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EDUCATION

August 2010 – expected April 2014*	PhD at Centre for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany <i>Title of research: Actors', Ideas and Ideational Realm in Irrigation Management: The Case of Decentralization in Madhya Pradesh, India</i>
Sept 2008 – May 2010	Masters in Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst, United States
Sept 2003 - Dec 2004	Masters in Development Studies (Population and Development), Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Netherlands
June 1999 – May 2001	Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Development (Project Management) Xavier Institute of Social Service, India
June 1995 – May 1998	BA Pass (Economics and Political Science) Maitreyi College, Delhi University, India

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political sociology of water resource management
Environment and development
Water governance and politics: urban and rural
Relation between state and environment in South Asia
Media, activism and water management

PROFESSIONAL/RESEARCH/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

February 2014 -	Associate Fellow, TERI, New Delhi (On deputation to TERI University)
September 2009 – December 2009	Teaching Assistant at University of Massachusetts, Amherst for World Politics, and Globalisation, Governance and World Order
January 2009- May 2009	Research Assistant at University of Massachusetts, Amherst for project titled “Liberalising Politics: Economic Transformation and Political Change in India”
September 2008 – December 2008	Teaching Assistant at University of Massachusetts, Amherst for a course on World Politics
June 2007 – August 2008	Associate Fellow at TERI, New Delhi

January 2005 - June 2007	Research Associate at TERI, New Delhi
August 2002 - September 2003	Research Coordinator, Development and Research Services, New Delhi
June 2001 - June 2002	Project Executive, Foundation for Ecological Security, Dahod
May 2000 – July 2000	Intern, Child Relief and You (CRY), New Delhi

FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS/GRANTS

August 2010 - November 2013	DAAD Scholarship to pursue Doctoral studies at Centre for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn
April 2011- April 2012	Dr. Hermann Eiselen Ph.D. Grant from the Fiat Panis Foundation for field research
August 2008 – April 2010	Graduate Assistantship to pursue Masters in Political Science at University of Massachusetts, Amherst
September 2003- December 2004	NUFFIC Fellowship to pursue Masters in Development Studies at International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague

PUBLICATIONS

Singh, R. (2014). *Actors', Ideas and Ideational Realm in Irrigation Management: The Case of Decentralization in Madhya Pradesh, India*. PhD dissertation. Universität Bonn, Germany.

Jha, V., & Singh, R. 2008. *Subsidies and provisioning of lifeline energy*. Energy Security Insights. Volume 3, Issue 1. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI): New Delhi,

Singh, R., & Dasgupta, S. C. (2008). *Sustainable management of water resources in Uttarakhand - rationale for change and strategies to move forward*. Paper presented at the Uttarakhand Sustainable Development Summit 19-20 June, Dehradun, India.

Singh, R. (2004). *Taming the waters: dominant discourses on dams in India (1947-2004)*. Masters Thesis. International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands,

Articles in progress

Singh, R. (Forthcoming). *Designing institutions sans deliberation: Participatory Irrigation Management in Madhya Pradesh, India*. Special issue on “Crafting or designing: Science, politics and conditions determining processes of intended institutional change for Social-Ecological Systems”. Environmental Science and Policy.

Manuscripts in progress

Politics of capacity building: the case of Participatory Irrigation management in India

Critical evaluation of different approaches to water resource management in India and its implications for irrigation management in future

RESEARCH PROJECTS COORDINATED AND COMPLETED

Monitoring and evaluation of 'Renewable Energy for Rural Livelihoods' project

Work package: Principal investigator responsible for developing tools for research, undertake field visit for monitoring and evaluation, and undertake necessary communication with the funding agencies and overall management of the project.

Duration: Three years, project completed in 2009

Funding body: GOI/UNDP Country Cooperation Framework-II

Mid-term Evaluation of National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR)

Work package: As a Co-Principal Investigator responsible for overall management of the project

Duration: One year, project completed in June 2007

Funding body: Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India

Valuation of the Socio-Economic and Environmental Costs and Benefits of Hydro Power Projects in India

Work package: Team member responsible for assessing the net social costs from hydropower projects in India.

Duration: Nine months, project completed in February 2007

Funding body: National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC), New Delhi.

Socio-economic and Poverty Reduction Strategy in support of Madhya Pradesh Power Sector reforms- Phase II

Work package: As a team member was responsible for reviewing present policy framework to develop objectively verifiable indicators measuring impact of electricity provision. Second, develop Socio Economic Poverty Reduction Strategy for Madhya Pradesh comprising indicators and statistical tracking methodology.

Duration: Nine months, project completed in April 2007

Funding body: Ernst and Young, New Delhi

TERI's Development Rehabilitation and Outreach project (DROP) on integrated watersheds

Work package: Team member responsible for capacity building and community mobilisation

Duration: Three years, completed in March 2009

Funding body: Pepsico Foundation

Techno-economic evaluation study on the implementation of the special project agriculture of the pumpset energisation programme of Rural Electrification Corporation

Work package: Key team member responsible for assessing the impact of pumpset energisation programme of REC on groundwater resources in the selected states.

Duration: Nine months, project completed in December 2005

Funding body: Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), New Delhi.

Assessing the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in facilitating good governance in Natural Resource Management

Work package: Key team member to study policy, legislative and regulatory measures to be taken to facilitate effective functioning of panchayati raj institutions.

Duration: 1.5 years, project completed in December 2006

Funding body: Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India

Scaling-up of water and electricity services in rural India

Work package: Asses the institutional and governance issues that arise while discussing scaling up of rural water supply services

Duration: Nine months, project completed in December 2005

Funding body: Earth Institute, Columbia University.

Overall Impact Evaluation study of the World Bank assisted Integrated Watershed Development Project (Hills-II) in five States

Work package: As a team member evaluated the Integrated Watershed Development Programme from the point of view of institutional development, watershed approach, sustainability aspects, a comparison of the production systems and overall project assessment

Duration: Three months, project completed in May 2005

Funding body: Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India

Status Report on the village industries in rural India

Work package: Key team member responsible for executing the study objectives

Duration: Two years, project completed in August 2003

Funding body: Khadi Village Industries Corporation

LANGUAGES

Hindi (native), English (native/bilingual proficiency), German (basic), French (basic)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS/CONFERNCES/WORKSHOPS

World Food Day Colloquium, October 16, 2013 at Universität Hohenheim, Germany. Panel discussant for “Water pricing: The only possibility for water saving?”.

Sustainable Hyderabad – Albert-Daniel-Thaer-Kolloquium 2012, June 7-8, 2012 at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany Paper presented on Crafting or designing?: Intended Institutional Change for Socio-Ecological Systems – A Case Study on Participatory Irrigation Management from Madhya Pradesh, India”.

40th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, February 16-19, 2012 at New Delhi, India. Paper presented on “Invisible Violence: New Forms of State Violence in the Neoliberal Era”.

South Asia Training of Trainers workshop by Overseas Development Institute, London on Bridging Research and Policy, 17-21 September 2007, Shimla, India. Presentation on “Role of Civil Society Organisations in the Policy Making Process”.