

DR JOEETA PAL

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EDUCATION

- 2014-2020** PhD., Centre For Historical Studies, JNU, New Delhi, India
Title: “The Body in Death in Early Buddhism:
(c. 4th Century BCE – 4th Century CE)”
Supervisors: Dr. Supriya Varma and Dr. Kumkum Roy
- 2012** MPhil., Centre For Historical Studies, JNU, New Delhi, India
Supervisor: Dr. Supriya Varma
Dissertation: “Beyond the Grave: Practices of Death at Kalibangan and Lothal”
- 2009** MA., Centre For Historical Studies, JNU, New Delhi, India
Concentrations: Social History, the Epics and Archaeological Theory.
FGPA 7.18
- 2006** Bachelor of Arts, History, Fergusson College, Pune, India
81.4%
- 2004** Higher Secondary Certificate Examination, Maharashtra State Board of
Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, 74.67%

Additional Education and Qualifications

- 2018** Qualified the UGC NET in history
- 2008** Diploma in Sanskrit Grammar and Literature, University of Pune, Pune

PUBLICATIONS

A. Papers

- 2019** “How Central were Relics to Buddhism? Exploring Archaeological Evidence
from Kanheri” *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 79: 791-98.
- 2014** “Bones of Contention: A Re-evaluation of the Sexing of Skeletons at the Site
of Lothal,” *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 75: 1167-72.

B. Book Chapters

- 2021** “Arya Samasya: Itihas O Bitarka”, in P. Nath and K. Sengupta (eds.) *Itahaser
Bitarkar, Bitarker Itihas*, Kolkata: Ananda Publishers Pvt Ltd, p.1-20.

C. Articles

April 6, 2018 “A Foetal Contribution: How 'Ata' Brought Academic Injustice to Light” published in *The Wire*.

D. Learning Material

2020 Unit 4 – Agrarian Settlements and Agrarian Societies: Peninsular India for the History of India Paper for Indira Gandhi National Open University

2020 Unit 13 – Religions and Religious Practices for the Transition to Early Medieval India Paper for Indira Gandhi National Open University.

CURATION

2022 Curated a reading course entitled “Death De-eroticized: Counting and Countering Invisible Deaths in India” for the Collective of Radical Death Studies.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

2021 The 15th International Conference on the Social Context of Death, Dying and Disposal. The Association for the Study of Death and Society and Manchester Metropolitan University; paper title, “Places of the Pandemic Dead: The Changing Meanings of the Corpse in India.”

2021 The 13th Conference of the Society for the Study of Childhood in the Past. University of Otago; paper title, “Buried Figurines: Memorialising Infants and Children in Chalcolithic Inamgaon.”

2020 Workshop entitled ‘Mourning on the Margins’ conducted by Nottingham Trent University’s Centre for Public History, Heritage and Memory; paper title, “Crushed Lives: Tracking Migrant Deaths during the Pandemic Exodus.”

2019 Indian History Congress, Kannur University, Kannur; paper title, “Identifying an Archaeological Trace: The Extended Memorial Tradition of Kanheri.”

2019 Indian History Congress, Barkatullah University, Bhopal; paper title, “How Central were Relics to Buddhism? Exploring Archaeological Evidence from Kanheri.”

2019 Trans Regional Academy entitled “India and the World: New Arcs of Knowledge” conducted by the Forum Transregionale Studien (Berlin) and the Max Weber Foundation (Bonn) held at Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai; paper title, “The Afterlife of Kanheri: The Multiple Participants in an Extended Mortuary Tradition.”

2018 Conference entitled 'The relevance of archaeology for twenty-first century India' held at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore; paper title, "Relocating the Dead: Contextualising global trends in the archaeology of Death for India."

2017 The 'South-South II: Materiality and Embodiment in Greater Asia and Africa' conducted by the Center for International History, Columbia University; paper title, "Embodiment in Death: Competing variables in viewing the Corpse."

2017 CHS Young Scholars Conference 2017 entitled 'Narratives of Embodiment' held at the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; paper title, "Necromancy as Academia: The Journey of the Dead Body through Archaeology."

2015 Workshop on 'Materiality of Cultures: Methods and Practices' held at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi; paper title, "Trauma and Healing: Interpreting the Invisible in the Prehistoric Osteological Record."

2014 CHS Young Scholars Conference 2014 entitled 'Pathways in History: Exploring Connections across Time and Space', Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; paper title, "Compassion through Trauma: Identifying Disability, Intervention and Care in the Skeletal Record."

2013 Indian History Congress at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; paper title, "Bones of Contention: A Re-evaluation of the Sexing of Skeletons at the Site of Lothal."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022 Delivered a lecture entitled "Back to Basics: How do we study Material Evidence?" at Vimarsh: A Discourse conducted by the Srijan School, Delhi.

2020 - 2022 Assistant Professor at Miranda House, Delhi University.

2020 (August-October) Guest lecturer at Marathwada Mitra Mandal's College of Commerce, Savitribai Phule Pune University.

2017 Delivered a Guest lecture entitled, "Death at the Margins: The Treatment of the Marginalised in Archaeology", at the Indian Institute of Archaeology, Pattanam, Kerala on the 15th of March.

2015 Delivered a lecture on "Identity Markers on the Skeleton" for the students of BA (Hons.) at Indraprastha College, Delhi University.

2014 Delivered a lecture on "The Archaeology of Death" to the MA Ancient History students of the Centre for Historical Studies, JNU as a part of the course on the Archaeology of South Asia by Dr. Supriya Varma.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2019 Awarded the Professor Sudhir Ranjan Das Memorial Prize for the paper ‘How Central were Relics to Buddhism? Exploring Archaeological Evidence from Kanheri’ at the Indian History Congress.

2016 Recipient of the Junior Research Fellowship from the Indian Council for Historical Research.

FIELD EXPERIENCE

2009 Excavations at Indor Khera, Bulandshahr District, Uttar Pradesh, under Dr. Supriya Varma, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Dr. Jaya Menon, Aligarh Muslim University.

2011-12 Excavations at Rohana Khurd, Muzaffarnagar District, Uttar Pradesh, under Dr. Supriya Varma, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Dr. Jaya Menon, Aligarh Muslim University.

2015 Part of a survey team from Jawaharlal Nehru University detailing rock art at the sites of Ahmadpur and Kathotia in Madhya Pradesh.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

2018-19 Conducted sessions on how archaeological remains enter the museum at the National Museum New Delhi for the students of class 6, 11 and 12 of Bluebells School International.

2015 Conducted a session on Harappan Archaeology and Sites for the students of Indraprastha College for Women at the National Museum, New Delhi in 2015.

LANGUAGES

Fluently read, write and speak Hindi and Marathi.

Knowledge of Sanskrit (Intermediate), Prakrit (Elementary) and German (Elementary).

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