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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Murray State University	2020-
Lecturer of Sociology, University of Tennessee	2019-20
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh	2013-19
Lecturer of Sociology, Shahjalal University Science and Technology	2010-12

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Tennessee	2019
○ Dissertation: <i>Slow Violence and Movement Resistance by the Gas Peedit in Neoliberal India</i> (Chair: Paul K. Gellert)	
M.A., Sociology, Ohio University	2015
M.S.S., Sociology, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology	2008
B.S.S., Sociology, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology	2007

LEADERSHIP, EXPERIENCE, AND AFFILIATIONS

Co-editor, <i>Handbook of Social Justice in the Global South</i> , Edward Elgar Publishing	2021-
Chair, Global Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)	2021-23
Secretary-Treasurer, Political Economy of the World-System, American Sociological Association	2021-23
Member, Racial & Ethnic Graduate Fellowship Committee, SSSP	2021-23
Member, Committee on Professions. Southern Sociological Society	2021-23
Global Fellow, Centre for the Study of Social Justice, University of Tennessee	2019-
Visiting Lecturer, Leading University, Sylhet, Bangladesh	2012-13
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, M. C. College, Bangladesh	2007-10

PUBLICATIONS (*student co-authors)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Deb, Nikhil. "Slow Violence and the <i>Gas Peedit</i> in Neoliberal India." <i>Social Problems</i> .	2021
○ 2019 Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award, 1st place, Section on Environment & Technology, Society for the Study of Social Problems	(fc)

- Deb, Nikhil. "Law and Corporate Malfeasance in Neoliberal India." *Critical Sociology* 46(7-8): 1157–1171. 2020
- Deb, Nikhil. "The Fukushima Disaster and the Framing of Nuclear Energy in India." *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* 17(4): 473-495. 2018
- Hussain, Belayeth A.H.M, and Nikhilendu Deb. "Gender-Sensitivity of Bangladesh Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP): A Gender Scanning." *SUST Journal of Social Sciences* 25(2): 43-55. 2016
- Deb, Nikhilendu. "Postmodernism: A Perplexing Framework for a Malleable World." *SUST Journal of Social Sciences* 13(1): 1-11. 2011

Book Chapters and Book Reviews

- Deb, Nikhil. "Planetary Ecological Crises and the Logic of Neoliberal Capitalism." In *Planetary Sociology: Beyond the Entanglement of Identity and Social Structures*, edited by Harry F. Dahms. Bingley, UK: Emerald. 2021 (fc)
- Deb, Nikhil. Review of *Super Polluters: Tackling the World's Largest Sites of Climate-Disrupting Emissions* by Don Grant, Andrew Jorgenson, and Wesley Longhofer. Columbia University Press, 2020. *London School of Economics Review of Books*. June 2021. (fc)
- Deb, Nikhil and *Maya Rao. "The Pandemic and the Invisible Poor of the Global South: Slum Dwellers in Mumbai, India, and Dhaka, Bangladesh." Pp. 51-60, in *Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19: Volume 2 – Global Perspectives*, edited by Glenn Muschert, Kristen Budd, David Lane, and Jason Smith. Bristol, UK: Policy Press. 2020
- Deb, Nikhil. "Corporate Capitalism, Environmental Damage, and the Rule of Law: The Magurchara Gas Explosion in Bangladesh." Pp. 367-381 in the *Routledge International Handbook of Green Criminology*, second ed, edited by Nigel South and Avi Brisman. London: Routledge. 2020
- Deb, Nikhil. Review of *Dispossession without Development: Land Grabs in Neoliberal India* by Michael Levien. Oxford University Press, 2018. *London School of Economics Review of Books*. June 23, 2020. 2020
- Deb, Nikhil. "Review: Elia Apostolopoulou and Jose A. Cortes-Vazquez (Eds): The Right to Nature: Social Movements, Environmental Justice and Neoliberal Natures." *Critical Criminology* 1-4. 2019

Deb, Nikhilendu. Review of <i>Facing the Planetary: Entangled Humanism and the Politics of Swarming</i> by William E. Connolly. Duke University Press, 2017. <i>London School of Economics Review of Books</i> , October 25, 2017, pp. 1-3.	2017
Deb, Nikhilendu. Review of <i>Exceptional America: What Divides Americans from the World and from Each Other</i> by Mugambi Jouet. University of California Press, 2017. <i>London School of Economics Review of Books</i> , August 10, 2017, pp. 1-3.	2017
<i>Teaching Publication</i>	
Deb, Nikhilendu. "Why People Get Married: Marriage and Social Class." <i>TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology</i> . Washington, DC: American Sociological Association.	2016
<i>Articles under Review</i>	
Deb, Nikhil. "Eventful Sociology and Environmental Catastrophes in the Global South: Illuminating the Transition from Developmentalism to Neoliberalism in a Sociohistorical Context" <i>Sociology of Development</i>	2021
<i>Books (*anticipated publication year*)</i>	
Deb, Nikhil. <i>Neoliberal Invisibility in the Global South: Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Socioenvironmental Risks</i> .	*2023* proposal stage
Glenn W. Muschert, Nikhil Deb, and Manjusha Nair, eds. <i>Handbook of Social Justice in the Global South</i> . Cheltenham, United Kingdom: Edward Elgar.	*2023*
<i>Articles in Preparation</i>	
Deb, Nikhil. "Slow Violence and a New Political Society? Toward a Postcolonial Intervention in the Discussion of Socioenvironmental Destruction."	*2022*
Deb, Nikhil, and *Ayon Chakrabarty. "Local Success and Global Struggles: The Struggles against Accumulation by Contamination in Neoliberal Bangladesh."	*2022*
Deb, Nikhil. <i>Chingri Mahal</i> and Land Dispossession in Neoliberal Bangladesh.	*2022*
Kezheng Xiang, Jillur Rahman Saurav, Nikhil Deb, Mohammad Ruhul Amin. "A Comparative Study of Language Dependent Gender Bias in the Online Newspapers of Conservative, Semi-Conservative and Western Countries."	*2022*
Deb, Nikhil. Neoliberal Nature and Indigenous Communities: State Responses to Narmada Bachao Andolon and Dakota Access Pipeline Protests.	*2023*

Deb, Nikhil. "Political Ecology of Climate Refugees: A Case against Adaptation Paradigm in Bangladesh."	*2024*
Deb, Nikhil, and Louise Seamster. "Rethinking Postcoloniality: Racial Capitalism and Neoliberalism in Bhopal, India, and Flint, Michigan."	
Deb, Nikhil. "Negative Dialectics in the Age of Ecological Urgency."	*2024*

Public Sociology/Other Publications (selected)

Deb, Nikhil. "Covid-19 and the Plight of the Global South." The featured piece, Global and Transnational Sociology Newsletter, Fall 2021	2021
Deb, Nikhil. (in Bengali). "The Arrogance of Corona-victory Can Cause Millions of Deaths." <i>Prothom Alo</i> , May 16, 2021.	2021
Deb, Nikhil. "Slums provided ideal conditions for COVID-19 to spread." <i>LSE COVID-19 Blog</i> . December 14, 2020	2020
Deb, Nikhil. (in Bengali). "Chaotic World: Prospects and Predicaments for Bangladesh." <i>Notunkotha news</i> . Feb. 5, 2020.	2020
Deb, Nikhil. (in Bengali). "The Miracle is Gone; the Dance of Tomorrow is around "Istimar." Gaanpar.com. May 2, 2019.	2020

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Awards & Grants

Brent K. Marshal Graduate Student Paper Award, 1 st Place, SSSP Environment and Technology Section, for the paper "A Cloud with no Silver Lining: The Bhopal Disaster and the Slow Violence of Social and Environmental Destruction."	2019 (\$200)
Chancellor's Citation for Extraordinary Professional Promise, University of Tennessee (given to graduate students for outstanding professional promise in research)	2019
3MT Competition Finalist, University of Tennessee	2019 (\$150)
SSSP Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship	2018 (\$15,000)
Yates Dissertation Fellowship, University of Tennessee (the endowment recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students)	2018 (\$10,000)
Penley-Thomas-Allen Fellowship, University of Tennessee (the fellowship supports graduate students pursuing research of exceptional promise)	2018 (\$10,000)

W. K. McClure Scholarship for the Study of World Affairs, University of Tennessee (the award supports research projects abroad aimed at promoting education for world responsibility)	2018 (\$4,950)
Graduate Student Research Award, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee (recognizes a graduate student doing outstanding research)	2018
Progress and Innovation Award, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee (the award supports an existing research project of outstanding quality)	2017 (\$1,700)
Chancellor Fellowship, University of Tennessee (the fellowship offers financial support to the highest caliber students)	2017-18 (\$7,000)
J. Wallace & Katie Dean Fellowship, University of Tennessee (the fellowship distinguishes outstanding, first-time enrollees in a graduate program)	2015 (\$15,000)
Excellence in Research, Department of Sociology, Ohio University (the award recognizes a promising student researcher)	2014
Shelly Fund, Ohio University. "Risk Society and Fukushima Meltdown." (the award given to a graduate student to buy books necessary for MA thesis).	2014 (\$600)
2008 Merit Award (M.S.S.), Department of Sociology, Shahjalal University (the award honors a master's student holding the first position in the merit list)	2018

Travel Awards

Erwin O. Smigel Award (canceled due to Covid-19), Society for the Study of Social Problems	2020 (\$500)
Student Forum Travel Award, American Sociological Association	2019 (\$250)
International Association for Society and Natural Resources Student Scholarship	2019 (\$200)
ASA mini-conference (Race and the Environment), Bridging the Gap	2018 (\$500)
Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Tennessee	2016-19 \$600x4

Teaching Awards

Chancellor's Citation for Extraordinary Professional Promise, University of Tennessee (given to graduate students for outstanding professional promise in teaching)	2019
Graduate Student Senate Excellence in Teaching, University of Tennessee (given	2018

to graduate students exhibiting excellence in teaching and reflecting a strong emphasis on teaching and learning)

Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee (the award honors a graduate TA based on student evaluations) 2017

COURSES TAUGHT

Murray State University

Social Theory
Environmental Sociology
Honors Seminar in Sociology
Research Methods
Introduction to Sociology

University of Tennessee (Instructor)

Globalization and Justice
Comparative Poverty and Development
Sociological Theory
Introduction to Sociology
Social Movements

Shahjalal University

Environment and Society
Classical Sociological Theories
Introduction to Sociology
Social Statistics
Nations, Nationalism, Ethnicities

Ohio University (Instructor)

Introduction to Sociology

M.C University College

Modern Social Thought
Social Stratification
Social Statistics
Bangladesh—Society and Culture

Leading University

Social Stratification

PRESENTATIONS

Invited presentations

American Society for Environmental History (Virtual). “Slow Violence in the Environmental Humanities.” *Moderated discussion* with Rob Nixon, Ruth Mostern, Raja Swamy, and Claire Mayo. 2021

Scholarship Perspectives from Recent Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Awardees, SSSP. “The Bhopal Disaster, Neoliberal Globalization, and the Slow Violence of Social and Environmental Destruction.” 2019

Professional Sociology at a Time of Neoliberalism: A Critical Discussion, Southern Sociological Society. “Being a Ph.D. Student in Tennessee.” 2019

McClure Fellow Presentation. “Neoliberal Catastrophe and Slow Violence: Experience on the Ground.” University of Tennessee. 2018

Keynote Speaker, <i>Independence Day of Bangladesh</i> . Shahjalal University. “Crises of Secularism, Nationalism Debate, and Religious Fundamentalism in the Light of Sociological Perspectives: Bangladesh Context.”	2012
<i>Conference Presentations</i>	
American Sociological Association (virtual). “Eventful Sociology and Environmental Catastrophes in the Global South.” Section on <i>Environmental Sociology</i> .	2021
Society for the Study of Social Problems (virtual). “Local Success and Global Struggles: The Politics of Environmental Justice in Neoliberal Bangladesh.” Panel on <i>Environmental Activism: Communication, Mobilization, Discourse, and Policy</i> .	2021
Southern Sociological Society (virtual). “The politics of Suffering and Resistance in Neoliberal Global South.” Panel on <i>Comparative Perspectives and Global Political Economy</i> .	2021
American Sociological Association (virtual). “Law and Corporate Malfeasance in Neoliberal India.” Roundtable of the <i>Global and Transnational Sociology</i> .	2020
Society for the Study of Social Problems (canceled). “Socioenvironmental Destruction and Law in Neoliberal Global South.” A panel of the <i>Environmental and Technology</i> section.	2020
Mid-South Sociological Association (virtual). “Critical Theory in the Periphery of Postcolonial Societies: Decolonial Struggles against Socioenvironmental Destruction.” Panel on the <i>Critical Theory</i> .	2020
American Sociological Association. “What Overshadows Long-term Social and Environmental Consequences? The Case of the Bhopal Disaster.” Roundtable of the <i>Environmental Sociology</i> section.	2019
Society for the Study of Social Problems. “A Cloud with no Silver Lining: The Bhopal Disaster and the Slow Violence of Social and Environmental Destruction.” Panel on <i>Gender and the Environment</i> .	2019
Southern Sociological Society. “Theorizing Third World Resistance in the Age of Neoliberal Globalization: Fanon, Foucault, and Chatterjee.” Panel on <i>Critical Theory: Artificial Intelligence, Television, and Third-World Resistance</i> .	2019
International Integrative Research Conference on Governance in Society, Business and Environment (INSEARCH). “Gender, workplace discriminations, and health inequalities in selected countries: Evidence from the ISSP survey.” (With Hussain, Endut, Haque, Sultana). Panel on <i>Development, Innovation, and Changes</i> .	2019
Southern Sociological Society “The Bhopal Movement: The Struggle for Social and Environmental Justice in the Age of Globalization” (with Asafa Jalata). Panel on <i>Environmental Sociology in Asia</i> .	2019
American Sociological Association. “Environmental Damage and the Juridico-Economic Dynamics in the World-System: The Magurchara Gas Explosion in	2018

Bangladesh.” Section on Political Economy of the World-Systems.	
Society for the Study of Social Problems. “Globalization and Slow Violence against Marginalized People Living in Poor Countries.” Panel on <i>Disasters and Climate Change: Local, National, and International Perspectives</i> .	2018
International Social Theory Consortium. “Negative Dialectics in the Age of Slow Violence and Ecological Urgency.” Panel on <i>Climate Change and Ecology</i> .	2018
Southern Sociological Society. “Theories in Environmental Sociology: What is Missing in the Political Economic Approaches?” Panel on <i>Critical Sociology in/ to/ for the Twenty-First Century</i> .	2018
Southern Sociological Society. “Slow Violence of Social and Environmental Harms: The Case of the Bhopal Disaster.” Panel on <i>Environmental Disaster in the 21st Century</i> .	2018
The Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights (DDHR- UTK). “Multinational Corporations and Environmental Damage: The Magurchara Gas Explosion in Bangladesh.” Panel on <i>Critical Disaster Studies - Recentering Power in Disaster Studies</i> .	2018
American Sociological Association. “The Bhopal Movement: Struggles for Justice in the World-systems.” Panel on <i>New Directions in the Study of the World-System: Nature, Materials, and Justice</i> .	2017
Society for the Study of Social Problems. “The Bhopal Disaster: A ‘Normal Accident’ in the World-system.” (with Dr. Scott Frey). Panel on <i>Environmental Health, Mobilization, and Justice</i> .	2017
Southern Sociological Society. “What Makes a Society Risky and an Accident Normal? A Political Economic Critique of Ulrich Beck, Anthony Giddens, and Charles Perrow.” Panel on <i>Social Theory: Classical and Contemporary Perspective</i> .	2017
Southern Sociological Society. “The Fukushima Meltdown and Social Safety of Nuclear Energy in India: A Critical Discourse Analysis.” Roundtable on <i>Global Risk Societies: The Politics and Consequences of Lack of Nuclear and Climate Hazards</i> .	2017
Society for the Study of Social Problems. “Risk Society, Nuclear Energy, and India’s Response to the Fukushima Meltdown.” Panel on <i>Barriers and Opportunities: Addressing Climate Change and Energy Issues Across Sector</i> .	2016
International Social Theory Consortium. “The Logic of Capital, Rationality, and Global Capitalism: Toward a Renewed Synthesis of Marx and Weber.” Panel on <i>Capitalism and Culture</i> .	2016
Southern Sociological Society. “Women Garment Workers in the Global Commodity Chain: A Symbiosis between Globalization and Women’s Empowerment.” Panel on <i>Local and Global Economics</i> .	2016

Guest Lectures (selected)

<i>Environment and Society Research Group</i> . “Slow Violence and the <i>Gas Peedit</i> in Neoliberal India.” Washington State University (Main Instructor: Dylan Bugden), Spring 2021	2021
<i>The Humanities Tradition</i> . “The Pandemic and the Global South.” HUM 211, Murray State University (Main Instructor: Diane Nittitham Danielle Neilson), Fall 2020	2020
<i>Environmental Anthropology</i> . “Invisible Injustice in a Comparative Context.” ANP 415, University of Tennessee (Main Instructor: Tamar Shirinian), Fall 2019.	2019
<i>Disasters</i> . “Neoliberalization Globalization and Slow Violence in India.” ANP 511, University of Tennessee (Main Instructor: Raja Swamy), Spring 2019	2019
<i>Modern World System</i> . “Poverty and Environmental Justice in the World-System.” SOC 446, University of Tennessee (Main instructor: Asafa Jalata), Spring 2019	2019
<i>Comparative Poverty/ Development</i> . “Globalization, Poverty, and Resistance in India.” SOCI 442, University of Tennessee (Main instructor: Asafa Jalata,), Fall 2018	2018
<i>Environment and Resources</i> . “Environmental Concerns and Climate Change.” SOCI 360, University of Tennessee (Main instructor: R. Scott Frey), Spring 2017.	2017
<i>Development of Sociological Theory</i> . “Michel Foucault and Power in Contemporary Society.” SOC 3000, Ohio University (Main instructor: Cindy Anderson), Spring 2014	2014
<i>Classical Sociological Theory</i> . “Understanding Capitalism: A Synthesis of Marx and Weber.” SOC 341, Shahjalal University (Main instructor: Sebak Saha), Fall 2012	2012

Colloquium Series

“The politics of Suffering and Resistance in Neoliberal Global South.” <i>Murray State University</i> .	2020
“Navigating Graduate School with Children and a Family.” <i>University of Tennessee</i>	2019
“Revisiting Risk Society Theory: A Political-Economic Critique of Ulrich Beck and Anthony Giddens.” <i>University of Tennessee</i>	2017
“Gendered works in the Global Commodity Chain: Globalization, Cultural Constraints, and Women’s Empowerment in Bangladesh.” <i>University of Tennessee</i>	2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (SELECTED)

Organizer, Presider, Discussant

Presider. <i>Comparative Perspectives in Global Political Economy</i> . Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society.	2021
Presider. <i>Democracy, Neoliberalism and Citizenship</i> . Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association	2020
Session Organizer. <i>Geographies of Injustice: Environmental Destruction in Peripheral Countries/ Areas</i> . Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems	2019
Session Organizer and Presider. <i>Neoliberal Globalization and Environmental Injustice</i> . Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems	2019

Roundtable Organizer. <i>Political Economy of the World-System</i> . Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association	2019
Presider and Discussant. <i>Environmental Sociology in Asia</i> . Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society	2019
Session Organizer and Presider. <i>Environmental Injustice in the World-Systems</i> . Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems	2018
Discussant and Presider. <i>Disasters and Climate Change: Local, National, and International Perspectives</i> . Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems	2018
Organizational Assistant. <i>Ecologically Unequal Exchange Conference</i> . University of Tennessee	2016

Occasional Peer Reviewer

International Sociology; Sociology of Development; Crime Media Culture;
International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology

Departmental and University Service

Colloquium Committee, Murray State University	2020-
Member. Graduate Student for Social Justice. University of Tennessee	2016-18
Adviser. SUST Shahitya Songhotan, Shahjalal University	2012-14
Co-Convener, Freshers' Reception Program. Dept. of Sociology, Shahjalal University	2012
Adviser. SUST Debating Society. Shahjalal University	2011-12
Secretary. SUST Sociology. Shahjalal University	2010-12
Assistant Provost. Syed Mujtaba Ali Hall. Shahjalal University	2010-13
Chokh Film Society. Shahjalal University	2010-13
Adviser. Dik Theatre. Shahjalal University	2010-13

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

Interdisciplinary Social Theory Graduate Certificate	2019
Best Practices in Publishing	2018
Computation and Data Analysis Basics	2008

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Research Experience

Editorial Assistant, <i>Crime Media Culture</i> , An International Journal	2018-19
Research Assistant to Jon Shefner, Professor of Sociology, University of Tennessee (assisted in researching and collecting relevant information on austerity)	2018-19

Research Associate, Department of Sociology, Ohio University	2013-15
Research Assistant to Robert Whealey, Professor Emeritus of history, Ohio University (collected information for research, reviewed articles, and prepared annotated bibliography)	2013-15
A.H.M Belayeth Hussain, Professor of Sociology, Shahjalal University (assisted in conducting in-depth interviews and analyzing qualitative data with Nvivo)	2009-10

Teaching Experience

Instructor/Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee	2015-18
Instructor/Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology, Ohio University	2014-15
Visiting Lecturer, Leading University, Sylhet, Bangladesh	2012-13
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, M. C. College, Bangladesh	2007-2010

Mentoring and Advising

Zubaida Tanjeen Shanta (chair). Shahjalal University. Independent Research: "Socioeconomic Status of Ship-breaking Workers in Chittagong, Bangladesh."	2012
Maria Sultana (committee member). 2011. Shahjalal University. Thesis: "Microcredit and Social Capital in Rural Bangladesh."	
Advise multiple students, Shahjalal University, Bangladesh	2010-13

Data Analysis Software

SPSS, NVivo, STATA

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
 Society for the Study of Social Problems
 Southern Sociological Society
 International Social Theory Consortium
 SUST Sociology

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English: Highly proficient in writing, reading, and speaking
 Bengali: Native Speaker
 Sylheti (a colloquial of Bengali): Native Speaker
 Hindi: Intermediate Speaking