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Name: Dr. Sunny Kumar

Department: History

Current Designation: Assistant Professor

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Academic Qualifications (reverse chronological order):

- M.A. in Modern Indian History (2008 - 2010), Hindu College, University of Delhi
An aggregate score of 61%
- B.A. in History Honours (2005 - 2008), Hindu College, University of Delhi
An aggregate score of 63.4%

Research Degree(s) (reverse chronological order):

- PhD in Modern Indian History (2013 - 2019), Department of History, University of Delhi.
Thesis: "Anti-Colonial Resistance and Modern Politics in Colonial Punjab, circa 1850s to 1920s"
supervised by Prof. Amar Farooqui
- M Phil in Modern Indian History (2010 - 2013), Department of History, University of Delhi
Dissertation: "Bhagat Singh and the HSRA: The History and Historiography of the Politics of
Resistance in Punjab (1919-1931)" supervised by Prof. Amar Farooqui
An aggregate score of 60.4%

Field of Specialization under the Subject/Discipline: Modern Indian History

Total Teaching Experience: 14 semesters

- July 2016 – contd. – Assistant Professor, Miranda House, University of Delhi. Class taught – B.A. (Hons.) History. B.A. (Prog.) History
- February 2016 – July 2016 – Assistant Professor, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi.
- July 2015 – December 2015: Assistant Professor, Miranda House, University of Delhi.
- January-May, 2011: Assistant Professor, Miranda House, University of Delhi.

Teaching at Miranda House since: July 2016



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List of Publications (reverse chronological order):

(Articles in referred/peer-reviewed/UGC Care journals/ Books/Book Chapters)

Full Length Research Articles

- 'Is Indian Sedition Law Colonial? J.F. Stephen and the jurisprudence on free speech' in *The Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Oct-Dec 2021: 1-28. ISSN: 0019-4646.
- "Ghadar Movement after a Century: A Study in its History and Historiography" in *NMML Occasional Paper, History and Society*, New Series – 91, 2017, ISBN: 978-93-84793-09-8
- "‘Terrorism’, or the Illegitimacy of Politics in Colonial India' in *Social Scientist* Vol. 44, March-April 2016, pp. 41-55, ISSN: 0970-0293

Book Reviews

- Review of Tripurdaman Singh and Adeel Hussain (ed), *Nehru: The Debates That Defined India* in *The Tribune* published on 9th January 2022.
- Promoting the 'Scientific Method' in History. A review of Irfan Habib, *The National Movement Part 2: The Struggle for Freedom 1919-1947*. in *The Book Review*, December 2020 ISSN: 0970-4175.
- Bhagat Singh: From Political Freedom to a Socialist Revolution. A review of S. Irfan Habib, *Inquilab: Bhagat Singh on Religion and Revolution*, in *The Book Review*, June 2020 ISSN: 0970-4175
- Review of Kama Maclean, *A Revolutionary History of Interwar India: Violence, Image, Voice and Text*, in *Social Scientist*, Jan-Feb 2019, page 87-92, ISSN: 0970-0293
- Review of Deepak Kumar, *The Trishanku Nation: Memory, Self, and Society in Contemporary India*, in *Social Scientist* July-August 2018, ISSN: 0970-0293
- Review of Mujibur Rehman (ed.), *Communalism in Postcolonial India: Changing Contours*, in *Social Scientist*, Vol 44, July-August 2016, page 92-96, ISSN: 0970-0293
- Review of Manisha Sethi's "Kafkaland: Prejudice, Law and Counterterrorism in India" in *Social Scientist*, Vol 43, July-August 2015, page 89-92, ISSN: 0970-0293



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Research Articles in Hindi

- “औपनिवेशिक शासन और ग्रामीण पंजाब का रूपांतरण” in Pratiman, July-December, 2019, CSDS, ISSN: 2320-8201
- “राजद्रोह कानून: देशभक्ति से देशद्रोह तक” in Pratiman, July-December, 2018, CSDS, ISSN: 2320-8201
- “आतंकवाद: यात्रा एक शब्द और एक अवधारणा की” in Pratiman, January-June 2018, CSDS, ISSN: 2320-8201
- “ब्रिटिश भारतीय सेना का राष्ट्रवाद?” in Pratiman, January-June 2018, CSDS, ISSN: 2320-8201
- “राष्ट्रवादी आंदोलन और भगत सिंह” in Pratiman, January-June 2017, CSDS, ISSN: 2320-8201
- “पंजाबी उग्र-राष्ट्रवाद और लाला लाजपत राय: जटिल संबंधों कि छानबीन (1900-1918)” in Pratiman, July-December, 2016, CSDS, ISSN: 2320-8201

Administrative Responsibilities (reverse chronological order):

- 1) Faculty coordinator of Miranda House Students Union 2020-21
- 2) Faculty coordinator of History Society Reading Group, Miranda House 2016-18.

Invited talks/Session chair/Resource person (reverse chronological order):

Select Presentations in Seminars and Conferences:

- 1) ‘J. F. Stephen and the Emergence of Jurisprudence on Free Speech in India’ at Y-SASM organised by Graduate Institute of Geneva on 2-4 June 2021
- 2) ‘Rethinking Indian History and the Idea of Revolution’ at Shyam Lal College, DU on 23 March 2021
- 3) ‘From War Recruiter to Arch-Seditionist: Evolution of Gandhi’s Ideas on Non-Violent Politics between 1914 and 1924’ at Department of History, Miranda House, DU on 6 March 2021.
- 4) ‘J. F. Stephen and the Emergence of Colonial Jurisprudence on Free Speech’ at Annual Conference of South Asia, University of Wisconsin Madison on 19th October 2019.
- 5) ‘Marx on Identity and Discourse of Rights’ at Department of Political Science, Miranda House, DU on 30 August, 2019
- 6) ‘British Jurisprudence and Its Application in Colonial India in Eighteenth Century’ at ‘Knowledge, Episteme and Pedagogies in the Long 18th Century’ an Annual Conference organised India by International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (IISECS) on 21-



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22 February, 2019.

- 7) 'From War Recruiter to Arch-Seditionist: Evolutionist of Gandhi's Ideas on Politics between 1914 and 1924' in a National Seminar on 'Gandhian Thought and Polity: Contemporary Society' organised by National Archives of India on 4-5 October, 2018.
- 8) 'From Peasants to Sovereign: Jat Sikhs and the Social Revolution in the Eighteenth Century' presented at 'Identities and Worldviews in the Eighteenth Century' an Annual Conference organised by India International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (IISECS) on 8-9 March 2018.
- 9) 'Dayanand Saraswati and the Making of Modern Hinduism in Punjab' presented at the Research Scholars Conference organised by the Department of History, University of Delhi, 13th-15th March, 2018.
- 10) 'From Punjab to America and Back: Ghadar Movement and Integration of Global and Indian Anti-Colonialism' presented at 'Empires: Towards a Global History' organised by University of Delhi and Harvard University on 5th December 2017.
- 11) 'Ghadar Movement after a Century: Study in its History and Historiography' presented at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), Delhi on 23rd February 2017
- 12) "Martial Law, and its Impact on Politics in Colonial India" presented at the Research Scholars' Workshop, 'History Writing: New Themes and Methods,' held in the Department of History (DU) on 3rd March 2016.
- 13) "Evolution of Caste Question in the Nationalist and Revolutionary Discourse of Early 20th Century Punjab" presented at National Seminar on "Caste and Gender: Historical Perspectives" sponsored by UGC and ICHR at Department of Social Work, DU on 19-20th February, 2016.
- 14) "The Enigmatic Relationship between Lajpat Rai and Militant Nationalists of early 20th Century Punjab," presented at Conference on the 150th Birth Anniversary of Lajpat Rai at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) on 30th December 2015.
- 15) "Was Bhagat Singh a Terrorist? Origin of the Term 'Terrorism' in Colonial North India, 1900-1930," presented at the Research Scholars Workshop at the Department of History, University of Delhi on 30th April 2014.
- 16) "Inventing 'Terrorism' in Colonial India: Attempts at Establishing the Colonial Sovereignty and Legitimate Politics" presented at the Seventy Fifth Session of the Indian History Congress at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 28-30 December, 2014.