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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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RESEARCH AND WRITING INTERESTS

Research Interests: Feminist Science Studies; Science, Technology and Society Studies; Gender and Sexuality Studies; Science Education; Writing Pedagogy

Writing Interests/Beats: Science, Mathematics, Health, Environment, Climate, Artificial Intelligence, Gender, Sexuality, Caste, Disability, Queerness

FULL-TIME WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Practice

Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University

2024-Present

Courses Taught: Writing and Oral Communication (For Undergraduate Students, 3 Credits), Writing in Mathematical & Quantitative Sciences (For Undergraduate & Doctoral Students, 4 Credits)

Administrative Responsibilities: Coordinator, Conversation Partner Programme

Faculty Teaching Associate

Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University

2020; 2021-2024

Courses Taught: Writing and Oral Communication (For Undergraduate Students, 3 Credits), Writing in Mathematical & Quantitative Sciences (For Undergraduate Students, 2 Credits)

Administrative Responsibilities: Coordinator, Conversation Partner Programme

Trainee Medical Editor

Medical Communications, Cactus Communications

2020

FREELANCE WORK EXPERIENCE

Contributing Writer

queerbeat

2025-Present

Member, Editor and Contributor

TheLifeofScience.com

2020-present

Columnist

¹ As of 20 March 2026.

QueerSay, *queerbeat*
2024-2025

Columnist

The Next Wave, *The News Minute*
2023-2024

Columnist

Science and Gender, *The Wire (Science)*
2022-2023

Columnist

International Affairs, *LGBTQ Nation*
2022

Project Coordinator

TheLifeofScience.com
2020

Freelance Science Communicator

Impact Science, Cactus Communications
2020

Online Engagement Coordinator

BrainAura
2020

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Administration:

Working Administrator, Indian Science Journalists' Collective (2026-present); Co-lead, Rapporteur Team, 10th National Bioethics Conference

Jury:

Rainbow Awards for Literature and Journalism (2024)

Consultations/Advising:

Centre for Law and Policy Research; Mobbera Foundation (Research & Development); Diversity and Equity Committee, Global South Conference on Infection Prevention and Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship; Science Perception Survey, Foundation for Advancement of Science and Technology India; External Member, Anti-Ragging Committee, Indian Institute for Science Education and Research, Kolkata

Editorial Services:

Indian Journal of Medical Ethics

Working Groups:

Science and Media ThinkLab (Foundation for Advancing Science and Technology - India); Study titled "Fostering Pride in Higher Education" (Pride Circle)

Peer-Review Contributions:

Q1 Journals²

Ethnography; Gender, Work and Organization; Social Sciences and Humanities Open; Vaccine

Q2 Journals

Cogent Social Sciences; Culture, Health and Sexuality

Q3 Journals

Culture and Religion; Economic and Political Weekly

² According to information available on Scimago as of 20 March 2025.

Q4 Journals

Contemporary Education Dialogue; Indian Journal of Medical Ethics

Other Peer-Reviewed Academic Platforms

Doing Sociology; Global South Literary Studies

Dissertation Advisory Committee:

Anjali Anil (National Institute of Advance Studies), 2022-present

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Small Research Grant (*with Vivek Tewary*)

India Science Book Fellowship
Foundation for Advancement of Science and Technology - India
2025

Grant Amount: Rs. 1,00,000

Longlisted for Binod Kanoria Children's Books Award 2024 (*for Grace: One Engineer's Fight to Make Science Education Accessible for All; Pratham Books; Illustrator: Priya Dali*)

Binod Kanoria Children's Books Award
2024

Parag Honour List 2024 (*for Grace: One Engineer's Fight to Make Science Education Accessible for All; Pratham Books; Illustrator: Priya Dali*)

Tata Trusts
2024

SAGE-Ashoka Prize for Critical Writing Pedagogies (*with Vivek Tewary*)

Undergraduate Writing Programme, Ashoka University
2024

13th Laadli Media & Advertising Award (*for "Indian Science Institutes' Curious Prejudice for Gendered Hostels"; The Wire Science*)

Population First
2023

Shortlisted for Honour List 2023 (*for The Plant Whisperer; Pratham Books; Illustrator: Bhavya Kumar*)

Green Literature Festival
2023

Attendance Fellowship

Science Journalists' Forum
2023, 2022, 2021

QueerTWENTY Cohort of 2022

Egomonk
2023

Generalities 3.0 (Theme: Gender and Work)

reFrame Institute for Art and Expression
2023

Grant Amount: Rs. 1,50,000

Parag Honour List 2023 (*for The Plant Whisperer; Pratham Books; Illustrator: Bhavya Kumar*)

Tata Trusts
2023

Early-Career Fellowship

Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures-India
Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bengaluru
2021-2022

Grant Amount: Rs. 7,55,000

Diversity Reporting Grant

National Association for Science Writers (USA)
2021

Grant Amount: USD 1000

Olympus Image of the Year Award

2020

Graduate Studies Fellowship

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Hyderabad
2019-2021

Summer Research Fellowship

Indian Academy of Sciences
2016

Cover Story of the Year

The Telegraph in Schools (TTIS)
2014

OTHER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Cover Photograph

Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, Issue 3
2025

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

In Q1 Journals

Wang, P., Sarkar, S.,...Datta, S.,...Jaiswal, M. "DYRK1A Interacts With Tuberous Sclerosis Complex and Promotes mTORC1 Activity". *eLife*, 12 July 2023, URL: <https://elifesciences.org/reviewed-preprints/88318>.

In Q2 Journals

Kumar, P., and Datta, S. "We Will Keep Clapping till the End': *Hijra* Narratives on Their *Taali*". *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, October 2025, URL: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/09715215251351409>.

Kumar, P., Datta, S., and Mishra, N. "Queer and Trans Community Building in Post-NALSA and Post-377 India: A Critical Reflection". *Community Development Journal*, April 2024, URL: <https://academic.oup.com/cdj/article-abstract/59/2/209/7639851?redirectedFrom=fulltext&login=false>.

Datta, S. "It's Nice That We Can Do That Too': Investigating Trans People's Negotiations with Identity and Community Questions in Indian Science Institutions". *Community Development Journal*, April 2024, URL: <https://academic.oup.com/cdj/article-abstract/59/2/274/7638190?redirectedFrom=fulltext>.

Datta, S., Jaiswal, M. "Mitochondrial Calcium at the Synapse". *Mitochondrion*, 01 July 2021, 59, pp. 135-153, URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1567724921000520>.

In Q3 Journals

Kumar, P., and Datta, S. "Caste Concerns in Transgender Communities in India: Contesting Cohesiveness, Broadening Horizon(s)". *Social Change*, May 2024, URL: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00490857241248989>.

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Datta, S. "Transfeminist Mobilisations Need to be Both Transformative and Transgressive". *Economic and Political Weekly*, 28 July 2018, 53 (30), URL: <https://www.epw.in/engage/article/transfeminist-mobilisations-need-to-be-both-transformative-and-transgressive>.

Datta, S. "(Re)imagining Feminist Solidarities in Academic Spaces". *Economic and Political Weekly*, 10 January 2018, 53 (1), URL: <https://www.epw.in/engage/article/reimagining-feminist-solidarities-academic-spaces>.

Datta, S. "We Refuse to be Subjects of Experiment for Those Who Do Not Understand Us: Transgender Persons Bill". *Economic and Political Weekly*, 08 December 2017, 52 (49), URL: <https://www.epw.in/engage/article/transgender-persons-bill-we-refuse-be-subjects-experiment-those-who-do-not-understand>.

In QA Journals

Datta, S. "Recording Sex and Gender Data in Clinical Settings". *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, July 2025, URL: <https://ijme.in/articles/recording-sex-and-gender-data-in-clinical-settings/>. (Republished by the Labhopping Science Media Forum at <https://thelifeofscience.com/2025/10/24/recording-sex-and-gender-data-in-clinical-settings/>)

Datta, S. "Beyond Anxiety: Autonomy and Harm Reduction Approaches to DIY Hormone Replacement Therapy". *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, October 2024, URL: <https://ijme.in/articles/beyond-anxiety-autonomy-and-harm-reduction-approaches-to-diy-hormone-replacement-therapy/>.

Datta, S. "Epistemological Deviant, Epistemic Abjection & Lost Opportunities: A Case Study of a Muslim Trans Intersex Student's Othering and Dehumanisation in an Indian Science Classroom". *Contemporary Education Dialogue*, January 2024, URL: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/09731849231206226>.

Datta, S. "On Authorship in Science: Power, Misconduct, Responsibility and Accountability". *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2022, VII, pp. 184-188, URL: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35695868/>.

Book Chapters

Datta, S. "Who is the Vyomanaut? Understanding India's Human Face in the New Space Race". *Forthcoming*.

Datta, S. "Queering Infrastructures: Queer Necropolitics to Emancipatory Politics of Living in Higher Education in India". *Sociology of Gender in India: Contemporary Issues and Perspectives*, ed. Pushpesh Kumar, Rituparna Patgiri and Deepali Aparajita Dungdung, Cambridge University Press, 2026. *Forthcoming*.

Datta, S. "Transgender Subjects, State-Society Nexus and the Polycscape of Higher Education in India". *TransForming Rights: How the Law Shapes Lives, Identity and Community in India*, ed. Jayna Kothari, Westland Books, 2026, pp. 199-224. URL: <https://www.amazon.in/Transforming-Rights-Transgender-identity-Community/dp/9371975717>.

Mishra, N., and Datta, S. "Paam Padati". *Decolonial Keywords: South Asian Thoughts and Attitudes*, ed. Renny Thomas and Sasanka Perera, Tulika Books and Columbia University Press, 2025.

Datta, S. "Who Gets to Profit from DNA Data?". *The Genetic Frontier: How Gene Editing and Synthetic Biology are Redefining What it Means to be Human*, ed. Suresh Nambath and Vasudevan Mukunth, 2025, pp. 94-110, URL: <https://www.amazon.in/dp/B0G71NRQV7>.

Sundaresan, S., Datta, S., Paul, D., Borah, S., Rathore, A., & Thapliyal, U. "Breaking Barriers: Connecting Science, Media and the Public". *SciComm ThinkLabs: Exploring Pathways to Connect Science and Society*, Foundation for Advancement of Science and Technology India, 2024, URL:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/399079720_Breaking_Barriers_Connecting_Science_Media_and_the_Public.

Datta, S. "Marriage Equality in India: Queer Intimacies, Heteropatriarchal Institutions, & the Language of Rights". *Sanganithra: An Ode to the Past, a Nod to the Future*, Good as You Bangalore, 2024.

Warrier, U., Priya, G., and Datta, S. "Trials and Tribulations of LGBTQ+ People at Work as Barriers to their Job Satisfaction: A Minority Stress Theory Perspective". *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*, ed. Sumitha Singh Sengupta, P. Jyothi, Suresh Kalagnanam, and B. Charumathi, Taylor & Francis, 2024, URL: https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003487180-22/trials-tribulations-lgbtq-people-work-barriers-job-satisfaction-minority-stress-theory-perspective-uma-warrier-gouri-priya-savantan-datta?utm_source=researchgate.net&utm_medium=article.

Datta, S. "Indian Science Institutes' Curious Penchant for Gendered Hostels". *Bold Bylines: Voices of Change in Indian Media*, ed. A. L. Sharada, Population First & United Nations Population Fund, 2023, pp. 127-138.

Datta, S. "Inclusive Science Outreach, What Does it Mean, and Why do we Need it?". *Dhvani: A Compilation of Resources for Science Outreach in India*, ed. Manjula Harikrishnan, Karishma S. Kaushik and Ankita Rathore, IndiaBioScience.org, 2023, pp. 16-20, URL: <https://indiabioscience.org/indiabioreads/dhvani-a-compilation-of-resources-for-science-outreach-in-india>.

Datta, S. "Finding (Homo)sexuality in the Genome: A Critique of Genetic Investigations on Sexuality". *Sexuality, Abjection and Queer Existence in Contemporary India*, ed. Pushpesh Kumar, Routledge India, 29 July 2021, pp. 178-190.

Book Reviews

Datta, S. "Science and Religion in India: Beyond Disenchantment (Renny Thomas): A Review by Sayantan Datta". *Doing Sociology*, 26 May 2022, URL: <https://doingsociology.org/2022/05/26/science-and-religion-in-india-beyond-disenchantment-by-renny-thomas-2021-a-review-by-sayantan-datta/>.

Policy Briefs

Datta, S., Mukherjee, D., Gaikwad, P. "(Trans)forming Science: Towards a Transgender-Inclusive Science Higher Education in India". *ResearchGate*, November 2022, URL: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Savantan-Datta-2/publication/365096203_Transforming_Science_Towards_a_Transgender-Inclusive_Science_Higher_Education_in_India/links/6364aa4254eb5f547c9ff543/Transforming-Science-Towards-a-Transgender-Inclusive-Science-Higher-Education-in-India.pdf.

Public Scholarship

Datta, S., and Kumar Dey, B. "Bohot Kuch Hota Hai: Towards a Reparative Reading of *Pathaan*". *Doing Sociology*, 30 July 2023, URL: <https://doingsociology.org/2023/07/30/bohot-kuch-hota-hai-towards-a-reparative-reading-of-pathaan-sayantan-datta-and-bishal-kumar-dey/>.

Datta, S., & Kumar, P. "Science, State and Procreative Conundrums: A Transgender Perspective". *Law School Policy Review*, URL: <https://lawschoolpolicyreview.com/2023/05/28/science-state-and-procreative-conundrums-a-transgender-perspective/>.

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Datta, S., Sundaresan, S., and Thapliyal, U. "Science Journalism Practice in India: Results from a Scoping Survey". *OSF Preprints*, 18 January 2024, URL: https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/zeh9t_v1.

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Datta, S. “Study Probes the Vast Gap Between Early Stars and Adult Achievers”. *The Hindu (Science)*, 04 February 2026, URL: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/study-probes-the-vast-gap-between-early-stars-and-adult-achievers/article70532729.ece>. (Paywalled; please contact for a copy.)

Datta, S. “Unusual Genetic Code in Antarctic Microbes Yields Rare Amino Acid”. *The Hindu (Science)*, 08 January 2026, URL: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/pyrrolysine-unusual-genetic-code-in-antarctic-microbes-yields-rare-amino-acid/article70470028.ece>. (Paywalled; please contact for a copy.)

Features

Datta, S. “Abel Laureate Masaki Kashiwara Changed How Algebra Meets Analysis”. *The Hindu (Science)*, 13 October 2025, URL: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/abel-laureate-masaki-kashiwara-changed-how-algebra-meets-analysis/article70154469.ece>. (Paywalled; please contact for a copy.)

Datta, S. “Climate Change is Changing Where and How Indians are Living”. *The Hindu (Science)*, 17 July 2025, URL: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/climate-change-internal-migration-changing-where-how-indians-living/article69807089.ece>. (Paywalled; please contact for a copy.)

Datta, S. “How Safe AI is in Healthcare Depends on Humans of Healthcare”. *The Hindu (Science)*, 12 June 2025, URL: <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/how-safe-ai-is-in-healthcare-depends-on-the-humans-of-healthcare/article69681850.ece>. (Paywalled; please contact for a copy.)

Longform

Datta, S., Sonawane, E., and Tavag, A. “India’s Govt Wants to Turn Trans Rights Law into Trans Persecution Law; Queer Groups Prepare to Fight Back”. *queerbeat*, 16 March 2026, URL: <https://www.queerbeat.org/stories/indias-govt-wants-to-turn-trans-rights-law-into-trans-persecution-law-queer-groups-prepare-to-fight-back/>.

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Cover Stories

Datta, S. “A Trans Person’s Struggle for Dignity Doesn’t Stop Even When They Die”. *queerbeat*, 29 October 2025, URL: <https://www.queerbeat.org/stories/a-trans-persons-struggle-for-dignity-doesnt-stop-even-when-they-die/>.

MULTIMEDIA PUBLICATIONS

³ This is a list of the 10 most recent publications. For the full list, please visit my portfolio (linked in the “Personal Information” section).

Handbooks

Queer Chennai Chronicles, The News Minute. "Inclusive Newsrooms: LGBTQIA+ Media Reference Guide". *Google News Initiative*, 2023, URL: <https://www.news-inq.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Inclusive-Newsrooms-LGBTQIA-Media-Reference-Guide-English-2023-e1.pdf>. (Contributor)

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Zines

Datta, S., Ajeya. "Science Frictions: A Zine on Trans Journeys in Science". *ResearchGate*, November 2022, URL: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/365375876_Science_Friction_A_Zine_on_Trans_Journeys_in_Science.

Comics

Datta, S., Rox. "Fire Burning Bright: Aparna and Amrita's Work in Public Health". *TheLifeofScience.com*, 14 January 2022, URL: <https://thelifeofscience.com/2022/01/14/aparna-amrita-publichealth-comix/>.

Datta, S., Rox. "I Have Only Brought Them Pride: A Trans Doctor's Journey in Medicine". *TheLifeofScience.com*, 27 August 2021, URL: <https://thelifeofscience.com/2021/08/27/aqsa-comix/>.

Datta, S., Gautam, S. "Grace Banu: A Dalit-Trans Technologist Fights for a Better World". *TheLifeofScience.com*, 02 October 2020, URL: <https://thelifeofscience.com/2020/10/02/grace-comix/>.

Datta, S., Agarwal, U. "Salamanders, Crickets and Zebrafish: Bittu's Journey in Science (and Gender)". *TheLifeofScience.com*, 31 July 2020, URL: <https://thelifeofscience.com/2020/07/31/salamanders-crickets-and-zebrafish-bittus-journey-in-science-and-gender/>.

Picture Books

Datta, S., Dali, P. "Grace: One Engineer's Fight to Make Science Education Accessible for All". *Storyweaver.org*, 2023, URL: <https://storyweaver.org.in/stories/561819-grace-one-engineer-s-fight-to-make-science-education-accessible-for-all>.

Datta, S., Kumar, B., "The Plant Whisperer". *Storyweaver.org*, 2021, URL: <https://storyweaver.org.in/stories/342422-the-plant-whisperer>.

Podcasts

Datta, S. "Queering the Scientific Method". *queer/disrupt*, June 2021, URL: https://open.spotify.com/episode/1jmXFrZVGqAZZPLkTiAYhD?si=BEQlbPAAQDmpUY-8oT-7%20gQ&dl_branch=1&nd=1

EDITED SPECIAL ISSUES

The Teaching of Reading & Writing in STEMM
Contemporary Education Dialogue (Forthcoming)
2026
(Co-edited with Neha Mishra & Vivek Tewary)

Queer and Trans Experiences of the City
Urban Kaleidoscopes
2025
(Co-edited with Pushpesh Kumar)

Queer and Trans Community Building in Post-NALSA and Post-377 India

Community Development Journal, 59(2)

2024

(Co-edited with Pushpesh Kumar & Neha Mishra)

CITED IN MEDIA⁴

Pradhan, S. "India's Transgender Amendment Bill Scraps Self-Determination, Hands Trans Identities to State Decisions". *Local Samosa*, 2026, URL: <https://www.localsamosa.com/news/transgender-amendment-bill-scraps-self-determination-11219845>.

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Dhar Karmakar, A. "How a Regressive Transgender Act Was Finally Thrown Out". *BehanBox*, 2023, URL: <https://behanbox.com/2023/07/17/how-a-regressive-transgender-act-in-was-finally-thrown-out/>.

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Modi, CG. "Stories of Beautiful Minds". *Business Standard*, 25 June 2022.

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⁴ This list might not be representative of all media mentions of my work. This list has been curated based on the information I have been able to collate, and this has a fair chance of missing out on media mentions outside my radar.

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Rao, M., Mukherjee, S. “Queerness is Everywhere but Science is Biased”. Science and Us, *Suno India* (Podcast), 01 April 2022, URL: <https://omny.fm/shows/science-and-us/queerness-is-everywhere-but-science-is-biased>.

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MENTORING

Harsha Talur, Youth Changemakers Fellow, Pride-Ed, Pride Circle, 2025

Harshada Deokar, M.A. second year, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, Savitribai Phule Pune University, 2024 (co-supervised with Neha Mishra)

Samruddhi Sawant, M.A. second year, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, Savitribai Phule Pune University, 2024 (co-supervised with Neha Mishra)

Sharvari Deshpande, M.A. second year, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, Savitribai Phule Pune University, 2023 (co-supervised with Neha Mishra)

Pranjali Sharma, M.A. second year, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, Savitribai Phule Pune University, 2023 (co-supervised with Neha Mishra)

Dipanwita Paul, TAARIF Fellow, Centre for Studies in Gender and Sexuality, Ashoka University, 2023

Darsan Ranjit, Research Assistant + Capstone Thesis Supervisee, Undergraduate student at the School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences, Krea University, 2023-Present (*Capstone Thesis co-supervised with Shruti Chakravarti*)

Anushka Jain, Sangath India Peers4Equity Short-Term Fellow, 2023

Ayushmita Samal, Sangath India Peers4Equity Fellow, 2022-2023

Shreya Sridhar, Intern + Capstone Thesis Supervisee, Undergraduate student at the School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences, Krea University, 2022-2023 (*Capstone Thesis co-supervised with Rakshi Rath*)

Riya Parekh, Intern, Undergraduate student at the School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences, Krea University, 2022

GROUP/SOCIETY/ACADEMY AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Present

Life Member, *Indian Sociological Society*
Member, *International Society for Non-Binary Scientists*
Member, *Indian Science Journalists' Collective*

Past

Full Member, *Science Journalists' Association of India*
Member, *Genetics Society of America*
Member, *National Association for Science Writers, USA*
Committee Member, *queer/disrupt*
Honorary Member, *Science Education Group, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Hyderabad*

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Developmental Neurobiology)

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Hyderabad
2019-2021
(Discontinued)

M.Sc. (Neural and Cognitive Sciences)

University of Hyderabad
2017-2019
CGPA: Semester 1: 9.20; Semester 2: 9.67; Semester 3: 9.78; Semester 4: 10
(University Gold Medalist)

B.Sc. (Hons.; Life Sciences)

Presidency University, Kolkata
2014-2017
CGPA: 8.50

Bhushan (Fine Arts)

Pracheen Kala Kendra, Chandigarh
2007-2012

WORKSHOPS

Conducted

Two-Day Workshop on "Key Practices of Interdisciplinary Academic Writing"
Department of English
Mepco Schlenk Engineering College (Autonomous), Sivakasi
March 2026
(Co-conducted with Anannya Dasgupta)

One-and-Half-Day Workshop on "Research as Conversation: Reading & Writing in the Scholarly Chorus"

Department of Women's and Gender Studies
Savitribai Phule Pune University
March 2026

Two-Day Workshop on “Strategies of Reading and Writing for Effective Teaching of STEM Disciplines”

GITAM (Deemed to be) University, Visakhapatnam
February 2026
(Co-conducted with Vivek Tewary)

Science Writing Workshop

Alliance Literary Festival 2026
Alliance University
February 2026

Making & Presenting Slide Decks

Ministry of Learning
Krea University
November 2025

Writing Literature Review

Research Capacity Development Workshop on “Researching Marginalities”
Savitribai Phule Pune University
November 2025

Forming Research Questions

Research Capacity Development Workshop on “Researching Marginalities”
Savitribai Phule Pune University
November 2025

The Mock Turtle's Tutorial in Reeling, Writhing & Critical Sinking

Orientation Programme, School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences, Krea University
July 2025

Five-Day IMSc Summer Science Writing Workshop

Institute of Mathematical Sciences Chennai
May 2025
(Co-conducted with Vivek Tewary, Anusheela Chatterjee, and Shakti Menon)

Writing Children's Literature

Five-Day Workshop on “Hard-Core & Soft Skills: Creative and Critical Writing and Its Communication”
Department of English, University of Kashmir
March 2025

Making Claims and Arguments

Five-Day Workshop on “Hard-Core & Soft Skills: Creative and Critical Writing and Its Communication”
Department of English, University of Kashmir
March 2025

Oral Presentation of Academic Work

Five-Day Workshop on “Hard-Core & Soft Skills: Creative and Critical Writing and Its Communication”
Department of English, University of Kashmir
March 2025

Writing Like a Journalist

Five-Day Workshop on “Hard-Core & Soft Skills: Creative and Critical Writing and Its Communication”
Department of English, University of Kashmir
March 2025

Science Communication Workshop

Indian Institute for Science Education and Research, Kolkata

February 2025

Structuring and Structure in Writing

Three-Day Symposium on “Reflections on the Teaching of Reading & Writing in STEMM”
Krea University
January 2025

Writing Field Notes

Research Capacity Development Workshop on “Researching Marginalities”
Savitribai Phule Pune University
November 2024

People with Diverse SOGIESC in Health Research

DRISHTi Social Issues in Health Research
Sangath India
2024

Studying Marginality: Forming Research Questions

Research Capacity Development Workshop on “Researching Marginalities”
Savitribai Phule Pune University
April 2024

Three-Day Workshops titled “Complex Ideas, Clear Sentences: Reading and Writing for Comprehension”

Centre for Women’s Studies, School of Social Sciences and International Studies, Pondicherry University
2024
(With Anannya Dasgupta and Neha Mishra)

Two-Day Workshop titled “Step-by-Step: Learning to Teach Writing”

SSUS Centre for Academic Writing, Sree Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady
2024
(With Anannya Dasgupta)

Curiosity Keeps the Cat: Forming Research Questions

Researching Marginalities
Women’s and Gender Studies Centre & Department of Political Science, Savitribai Phule Pune University
2023

The Structure and Content of Academic Essays

How to Teach Academic Writing – A Two-Day Skill Development Workshop
Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University
2023

Persuasion by Description

Skill Development Programme
Outreach Team, Krea University
&
Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University
2023

“The Encyclopedia Galactica so Far”: Debates and Guidelines Around ChatGPT

Don’t Panic: A Hitchhiker’s Guide to ChatGPT
Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University
2023

Two-Day Bootcamp on Science Journalism

CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology
2023

“Like What?”: Using Analogies in Science Communication

Professional Development Programme

Outreach Team, Krea University
&
Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University
2023

Writing That Is Seen and Heard
Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University
2023

Finding Credible Literature
Sangath India Peers4Equity Program
2022

Orientation-cum-Academic Writing Workshop
Special Issue of *Community Development Journal* (eds. Pushpesh Kumar and Sayantan Datta) on “Queer and Trans Community Building in Post-377 and Post-NALSA India”
Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad
Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University
2022

Summary and Analysis
Jesus and Mary College
2022

One-week Faculty Development Programme-cum-Academic Writing Workshop
Gargaon College, Assam
Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University
2022

Zooming In, Zooming Out: A Workshop on Academic Writing
Indian Institute of Technology Goa
2022

LGBTQIA+ in Academia Session (Moderator)
Annual *Drosophila* Research Conference
2022

Basics of Gender and Sexuality
Presidency University, Kolkata
2017

Brain Awareness Week
Presidency University, Kolkata
2015, 2016

Attended

Solutions Journalism Workshop
Reframing Disability
Online
2025
Facilitator: Priti Salian

Research Capacity Development Workshop on “Researching Marginalities”
Savitribai Phule Pune University
Association for Asian Studies
Swedish International Development Association
2024
(*Speaker*)

TESF India Writing Workshop Series

Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures - India
Online
2022

Quantitative Data Analysis Workshop
Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures - India
Online
2022

Qualitative Data Analysis Workshop
Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures - India
Online
2022

TESF Mobile Filmmaking Workshop
Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures
Online
2022

Science Illustration Workshop
Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Hyderabad
2020
Facilitator: Ipsa Jain

Science Communication Workshop
DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance
Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Hyderabad
2019

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited

AI & Marginality: Users' Perspectives from Transgender Persons and People with Disabilities
10th National Bioethics Conference
2025
(Co-chair with Shampa Sengupta)

Artificial Intelligence and Academic Integrity: Bridging the Gap in Scholarly Publishing
10th National Bioethics Conference
2025
(Co-chair with Lubna Duggal)

AI Healthcare Technologies: Critical Insights from Ethics and Human Rights Perspectives
10th National Bioethics Conference Pre-Conference Training & Peer Engagement Workshop on "Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Healthcare"
Indian Institute of Technology Madras
2025
(Co-presented with Manjulika Vaz and Sumita Sheel)

Gender and Intersectionality
The Underreported: Bridging Gaps in Science Journalism
Science Journalists' Association of India
2024

No Space for Some: Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, Non-Binary and Intersex People in the Indian Science Ecosystem
Brainstorming Session on Addressing LGBTQIA+ Marginalization in Science, Technology and Innovation Sector
DST-Centre for Policy Research & Department of Studies in Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, Central University of Gujarat

2024

Contextualising Knowledge: Curriculum, Assessment and Evaluations

Teaching to Empower: A Workshop on Feminist Pedagogy

Feminist Research Cluster, Jindal Global Law School, O. P. Jindal Global University

2024

(Co-panelist with Prof. Ayesha Kidwai)

Queering Infrastructures: From Queer Necropolitics to an Emancipatory Politics of Living

Sociology of Gender Conference

University of Hyderabad

2023

Inclusion and Social Justice in Education for Sustainable Futures

Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures Legacy Conference

Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures

University of Bristol

2023

(Co-presented with Samina Mishra, Sujata Noronha, Beena Choksi, Asma Jama, Eric Tuye, Faustin Renzaho, Swati Dyahadroy and Anagha Tambe)

“Get Out of Class”: Queering Infrastructure in Higher Education

Beyond Access and Parity: Complicating the Narrative of Gender Equality in Higher Education in India

Centre for Women’s Studies, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune,

Brunel University

2023

(The presentation can be read at <https://osf.io/q95d7/>.)

A Polyscape Approach to Science Education in India

TransForm 2022

Centre for Law and Policy Research, Bengaluru

2022

A Vision for a Special Volume: Queer and Trans Community-Building in Post-377 and Post-NALSA India

Orientation-cum-Academic Writing Workshop for Special Issue of the *Community Development Journal* (eds. Pushpesh Kumar and Sayantan Datta)

Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad

Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University

2022

Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming and Gender Non-Binary Persons in the Indian Science Ecosystem

Two-Day Researchers’ Meet (Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures-India)

Fireflies Intercultural Centre, Bengaluru

2022

An Exploration into Queer-Trans* Community Building in Indian Science Institutions

Two-Day International Workshop on Queer and Trans Community Building in Post-377 and Post-NALSA India

Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad

Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University

2022

Queering Trauma

Psychological Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Department of Psychology, University of Calicut

2022

Contributed

Pedagogy of Reading as Pedagogy of Access: Teaching Reading to Undergraduate Mathematics Students

Language Diversity and Mathematics Education

SRM University, Andhra Pradesh
2025
(Co-presented with Vivek Tewary)

Teaching of Reading & Writing for Effective Undergraduate Mathematics Education
Fourth Conference on the Practice of Teaching Undergraduate Mathematics
St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru
2025
(Co-presented with Vivek Tewary)

Form and Formula: Reflections on the Teaching of Technical & Journalistic Writing in Mathematics
Critical Writing Pedagogies Symposium
Undergraduate Writing Programme, Ashoka University
2024
(Co-presented with Vivek Tewary)
(Awarded the inaugural SAGE-Ashoka Prize for Critical Writing Pedagogies)

A Neuroscientist Takes on Writing Pedagogy
Critical Writing Pedagogies Symposium
Undergraduate Writing Programme, Ashoka University
2024

Dissemination Presentation: (Trans)Forming Science - Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming and Gender Non-Binary Persons in the Indian Science Ecosystem
Education in India: Violent Desires, Exclusionary Tendencies and Transformative Potentials
Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad
Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University
2023

Role of DYRK1A/Mnb in Synaptogenesis
No Garland Neuroscience
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune
2020

Interrogating Anger in Public Spaces: A Transfeminist Perspective
Southern Regional Conference of the Indian Association for Women's Studies
University of Calicut
2019

Mitochondrial Size Regulation and Neurodegeneration: A Molecular Genetics Approach
Coherence
University of Hyderabad
2019
(Awarded Best Presenter)

Queer Poetry
National Queer Conference
Sappho For Equality, Kolkata
2017

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Contributed

Mechanisms of Mitochondrial Size Regulation and Neurodegeneration
In-House Symposium
Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Hyderabad
2019
(Co-presented with Neha Singhal, Rajit Narayanan and Manish Jaiswal)

Targeting Brain Tumors

West Bengal State Science Congress
Presidency University, Kolkata
2016
(Co-presented with Soumi Mukherjee)

CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

Organised

10th National Bioethics Conference

Forum for Medical Ethics Society
Indian Journal of Medical Ethics
Health, Ethics, and Law Institute for Training, Research, and Advocacy
&
Christian Medical College Vellore
2025

Reflections on the Teaching of Reading and Writing in STEM

Centre for Writing & Pedagogy, Krea University
Mathematics Discipline, Krea University
2025
(Co-organised with Vivek Tewary and Neha Mishra)

Building Inclusive Institutions: Negotiating Living Arrangements & Related Policies for Queer, Transgender and Intersex Persons in Higher Education Institutions in India

CEPT University
Centre for Writing & Pedagogy, Krea University
Office of Inclusive Learning Support, Krea University
2024
(Co-organised with Catrinel Dunca & Amanjit Kaur Ahuja)

Education in India: Violent Desires, Exclusionary Tendencies and Transformative Potentials

Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad
Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University
2023
(Co-organised with Prof. Pushpesh Kumar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, and Neha Mishra, Faculty, Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University)

How to Teach Academic Writing

Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University
2023
(Co-organised with Anannya Dasgupta, Director, Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University; Neha Mishra, Faculty, Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University; and Shweta Rani, Faculty, Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University)

Orientation-cum-Academic Writing Workshop Towards Special Issue of *Community Development Journal* (eds. Pushpesh Kumar and Sayantan Datta)

Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad
Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University
2022
(Co-organized with Prof. Pushpesh Kumar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad)

International Workshop on "Queer and Trans Community-Building in Post-377 and Post-NALSA India"

Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad
Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, Krea University
2022
(Co-organized with Prof. Pushpesh Kumar, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad)

Attended

National Symposium on Avian Biology 2025

Indian Institute for Science Education and Research, Mohali
2025
(Moderator)

India Science Festival
Foundation for Advancing Science and Technology, India
2025
(Moderator & Emcee)

The Underreported: Bridging Gaps in Science Journalism
Science Journalists' Association of India
2024
(Speaker)

Teaching to Empower: A Workshop on Feminist Pedagogy
Feminist Research Cluster, Jindal Global Law School, O. P. Jindal Global University
2024
(Presenter)

Critical Writing Pedagogies Symposium
Undergraduate Writing Programme, Ashoka University
2024

India Science Festival
Foundation for Advancing Science and Technology, India
2024
(Moderator & Emcee)

Science Journalists' Forum
Online
2023

Peers4Equity Dissemination Conference
Sangath India
University of Chicago Centre, New Delhi
2023
(Mentor)

Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures Legacy Conference
Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures
University of Bristol
2023
(Presenter)

Beyond Access and Parity: Complicating the Narrative of Gender Equality in Higher Education in India
Centre for Women's Studies, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune
Brunel University
2023
(Presenter)

TransForm 2022
Centre for Law and Policy Research, Bengaluru
2022
(Presenter)

Science, Technology and Medicine Symposium
Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin
2022
(Panelist)

India Science Festival

Foundation for Advancing Science and Technology, India
2023
(Moderator)

EpiSTEME9
Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Mumbai
2022

TESF India Annual Conference
Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures – India
Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bengaluru
2022
(Presenter)

Science Journalists' Forum
Online
2022

Two-Day Meeting on “Queer-Trans* Intimacies and Communities: Envisioning Rights and the Way Forward”
Sappho for Equality, Kolkata
2022

Two-Day Researchers' Meet
Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures – India, Bengaluru
2022
(Presenter)

Annual *Drosophila* Research Conference 2022
Online
2022

No Garland Neuroscience
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune
2020
(Presenter)

INVITED TALKS⁵

Writing (at) the Margins: The Ethics of Documenting Queer and Transgender People's Lived Experiences in India
The George Institute for Global Health: WHO Collaborating Centre for Emergency, Critical and Operative Care
2026

From Shadows to Spotlight: Rewriting Rights and Hearts in India
Alliance Literary Festival 2026
Alliance University
2026
(In conversation with Kalki Subramaniam)

Sex, Gender, Sexuality – and Education
MFA Art Therapy Program, MIT-ADT University
2025

Why Sex & Gender are Not Binary
Teach for India
2025

Keynote Address: Beyond Gender Binaries
International Summer School on “LGBTQIA+ Realities and Resistance”

⁵ This is a truncated list of invited talks. Parts of this list have been compiled years after the talks happened and, hence, might be missing information about the year in which a particular talk happened.

Impact and Policy Research Institute
2025

Breaking News that Breaks Barriers: Science Journalism and Communication

Centre for Career Development
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal
2025

Demystifying Fieldwork in Ecology

National Symposium on Avian Biology
Indian Institute for Science Education and Research, Mohali
2025

(In conversation with Hema Somanathan, Raman Kumar, Ratna Ghosal and Dhanusha Kawalkar)

Teaching How to Read & Write Mathematics

Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai
2025
(Co-presented with Vivek Tewary)

From Pessimism to Promise: Optimism Could be the Most Radical View of Technology Yet

India Science Festival
2025

(In conversation with Payal Arora)

Why Bookworms will Save the World: Science Stories that Stick

India Science Festival
2025

(In conversation with Karthik Venkatesh & Vaishali Shroff)

No Brainer: Intelligent Behaviour in Brainless Organisms

Popular Science Lecture, Tamil Nadu Science Forum
2024

Diversity and Assessment in Art Therapy

MFA Art Therapy Program, MIT-ADT University
2024

Academic Inclusion

Youth Changemakers Fellowship Program, Pride Circle
2024

Making Campuses a Safe and Inclusive Place for All

Symbiosis Centre for Emotional Wellbeing
2024

(Co-panelist with Amanjit Kaur Ahuja)

Out in STEM: Celebrating Queer Visibility and Inclusion in Science and Technology

Indian Institute of Technology Madras
2024

(Co-panelist with A Mani & Grace Banu)

Trans as Transformation: Queer, Transgender and Intersex Persons in the Indian Science Ecosystem

International Centre for Theoretical Sciences
2024

STEM with Stories: Fueling Curiosity and Shaping STEM Mindsets

StoryWeaver
2024

(Co-panelist with Neha Parti, Sampad Mohapatra, Sarit Sharma, Seema Acharya, Veena Prasad)

Women in the Wild: Stories of India's Most Brilliant Women Wildlife Biologists

India Science Festival

2024

(In conversation with Anita Mani and Raza Kazmi)

Caste, Gender, & Science (Journalism)

Asian College of Journalism

2023

(Co-panelist with Nandita Jayaraj and Narmadha Devi)

What Does it Mean to be an Ally?

Filter Coffee, Unfiltered Conversations; Office of Inclusive Learning Support, Krea University

2023

(Co-panelist with Vivek Tewary and Sabah Siddiqui)

Science and Community Today

The Print Charcha

2023

(Co-panelist with Somdatta Karak, Suvrat Raju and Arnab Bhattacharya)

Trans-forming Community Building in Indian Science Institutions

Urban Lecture Series, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru

2023

Queering Infrastructure in Higher Education in India

Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad

2023

Women in Science Panel Discussion

Science Club, Krea University

2023

(Panelist)

Genetically Modified Democracy

India Science Festival

2023

(In conversation with Aniket Aga)

If the #FutureIsNow, Where is AI Taking Us?

India Science Festival

2023

(In conversation with Prof. James Evans)

A Primer on Science Journalism

Science Communication Workshop

Department of Geology, Benaras Hindu University

&

SciRio

2022

(Trans)Forming Science: Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming and Gender Non-Binary Persons in the Indian Science Ecosystem

Azim Premji School of Education

Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad

2022

Public Health Emergency and Ethics of Reporting: Learnings and Way Forward

FMES-Indian Journal of Medical Ethics

&

Department of Communication, University of Hyderabad

October 2022

Contextualising Gender
DHISHA Kerala
July 2022

(Trans)Forming Science Institutions: Putting the Political Back in Science
Science Club
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune

Queering Science: A Vision for New Science?
Chemical Society
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Thiruvananthapuram
&
LGBTQIA+ Collective
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali

Queer Ruptures with Healthcare: Control and Intervention
Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation, Seattle, USA
June 2022

Freelancing as a Science Journalist: Opportunities and a Roadmap
PRAYOJAN
Indian National Young Academy of Science

A Primer on Conducting Inclusive Research with Transgender and Non-Binary Communities
iHEAR Project, Sangath India
(Co-panelist with Ayush Gupta, Aqsa Shaikh and Abigail Silversmith Irfan)

Interrogating Brahminical Cis-Heteropatriarchy in the Indian Science Ecosystem Through Feminist Science Journalism
Advanced Centre for Women's Studies
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

Pedagogical Issues in Higher Education
Yuva Samvad
National Association for People's Movements
(Co-panelist with Swati Suna and Yuvan Aves)

Biology Beyond the Binary
Sambhaavnaa Institute, Palampur

To be or not to be a Scientist: What May it Mean to be a Queer Scientist and What May it Mean for Science to be Queer
Environmental and Social Initiative Council
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal

Gender Equality: Not Just a Term, Part of Our Effort Towards a More Inclusive STEM
Ambar
Women in Engineering Group
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

Pushing for a Feminist Science Practice in India: The Role of Science Communication and Journalism
Centre for Writing and Communication, Ashoka University, Sonipat

Neurofeminism: Can Feminist Frameworks be Used to Look at Neuroscientific Data?
Project Encephalon

Feminism and STEM 2.0
The Feminist Collective
BioSoc
Ashoka University, Sonipat
(Co-panelist with Bittu R, Vineeta Bal and Basabi Bagchi)

Thinking with Science

Dayapuram Online Learning
(*Co-panelist with Anu Joy*)

Ain't I a Scientist: Reflections of Feminism(s) and Sciences

Queer Up!
Anveshi Research Centre for Women's Studies
(*Co-speaker with S. Shalini Mahadev*)

An Introduction to Neurofeminism

Science Education Journal Club
Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Hyderabad

What it Means to Walk the Pride

GLEAM+ Allies India
Microsoft, Hyderabad
(*Co-panelist with Vyjayanti Vasanta Mogli and Ashok Pamidi*)

Making Campuses LGBTQIA+ Friendly

Gender Equality Awareness Committee
Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad
(*Co-panelist with Vyjayanti Vasanta Mogli, Rachana Mudraboyina and Mallarapu Mani*)

GUEST LECTURES*

People with Diverse SOGIESC: Experiences & Health Research in India

DRISHTi Social Issues in Health Research
Sangath India
2024

Gendered Brains?

Gender Sensitization Programme
Centre for Women's Studies & UGC-Human Resource Development Cell
University of Hyderabad
2023

"On Whose Nature, Nurture Can Never Stick": A History of Neurogenetics and A Critique of Genetic Investigations into Human Sexuality

PSYC203: Brain and Behavior
Krea University
2023

Thinking Like a Journalist

Writing Like a Psychologist
Krea University
2023

The Race Question in Neanderthal Science

History of Biology
Krea University
2023

Using *Drosophila melanogaster* as a Model System for Genetics

Genetics Laboratory Practical Course
Krea University
2023

Gender and Science

* This is a truncated list of guest lectures.

Scientific Reasoning
Krea University
2023

Queer Identities and Queer Movements
Faculty Development Workshop
UGC-Human Resource Development Cell
University of Hyderabad
2022

Gendered Brains?
Faculty Development Workshop
UGC-Human Resource Development Cell
University of Hyderabad
2022

Feminisms and Scientific Knowledge
History, Philosophy and Anthropology of Science
Young India Fellowship, Ashoka University
2022

History of Neurogenetics and A Critique of Genetic Investigations on Sexuality
PSYC203: Brain and Behavior
Krea University
2022

***Drosophila* as a Neurogenetic Tool**
Centre for Neural and Cognitive Sciences
University of Hyderabad
2022

History of Neurogenetics
Centre for Neural and Cognitive Sciences
University of Hyderabad
2022

Accessibility and Education
Critical Pedagogy
National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research, Chennai
2022

Basics of Academic Writing
Academic and Research Writing Workshop
National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research, Chennai
2022

Qualitative Interviews and Outlandish Opinions
Thinking Like a Psychologist
Krea University
2022

How Objective is Science?
Certificate Course on Interrogating Science From the Lens of Feminist Science Studies
Women's Studies Centre, Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi
2022

Communicating Philosophy
Philosophical Methods
Krea University
2022

Creating and Maintaining an Independent Feminist Multimedia Publication
Multimedia Storytelling
Azim Premji University
2021

To Categorize or Not to Categorize
History, Philosophy and Anthropology of Science
Ashoka University, Sonipat
2021

Introduction to Neurogenetics
PSYC203: Brain and Behavior
Krea University
2021

Introduction to Neurons and Ion Channels
Psychology 101
Krea University
2020

Introduction to *Drosophila* Neurogenetics
Centre for Neural and Cognitive Sciences, University of Hyderabad
2020
2019

WEBINARS CONDUCTED⁷

Future of Indian Science
Launch of Inventa Science Magazine

Indian Women, Transgender and Non-Binary Persons in Science Calendar 2022
TheLifeofScience.com
2022

Battling Exclusions in STEMM+
Krea University

The Epidemic of Scientific Misconduct in India
TheLifeofScience.com

“Get Out of Class”: A Conversation on Caste and Casteism in Our Top Institutions
TheLifeofScience.com

Intersectionality and Privilege in Science Practice in India
TheLifeofScience.com
500 Women Scientists

Launch of Indian Women, Transgender and Non-Binary Persons in Science Calendar 2021
TheLifeofScience.com
2021

The Impact of COVID-19 on Women Researchers in India
TheLifeofScience.com

The Idea and Consequences of ‘Scientific Genius’
TheLifeofScience.com

⁷ This is a truncated list of selected webinars. Parts of this list have been compiled years after the webinars happened and, hence, might be missing information about the year in which a particular one happened.

Academia vs. Industry: Higher Education in the UK
Webinar on Career Development
BrainAura

LANGUAGES

Proficient: English, Hindi, Bangla

Basic fluency: German

REFERENCES

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