Curriculum Vitae
Andrew Sanchez

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Academic Profile

Andrew Sanchez is a specialist on the anthropology of class, labour, corruption, and race. He has conducted ethnographic fieldwork in urban India among industrial workers, trade unionists and entrepreneurs.

Andrew is the co-founder of the Cambridge-Max Planck Exchange for Economic Life (CaMP), and was formerly the editor of The Cambridge Journal of Anthropology, the Economics editor of the Cambridge Encyclopedia of Anthropology, and a member of the University Council, the principal executive and policy-making body of the University of Cambridge. He currently sits on the editorial boards of the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Anthropology of Work Review, Ethnos Brasil, and the Cambridge Journal of Anthropology.

Andrew´s first book 'Criminal Capital: Violence, Corruption and Class in Industrial India' was published by Routledge in 2016. Andrew is currently writing an ethnographic study of the Indian scrap metal industry, which addresses key conceptual debates in the anthropology of value and exchange. He has also recently prepared a major new collection about 'Mixed Race Thought', published in June 2025.

Andrew earned his doctorate in anthropology from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2009. Prior to joining the University of Cambridge as Lecturer in Social Anthropology in 2016, he taught at the London School of Economics and Political Science from 2009 to 2012, was Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology from 2012 to 2014, and Lecturer in Social Anthropology at the University of Kent from 2014 to 2016.

Education

PhD Social Anthropology	London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, 2009 Thesis: 'Workers, Netas and Goondas: The Casualisation of Labour in an Indian Company Town'
MSc (Research) Social Anthropology (Merit)	London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, 2005
BA (hons) Social Anthropology (2:1)	London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, 2003

Research Experience

Postdoctoral Fieldwork	Ethnographic research in the Indian industrial city of Jamshedpur on the working lives, business practices and class politics of a firm of scrap metal traders. 2014

PhD Fieldwork	Ethnographic research in the Indian industrial city of Jamshedpur among formal-sector industrial workers, trade union officials and entrepreneurs. 2006 - 2007

Publications

Books

Criminal Capital: Violence, Corruption and Class in Industrial India	2016 Routledge

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

A Mixed-Race Imagination	2025 Critique of Anthropology 45.2: 111-136
Kill Your Ancestors: The Wars of Decolonization	2023 American Ethnologist 50(3):439-445 [Ranked within top 10% of most viewed articles published by the journal in 2023]
Transformation and the Satisfaction of Work	2020 Social Analysis 64(3): 68-94
Understanding Labour Politics in an Age of Precarity (with Sian Lazar)	2019 Dialectical Anthropology 43(1): 3-14
Everyday Barricades: Bureaucracy and the Affect of Struggle in Trade Unions (with Eeva Kesküla)	2019 Dialectical Anthropology 43(1): 109-125
Canon Fire: Decolonising the Curriculum	2018 The Cambridge Journal of Anthropology 36 (2): 1-6
The Novelty of the Gift: A British Anthropologist & the Trends of Ethnography	2017 History and Anthropology 28 (5): 553-559
Profane Relations: The Irony of Offensive Jokes in India	2016 History and Anthropology 27 (3): 296-312
Anthropological and Historical Perspectives on India's Working Classes (with Christian Strümpell)	2014 Modern Asian Studies 48 (5): 1233-1241
Sons of Soil, Sons of Steel: Autochthony Descent and the Class Concept in Industrial India (with Christian Strümpell)	2014 Modern Asian Studies 48 (5): 1276-1301
Deadwood and Paternalism: Rationalising Casual Labour in an Indian Company Town	2012 Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute 18 (4): 808-827
Questioning Success: Dispossession and the Criminal Entrepreneur in Urban India	2012 Critique of Anthropology 32 (4): 435-457
Capitalism, Violence and The State: Crime, Corruption and Entrepreneurship in an Indian Company Town	2010 Journal of Legal Anthropology,1 (2):165-188

Edited Works

Mixed-Race Thought	2025 Special Issue Critique of Anthropology 45.2
Labour Politics in an Age of Precarity (co-edited with Sian Lazar)	2019. Special Issue of Dialectical Anthropology 43(1)
Indeterminacy: Waste, Value and the Imagination (co-edited with Catherine Alexander)	2019. Berghahn.
Canon Fire: Decolonising the Curriculum	2018 Special Issue of The Cambridge Journal of Anthropology 36(2)
The Indian Gift: A Critical Debate	2017 Special Section of History and Anthropology 28 (5): 553-583
Class Matters: New Ethnographic Perspectives on the Politics of Indian Labour (co-edited with Christian Strümpell)	2014 Special Issue of Modern Asian Studies 48 (5)

Chapters in Edited Collections

The Alchemy of the Circular Economy	2024. Circular Economies in an Unequal World: Waste, Renewal and the Effects of Global Circularity. O'Hare, P and Rams, D. (eds). Bloomsbury. pp. 215-224
Technologies of Transformation	2022. Routledge Handbook of The Anthropology of Labor. Gill, L and Kasmir, S (eds). Routledge. pp.361-371
Mauss and the Gift	2022. A Handbook of Economic Anthropology (3rd Edition). Carrier, JG. (ed). Edward Elgar. pp. 35-44
The Colour of Anthropology	2021 Reading Against Racism: A Berghahn Collection
Systemic Criminality, Work and The Politics of Labour	2019.The Handbook of Organised Crime and Politics. Allum, F & Gilmour, S (eds). Edward Elgar. pp.374-388
The Values of Indeterminacy (with Catherine Alexander)	2019. Indeterminacy: Waste, Value and the Imagination. Alexander, C & Sanchez, A (eds.) Berghahn. pp. 1-30
The Fall and Rise of Class	2018. The Handbook of Political Anthropology. Wydra, H & Thomassen, B. (eds.) Edward Elgar. pp. 410-422
Division of Labour	2018. International Encyclopedia of Anthropology. Hilary Callan (ed.) Wiley-Blackwell
Piece-rates	2018. International Encyclopedia of Anthropology. Hilary Callan (ed.) Wiley-Blackwell
Relative Precarity: Decline, Hope and the Politics of Work	2018. Industrial Labor on the Margins of Capitalism: Precarity, Class and the Neoliberal Subject. Hann, C & Parry, JP. (eds) Berghahn pp. 218-240
Coercion and Corporate Power: Notes on Class Struggle in an Indian City	2017. The Corporation: A Critical, Multidisciplinary Handbook. Grietje Baars & Andre Spicer (eds.) Cambridge University Press. pp. 470-478
Criminal Entrepreneurship: A political economy of corruption and organised crime in India	2015. Routledge Handbook of Political Corruption. Paul Heywood (ed.) Routledge pp. 67-76

Other Publications

Working Group on Investments in and Research Funded by Companies Belonging to the Defence Industry: Final Report (Alaeddin, Aston, Bodfish, Clements, Denis, Myall, Peak, Sanchez, Virgo)	2025. University of Cambridge
Comment: Alvi, A. & Werth, L. 'Generosity as Ethics: The Double Transaction in Marcel Mauss's The Gift'	2025. *Current Anthropology* 66(4): 632-633
Comment: McNamara, T. 'Multi-Unionism, Union Bureaucracy and Untruth in Collective Ethical Self-making'	2025. *Current Anthropology* 66(2):199-200
Can a Circular Economy Ever Work?	2024 Bloomsbury Academic Blog April 19th 2024
Why Do We Need the Gens Manifesto?	2024 Boasblog April 16th 2024
Decolonization: What's the Point?	2023 CUSAS Magazine Lent 2023
Work is Complicated: Thoughts on Graeber's 'Bullshit Jobs'	2022 FocaalBlog March 4th 2022
Corruption is both a symptom of the basic structures of capitalism, and a technology that supports them	2016 LSE South Asia. May 12 2016
FT could be more critical of a company town	2015 Financial Times. November 12 2015
Corruption in India	2012 India: The Next Superpower? LSE IDEAS SR010 March 2012: 50-53
Criminal Capital	2011 LSE Connect, Winter 2011:12-13
Taking Stock: Looting and the Left in the London Riots	2011 City Analysis

Book Reviews

A Labour of Love Review of 'Classes of Labour: Work and Life in a Central Indian Steel Town' By Jonathan Parry	2023 Dialectical Anthropology 47 135-138
'I am the People: Reflections on Popular Sovereignty Today' By Partha Chatterjee	2022. Anthropological Quarterly 95(1): 233-236
'Making Cars in the New India: Industry, Precarity and Informality' By Tom Barnes	2021 Journal of South Asian Development 16 (2):313-315
'Gangster States: Organized Crime, Kleptocracy and Political Collapse' by Katherine Hirschfeld	2017 American Anthropologist 119 (1):162–163

`Dream Zones. Anticipating Capitalism and Development in India´ by Jamie Cross	2016 South Asia 39 (4): 908-909
`Anthropology in the City: Methodology and Theory´ by Italo Pardo and Giuliana B. Prato (eds).	2014 Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute 20 (2): 379-380
'Anthropology, Politics and the State: Democracy and Violence In South Asia' by Jonathan Spencer	2009 Nations and Nationalism 15 (3): 555-556

Podcasts and Interviews

Origin Studies Part 2	2024 Camthropod. Episode 36. February 2024
The Future of the Anthropological Journal	2022 Camthropod. Episode 25. November 2022
Reading Against Racism	2021 Salon B November 2nd 2021
Indeterminacy	2021 Anthropology Books Today 24th September 2021
Anti-Colonial Thought	2020 Decolanth 22nd July 2019
The Canon	2020 Decolanth 22nd July 2019
Race & Racism	2020 Decolanth 22nd July 2019

Academic Positions

Associate Professor in Social Anthropology Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge October 2021-	Associate Professorship in Social Anthropology, comprising course design, teaching and supervision of undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students.
Lecturer in Social Anthropology Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge September 2016-October 2021	Lectureship in Social Anthropology, comprising course design, teaching and supervision of undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students.
Lecturer in Social Anthropology School of Anthropology & Conservation, University of Kent November 2014-September 2016	Lectureship in Social Anthropology, comprising course design, teaching and supervision of undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students.
Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology September 2012-November 2014	Postdoctoral research fellowship on Industry and Inequality in Eurasia research group.
LSE Fellow, Department of Anthropology, LSE September 2009-September 2012	Three-year teaching fellowship, comprising course design, teaching and supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Research Assistant, Research Department of Clinical, Educational & Health Psychology, UCL July-September 2009	Assistant on three-year Leverhulme trust funded project led by Professor David Tuckett, culminating in 2011 monograph: Minding the Markets, an emotional finance view of financial instability. Role in project was to collate and interpret hedge fund managers' narratives of success and failure

Post-Doctoral Mentorship

Dr Joana Nascimento University of Cambridge	'Rethinking work, social reproduction and 'sustainable futures' in contemporary capitalism: perspectives from the Outer Hebrides of Scotland' ESRC New Investigator Grant, 2024
Dr Julia Perczel University of Cambridge	'Circular economy transition and the Indian E-waste Market' ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2023
Dr José Ciro Martínez University of Cambridge	'Sovereign Haze: Hashish, Trafficking and the Illicit in the Western Mediterranean' ESRC New Investigator Grant, 2020

Teaching

PhD Supervisor	Malin Schlode (University of Cambridge, 2025-) Charotte Hickman (University of Cambridge, 2024-) Yisha Zhu (University of Cambridge, 2024-) Tarina Franklin (University of Cambridge, 2024-) Mary Tate (University of Cambridge, 2023-) Edurne Sosa El Fakih (University of Cambridge, 2023-) Sumedha Chakravarty (University of Cambridge, 2023-) Lucas Zabotin (University of Cambridge, 2022-) Lyndsey West (University of Cambridge, 2022-) Rachel Kay (University of Cambridge, 2022-) Xin Zhan (University of Cambridge, 2020-2024) Kevin Yildirim (University of Cambridge, 2019-2023) Javier Ruiz (University of Cambridge, 2019-2023) Alice Pearson (University of Cambridge, 2015-2021)
Seminar Leader 'The Anthropology of Violence' 2023-24 Academic Year	Postgraduate Seminar Leader Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Seminar Leader 'Anthropology and Social Theory' 2022-23 Academic Year - Present	Doctoral Seminar Leader Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Seminar Leader 'Reading and Writing Ethnography' 2022-2023 Academic Year- Present	Undergraduate Seminar Leader Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Lecturer 'Politics and Ethics of Ethnography' 2022-2023 Academic Year - Present	Undergraduate Lecturer Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Lecturer 'Ethnographic Methods' 2022-2023 Academic Year - Present	Undergraduate and Postgraduate Lecturer Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge

Paper Coordinator ‘Ethnographic Methods and Writing 2022-2023 Academic Year - Present	Undergraduate Paper Convenor Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Paper Coordinator ‘Social Anthropology: The Comparative Perspective’ 2021-2022 Academic Year	Core Undergraduate Paper Convenor Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Lecturer ‘Critical Issues: Political and Economic Life’ 2020-2021 Academic Year- Present	Undergraduate Lecturer Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Seminar Leader ‘MPhil in Modern South Asian Studies’ 2019-2020 Academic Year- Present	Postgraduate Seminar Leader Centre of South Asian Studies University of Cambridge
Seminar Leader ‘Ethnographic Methods’ 2016-2017 Academic Year-Present	Doctoral Seminar Leader Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Lecturer ‘The Political Economy of Modern India’ 2017-2018 Academic Year 2019-2020 Academic Year	Undergraduate Lecturer Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Lecturer ‘City Life’ 2017-2018 Academic Year 2018-2019 Academic Year 2019-2020 Academic Year	Undergraduate Lecturer and Seminar Leader Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Lecturer ‘Concepts and Methods in Urban Anthropology’ 2017-2018 Academic Year 2018-2019 Academic Year 2019-2020 Academic Year	Undergraduate Lecturer and Seminar Leader Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Paper Coordinator ‘Anthropology of Cities and Space’ 2017-2018 Academic Year 2018-2019 Academic Year 2019-2020 Academic Year	Optional Undergraduate Paper Convenor Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Lecturer ‘The Political Economy of Organised Crime and Corruption’ 2016-2017 Academic Year-Present	Undergraduate Lecturer Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Lecturer ‘Economic Anthropology’ 2016-2017 Academic Year-Present	Undergraduate Lecturer Postgraduate Lecturer and Seminar Leader Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Lecturer ‘The Ethnographic Method’ 2016-2017 Academic Year-Present	Social Sciences Research Methods Programme University of Cambridge

Paper Coordinator 'The Foundations of Social Life' 2016-2017 Academic Year-Present	Core Undergraduate Paper Convenor Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge
Convenor, 'Advanced Social Anthropology: Power and Economy' 2015-2016 Academic Year	Undergraduate Lecturer and Seminar Leader School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent
Lecturer, 'Skills for Anthropology and Conservation' 2015-2016 Academic Year	Undergraduate Lecturer School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent
Convenor, 'Ethnographies I' 2015-2016 Academic Year	Undergraduate Lecturer and Seminar Leader School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent
Convenor, 'Introduction to Social Anthropology' 2014-2015 Academic Year	Undergraduate Lecturer School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent
Convenor, 'Advanced Social Anthropology I: Economics' 2014-2015 Academic Year	Undergraduate Lecturer School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent
Lecturer, 'Violence and Conflict in the Contemporary World' 2014-2015 Academic Year	Undergraduate Lecturer School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent
Convenor, 'Thinkers and Theories' 2014-2015 Academic Year 2015-2016 Academic Year	Undergraduate Lecturer School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent
Convenor, 'The Anthropology of Economic Institutions and their Social Transformations' 2009-2010 Academic Year 2010-2011 Academic Year 2011-2012 Academic Year	Undergraduate lecturer and class teacher; Postgraduate lecturer and seminar teacher, Department of Anthropology, LSE
Convenor, 'The Anthropology of South Asia' 2010-2011 Academic Year	Undergraduate lecturer and class teacher; Postgraduate lecturer and seminar teacher, Department of Anthropology, LSE
Graduate Teaching Assistant, 'Ethnography and Theory' 2008-2009 Academic Year	Undergraduate class teacher, Course convened by Professor Martha Mundy, Department of Anthropology, LSE

Scholarships and Awards

LSE Teaching Prize 2011-2012 Academic Year	University award for excellence in lecturing and class teaching. Prize to the amount of £350.
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) 1+3 Studentship October 2004-October 2008	UK Scholarship for the completion of a PhD in the Social Sciences. Comprising full payment of tuition fees and a maintenance grant of £14,000 per annum

Professional Service

University

Committee Member, Working Group on Investments in and Research funded by Companies belonging to the Defence Industry University of Cambridge	2024-25
Elected Member University Council University of Cambridge	2019-2023
Trustee University of Cambridge	2019-2023
Committee Member, Appointment Committee for the next Vice-Chancellor University of Cambridge	2021-2022
Committee Member, Learning Together Programme Transition Board University of Cambridge	2021
Committee Member, Anonymous Reporting Working Group University of Cambridge	2021
Committee Member, Governance Review Working Group University Council, University of Cambridge	2019-2022
Committee Member, Remuneration Committee, University of Cambridge	January 2021-December 2022
Committee Member, Committee for Benefactions and External Legal Affairs University of Cambridge	January 2021-December 2022
Chair, Centre for South Asian Studies Management Committee, University of Cambridge	2025-2026
Committee Member, Foundation Year Management Committee University of Cambridge	2024-Ongoing
Committee Member, Foundation Year Admissions Panel University of Cambridge	2021-Ongoing

Committee Member, Undergraduate Admissions Committee, University of Cambridge	2019-2022
Committee Member, Standing Appointments Committee, Unified Administrative Service, University of Cambridge	January 2019- December 2020
Committee Member, Estate Strategy Committee, University of Cambridge	January 2019- December 2020
Committee Member, Business Committee, University Council, University of Cambridge	January 2019- December 2020
Committee Member, Appointments Committee for External Members of the Audit Committee, University of Cambridge	2019-2020
Committee Member, Appointments Committee for External Members of the Committee on Benefactions and External and Legal Affairs, University of Cambridge	2019-2020
Committee Member, Graduate Studies Committee Centre for Gender Studies, University of Cambridge	2020-2023
Committee Member, Conference Competition Panel Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) University of Cambridge	2024
Committee Member, Hiring Panel for Smuts Fellowship Centre for South Asian Studies University of Cambridge	2022
Committee Member, Hiring Panel for Assistant Professorship in Sociology Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge	2022
Committee Member, Centre for South Asian Studies Executive Committee, University of Cambridge	2019-Ongoing
Committee Member, Centre for South Asian Studies Management Committee, University of Cambridge	2016-2019 2020-Ongoing

Committee Member, Governance and Human Rights Centre Management Committee, University of Cambridge	2017-2018
Committee Member, Development Studies Management Committee, University of Cambridge	2016-2018
Elected Member, Works Council (Betriebsrat), Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology	July 2013-October 2014
Committee Member, Research Staff Committee, LSE	2011-2012
Research Staff and Fellows Officer, Universities and Colleges Union, LSE Branch	2011-2012
Student Recruitment, Department of Anthropology, LSE	Organiser of annual Open Days and Taster Sessions for prospective undergraduate students 2009-2010, 2010-2011 Academic Years

School

Chair Human, Social and Political Sciences (HSPS) Tripos Management Committee, School of the Humanities and Social Science University of Cambridge	2024-Ongoing
Committee Member, Human, Social and Political Sciences (HSPS) Faculty Board, School of the Humanities and Social Science University of Cambridge	2024-Ongoing
Senior Examiner: Part I Human, Social, and Political Sciences (HSPS) Tripos School of the Humanities and Social Science University of Cambridge	2024-Ongoing
Subject Convenor Human, Social, and Political Sciences (HSPS) Tripos School of the Humanities and Social Science University of Cambridge	2020-2023
Chair Human, Social, and Political Sciences (HSPS) Directors of Studies Committee University of Cambridge	2020-2023
Committee Member, Human, Social and Political Sciences (HSPS) Tripos Management Committee, School of the Humanities and Social Science University of Cambridge	2020-2023 2024-Ongoing

Committee Member, Subject Convenors' Committee, School of the Humanities and Social Science University of Cambridge	2020-2023

College

Panel Member Boyce Scholarship assessment panel, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge	2024-Ongoing
Graduate Tutor, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge	2023-Ongoing
Director of Studies for Foundation Year Wolfson College, University of Cambridge	2022-Ongoing
Committee Member, Governing Body, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge	2021-Ongoing
Committee Member, HSPS Admissions Interviewing Panel, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge	2021-Ongoing
Committee Member, Education Policy Committee Wolfson College, University of Cambridge	2021-Ongoing
Director of Studies in Social Anthropology and Sociology Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge	2017-2020
Graduate Mentor Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge	2016-2019
Committee Member, Education Policy Committee, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge	2016-2020
Panel Member Research Fellowships assessment panel, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge	2016-2017 Academic Year 2018-2019 Academic Year 2019-2020 Academic Year
Committee Member, HSPS Admissions Interviewing Committee, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge	2016-2020

Committee Member, Governing Body Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge	2016-2020

Department

Chair and Departmental Lead Athena Swan Self-Assessment Panel	2024-Ongoing
Committee Member, Appointments Committee for Head of Department Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2024
Committee Member, Hiring Panel for temporary lectureship in Social Anthropology Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2024
Equality, Diversity, & Inclusivity Representative Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2022-23 2024-Ongoing
Committee Member, Research Committee, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2024-Ongoing
Departmental Representative, Universities and Colleges Union	2023-Ongoing
Convenor/Chair, Senior Research Seminar, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2022
Outreach Coordinator, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2016-Ongoing
Coordinator, Social Anthropology Research Associates network, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2016-2021
Student Complaints Deputy Officer Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2018-Ongoing
Committee Member, MPhil Committee, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2021-2024

Committee Member, PhD Committee, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2017-2020 2024-Ongoing
Committee Member, Undergraduate Education Committee, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2016-2020 2021-Ongoing
Committee Member, Executive Committee, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2016-Ongoing
Committee Member, Hiring Panel for Knowledge Exchange Facilitator and Research Associate, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2023
Committee Member, Hiring Panel for Assistant Professorship in the Anthropology of Economy and Environment, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2022
Committee Member, Hiring Panel for Assistant Professorship in Medical Anthropology Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2021
Committee Member, Hiring Panel for Assistant Professorship in Anthropology of Amazonia Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2020
Committee Member, Hiring Panel for University Lectureship in the Anthropology of Kinship Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	2017
Deputy Director of Recruitment and Admissions, School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent	2015-2016
Coordinator of Year Abroad programmes, School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent	2015-2016
Convenor/Chair Anthropology Research Seminar, School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent	Autumn term 2015

Discipline

Peer Reviewer	American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, Antipode, Anthropological Quarterly, Anthropological Theory, Anthropology of Work Review, Australian Journal of Anthropology, Berghahn, Central Asian Survey, Contemporary South Asia, Contributions to Indian Sociology, Critique of Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology, Current Anthropology, Current Sociology, Dialectical Anthropology, East European Politics and Societies, Economics, Economic Anthropology, Economic and Social Research Council (UK), Ethnography, European Journal of Sociology, Focaal, History and Anthropology, International Journal of Psychoanalysis, International Labor and Working-Class History, Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Journal of South Asian Development, Leverhulme Trust, L'Homme, Modern Asian Studies, Oxford Development Studies, Political and Legal Anthropology Review, Polity, Routledge, Social Anthropology, South Asia, Suomen Antropologi, Swiss National Science Foundation, Third World Quarterly, UK Research and Innovation, Urbanities, Wenner Gren Foundation, Worldwide Waste
PhD Examiner	The Australian National University, University of Cambridge, University of Copenhagen, University of London, University of Kent, University of Delhi, University of Lausanne, University of Princeton, National University of Singapore
Editorial Board Member, The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute	2024-Ongoing
Editorial Board Member, Ethnos Brasil	2024-Ongoing
Editorial Board Member, The Cambridge Journal of Anthropology	2023-Ongoing
Editorial Board Member Anthropology of Work Review	2020-Ongoing
Editor The Cambridge Journal of Anthropology	2018-2022
Economics Editor, Editorial Board Member Cambridge Encyclopaedia of Anthropology	2016-2023
Member, Main Research Grants Screening Panel, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research	2019-2022 2025

External Examiner MSc Social Anthropology, MSc Social Anthropology (Religion in the Contemporary World), MSc Social Anthropology (Learning and Cognition), Department of Anthropology London School of Economics and Political Science	2019-2023
External Examiner BA Social Anthropology, BA Anthropology and History, BA Anthropology and Sociology Department of Anthropology Goldsmiths	2016-2020
Member European Consortium for Political Research, Standing Group on (Anti)Corruption and Integrity	2018-2021
Organiser 'Wants and Their Shadows?' Cambridge/Max Planck Exchange for Economic Life University of Cambridge	International workshop on new innovations in economic anthropology September 2nd-3rd 2025
Organiser 'What Do People Want?' Cambridge/Max Planck Exchange for Economic Life Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology	International workshop on new innovations in economic anthropology January 11th-12th 2024
Organiser Mixed Race Thought in the Culture Wars Wolfson College University of Cambridge	International workshop to discuss the context, challenges and opportunities of mixed-race thought. July 10th-11th 2023
Co-organiser/Chair Social Life of Work Seminar Series University of Cambridge	Monthly. 2023-Ongoing
Organiser Critical Agendas in Economic Anthropology Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology	International workshop on new innovations in economic anthropology May 25th-26th 2023
Session Organiser, London Anthropology Day	Annual workshop for school children on the Anthropology of Violence. Part of a one-day event organised by The Royal Anthropological Institute. Workshop invited participants to discuss the meanings and motivations of violence in light of excerpts from ethnographic films July 8th 2010, July 14th 2011, July 5th 2012, June 29th 2017, July 7th 2018, June 19th 2020 [cancelled owing to Covid-19 pandemic]
Co-organiser, Fieldwork in Challenging Circumstances	ESRC workshop on ethnographic research methods for doctoral students. May 15th 2015, May 13th 2016
Organiser Rethinking Skill: New Ethnographic Perspectives on Expertise	International workshop on the ethnography of skill May 6th-7th 2016

Assistant Editor, Urbanities: the Journal of the IUAES Commission on Urban Anthropology	September 2012-April 2015
Convener/Chair, Ethnographic Perspectives on Work and Labour Seminar, Department of Anthropology, LSE	Fortnightly. 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012
Organiser, 'Anthropology in London: Current Research (III), (IV), (V), (VI)	Conference of current Anthropological Research from Brunel University, Goldsmiths College, London School of Economics, School of Oriental and African Studies, University College London and University of East London. June 15th 2009, June 14th 2010, June 20th 2011, June 11th 2012
Convener/Chair, South Asia Seminar, Department of Anthropology, LSE	Fortnightly. 2007-2008 Academic Year

Seminars and Conference Presentations

'Anthropology Research Seminar' School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics Queens University Belfast	Presenter Provenance: The Value of People and Things (April 23rd 2026)
'Mixed Race/Mixed Heritage identity in a fractured world' House of Lords, Palace of Westminster	Group discussant (March 23rd 2026)
'No Rest For the Revenant: Conjuring Ethnographic Ghosts and Reckoning With The Haunting' American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans	Presenter The Ghosts of the Other (Nov 22nd 2025)
Social Anthropology Seminar Department of Social Anthropology University College London	Presenter A Mixed-Race Imagination (October 8 2025)
'Dilemmas of Doing Diversity' University of Leiden	Presenter A Mixed-Race Imagination (September 24-25 2025)
South Asian Anthropologists Group annual conference, Department of Anthropology, LSE	Discussant 'Svantantrya and Swabhimana- Ethnographic insights from Bangalore's rickshaw driver's feelings of freedom, autonomy and pride' Shivani Daxini, Durham University (17th September 2025)
'Wants and their Shadows' Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) University of Cambridge	Organiser/Presenter The Negative Space of Hope (September 2nd-3rd 2025)
'Relational Racisms in a Global Perspective' University of Cambridge	Presenter A Mixed-Race Imagination (June 30th-July 2nd 2025)

Black Geographies Workshop University of California, Berkeley	Presenter A Mixed-Race Imagination (April 17th 2025)
Geography Colloquium University of California, Berkeley	Presenter Provenance: The Value of People and Things (April 16th 2025)
Masterclass Department of Anthropology, LSE	Presenter A Mixed-Race Imagination (March 27th 2025)
Past Globalisations, Silk Roads Programme King's College, University of Cambridge	Discussant (June 3rd 2024)
Global Anthropology of Industrial Labor: Comparative Approaches to Crisis and Transformations in South Asian and Latin American Working Classes II. Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones Laborales, Buenos Aires	Discussant (15th-17th May 2024)
Anthropology Research Seminar Brunel University London	Presenter Provenance: The Value of People and Things (February 6th 2024)
'What Do People Want?' Cambridge/Max Planck Exchange for Economic Life Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology	Organiser/Presenter Certainty and Dignity in Indian Working Life (January 11th 2024)
Archaeology Seminar Series University of Reading	Presenter: Provenance: The Value of People and Things (October 19th 2023)
Global Anthropology of Industrial Labor: Comparative Approaches to Crisis and Transformations in South Asian and Latin American Working Classes. Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones Laborales, Buenos Aires	Final Discussant (27th-29th September 2023)
Mixed Race Thought in the Culture Wars Wolfson College University of Cambridge	Organiser/Presenter Dissonance and a Mixed-Race Imagination (10th-11th July 2023)
Decolonisation and the Left: A Platypus Panel Cambridge	Presenter/Panellist Anachronism and Power in Leftist Struggle (June 2nd 2023)
Critical Agendas in Economic Anthropology Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology	Organiser/Presenter Technologies of Transformation: A Theory of Value and Power (May 25th 2023)
Kolloquium Institut für Ethnologie und Kulturwissenschaft, Universität Bremen	Presenter Provenance: The Value of People and Things (May 23rd 2023)
Twisted Transfers: Discursive Constructions of Corruption in Ancient Greece and Rome, University of Potsdam	Keynote Speaker Systemic Criminality and the Corruption Concept (15th-16th December 2022)

Social Anthropology Seminar Department of Social Anthropology University College London	Presenter ‘Kill Your Ancestors: Clickbait Wars and Decolonization’ (2nd November 2022)
South Asian Anthropologists Group annual conference, University of Edinburgh	Discussant ‘The Janus-Faced Digital Mediation of Platform Work’ Kaveri Medappa, University of Sussex (8th September 2022)
‘Researching Purpose and Vocation’ MaxCam Centre, University of Cambridge	Discussant ‘Ritualizing Work: Value Transformation and Ethical Living’ Frank Ngo, University of Cambridge ‘The Business of Homeless Guardianship: the Work of Manufacturing Trust and Legitimacy on the Frontline’ Simon Tawfic, LSE ‘Death and Care’ Sally Raudon, University of Cambridge ‘‘Unemployed Nomad’ in the ‘Free Lounge’?: Networking, Mutual Aid, and Appropriation of Identities of the Self-Employed Communities in China’ Ruoxi Liu, University of Cambridge (17th March 2022)
'Seminar in Anthropological Theory' Department of Anthropology, LSE	Presenter ‘Work is Complicated: Thoughts on Graeber’s Bullshit Jobs’ (December 10th 2021)
‘Animating Irony’ King’s College, Cambridge	Presenter ‘Nostalgia and Progress: The Creative Awareness of Crime in an Indian General Election’ (August 26th-27th 2021)
‘The Social Life of Skills’ School of Geography, University of Melbourne	Discussant ‘Apprenticeship, Skill Acquisition and Social Embeddedness among Indian Muslim Artisans’ Thomas Chambers, Oxford Brookes University ‘Of Glass, Skills and Life; Craft Consciousness Among Firozabad's Glass Workers’ Arnaud Kaba, Center for Modern Indian Studies, Göttingen ‘From the Making of Craft to Making One’s Life: Stories from Carpentry Apprentices in Brussels’ Christine Moderbacher, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (July 6th 2021)

‘Politics and Ethics of Platform Labour: Learning from Lived Experiences’ Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) University of Cambridge	Discussant ‘Between Precarity and Autonomy; Reconfiguring Risk and Responsibility in the Gig Economy in India’ Gayatri Nair, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi ‘Evade, Deceive, Unite: Worker Power Through Customer Coalitions on Digital Platforms’ Valentin Niebler, Leuphana University ‘The Network Makes Us Strong: Alternatives to the Union Form Amongst Organised Platform Couriers’ Morgan Rhys Powell, University of Manchester (April 15th 2021)
‘The Individual in the Labour Market Reading Group’ Department of Sociology University of Cambridge	Presenter ‘Transformation and the Satisfaction of Work’ (March 11th 2021)
European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference, Lisbon [held remotely]	Discussant Panel: ‘The Circular Economy: Between Promises of Renewal and Unequal Global Circulation’ (July 23rd 2020)
‘The Social Life of Work: Towards a critical understanding of the changing dynamics of work in the global South’ Department of International Development, University of Oxford	Presenter ‘Surplus Populations and the Waste Metaphor’ (May 21st - May 22nd 2020)
Departmental Seminar Department of Anthropology Goldsmiths College, University of London	Presenter ‘Transformation and Satisfaction’ (February 5th 2020)
'Seminar in Anthropological Theory' Department of Anthropology, LSE	Presenter ‘Transformation and Satisfaction’ (November 22nd 2019)
Roundtable Discussion Series South Asia Centre LSE	Roundtable Speaker ‘What does the study of South Asia teach us about Capitalism?’ (November 20th 2019)
‘Ethnographies of Akrasia’ Department of Anthropology, LSE	Discussant ‘Giving Up the Will to Live: Magicians and moral incontinence in Melanesia’ Karen Sykes, University of Manchester ‘A willful lack of will, or an unwilled willing: testimony, agency, and existential religion among the Mormon Transhumanists’ John Bialecki, University of Edinburgh (July 9th 2019)

'The Social Life of Work' Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) University of Cambridge	Discussant 'Changing the Mind and Behaviour of the Poor at Work: Political Subjectivity of low-end service workers in India's Corporate Sector' Nandini Gooptu, University of Oxford 'Friends, enemies and 'dirty politics': studying petty politics on the workfloor' Garima Jaju, University of Oxford (October 12th 2018)
'The Politics of Economics' Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) University of Cambridge	Discussant 'The Political Vernaculars of Value Creation' Fabian Muniesa, Mines ParisTech (October 9th 2018)
'Interzones' Tangiers, Department of Anthropology University of Copenhagen	Presenter 'Criminal Capital' (September 27th 2018)
Departmental Seminar Department of Social Anthropology University of Cambridge	Presenter 'Creation and Transformation: Value and the Satisfaction of Work' (March 2nd 2018)
'Willful Blindness' School of Anthropology and Conservation University of Kent	Presenter 'Blind Hope: Entropy and Legitimacy in the Indian General Election' (June 16th 2017)
'The Politics of Waste' Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) University of Cambridge	Presenter 'Relative Precarity: Decline, Hope and the Politics of Work' (June 2nd 2017)
'Labour Politics in an Age of Precarity' Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) University of Cambridge	Presenter 'Everyday Barricades: Banality and the Paradox of Class Struggle in Global Trade Unions' (April 21st 2017)
Departmental Seminar Department of Social Anthropology University of Oslo	Presenter 'Relative Precarity: Decline, Hope and the Politics of Work' (March 29th 2017)
Departmental Seminar Department of Social Anthropology University of Edinburgh	Presenter 'Creation and Transformation: Value and the Satisfaction of Scrap Work' (September 30th 2016)
Departmental Seminar Department of Social Anthropology University of Sussex	Presenter 'Creation and Transformation: Value and the Satisfaction of Scrap Work' (September 27th 2016)
'Democratic Cultures in South Asia' Wolfson College University of Oxford	Discussant 'Un-natural Resources, Crime and Party Politics in India' Barbara Harriss-White, University of Oxford (July 15th 2016)

Social Studies of Labour Regulation Kent Law School University of Kent	Presenter 'Criminal Capital' (June 27th 2016)
Weekly Colloquium Centre for Modern Indian Studies University of Göttingen	Presenter 'Profane Relations: The Irony of Offensive Jokes in India' (June 1st 2016)
Departmental Seminar Department of Social Anthropology University of Oxford	Presenter 'Profane Relations: The Irony of Offensive Jokes in India' (February 19th 2016)
'Precarious Economy: Informality and Entrepreneurship at the Bottom of the Pyramid' University of Sussex	Presenter 'The Political Economy of Criminal Enterprise' (December 3rd 2015)
'South Asian Anthropologists Group', University of Cambridge	Discussant 'Leadership, authority & legitimation in South Asian supply chains: Accounting for ambiguity', Thomas Chambers, University of Sussex (November 21st 2015)
Departmental Seminar Department of Social Anthropology University of Manchester	Presenter 'Profane Relations: The Irony of Offensive Jokes in India' (November 16th 2015)
'Waste and the Superfluous: Precarious Living Amidst Worlds of Waste' University of Oslo	Presenter 'Creation and Transformation: Work, Skill and Value in the Scrap Metal Business' (September 14th 2015)
'Realising Eurasia' Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology	Discussant (July 20th 2015)
Anthropology Werkstatt Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology	Presenter 'Everyday Barricades: Banality and the Paradox of Class Struggle in Global Trade Unions' (July 14th 2015)
Critical Corporation Seminar Series Cass Business School	Roundtable Speaker 'Coercion and Corporate Power' (June 24th 2015)
'Regular and Precarious Labour in Modern Industrial Settings' Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology	Organiser/Presenter 'Relative Precarity: Decline, Possibility and the Politics of Work' (May 9th 2015)
Departmental Seminar Department of Anthropology University of Pilsen	Presenter 'Creation and Transformation: Work, Skill and Value in the Scrap Metal Business' (April 23rd 2015)
Departmental Seminar Department of Anthropology Oxford Brookes University	Presenter 'The Labour of Suffering: Poverty, Embeddedness and the Idea of Class in the Indian Informal Economy' (April 22nd 2015)
'Leading the Good Life in Precarious Times' University of Manchester	Presenter ''Relative Precarity: Decline, Possibility and the Politics of Work' (March 25th 2015)

‘American Anthropological Association: Annual Meeting’ Washington DC, USA	Presenter ‘The Labour of Suffering: Poverty, Embeddedness and the Idea of Class in the Indian Informal Economy’ (December 6th 2014)
‘Resilience and Transformation in Eurasia´ Departmental Seminar Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology	Presenter ‘Scrap Value: Power, Exchange and Enterprise in the Indian Metal Trade’ (October 22nd 2014
`Resilience and Transformation in Eurasia´ Departmental Seminar Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology	Presenter ‘Criminal Entrepreneurship: a political economy of corruption and organised crime in India’ (January 30th 2013)
‘The State in Modern India’ South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University	Presenter ‘Criminal Entrepreneurship: a political economy of corruption and organised crime in India’ (January 28th 2013)
`Industry and Inequality in Eurasia´ Research Group Launch Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology	Presenter: `Sons of Soil, Sons of Steel: Autochthony and the Class Concept in Industrial India´(with Christian Strümpell) (September 19th 2012)
‘European Conference on South Asian Studies’, Lisbon	Panel Organizer: ‘Collective action and class struggle: anthropological and historical perspectives on India's working classes’ Participants: Geert De Neve, Nandini Gooptu, Jonathan Parry, Andrew Sanchez, Alpa Shah, Luisa Steur, Christian Strumpell (July 25th – 28th 2012)
‘Beyond the Metropolis: Implications of Urbanisation in Towns and Small Cities in South Asia’ South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University	Keynote Speaker ‘Beyond Formal Privilege: Rethinking Class in Urban India’ (June 14th 2012)
Justice, Violence and Rights Research Seminar, University of Sussex	Presenter ‘Questioning Success: Dispossession and the Criminal Entrepreneur in Urban India (January 18th 2012)
‘Enterprise Culture in Globalised India’, University of Oxford	Presenter ‘Questioning Success: Dispossession and the Criminal Entrepreneur in Urban India’ (September 26th-27th 2011)
‘New Approaches to Work and Labour’, Goldsmiths College, University of London	Discussant ‘A Road to Work: The reworking of deservedness and public work in rural Hungary’, Alexandra Szoke, Central European University ‘Gap Year Volunteering: The making of flexible workers’, Rachel Wilde, Manchester University ‘Work for the wealthy, work for the poor: Attitudes towards work and labour among elite philanthropists in Brazil’, Jessica Sklair, Goldsmiths (September 30th 2011)

'The Politics of Health at Work: Rethinking Occupational Health and Safety,' Goldsmiths College, University of London	Discussant 'Speed Governors: (re)deregulation, road safety, and labour mobilities in Kenya', Mark Lamont, Goldsmiths 'Money-Go-Round: Personal Economies of Wealth, Aspiration and Indebtedness', Deborah James, LSE (January 24th 2011)
'South Asian Anthropologists Group', University of Oxford	Discussant 'Beyond the Narrative of Objectivity: Nepali Economic History through an Ethnic Lens' Mallika Shakya, University of Oxford (September 3rd 2010)
'European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies' University of Bonn	Presenter 'Pocket Unions and Splinter Unions: The Decline of Collective Action in an Indian Company Town' (July 26th 2010)
'Conflicts in Time: Rethinking Contemporary Globalization' Department of Anthropology, LSE	Discussant: 'Struggles over time: Task-orientation, skill, and value in a global workplace' Penny McCall Howard, University of Aberdeen. (May 3rd 2010)
Contemporary South Asia Seminar' School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, University of Oxford	Presenter: 'The Good, The Bad and The Unfortunate: Entrepreneurship and Industrial Labour In an Indian Company Town" (March 11th 2010)
'American Anthropological Association: 108th Annual Meeting' Philadelphia, USA	Panel Organiser 'Stuck in the Middle? Middle Class Uncertainty and Social Order' Participants: Henrike Donner, Frederick Errington, Deborah Gewertz, Andrew Sanchez, Jason Sumich, (December 2nd – December 6tth 2009)
'Neoliberal Crises in Post-Reform India' Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany	Presenter/Working Paper 'Deadwood and Paternalism: Rationalising Casual Labour in an Indian Company Town' (September 24th - September 25th 2009)
'Anthropology in London: Current Research (III)' Department of Anthropology, University College of London	Presenter 'Deadwood and Paternalism: Rationalising Casual Labour in an Indian Company Town' (June 15th 2009)
'Anthropology Seminar Series' School of Social Sciences, Media and Cultural Studies, University of East London	Presenter 'Deadwood and Paternalism: Rationalising Casual Labour in an Indian Company Town' (February 26th 2009)
'Seminar in Anthropological Theory' Department of Anthropology, LSE	Presenter 'Deadwood and Paternalism: Rationalising Casual Labour in an Indian Company Town' (February 20th 2009)

'South Asia Seminar' Department of Social Anthropology, University of Sussex	Presenter 'Influence and Violence: Political Corruption in Jharkhand' (June 13th 2008)
'South Asia Seminar' Department of Anthropology, LSE	Presenter 'Goondas, Netas and Workers: Power, Corruption & Organised Crime in Jharkhand' (October 14th 2007)
'International Women's Day Conference' Indian National Trade Union Congress, Rourkela Sramik Sangha Centre, Rourkela, India	Invited Speaker (March 8th 2006)

Professional Affiliations

Member, European Consortium for Political Research	September 2018-Present
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Member, American Anthropological Association	April 2009 – present
Fellow, Royal Anthropological Institute	January 2009 – present

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