urban Livability in Mumbai, India” Human Rights Center Conference, University of California, Berkeley.

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses

- 2020 University of California, Merced, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, Undergraduate course titled: *Global Racial Capitalism*
- 2020 University of California, Merced, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, Undergraduate course titled: *Interdisciplinary Methods in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies*
- 2011-2017 University of Arizona, School of Geography and Development
Undergraduate course titled: *Gender and Geography: Space, Power and Difference in Transnational Perspective*
- 2016 University of Arizona, School of Geography and Development, upper division undergraduate course titled: *Global Cities: Urbanization, Globalization, Citizenship Practice: Themes, Theories and Strategies*
- 2011-2014 University of Arizona, School of Geography and Development
Undergraduate course titled: *Geographies of International Development: Poverty, Development and Social Change in a Globalizing World*

Graduate Courses

- 2012-2017 University of Arizona, School of Geography and Development
Masters in Development Practice course titled: *Principles of Social Science for Development*
- 2013-2016 University of Arizona, School of Geography and Development
Masters in Development Practice course titled: *The Role of Culture in Sustainable Development*
- 2014 & 2017 University of Arizona, School of Geography and Development
Graduate seminar titled: *Urban Geography: Urban Revolutions*

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2012 & 2013 University of Arizona, School of Geography and Development
Graduate seminar titled: *Political Geographies of Development: Space, Rule, Subjectivity*

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES

Pradnya Garud – Chair, PhD committee
Nupur Joshi – Member, PhD committee
Carly Nichols – Member, Masters, comprehensive exam and PhD committees (completed)
Rebecca Patterson-Markowitz – Member Masters committee (completed)
Casey Lynch – Member, Masters committee (completed)
Marissa Isaak – Member, Comprehensive exam committee (completed)
Fuzia Taher Elkekli – Member, PhD committee (completed)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

National/International

2015 – present Editor, Geographies of Justice and Social Transformation Book Series, University of Georgia Press

2014 – 2016 Faculty Board Member, Political Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers

2013 – 2015 Editorial Board Member, Geographies of Justice and Social Transformation Book Series, University of Georgia Press

2011 – 2017 Manuscript reviews for: *Gender, Place and Culture, Environment and Planning C, Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography, Political Geography, Wiley Blackwell, Routledge, International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, International Journal of Housing Policy, Antipode, Land*

Departmental (University of California, Merced)

2020 Chair, Undergraduate Program in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, University of California, Merced, Department of History and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies

Departmental (University of Arizona)

2017 Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, School of Geography and Development

2016 – 2017 Member, Undergraduate Committee, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona

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- 2016 – 2017 Member, Urban Geography Hire Search Committee, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona
- 2015 – 2016 Member, Masters' in Development Practice Director Search Committee, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona
- 2012 – 2016 Chair, Jan Monk Distinguished Professor Lecture Committee, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona
- 2011 – 2014 Member, Masters in Development Practice Curriculum Committee, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona
- 2012 – 2014 Member, Director Search Committee, School of Geography and Development, University of Arizona
- Spring 2012 Member, Anti-racism Task Force, Gender and Women's Studies Department, University of Arizona

University Committees (University of Arizona)

- 2016 – present Member, Social, Cultural, and Critical Theory Graduate Interdisciplinary Program
- 2012 – 2013 Member, The Miranda Joseph Lecture Committee, LGBT Institute, University of Arizona (university-wide interdisciplinary institute)

Service During Graduate Studies (University of California, Berkeley)

- 2008 – 2009 Proposal Writing Presentations, Department of Geography, UC Berkeley
- 2004 – 2008 Diversity Recruitment Committee, Department of Geography, UC Berkeley
- 2004 – 2006 Executive Committee Member, Environmental Politics Workshop, UC Berkeley

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

(Positions in international development and non-profit organizations)

- 2000 – 2002 Program Officer, Independence Community Foundation
Brooklyn, New York (Urban community development)
- 1999 Project Manager, CAATINGA Center for Agro-ecology
Pernambuco, Brazil (Drought relief and sustainable rural development)
- 1998 Interpreter and Communications Associate, Oxfam-Brazil (UK)
Recife, Brazil (Drought relief and sustainable rural development)
- 1998 Assistant Program Coordinator, Catholic Relief Services
Recife, Brazil (Drought relief and sustainable rural development)
- 1997 Program Intern, Women's Venture Fund
New York, NY (Micro-finance)

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- 1996 – 1997 Latin America and Asia Desk Intern, The Trickle Up Program
New York, NY (Micro-finance)
- 1996 Intern, International Women’s Tribune Center
New York, NY (Gender and development)

MEDIA

“Video Abstract” for The Antipode Foundation website: A 6-minute video production with photographs and text about my research on slum redevelopment. Published on December 13, 2012. <http://antipodefoundation.org/2012/12/13/video-abstract-sapana-doshi-talks-about-the-politics-of-the-evicted/>

SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OUTREACH

- 2006 – 2015 National Alliance of People’s Movements: Anti-evictions Campaign, Mumbai
- 2008 – 2009 Trikone (South Asian LGBTQ Group): Marriage Equality Campaign, California
- 2003 – 2004 Varied participation in feminist South Asian-American theatre projects, California
- 2000 – 2002 Sakhi for South Asian Women: Domestic Violence Counseling, New York

LANGUAGES

Fluency in Portuguese, Hindi, and Gujarati and working knowledge of Spanish

SCHOLARLY AFFILIATIONS AND COLLABORATIONS

- 2005 – present American Association of Geographers
- 2004 – present Society for Women Geographers
- 2008 – 2011 Urban Ecologies in Asia: Research group affiliated with the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences and Yale University