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## EDUCATION

**The University of Cambridge, UK** 2027  
**PhD Scholar**

Advisor: Prof. Samita Sen.  
Faculty of History, the University of Cambridge.  
Funded by Gates Scholarship at the University of Cambridge.  
Affiliated with Trinity College, the University of Cambridge.

**Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi** 2022  
**MA, Development and Labour Studies (passed with *Distinction*).**

Thesis: *Labour Process and the Safety Question in Automobile Industry: Study of Accidents and Social Protection in an Industrial District of India.*  
Dissertation grade: A; [Highest scorer in cohort].  
Advisor: Dr. Avinash Kumar.  
CGPA: 7.5/9.

**CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, KN** 2020  
**BA, Economics (*Honours*) (passed with *Distinction*).**

Thesis: *Rationality in Standard Economic Theory: A Study on Religious Spending in Contemporary India.*  
Advisor: Dr. Mohana Rao Balaga.  
Honors Dissertation score: 90/100.  
Cumulative GPA: 3.71/4; Credits:169.

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## RESEARCH GRANTS, SELECTED AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Gates Scholarship, The University of Cambridge	Sep 2024
The History Project Grant, Harvard University	Jun 2023
Fellow, the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland	Jun 2023
Highest scorer in dissertation in the cohort, JNU	May 2022
First runner up, Paper Presentation at LSE, University of London and ISBF	Feb 2022
Merit Scholarship, CHRIST	May 2019
Co-curricular Scholarship, CHRIST	May 2019

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## CHAPTER(S) IN BOOK

Singh, Ankit Kumar, and Roshni Yadav. "Local Government Regulations and Urban Informal Vendors in Delhi, India." *Mapping Legalities*, edited by Thomas Coggin and Roopa Madhav, Routledge, Forthcoming-2024.

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## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Singh, Ankit Kumar. "Decoding the Variations in the Female Labour Supply in Rural India: Empirical Evidences Based on Previous NSSO Datasets." *The Indian Economic Journal* 71, 5 (2023): 878-894. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00194662221137268>

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Singh, Ankit Kumar. *CRUSHED2022: The Safe in India Foundation's annual report on the state of worker safety in the auto sector*. Gurugram: Safe in India, 2022.  
[https://www.safeinindia.org/files/ugd/5d022b\\_0a5d9d689e8e4946b59a89f44f686192.pdf](https://www.safeinindia.org/files/ugd/5d022b_0a5d9d689e8e4946b59a89f44f686192.pdf)

Singh, Ankit Kumar. *CRUSHED2023: The Safe in India Foundation's annual report on the state of worker safety in the auto sector*. Gurugram: Safe in India, 2023.  
[https://www.safeinindia.org/files/ugd/5d022b\\_5ae2e7ba93604061afe8bd0f33c98cde.pdf](https://www.safeinindia.org/files/ugd/5d022b_5ae2e7ba93604061afe8bd0f33c98cde.pdf)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN-PREPARATION

Singh, Ankit Kumar. *The Labour Process and the Safety Question in Indian Automobile Sector: Economic History of Labour and Work from Fordist to Post-Fordist Regime of Production*. [For Harvard's History Project Grant]

Singh, Ankit Kumar. (with Kumar, Avinash). *The Crisis of Anthropocene: Industrialisation and Corporatisation of Agribusiness in the Global South*. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Singh, Ankit Kumar. *The Historiography of Labour from Post-Sultanate Period to Mughal Period of Northern India*. [With the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland]

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## PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND TALKS

September 2023

"Agribusiness Threats to Sustainable Agriculture: The Case of Nitrogen Trap in India." Jawaharlal Nehru University and Global Partnership Network.

July 2023

"Work and Technology on the Shopfloor: Control and Force in the Labour Process of [Contemporary and Upgraded] Capitalist Production Regime of Automobile Industry in the Global South."

Institute of Human Development, International Labour Organisation and Niti Aayog.

November 2022

"Marxian Economics: Contemporary Relevance of Marxian Political Economy."  
Rethinking Economics: Kerala Network.

April 2022

“Improving Occupational Health and Safety for Indian Workers in the Context of Business Responsibility and the New Labour Codes.”

62<sup>nd</sup> Conference, Indian Society for Labour Economics.

February 2022

“Interstate Female Labour Supply in Rural India: Empirical Evidence based on NSSO Dataset.”

Indian School of Business and Finance, University of London, and London School of Economics and Political Science.

This paper was awarded first runner-up at ISBF-LSE-UoL Paper Presentation 2021-22.

February 2022

“Performing Arts and Marginalised Sections in India: Brahminical, Capitalism and Violence.”

Vachana 2022, CHRIST (Deemed to be University).

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

**Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland**, London, UK.

*Fellow* (June 2023 - present)

- Project lead for “*The Historiography of Labour from Post-Sultanate Period to Mughal Period of Northern India.*”

**Stanford University**, Department of Political Science, CA, USA.

*Research Assistant* to Feyaad Allie (March 2022 - July 2022) for the project "*Identity and Elections in India.*"

- Assist with piloting and testing survey questions, logistic preparation tasks, and training enumerators with the survey company.
- District visits to oversee surveying and qualitative follow-up interviews with selected respondents.
- Writing up detailed qualitative interviews, transcripts, and reports, including the quotes from recorded interviews.
- Quantitative analysis of the data.
- RA Position Letter: [Ankit\\_Stanford: RA Position Letter](#)


**Delhi School of Economics and Indian Institute of Technology**, New Delhi, IN.

*Research Assistant* to Prof. Jean Dreze and Prof. Reetika Khera (August 2021 - Nov 2021), for the project, "*Education in Covid-19 period.*"

- I collected primary data through field surveys (45 interviews in Delhi: Munirka and Ayanagar) and coded the data.
- A policy report was submitted based on the survey.
- Introduction Letter: [Ankit and Roshni\\_Introduction Letter.pdf](#)

**The University of Oxford**, Department of Politics and International Relations, UK

*Research Assistant* to Dr. Tanushree Goyal (March - July 2021), for the project, "*Are village leaders impartial agents of the state? Evidence from elite survey experiments in Bihar.*"

- Engaged in primary data collection through telephonic interviews and coding.
  - Transcribing, data cleaning, assisting with qualitative analysis and conducting natural experiments.
  - Letter of Recommendation: 
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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**Safe in India Foundation**

Mar 2022 - Present

*Executive- Systemic Change of ESIC and Safety*

- Principal investigator and author of Safe in India Foundation's annual flagship report *CRUSHED 2022* and *CRUSHED 2023: Report on worker safety in the Indian auto sector*.
  - Primary responsibility: national-level advocacy to change practices in the industry (with OEMs)/ state (with ISH, SIAM, ACMA, Dept. of Labour, Haryana, and DG FASLI)/ and ESIC (at ESIC headquarters and ESIC Regional Office, Faridabad) towards greater workplace safety.
  - Analyzed the healthcare and compensation policies of ESIC and authored two reports of "ESI Ki Baat, Aapkye Saath," which was later used for national-level advocacy at ESIC headquarters.
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## INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland (RAS),  
Member of the Indian Economic Association (IEA),  
Member of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE),  
Member of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), and  
Member of the Institute of Social Sciences (ISS).

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## OTHER INFORMATION

**Languages:** Hindi (bilingual); English (bilingual); Bhojpuri (proficient); Magahi (proficient); Urdu (advanced); Persian (level C)

### Art featured in:

Rastko Močnik's blog: [On historical regression: A note at the occasion of the anniversary of the Manifesto](#)

Red Books Day - Young Socialist Artists. My doodle:



World Health Organisation on COVID-19.

### Leadership Positions:

Student Faculty Committee Member for Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2020-2021.

President, University Dance Team, CHRIST 2019-20.

Core-Committee Head, CHRIST: Economics Fest: Arthasastra 2018, 19 and Vihaa 2018, 19.

Core-Committee Head, CHRIST: Cultural Fest: Grandstand 2019.

Documentation and Record Volunteer, Student Welfare Office, CHRIST for 2017-20.

Member, Cultural Team, CHRIST 2017-19: Won 12 inter-collegiate prizes in art and dance events.

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