



## **MPhil in Modern South Asian Studies**

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### **Academic staff associated with the MPhil, 2021-22**

Those involved in teaching the MPhil are internationally known scholars in their areas of specialisation. In addition to those listed here, a number of other distinguished academics in Cambridge occasionally supervise, teach, or examine for the course.

**Dr Maan Barua**

**Lecturer in Human Geography, Department of Geography:** urban ecology, more-than-human geographies, biodiversity conservation and the politics of lively capital.

**Dr Anjali Bhardwaj-Datta**  
(Wolfson College)

**Affiliated Scholar at the Centre of South Asian Studies:** gender and urban space in post-colonial Delhi, women's informalities and patterns of urban change in modern South Asia.

**Dr Liana Chua**  
(St Catharine's College)

**Tunku Abdul Rahman University Lecturer in Malay World Studies:** a social anthropologist with interests across the Malay world. Her current research explores the global nexus of orangutan conservation, critically exploring how international conservation interventions operate across national and socio-cultural boundaries, with often unpredictable effects in Borneo and Sumatra.

**Dr Michael Edwards**  
(Darwin College)

**Smuts Research Fellow at the Centre of South Asian Studies, 2020-23:** Burma/Myanmar; anthropology of religion; pluralism; democracy; translation; media; publics; salvation; time; Christianity; Buddhism

**Dr Shailaja Fennell**  
(Jesus College)

**Acting Director, Centre of South Asian Studies, Reader in Regional Transformation and Economic Security, based in the Centre of Development Studies:** institutional reform and collective action, food production and rural development; gender norms and gender gaps in development interventions, and provision of public goods and the role of partnerships.

**Dr Taushif Kara**

**Research Fellow, Cambridge Centre of Islamic Studies:** global Islam; the intellectual history of the Indian Ocean world in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries; Indian and Muslim political thought; anti-colonial nationalism; histories of knowledge and, the relationship of architecture to ideas.

**Mr Aishwarj Kumar**  
(St Catharine's College)

**Language teaching officer in Hindi, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies:** language and literature, Indian culture, cinema and the media.

**Dr Tejas Parasher**  
(King's College)

**Junior Research Fellow, King's College:** modern Indian history, c. 1857-1950; history of political thought; economic thought of Indian nationalist movement; global intellectual history.

**Dr Luna Sabastian**  
(Wolfson College)

**Smuts Research Fellow at the Centre of South Asian Studies, 2019-22:** late-nineteenth and twentieth-century Indian intellectual history and political thought; anti-colonial nationalism; Hindutva; global fascism; political modernity and violence; themes of race and caste.

**Dr Andrew Sanchez**  
(Trinity Hall)

**Lecturer, Department of Social Anthropology:** Capitalism, class, corruption, economy, India, industry, organised crime, urban anthropology, work and labour.

**Dr Saumya Saxena**  
(Jesus College)

**British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, Faculty of History:** a legal historian interested in family law, religion and gender politics in India. Women's rights movements, religion and law in late 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century South Asia.

**Professor Samita Sen**  
(Trinity College)

**Vere Harmsworth Professor, Faculty of History:**  
South Asian History and Society, Global History, Colonialism and Post-colonial Studies, Gender Studies, Labour Studies, Education (especially Higher Education), Migration, Women's Movement, Trade Union Movements, Transport workers, Domestic workers (and their movements), History of domesticity, Slavery and Indenture, History of Marriage Systems and Legal History.

**Dr Amar Sohal**  
(Corpus Christi College)

**Early Career Research Fellow, Corpus Christi College:**  
intellectual history of modern India and Pakistan. Understanding Indian Nationalists as political thinkers.



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