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Education

Fall 2025–Present	PhD Sociology , The New School for Social Research, New York
2019–2021	MA Development and Labor Studies , Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
2016–2019	BA Social Sciences , Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Guwahati

Skills

Research & Technical	AI tools (GPT agents, Codex CLI), Qualitative interviews and FGDs, Survey design and administration, SPSS, Excel, Datawrapper
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Academic Appointments

Spring 2026	Research Assistant , Prof. Julia Sonnevend, The New School
Fall 2025	Research Assistant , Prof. Cresa Pugh, The New School Assisted through the editing process of a book manuscript.

Work Experience

Apr 2023–Present	Policy Analyst , Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability <ul style="list-style-type: none">Led mixed-methods research on care economy, health, and education with a public-finance focus.Built survey/FGD/interview instruments and analyzed qualitative + quantitative data.Authored and co-edited policy briefs and budget analyses; contributed to annual Union Budget reports (shared here).Coordinated cross-team deliverables and grant materials (research ops + dissemination).
Jan 2022–Mar 2023	Research Associate , Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability <ul style="list-style-type: none">Contributed to the Open Budget India portal to improve public access to government budgets.Collated data for 12 schemes/programs across union, state, and local governments.Produced factsheets and other outputs for public-facing reports (shared here).

Conference & Panel Discussions

2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">“Anganwadi Workers and their Perceptions of Labor and Identity in the Care Economy: An Empirical Inquiry.” Panel on “Caring About Care” at the 64th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labor Economics (ISLE), Hyderabad, India.“Political Economy and Gender Analysis of App-Based Labor in India.” Paper presented at the 64th Annual Conference of ISLE, Hyderabad, India.
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2023

- “Platformization of Patriarchy: Women in the Platform Economy in India.” International Marxist Feminist Conference, Warsaw, Poland.

2022

- “Work in the Indian IT Sector Following the COVID-19 Pandemic.” CRIMT 2022 International Conference, University of Montreal, Canada.

2020

- “Imagining the Post-Covid Informal Economy in India: A Case for Demand-Based Urban Job Guarantee Programme.” 8th Annual NERI Labor Market Conference Webinar, University College Dublin, Ireland.
- “Decent Work for Domestic Workers: Role of Policy and the Way Forward.” Seminar presentation at National Commission for Women and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

Publications

Articles

- “Health in the Interim Budget of 2024–25: Are We on Track to Achieve Healthcare for All?” *Ideas for India* (Apr 5, 2024)
- “Interim Budget 2024: What the Budget Means for Workers in the Unorganised Sector.” *The Core* (Mar 6, 2024)
- “Unemployment and the Scope of an Urban Job Guarantee Programme.” *Social and Political Research Foundation* (Oct 29, 2021)

Book Chapter

- “Gendered Spaces and Experiences at Sites of Protest: A Study of the Indian Farmers’ Movement.” Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (Jan 2023). ISBN 9788185462219.

Academic Service & Leadership

2025–2026 **Dean’s Academic Council Advisor**, Sociology Department Representative

Fall 2025–Fall 2026 **Member**, Sociology Students Association