CURRICULUM VITAE

Sumit Guha

Frances Higginbotham Nalle Centennial Professor in History, University of Texas at Austin

Education:

Ph.d. in History, University of Cambridge, 1981

M.A. in History, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, 1976

B.A. (Hons.) History, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi 1974

Professional appointments (before present):

Professor-II, Department of History, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey – ***July 2004 – June 2013***

St Purandara Das Distinguished Professor of South Asian History, Brown University - ***January 2000 to June 2004*****;**

Professor, Environment Group, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta - ***December 1996 to December 1999***;

Offered appointment as Professor of Modern Indian History at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi – a recognized Centre for Advanced Study in History, in ***April 1999*** – declined the offer.

Fellow, Centre for Contemporary Studies, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi – one of five selected after nationwide competition - held during ***1995-96*** and ***1991-94***;

Fellow, Yale University Program in Agrarian Studies ***1994-95***;

Senior Lecturer in History, St. Stephen's College, Delhi ***1988-91***;

Lecturer, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics ***1987-88***;

Visiting Scholar, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum ***1986-87***;

Lecturer in History, St. Stephen's College, Delhi ***1981-86***.

Service, professional and extra-curricular :

Member, Program Committee of the AHA for the 2013 meeting.

Member, Executive committee South Asian Studies Program, Rutgers University, 2004-06, 2011-12.

Led a fund-raising initiative to establish the J.F. Richards Book Prize for the American Historical Association 2009-10; successfully reached its target in December 2010;

Director of the South Asian Studies Program, Rutgers University (July 2006-December 2008)

H-ASIA, Book Review Editor for South Asia since 2001

Member, Editorial Board *India Review* (2008-)

Editorial Advisory Board, *Medieval History Journal* (2009-)

Member, Coomaraswamy Prize selection committee 2007-9.

Member, South Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies, 2005 -7.

Member of the Editorial Board, *The Indian Economic and Social History Review* 1989-2004.

Chair, South Asia Faculty Group, Brown University 2001-2003.

Active in leadership of student clubs and societies at St. Stephen's College 1985-91: led student treks including Garhwal July 1985; Dhauladhar range October 1985; Bhagirathi pilgrim routes June 1986; Dunagiri-Malari October 1986, Kullu-Lahaul June 1989; Dhauladhar-Bara Bangahal June 1990; peak ascent in Khatling glacier cirque, June 1991 and others.

Grant, book manuscript and article reviewer for:

National Endowment for the Humanities

American Council of Learned Societies

Academic presses in India, the UK and USA

Academic journals in India, Japan, the USA and UK

Languages read/spoken : Hindi/Hindustani, Marathi, Bengali, English, Italian; intermediate Sanskrit; elementary Urdu (i.e. Hindustani in the modified Arabic script), Rajasthani, French and Portuguese (last three elementary reading only); currently studying Persian.

Scripts read: Nagari, Modi, Bengali, Roman, Persian/Urdu

RESEARCH

BOOKS AND PAPERS:

BOOKS:

1. Authored, *Beyond Caste: Identity and Power in South Asia, Past and Present* Leiden: E.J. Brill forthcoming, 2013

2. Authored, *Health and Population in South Asia* co-published Delhi and London: Permanent Black *and* C.Hurst and Co., London 2001 (paperback edition, 2009)

3. Authored, *Environment and Ethnicity in South Asia 1200-1991* Cambridge University Press, 1999 (paperback edition, 2006)

4. Authored, *The Agrarian Economy of the Bombay Deccan 1818-1941* New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1985

5. Edited, with a substantial Introduction - *Agricultural Productivity in British India: Growth, Stagnation, or Decline?* Delhi: Oxford University Press 1992

6. Co-edited (with Michael A. Anderson), *Contested Rights: Changing Conceptions of Law and Justice in South Asia* Delhi: Oxford University Press 1998

7. Co-edited (with S.Bhattacharya et.al.) *The South Indian Economy: Agrarian Change, Industrial Structure and State Policy c.1914-1947* Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1991

8. Co-edited (with K.N.Raj et.al.) *Essays on the Commercialisation of Indian Agriculture* Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1985

Current book projects:

1. *Markets and Rulers in South Asia 1600-2000* a collection of essays being revised for Permanent Black, New Delhi

2. Planned volume provisionally titled *Text, History and Memory*

3. Edited collection on agriculture in early modern India and China

RESEARCH PAPERS:

A. Refereed Journal Articles:

1. ‘Conviviality, recognition and representation: “the West” at the Maratha courts c.1670-1850’ forthcoming in *Cosmopolitanism in the Early Modern World :The Case of South Asia (16th-18thcenturies) : sources, itineraries, languages*, « *Purushartha* » Series n°33, edited by Corinne Lefèvre, Ines G. Zupanov and Jorge Flores

2. ‘Serving the barbarian to preserve the *dharma*: Scribal ideology and training in peninsular India c.1300-1800’ *Indian Economic and Social History Review* (henceforth cited as *IESHR*) vol.47, 4 (2010), 497-525

3. ‘The Frontiers of Memory: What the Marathas remembered of Vijayanagara’ *Modern Asian Studies*, 43, 1 (2009), 269-288

4. ‘Speaking Historically: The changing voices of historical narration in Western India, 1400-1900’ *American Historical Review*, vol. 109, 4 (2004), 1084-1103

5. ‘Transitions and Translations: Regional Power and Vernacular Identity in the Dakhan, c.1500-1800’ *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East,* 24, 2 (2004) 23-31

6. 'Civilisations, Markets and Services: Village Servants in India from the seventeenth to the twentieth centuries', *IESHR* 41,1 (2004) 73-94

7. 'The Politics of Identity and Enumeration in India, c.1600-1990' in *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 45, 2 (2003), 148-167

8. 'Claims on the Commons: Political Power and Natural Resources in Pre-colonial India' *IESHR*, Special Issue, 39, 2-3 (2003), 181-196

9. ‘Weak States and Strong Markets in South Asian Development 1700-1970’ IESHR 36, 3 (1999), 335-53

10. (Joint paper with Indrani Chatterjee) ‘Slave-Queen, Waif-Prince: Slavery and Social Poverty in Eighteenth Century India’ in IESHR 36,2 (1999), 165-186

11. ‘Lower Strata, Older Races and Aboriginal Peoples: Racial Anthropology and Mythic History Past and Present ‘ *Journal of Asian Studies* 57,2 (1998), 423-441

12. ‘Household Size and Household Structure in Western India c.1750-1951’ IESHR, 35,1 (1998),

13. `Forest Polities and Agrarian Empires: The Khandesh Bhils c.1700-1850' IESHR 33,2 (1996), 133-153

14. 'An Indian Penal Regime: Maharashtra in the Eighteenth Century' *Past and Present* No.147, (1995), 101-126

15. 'Agrarian Bengal 1850-1947 : Issues and Problems' *Studies in History (new series)* 11, 1 (1995), 119-142

16. 'The Importance of Social Intervention in England's Mortality Decline : The Evidence Reviewed' *The Social History of Medicine* 7,1 (1994), 89-113

17. 'Nutrition, Sanitation, Hygiene and the Likelihood of Death: The Army in India c.1870-1920' *Population Studies* 47, 3 (1993), 385-401

18. 'Labour-Exploitation Ratio as a Measure of Peasant Differentiation: Its Fundamental Fallacy' *Economic and Political Weekly*, (August 21, 1993) 1721-1723

19. 'Mortality Decline in Early Twentieth Century India: A Preliminary Enquiry' IESHR**,** 38, 4 (1991), 371-91

20. 'Labour Intensity in Indian Agriculture 1880-1970 : Some Findings' *Economic and Political Weekly* Review of Agriculture 29 December 1990, A-189 to A-192

21. 'The Handloom Industry of Central India 1825-1950' IESHR 26, 3 (1989), 297-318

22. 'The Land Market in Upland Maharashtra c.1820-1960 : Part II - The Rental Market' IESHR 26, 3 (1987), 291-322

23. 'The Land Market in Upland Maharashtra c.1820-1960 : Part I - Ownership Rights' IESHR XXIV,2 (1987), 117-144

24. 'Commodity and Credit in Upland Maharashtra 1800-1950' *Economic and Political Weekly* Review of Agriculture, 26 December 1987, A-126 to A-140

25. 'Society and Economy in the Deccan 1818-1850' *The Indian Economic and Social History Review* XX, 4 (1983) - reprinted in Burton Stein ed. *The Making of Agrarian Policy in British India 1770-1900* Delhi: Oxford University Press 1993

26. 'Some Aspects of Agricultural Growth in Nineteenth Century India' *Studies in History* IV,1 (1982), 57-86

B. Book Chapters:

1. “Patronage and State-making as illustrated by early modern empires in India and Britain”, forthcoming in *Patronage in South Asia*, edited by Anastasia Piliavsky, Cambridge University Press

2. "Bad Language and Good Language: Lexical awareness in the cultural politics of Peninsular India, c.1500-1800" in Sheldon Pollock ed. *Forms of Knowledge in Early Modern South Asia* Raleigh: Duke University Press 2011, pp.49-68

3. "Margi, Desi and Yavani: High language and ethnic speech in Maharashtra" in H. Kotani ed. *Marga: Ways to Liberation, Empowerment, and Social Change in Maharashtra* Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 2008, 129-146

4. "Genetic change and colonial cotton improvement in 19th and 20th century India" in Ranjan Chakrabarti ed. *Situating Environmental History* Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 2007, 307-322

5. "Literary Tropes and Historical Settings: A study from Southern India" in Rajat Datta ed. *Rethinking a Millennium: India from the Eighth to the Eighteenth Centuries* Delhi, Aakar Books 2008, pp.106-120

6. "Slavery and society in Western India c. 1600-1800" in Richard M. Eaton and Indrani Chatterjee eds. *Slavery in Early Modern South Asia* Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006, 162-86

7. “The Family Feud as a Political Resource in 18th Century India” in Indrani Chatterjee ed. *Unfamiliar Relations: Family and History in South Asia*, New Brunswick : Rutgers University Press, 2004, 73-96

8. `The Population History of South Asia from the Seventeenth to the Twentieth Century : An Exploration' in *Asian Population History* edited by Ts'ui-jung Liu et. al. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, 63-78

9. ‘Economic Rents and Natural Resources: Commons and Conflicts in Pre-modern India’ in Arun Agrawal and K.Sivaramakrishnan eds. *Agrarian Environments: Resources, Representations and Rule in India* Duke University Press 2000,

10. ‘Communities, Kings and Woodlands: Historical Reflections on Joint Forest Management’ in Roger Jeffery and Nandini Sundar eds. *A New Moral Economy for India’s Forests?* New Delhi: Sage Publications 1999

11. `Rules, Laws and Powers : A Perspective from the Past' in S.Saberwal ed. *Rules, Laws, Constitutions : A Perspective for Our Times* New Delhi: Sage Publications 1998, 83-96

12. `Wrongs and Rights in the Maratha Country' in Michael Anderson and Sumit Guha eds. *Changing Conceptions of Law and Justice in South Asia* Delhi: Oxford University Press, Delhi 1997, 14-29

13. `Environmental Sanitation in India 1900-1989' in Monica Dasgupta ed. *Health, Poverty and Development in India* Delhi: Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies and Oxford University Press 1996, 315-329

14. "Potentates, Traders and Peasants in Eighteenth Century Western India" in Burton Stein and Sanjay Subrahmanyam eds. *Institutions and Economic Change in South Asia* (Delhi: Oxford University Press 1996), 71-84

15. `Time and Money: The Meaning and Measurement of Labour in Indian Agriculture' in Peter Robb ed. *The Meanings of Agriculture* Delhi: Oxford University Press 1996, 251-61

16. `Agricultural Rents in India c.1900-1960' in Mushirul Hasan and Narayani Gupta eds. *India's Colonial Encounter : Essays in Memory of Eric Stokes* Delhi: Manohar 1993, 275-291

17. 'Some Aspects of Rural Economy in the Deccan 1820-1940' in *Essays on the Commercialisation of Indian Agriculture* Delhi: Oxford University Press 1985

C. Working Papers

1. 'Kings, Commoners and the Commons: Peoples and Environments in Western India c.1600-1900' (Occasional Papers in History and Society, 3rd series, No.11) New Delhi : Centre for Contemporary Studies Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, 1996
2. 'Commodity and Credit in Upland Maharashtra 1800-1960' Trivandrum, Centre for Development Studies, Working Paper no.221, 1987

D. Notes and Communications in refereed journals

1. 'Property rights, social structure and rural society in comparative perspective: evidence from historic South Asia' *International Journal of South Asian Studies*, vol. 5 (2012), 13-22

2. 'Theatre State or Box-Office State ? A Note on the Political Economy of Eighteenth Century India' IESHR 31,4 (1994), 519-24

3. 'Family Structures, Property Relations and the Agrarian Economy of the Bombay Presidency: A Comment' *Journal of Peasant Studies* 20, 3 (1993) 515-20

4. ‘Money and Prices in the Earlier Stages of Empire : A Comment’ IESHR 26,4 (1984), 499-509

E. Pedagogic materials

1. Units for the Indira Gandhi National Open University, Distance learning project, New Delhi 1991

2. Chapter on "Demographic Trends since 1757" in Stanley Wolpert ed. *Encyclopedia of India* Boston: Charles Scribner Reference, 2005 [4400 word article covering the period 1757-2002]

3. Adviser to Houghton-Mifflin on school textbook materials

4. Chapter titled "A Historical Study of the Control of Grass and Fodder resources in 18th century Maharashtra" in Mahesh Rangarajan ed. *Environmental Issues in India: A Reader* (for University students in India) Delhi: Pearson Educational, 2006 (also translated into Hindi)

G. Select list of seminar papers

1. “Between Purity and Elegance: the rival pull of Sanskrit and Persian on the Marathi language c.1400-1800” March 14, 2-4 PM (as

2. “Iberian Voyages, the western discovery of Hinduism and the creation of ‘caste’ from the sixteenth to the twentieth century” March 15, 1-3 PM
3.
4. “ Scribal elites and Islamic empires in India, c. 1300-1800”, March 18, 2013 10-12 AM
5.
6. “Secret Sharers: the shadow (underground) economy of Mughal rule from Marathi sources” March 19, 2013 10-12 AM
7. ‘Westerners and knowledge of the West at the Maratha courts c.1670-1820’ presented at the Ecole des Haute Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris May 24, 2012
8. ‘Ethnicity, Hierarchy and Caste: A Global View from a South Asian Perspective’ Georgetown University Speaker series, October 5, 2011
9. ‘Patronage and State-making in Early Modern India’ invited paper at Workshop on Perspectives on Patronage. King’s College Cambridge, September 30, 2011
10. ‘The Limits of Caste from Iberian Category to Indic Essence’ Keynote address to the Eighth South Asia Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago March 3, 2011
11. ‘Patterns of social power and the persistence of ‘archaic’ forms of dispute resolution in contemporary South Asia’ South Asian Legal Studies Pre-Conference workshop, University of Wisconsin Law School, October 14, 2010

12. ‘Serving the infidel to save the faith: the ideology and training of Brahman scribes in western India c.1300-1800, Heidelberg University, November 5, 2009
13. "Lexical Awareness in the Cultural Politics of Peninsular India 1300-1800" University of Pennsylvania April 16, 2009
14. "Recovering Subaltern history in Western India" I.H. Qureshi Memorial Lecture, St Stephen's College, Delhi February 10, 2009
15. "The Pragmatic Origins of History in India" I.H. Qureshi Memorial Lecture, St. Stephen's College, Delhi February 9, 2009
16. "Hemadri's legatees: the Dakhani Brahmans as bureaucrats c.1400-1800 and the linguistic impact thereof" presented at the European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, Manchester, July 8, 2008

17. "Serving the Yavana to preserve the dharma: scribal ideology and training in peninsular India c.1400-1800", presented at a Workshop on scribal cultures in South Asia, St Antony's College, Oxford University June 14, 2008

18. "Were there language politics in pre-modern India?" seminar in Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi February 26, 2008

19. "Language Politics in Pre-Modern India" seminar at Indiana University, Center for India Studies February 1, 2008

20. "The Cultural Politics of Language in Peninsular India c.1300-1800" read at the workshop on the Cultural Politics of Frontiers: South Asia and the Mediterranean World Compared - Rutgers University, May 5-6, 2006

21. "Potentialities of Capitalist Development in Mughal India revisited" presented in the Department of Economics, University of Warwick April 25, 2006

22. "Surviving the maelstrom: the north Indian adventures of Vishnubhat Godse, 1857-1858" presented at the annual Conference of the British Association for South Asian Studies London, April 21 2006

23. "Cultural Competition in a multilingual setting: the *Radhamadhavavilasacampu* of Jayarama Pindye" paper read at the Annual Conference on South Asia, Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin - Madison October 7, 2005

24. "In the Footsteps of Professor Fukazawa: The changing basis of caste institutions in Western India c.1700-1960s" read at Chiba University seminar held on the Komaba campus, University of Tokyo, August 25, 2005

25. "Margi, Deshi and Yavani: High language and ethnic speech in Maharashtra" read the Eleventh International Conference on Maharashtra Studies, Senshu University, Tokyo August 23, 2005

26. "Language Politics in Pre-Colonial India?" read at the Centre for Contemporary Studies, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, July 26, 2005

27. "Bureaucratic hubris and peasant resistance: colonial cotton improvement and its failures 1800-1950" Presentation at workshop on "Indian Cotton: Biology and Utility, Meanings and Histories", Cornell University April 30, 2005

28. "Stately Language and Language of State in Western India c.1500-1800" read at Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin, October 16, 2004

29. "Caste, community and the State from pre-modern to modern India" read at the Center for Social Studies, Surat August 10, 2004

30. "The Great Bombay Cotton Improvement Scheme: Bureaucratic Hubris and Genetic Change in Colonial India" read at Cornell University Workshop 'Public Goods and Public Bads in Nature' February 23, 2002

31. "Indigenous historical traditions and colonial histories: the Maratha case" Paper presented at a panel at the American Historical Association annual meeting, January 3-6, 2002

32. "The Population of South and East Asia through the Past Millennium" paper commissioned by the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population; presented (in absentia) at the Conference on Population History, Florence April 27-30, 2001.

33. "Rents, Markets and Services: Village Servants in 18th and 19th Century India" read at Panel on Village establishments in South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Center for South Asia conference October 13-15, 2000

34. 'The Population of South Asia from 200 BC to 1901 AD' read at the Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University October 5, 2000

35. 'The Family Feud as a Political Resource in 18th century India" paper read at the Association for Asian Studies meeting in Brown University October 1, 2000

36. "Governing the Commons : Claims on Grassland and Fodder Resources in Pre-modern India" read at Cornell University, Ithaca on March 15, 1999; revised version read at Yale University Tenth Anniversary Seminar in Agrarian Studies, May 12, 2000

37. "Mavle, Rajput, Koli : State-formation and Social Change in the Sahyadri Mountains" read at the University of Pennsylvania, March 18, 1999

38. ‘Religious Authority and Political Power in Medieval Western India’ read at the Association for Asian Studies annual conference in Boston March 13, 1999

39. ‘Fluid Histories, Fixed Ideas : Environment and Ethnicity in India’ presented at Brown University February 16, 1999

40. ‘Identity and Enumeration in Central India – Mughal, Maratha, British and Indian’ read at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta October 24, 1997

41. ‘Communities and States in the Genesis of Tribes’ read at the Workshop on Joint Forest Management organized in New Delhi by the University of Edinburgh, April 9, 1997

42. ‘The Invention of the tribe in India c.1800-1960’ presented at the seminar on ‘Society and Culture in India : Changing Perceptions’ organized by the History Department, Jadavpur University March 31, 1997

43. `The Size and Distribution of the Gross Rental of Seventeenth Century India: A Contemporary Estimate' read at the Centre for Indian Studies, University of Oxford, February 8, 1994

44. `Figures of Speech and Figures of Account : Numbers and Statistics in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century India' read at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, January 18, 1994

45. `Crimes, Culprits and Punishments under the Maratha Regime' read at the Symposium on `Punishment in History' at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi on 23 January 1993

46. `The Workers of Bombay and the Quit India Movement' read (in absentia) at the Workshop on Bombay organized by SNDT University December 16, 1992

47. `The Uses of *Fitna* in Theory and Practice' presented at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, September 15, 1992

48. `An Estimate of the Population of India c.1805' presented at the Indo-French seminar on "The New History", New Delhi December 11, 1987

New research in progress:

Academic scholarships, fellowships and distinctions

1. Elected "Directeur d'Etudes" at the Ecole des Haute Etudes en Sciences Social, Paris March 2013
2. Fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation awarded 2008 – utilized, 2009
3. Senior Fellowship, The American Council of Learned Societies, 2003-04
4. Fellowship, Yale University Program in Agrarian Studies 1994-95
5. Fellowship, Centre for Contemporary Studies, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi (held in 1991-94 and 1995-6)
6. Visiting Scholar, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum 1986-7
7. Inlaks Scholarship to Cambridge University, 1977-80

Grants

1. Research grant for the study of forest governance in India from the Centre for Management Development Studies, of the Institute of Management Calcutta 1997-98 – final report submitted. Results were incorporated in the book *Environment and Ethnicity* published by Cambridge University Press in 1999
2. Research grant from the Charles Wallace (India) Foundation to support research in the India Office Collection, London 1993-94
3. Research and travel grant from the Smuts Memorial Fund, Cambridge University 1980