

Nikhil Deb

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2022- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- 2020- 22 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Murray State University
- 2019-20 Lecturer of Sociology, University of Tennessee
- 2010-13 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh

EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D. in sociology, University of Tennessee (chair: Paul K. Gellert)
- 2015 M.A. in sociology, Ohio University
- 2008 M.S.S in sociology, Shahjalal University, Bangladesh
- 2007 B.S.S in sociology, Shahjalal University, Bangladesh

LEADERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2022-24 Chair, Policy and Research Committee, Environmental Sociology, American Sociological Association (ASA)
- 2021-23 Secretary-Treasurer, Political Economy of the World-System, ASA
- 2021-23 Chair, Global Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
- 2019- Global Fellow, Centre for the Study of Social Justice, University of Tennessee

PUBLICATIONS (* Indicates student co-authors)

Books and Edited Volumes

- 2023/fc Deb, Nikhil, Manjusha Nair, and Glenn Muschert, eds. *Handbook of Social Justice in the Global South*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2023/fc Deb, Nikhil, and Louise Seamster. "Slow Violence and Institutional Betrayal in Bhopal and Flint." Special issue on Environmentalizing Urban Sociology. *City and Community*

- 2022/fc Deb, Nikhil. "Slow Violence and the Gas Peedit in Neoliberal India." *Social Problems*. Online: <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spab058>
 - 2019 Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Environment & Technology, SSSP
- 2020 Deb, Nikhil. "Law and Corporate Malfeasance in Neoliberal India." *Critical Sociology* 46(7-8): 1157–1171.
- 2018 Deb, Nikhil. "The Fukushima Disaster and the Framing of Nuclear Energy in India." *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* 17(4): 473-495.
- 2016 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
- 2011 Deb, Nikhilendu. (In Bengali). "Postmodernism: A Perplexing Framework for a Malleable World." *SUST Journal of Social Sciences* 13(1): 1-11.

Revise and Resubmit

"Local Success, Global Implications: The *Phulbari Andolon* and the Politics of Dispossession in Neoliberal Bangladesh." *Globalizations*

Book Chapters

- 2023/fc Deb, Nikhil. "Bhopal Disaster." In *Encyclopedia of Technological Hazards and Disasters in the Social Sciences*, edited by Duane A. Gill, Liesel A. Ritchie, and Nnenia Campbell. UK: Edward Elgar.
- 2023/fc Deb, Nikhil and *Avijit Chakrabarty. "Neoliberal Capital Projects and the Politics of Dispossession and Contamination in Neoliberal Bangladesh. In *Handbook of Southern Green Criminology*, edited by David Rodríguez Goyes. London: Palgrave.
- 2020 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: 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*, edited by Nigel South and Avi Brisman. London: Routledge.

Teaching Publications

- 2016 Deb, Nikhilendu. "Why People Get Married: Marriage and Social Class." *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington, DC: American Sociological Association.

Book Reviews

- 2022 Deb, Nikhil. Review of *A Social Theory of Corruption: Notes from the Indian Subcontinent* by Sudhir Chella. Harvard University Press, 2020. *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/2631309X221101050>
- 2021 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*.
<http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/id/eprint/111176>
- 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*.
<http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/id/eprint/105455>
- Reprinted in the *Journal of Governance, Security & Development* 2(1):123-126.
- 2019 Deb, Nikhil. "Review of *The Right to Nature: Social Movements, Environmental Justice and Neoliberal Natures*" by Elia Apostolopoulou and Jose A. Cortes-Vazquez (Eds). *Critical Criminology* 1-4.
- 2017 Deb, Nikhilendu. Review of *Facing the Planetary: Entangled Humanism and the Politics of Swarming* by William E. Connolly. Duke University Press, 2017. *London School of Economics Review of Books*, pp. 1-3.
<http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/id/eprint/85534>

In Progress

- Deb, Nikhil. "Theorizing Environmental Destruction and Resistance to It: A Global South Intervention."
- Deb, Nikhil. "Political Ecology of Climate Refugees in Bangladesh: A Case against Adaptation Paradigm."
- Deb, Nikhil. "Adaptation by Dispossession? Neoliberal Development Projects and the Reproduction of Climate Change Vulnerability in Bangladesh."
- Deb, Nikhil. "Polanyian Temporality and Neoliberalism in the Age of Ecological Urgency: The Case of the Bhopal Catastrophe."

Other Publications/Public Sociology (selected)

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

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Chancellor's Citation for Extraordinary Professional Promise, University of Tennessee
- 2019 Brent K. Marshal Graduate Student Paper Award, SSSP Environment and Technology Section
- 2019 3MT Competition Finalist, University of Tennessee
- 2018 Graduate Student Research Award, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee
- 2018 Graduate Student Senate Excellence in Teaching, University of Tennessee
- 2017 Progress and Innovation Award, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee
- 2015 Excellence in Research, Department of Sociology, Ohio University
- 2008 Merit Award (M.S.S.), Department of Sociology, Shahjalal University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIP

- 2020 Erwin O. Smigel Award (canceled due to Covid-19), Society for the Study of Social Problems \$500
- 2019 Student Forum Travel Award, American Sociological Association \$250
- 2019 Graduate Student Scholarship (conference travel), International Association for Society and Natural Resources \$200
- 2018 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship, Society for the Study of Social Problems \$15,000
- 2018 Yates Dissertation Fellowship, University of Tennessee \$10,000

2018	Penley-Thomas-Allen Fellowship, University of Tennessee	\$10,000
2018	W. K. McClure Scholarship for the Study of World Affairs, University of Tennessee	\$4,950
2018	Mini-conference (Race and the Environment), Bridging the Gap, American Sociological Association	\$500
2017	Progress and Innovation Award, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee	1,700
2017-18	Chancellor Fellowship, University of Tennessee	\$7,000
2016-19	Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Tennessee	\$2500
2015	J. Wallace & Katie Dean Fellowship, University of Tennessee	\$15,000
2014	Shelly Fund (for MA thesis), Ohio University	\$600

TEACHING

Teaching Awards

2019	Chancellor's Citation for Extraordinary Professional Promise, University of Tennessee
2018	Graduate Student Senate Excellence in Teaching, University of Tennessee
2017	Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee

Courses Taught (USA)

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

International Political Economy
Social Theory
Social Movements

University of Tennessee

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

Murray State University

Environmental Sociology
Social Theory
Globalization
Honors Seminar in Sociology

Research Methods

Introduction to Sociology

Ohio University

Introduction to Sociology

Courses Taught (Bangladesh)

Shahjalal University
Nations, Nationalism, Ethnicities
Marxist Sociology
Introduction to Sociology
Social Statistics

M.C College
Social Stratification
Classical Sociological Theories
Modern Social Thought
Leading University
Social Stratification

Teacher Training

Course: Teaching Sociology
(Ohio University)

Course: Pedagogy and Graduate
Instruction (University of
Tennessee)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- 2021 "Slow Violence and the Gas Peedit in Neoliberal India." Department of Sociology and Anthropology (with Urban South Research Hub and Movement Engaged Research Hub) George Mason University, October 27.
- 2021 "Slow Violence in the Environmental Humanities." Moderated discussion with Rob Nixon, Ruth Mostern, Raja Swamy, and Claire Mayo. American Society for Environmental History (Virtual). April 26.
- 2019 "Neoliberal Globalization and the Slow Violence of Social and Environmental Destruction." Scholarship Perspectives from Recent Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Awardees, Society for the Study of Social Problems. August 6.
- 2019 "Being a Ph.D. Student in Tennessee." Professional Sociology at a Time of Neoliberalism: A Critical Discussion, Southern Sociological Society. April 12
- 2018 "Neoliberal Catastrophe and Slow Violence: Experience on the Ground." McClure Fellow Presentation, Center for Global Engagement, University of Tennessee.
- 2012 "Crises of Secularism, Nationalism Debate, and Religious Fundamentalism in Sociological Perspectives: Bangladesh Context." Keynote, Independence Day of Bangladesh. Shahjalal University. March 26. Presented in Bengali.

Conference Presentations

- 2022 American Sociological Association. "We all live in Bhopal": Birth of a New Political Society for Social and Environmental Justice." Paper session on *New Directions in Environmental Sociology*.
- 2021 American Sociological Association (virtual). "Eventful Sociology and Environmental Catastrophes in the Global South." Roundtable of Environmental Sociology.
- 2021 Society for the Study of Social Problems (virtual). "Local Success and Global Struggles: The Politics of Environmental Justice in Neoliberal Bangladesh." Panel on *Environmental Activism: Communication, Mobilization, Discourse, and Policy*.
- 2021 Southern Sociological Society (virtual). "The politics of Suffering and Resistance in Neoliberal Global South." Panel on *Comparative Perspectives and Global Political Economy*.
- 2020 American Sociological Association (virtual). "Law and Corporate Malfeasance in Neoliberal India." Roundtable of Global and Transnational Sociology.
- 2020 Society for the Study of Social Problems (canceled). "Socioenvironmental Destruction and Law in Neoliberal Global South." Panel of the *Environmental and Technology section*.
- 2020 Mid-South Sociological Association (virtual). "Critical Theory in the Periphery of Postcolonial Societies: Decolonial Struggles against Socioenvironmental Destruction." Panel on *Critical Theory*.
- 2019 American Sociological Association. "What Overshadows Long-term Social and Environmental Consequences? The Case of the Bhopal Disaster." Roundtable of Environmental Sociology.
- 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 Gender and the Environment.
- 2019 Southern Sociological Society. "Theorizing Third World Resistance in the Age of Neoliberal Globalization: Fanon, Foucault, and Chatterjee." Panel on *Critical Theory: Artificial Intelligence, Television, and Third-World Resistance*.
- 2019 International Integrative Research Conference on Governance in Society, Business and Environment. "Gender, workplace discriminations, and health inequalities in selected countries: Evidence from the ISSP survey." (With Hussain, Endut, Haque, Sultana). Panel on *Development, Innovation, and Changes*.

- 2019 Southern Sociological Society "The Bhopal Movement: The Struggle for Social and Environmental Justice in the Age of Globalization" (with Asafa Jalata). Panel on *Environmental Sociology in Asia*.
- 2018 American Sociological Association. "Environmental Damage and the Juridico-Economic Dynamics in the World-System: The Magurchara Gas Explosion in Bangladesh." Section on *Political Economy of the World-Systems*.
- 2018 Society for the Study of Social Problems. "Globalization and Slow Violence against Marginalized People Living in Poor Countries." Panel on *Disasters and Climate Change: Local, National, and International Perspectives*.
- 2018 International Social Theory Consortium. "Negative Dialectics in the Age of Slow Violence and Ecological Urgency." Panel on *Climate Change and Ecology*.
- 2018 Southern Sociological Society. "Theories in Environmental Sociology: What is Missing in the Political Economic Approaches?" Panel on *Critical Sociology in/to/for the Twenty-First Century*.
- 2018 Southern Sociological Society. "Slow Violence of Social and Environmental Harms: The Case of the Bhopal Disaster." Panel on *Environmental Disaster in the 21st Century*.
- 2018 The Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights (DDHR- UTK). "Multinational Corporations and Environmental Damage: The Magurchara Gas Explosion in Bangladesh." Panel on *Critical Disaster Studies - Recentring Power in Disaster Studies*.
- 2017 American Sociological Association. "The Bhopal Movement: Struggles for Justice in the World-systems." Panel on *New Directions in the Study of the World-System: Nature, Materials, and Justice*.
- 2017 Society for the Study of Social Problems. "The Bhopal Disaster: A 'Normal Accident' in the World-system." (with Scott Frey). Panel on *Environmental Health, Mobilization, and Justice*.
- 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 *Social Theory: Classical and Contemporary Perspective*.
- 2017 Southern Sociological Society. "The Fukushima Meltdown and Social Safety of Nuclear Energy in India: A Critical Discourse Analysis." Paper on *Global Risk Societies: The Politics and Consequences of Lack of Nuclear and Climate Hazards*.

- 2016 Society for the Study of Social Problems. "Risk Society, Nuclear Energy, and India's Response to the Fukushima Meltdown." Panel on *Barriers and Opportunities: Addressing Climate Change and Energy Issues Across Sector*.
- 2016 International Social Theory Consortium. "The Logic of Capital, Rationality, and Global Capitalism: Toward a Renewed Synthesis of Marx and Weber." Panel on *Capitalism and Culture*.
- 2016 Southern Sociological Society. "Women Garment Workers in Global Commodity Chains: A Symbiosis between Globalization and Women's Empowerment." Panel on *Local and Global Economics*.

Colloquium Series/ Other Talks (selected)

- 2021 Environment and Society Research Group. "Slow Violence and the Gas Peedit in Neoliberal India." *Washington State University* (Main Instructor: Dylan Bugden), Spring 2021
- 2020 "The politics of Suffering and Resistance in Neoliberal Global South." *Murray State University*.
- 2020 The Humanities Tradition. "The Pandemic and the Global South." HUM 211, *Murray State University* (Main Instructor: Diane Nittitham and Danielle Neilson), Fall 2020
- 2019 Environmental Anthropology. "Invisible Injustice in a Comparative Context." ANP 415, *University of Tennessee* (Main Instructor: Tamar Shirinian), Fall 2019.
- 2019 "Navigating Graduate School with Children and a Family." *University of Tennessee*
- 2019 Disasters. "Neoliberalization Globalization and Slow Violence in India." ANP 511, *University of Tennessee* (Main Instructor: Raja Swamy), Spring 2019
- 2019 Modern World System. "Poverty and Environmental Justice in the World-System." SOC 446, *University of Tennessee* (Main instructor: Asafa Jalata), Spring 2019
- 2017 "Revisiting Risk Society Theory: A Political-Economic Critique of Ulrich Beck and Anthony Giddens." *University of Tennessee*
- 2017 Environment and Resources. "Environmental Concerns and Climate Change." SOCI 360, *University of Tennessee* (Main instructor: R. Scott Frey), Spring 2017.
- 2016 "Gendered works in the Global Commodity Chain: Globalization, Cultural Constraints, and Women's Empowerment in Bangladesh." *University of Tennessee*

- 2014 Development of Sociological Theory. "Michel Foucault and Power in Contemporary Society." SOC 3000, *Ohio University* (Main instructor: Cindy Anderson), Spring 2014
- 2012 Classical Sociological Theory. "Understanding Capitalism: A Synthesis of Marx and Weber." SOC 341, *Shahjalal University* (Main instructor: Sebak Saha), Fall 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Additional Leadership

- 2021-23 Member, Committee on Professions, Southern Sociological Society
- 2022 Member, Junior Theorists Award Committee, Section on Theory, ASA

Organizer, Presider, Discussant

- 2021 Presider. Comparative Perspectives in Global Political Economy. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society.
- 2020 Presider. Democracy, Neoliberalism and Citizenship. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2019 Session Organizer. Geographies of Injustice: Environmental Destruction in Peripheral Countries/Areas. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2019 Session Organizer and Presider. Neoliberal Globalization and Environmental Injustice. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2019 Roundtable Organizer. Political Economy of the World-System. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association
- 2019 Presider and Discussant. Environmental Sociology in Asia. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society
- 2018 Session Organizer and Presider. Environmental Injustice in the World-Systems. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2018 Discussant and Presider. Disasters and Climate Change: Local, National, and International Perspectives. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2016 Organizational Assistant. Ecologically Unequal Exchange Conference. University of Tennessee

Editorial Experience

2021 Founding Co-Editor, *Critical Disaster Studies* (the inaugural issue in 2022), flagship journal of the Disasters, Displacement, & Human Rights Program, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (alphabetical)

Canadian Journal of Development Studies
Crime Media Culture
Critical Criminology
International Sociology
Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime
London School of Economics Review of Books
Social Problems
Sociology of Development
Weather, Climate, and Society

Departmental and University Service (selected)

2021-22 Student Paper Award Committee, Political Science and Sociology, Murray State University
2020-22 Colloquium Coordinator, Political Science and Sociology, Murray State University
2016-18 Member, Graduate Student for Social Justice, University of Tennessee
2012-14 Adviser, SUST Shahitya Songhotan, Shahjalal University
2011-12 Adviser, SUST Debating Society, Shahjalal University
2010-12 Adviser, Mavoi Abriti Songho, Shahjalal University
2010-13 Assistant Provost, Syed Mujtaba Ali Hall, Shahjalal University
2010-13 Adviser, Chokh Film Society, Shahjalal University
2010-13 Adviser, Dik Theatre, Shahjalal University

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Research Experience

2018-19 Editorial Assistant, *Crime Media Culture*, 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)
2013-14 Research Associate, Department of Sociology, Ohio University
2013-15 Research Assistant to Robert Whealey, Professor Emeritus of history, Ohio University (reviewed research articles and prepared annotated bibliography)

2009-10 A.H.M Belayeth Hussain, Professor of Sociology, Shahjalal University (assisted in conducting in-depth interviews and analyzing qualitative data with Nvivo)

Teaching Experience

2015-18 Instructor/Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee
2014-15 Instructor/Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology, Ohio University
2012-13 Visiting Lecturer, Leading University, Bangladesh
2007-10 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, M. C. College, Bangladesh 2007-

Student Supervision (selected)

2021 Rachel Stuckey (committee member), Murray State University, MA Thesis: "The Geography of Homelessness and the Pandemic."
2012 Zubaida Tanjeen Shanta (chair), Shahjalal University, Independent Research: "Socioeconomic Status of Ship-breaking Workers in Chittagong, Bangladesh."
2021 Maria Sultana (committee member), Shahjalal University, Thesis: "Microcredit and Social Capital in Rural Bangladesh."

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

MEDIA APPEARANCES

2021 Invited Discussant, "Violence against Minority Hindus in Bangladesh," Channel I, Tiritiya Matra, October 23. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBkXVSa8Dco&t=1173s>

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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

