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Employment

2021- present   Post Doctoral Research Scholar, Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI), University of Pennsylvania

2021- 2023   Post Doctoral Research Scholar, School of Communications and New Media, National University of Singapore (*Declined*)

2016-2018   Teaching Associate, Department of Anthropology, University of California Los Angeles

2014-15   Sr. Lecturer, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India

2013-14   Lecturer, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India

2012-13   Researcher, Azim Premji Foundation, Bangalore, India

2011-12   Research Coordinator and Principal Researcher, Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore, India

2009-2010   Associate Manager, Data Analytics, Mu Sigma Business Solutions, Bangalore, India

2007-2009   Process Manager, Data Analytics, eClerx Services Ltd, Mumbai and Pune, India

2003-2004   Publishing Associate, Tara Books, Chennai, India

Education

2021   PhD, Anthropology (Sociocultural)
University of California Los Angeles
Dissertation Committee: Akhil Gupta, Christopher Kelty, Jessica Cattelino, Lilly Irani
Dissertation Title: Technopolitics of Information and Communication Technologies: Investigating Public Bureaucracy in the Digital Age

2010   Post Graduate Diploma in Cultural Studies
Centre for the Study of Culture and Society (CSCS), Bangalore, India

2007   Masters in Business Administration (Finance)
ICFAI Business School, Hyderabad, India

2002   Bachelor of Science (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)
St. Joseph's College, Bangalore University, India

Competitive Research Awards and Grants

External

Aug 2019   American Institute of Indian Studies | Junior Fellowship - $9k

May 2019   The Wenner-Gren Foundation | Dissertation Fieldwork Grant - $11.3k

Apr 2018   Social Science Research Council | International Dissertation Research Fellowship - $25.4k

Oct 2017   University of Rochester | *Morgan Scholar* at the Henry Morgan Lecture

Jul 2016   American Institute of Indian Studies | Summer Language Fellowship - $5k

Internal

Feb 2020   UCLA | Dissertation Year Fellowship - $22k

May 2019   UCLA | Fieldwork Grant - $7k

May 2019   UCLA | Fieldwork Grant - $1.3k

Jul 2018   UCLA | International Institute Fieldwork Fellowship - $2.4k

Jun 2018   UCLA | Graduate Summer Research Mentorship - $6k

Jun 2017   UCLA | Graduate Summer Research Mentorship - $6k

May 2017   UCLA | Summer Research Grant - $2.5k

Jun 2016   UCLA | Graduate Summer Research Mentorship - $6k

Jun 2016   UCLA | Summer Research Grant - $2k

Mar 2005   ICFAI Business School | Merit Scholarship - $1.2k

2005   ICFAI Business School | Selected Business Case Study Writer

Publications

Under Review

[Journal Article] '*Citizen Labor: Synchronizing Public Services in hi-tech Bangalore*' manuscript under review by *American Ethnologist*

[Book Manuscript] *The Crises of the Informational Subject: Overload, Creep, Citizenship* with Ashish Rajadhyaksha and Nishant Shah under review by the Institute of Network Cultures (Amsterdam).

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Hasan, N. (Forthcoming Vol. 45, no.5, Oct 2022). "Bureaucratic Mediations for Biometric Governance – *Aadhaar* in India's Northeast" in *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies.*

Hasan, N., H. Spivey & K. Card (2019). "Frustrated Encounters in Leitner, H., Peck, J., & Sheppard, E. (Eds.). (2019). *Urban Studies Inside/Out: Theory, Method, Practice*. SAGE Publications Limited.

Hasan, N. (2019). 'Smart Cities' in Leitner, H., Peck, J., & Sheppard, E. (Eds.). (2019). *Urban Studies Inside/Out: Theory, Method, Practice*. SAGE Publications Limited.

Hasan, N. (2019). 'Global Cities' in Leitner, H., Peck, J., & Sheppard, E. (Eds.). (2019). *Urban Studies Inside/Out: Theory, Method, Practice*. SAGE Publications Limited.

Hasan, N. (2018). Meghalaya's' Anti-Railway Protests' Highlight Complexities of the Development Discourse. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 53 (3), 20 January.

Hasan, N. (2013). The Idea of Tripura: a case of digital governance in Rajadhyaksha, Ashish (2013) *In the Wake of Aadhaar: the Digital Ecosystem of Governance in India*. Center for the Study of Culture and Society (CSCS), Bangalore.

Editor Reviewed Journal Articles

Hasan, N. (2020). 'CAA and NRC Stoke the Wrong Problems in Meghalaya', in the *forum* 'India's Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)' in *Political Legal Anthropology Review* (*PoLAR*) Online (September 7).

Under preparation

'In real time: techno-politics of web dashboards in Indian bureaucracies' manuscript in preparation for *Science Technology and Human Values*

'App Sarkar': mobile apps and state effects' manuscript in preparation for *New Media and Society*

Select Book Reviews*

2021 The Many Lives of Data in India, a review of *Lives of Data: Essays on Computational Cultures* From India, edited by Sandeep Mertia, Institute of Network Cultures (Amsterdam, 2020), in *The Wire*.

2016 Review of *The Camera as Witness: A Social History of Mizoram, Northeast India* Joy LK Pachuau and Willem van Schendel. Delhi: Cambridge University Press, 2015. 502 pp. *American Anthropologist*, 118(3), 635-637.

2015 Review of Corruption and Reform in India: Public Services in the Digital Age by Jennifer Bussell. New York: Cambridge University, 2012. 306 pp. *Governance* 28: 116–117.

2014 Review Essay What is Good Governance? *Good Governance: Never on India's Radar Madhav Godbole and India at Turning Point: The Road to Good Governance* T.S.R. Subramanian. Delhi: Rainlight/Rupa Publications, 2014. 396&400pp. *Biblio: A review of books*, Vol. XIX Nos. 9&10, September- October.

*Commissioned monthly reviewer for non-fiction books between August 2014 and August 2015 for The New Indian Express in India

Popular Writing

2020 'Iewduh – a very Shillong Film' in the webzine *Raiot* (http://www.raiot.in/iewduh-a-very-shillong-film/)

2019 'Khasi Film 'Iewduh' Navigates the Politics of Difference With Deft Skill' in *The Wire* (https://thewire.in/film/movie-review-iewduh-pradip-kurbah)

2019 'How Digitising Land Management Has Taken Away Its Socio-Physical Identity' in *The Wire (*https://thewire.in/tech/how-digitising-land-management-has-taken-away-its-socio-physical-identity)

2019 'Et fingeraftryk til fremtiden (A Fingerprint for the Future)'. In PROSA (https://www.prosa.dk/artikel/et-fingeraftryk-til-fremtiden/)

2017 'Is Protesting Against Development Stupid' in the webzine *Raiot* (http://www.raiot.in/is-protesting-against-development-stupid/)

2017 'Digital Governance in India's Northeast – The Case Of Aadhaar In Tripura' in the webzine *Raiot* (http://www.raiot.in/digital-governance-in-indias-northeast-the-case-of-aadhaar-in-tripura/)

Business Management Case Studies

2006 'Costa Coffee in India', Case Reference no. 306-067-1, Dhar S; Shalini and Hasan N, The Case Centre (https://www.thecasecentre.org/main/products/view?id=66533). United States.

2006 'Konica Minolta: the restructuring strategies', Case Reference no. 306-452-1, Dhar S and Hasan N, The Case Centre (https://www.thecasecentre.org/main/products/view?id=69488). United States.

2005 'Fedex in China', Case Reference no. 305-620-1, Dhar S, Shalini and Hasan N, The Case Center (https://www.thecasecentre.org/main/products/view?id=66291). United States.

2005 'BSKyB: Troubled Times', Case Reference no. 305-375 1, Nandi S and Hasan N, The Case Center (https://www.thecasecentre.org/main/products/view?id=64485). United States.

Policy Reports

Hasan, N. & Narayana A (2015). "A chapter on Human Resource Management for the report entitled Bangalore: Way Forward for the Expert Committee on Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Pallike (BBMP) Restructuring". 01June. Bangalore

Hasan, N. (2014). "Institutional Arrangements & Policies", a panel report for the World Bank's Land Governance Assessment Framework (LGAF) Karnataka - State Report. 15 August. Bangalore.

Hasan, N. (2012). "Report of the Workshop on Digital Deliberations: UID Project and its Focus on Homelessness". National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS). 20 May. Bangalore

Invited Talks

Hasan, N. (2022). "Correct your record – the material politics and public ethics of digitizing bureaucracy". School of Information Sciences (iSchool), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. 15 February.

Hasan, N. (2022). "Government of or by Apps?: Mobile Infrastructures in Digital India". Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI), University of Pennsylvania. 3 February.

Hasan, N. (2019). "Digitizing Government". School of Liberal Studies, Azim Premji University. 19 January.

Hasan, N. (2018) "Exploring the Legal Identity of Land in the Context of a Digital Disruption". Oxford Department of International Development. 20 December.

Hasan, N. (2013). "Governance Reforms and Welfare – A study of Karnataka Guarantee of Services to Citizens Act". Azim Premji University. 3 August.

Conference Presentations

Hasan, N. (2021). "'Rasterizing Land: Technological Transitions in Bureaucratic Representations of Land in India'. American Anthropological Association (AAA) Meetings Baltimore. 17 November.

Hasan, N. (2021). "'Engineering Bureaucracy, Bureaucratizing Engineering'. Annual Conference on South Asia at Madison. 22 October. Virtual.

Hasan, N. (2021). "'App *Sarkar*': mobile apps and state effects". American Association of Geographers Meetings. 7-11 April. Virtual.

Hasan, N. (2020). "Cultivating probity, enacting authority: app based orality in a south Indian bureaucracy". 14th Annual Conference on Asian Studies, Palacký University. 20-21 November. Olomouc. Virtual.

Hasan, N. (2020). "Mutating Records: The Social Life of Land Record Keepers in Southern India". Sixth Annual PhD workshop, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS). 13-15 January. Bangalore

Hasan, N. (2019). "Techno Politics and Techno Fetishism in Indian Bureaucracies – a case of digitizing land records". American Anthropological Association (AAA) Meetings. 20-24 November. Vancouver, Canada.

Hasan, N. (2019). "Database Raj? Writing and scribes in a present-day bureaucracy". Advanced PhD Workshop, Bangalore Research Network. 1 Aug. Bangalore.

Hasan, N. (2017). "Exposure and Concealment – Electronic Governance in The Making of Bangalore". American Ethnological Association (AES) Meetings. Stanford University. March 31-April 1. Stanford

Hasan, N. (2016). "Re-imagining the State: the Unique Identity (UID) project and Northeast India". First Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference on South Asia. UCLA. 12 May. Los Angeles

Hasan, N. (2015). "Securing Property Titles through Biometric Technology". Land and Poverty Conference. World Bank. March 23-27. Washington DC

Hasan, N. (2014). "Bureaucracy in the era of E-Governance: Observations from Karnataka". "International Conference on Technology, Accountability and Democracy in South Asia and Beyond". Stanford University and the University of Mumbai. January 17-18. Mumbai

Hasan, N. (2012). "Digital Deliberations: *Aadhaar* Project and its Focus on Homelessness". "A CSCS-NIAS Urban Research and Policy Programme Workshop", National Institute of Advanced Studies, 16 July. Bangalore

Teaching

Year	Course	Role
Spring 2018	Introduction to Archaeology, Department of Anthropology, UCLA	Teaching Associate
Winter 2018	Anthropology of Development, Department of Anthropology, UCLA	Teaching Associate
Fall 2017	Culture and Society, Department of Anthropology, UCLA	Teaching Associate
Fall 2016	Anthropology of Food, Department of Anthropology, UCLA	Teaching Assistant

Winter 2017	Culture and Society, Department of Anthropology, UCLA	Teaching Assistant
Spring 2017	Globalization: Culture and Society, International Institute UCLA	Teaching Assistant
Second Semester 2015	Comparative Systems of Governance, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University	Instructor
First Semester 2014	Philosophy of Development, Azim Premji University	Teaching Assistant
Second Semester 2013	Sociology of Development, Azim Premji University	Teaching Assistant

Service

2022   Member, Selection Committee for Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Pennsylvania

2021   Co-organized with Sangeeta Banerji (Brown University) and Tariq Rahman (UC Irvine) the panel 'Fictive Futures: Technology, Labor, and Value of Land' at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) Meetings Baltimore. Nov 17-21.

2021   Co-organized with Curt Gambetta (Princeton University) the panel 'Engineering Worlds' at the Annual Conference of South Asia at Madison. Oct 20-24

2017   Co-organized the Second Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference on South Asia at the Center for India and South Asia (CISA) at UCLA, May 12 2017

2014   Co-organized the Third Azim Premji University International Conference on Law, Public Policy and Governance - Institutions, Public Policy, and State Capacity: A Sub-National Approach to Understanding Governance in India January 9th- 10th, 2015, Bangalore

2014   Organized a weekly faculty colloquium at Azim Premji University

2012   Co-Organized (along with Dr. Carol Upadhya, NIAS) 'Digital Deliberations: UID Project and its Focus on Homelessness', A CSCS-NIAS Urban Research and Policy Programme Initiative, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, 16 July 2012

2012   Co-Organized (along with Dr. S Ananth, SERP, Government of Andhra Pradesh) 'Digital Deliberations: Workshop on Digitization of Identity and the Financially Excluded, The Specific Instance of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, 10 July 2012

2012   Co-Organized (along with Professor Ranabir Sammadar of Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata) 'Digital Deliberations: A Two-day Workshop on Digitization of Identity and Its Impact on Migrant Masses, Kolkata, 29-30 June 2012

2011-12 Project Coordinator for *The Identity Project*, Center for the Study of Culture and Society, I also managed the project budget and created a platform to coordinate between researchers

Peer Reviewer (Selected)

EPA: Economy and Space (1/Spring 2020)