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Short Profile:

Dr. Shoma Choudhury Lahiri has completed her Ph. D from the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. Her doctoral work was on the People's Science Movement in Kerala. She teaches papers on Social Stratification and Social Mobility, Social Challenges, Introducing India. Her research interests lie in the field of Sociology of Social Movements, Sociology of Science and in the Sociology of Youth.

Educational Qualification:

- Ph. D. (Sociology) Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, April 2006.
- I have worked on a social movement in Kerala. My thesis titled, '**The People's Science Movement in Kerala: A Sociological Study**' was written under the supervision of **Dr. Rita Brara**, Reader, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.
- M.Phil in Sociology, from the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, 1993. My M.Phil dissertation was on '**Ecology and Sustainable Development: A Sociological Study of Social Forestry in India**' written under the supervision of **Prof. B. S Baviskar**. Secured 64.5 %.
- M.A, 1989-1991, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics. Secured 57%.
- B.A in Sociology from Stella Maris College, University of Madras in 1989. Secured 72.6%.

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Awards/Scholarships:

- Received the Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship for Doctoral Studies in India, for two years, (1998-1999), granted by the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, New Delhi.

- Received the University Grants Commission (UGC)-Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in Sociology for doctoral studies in Sociology, in December 1991. I also qualified the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the UGC.
- Awarded the National Scholarship under the Center for Advanced Studies Scheme (N.S.C.A.S) while pursuing my postgraduate studies at the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics. (1989-91).
- Received the P. Venkamma Silver Medal for securing the first position in Sociology (B.A.) at Stella Maris College, Madras. (1989-90)

Membership in Professional Societies:

- Indian Sociological Society
- Sociological Association of West Bengal

Work Experience

- At present I hold a permanent faculty position at the Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College Kolkata.
- Full time faculty Future Institute of Engineering and Management, affiliated to the West Bengal University of Technology, Kolkata. (January 2007- July 2007). Taught courses on
 Indian Social Structure
 Entrepreneurship Development
 I also taught the Engineering students the following papers, Communication
 Industrial Management
- Guest Lecturer, Department of History, Jadavpur University, taught B.A Course on Tribes in India (Jan 2007-May 2007).
- Guest Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University, taught M.A Course on Sociology of Environment (July to Dec 2007).
- I held a Visiting Faculty position at the Future Institute of Engineering and Management, Sonarpur, Kolkata for two academic years (2004-2005 and 2005-2006). I taught the MBA and BBA students a paper on Indian Social Structure.
- I have taught various papers at the postgraduate level at the Department of Sociology, University of Pune, Maharashtra for two and a half years, from December 2000 to Aug 2003. The responsibilities entailed teaching post graduate students the following papers,
 Indian Society: Structure and Change (Compulsory Paper)
 Ecology, Environment and Society (Optional paper)
 Sociology of Social Movements (Optional Paper)
 Sociology of Science (Optional paper)
 Contemporary Trends in Indian Society (Paper)
- I worked on an International Project on Social Science and Immunization (Country Study: India) with Prof. Veena Das and Dr. R.K. Das in 1997-1998 at the Centre for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics. The Project was carried out as a joint collaboration between Centre for International Rural and Environmental Health, University of IOWA, USA and Centre for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi, India.

- This was a comparative study of public health and immunisation in high and low coverage areas both between and within the countries selected for the study. Within the Indian case study, I was responsible for looking at the state of public health services and immunization in Kerala, as one of the developed states, within an underdeveloped nation. The Report on Kerala exists in the form of an unpublished manuscript.
- I have taught Sociology at the undergraduate level at Sri Venkateshwara College, Delhi University from October 1993 to April 1994. The 2 Compulsory papers taught were, a) Sociology of Stratification and b) Sociology of Kinship and Religion.
- I have worked at the Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, with Dr. Walter Fernandes for two months on an international project funded by the ILO in 1993 (March to May, 1993). The assignment entailed preparing a paper/report on Deforestation and Impoverishment among Tribals in Orissa, which was submitted, to the ILO.

Papers Presented:

- Presented a paper titled **'Alternative Development or Developmentalism?: A Narrative of the Peoples' Science Movement in Kerala'** at a National Seminar on Discourses of Development organised by the Department of Sociology, University of Burdwan, 13th and 14th March, 2010.
- Presented a Paper titled **'Environmental Interventions of a People's Movement'** at the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), New Delhi on Ecology and Development 23rd April, 2007
- Presented a paper titled **'Creating a Public Understanding of Science: The case of the Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad'** at the Science, Technology and Society Studies Research Workshop, organised by the Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, in association with NISTADS, New Delhi and Society for the Promotion of Science and Technology Studies, at the School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi, 25th to 27th March, 2004.
- Presented a paper titled **'The making of a Scientific Ethics and Ethos: the Peoples' Science Movement in Kerala'** at the 9th Cultural Studies Workshop organized by the Center for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, (CSSSC), Roskilde University of Denmark, Centre for Basic Research, Kampala, Uganda and SEPHIS International Institute of Social History (IISH), the Netherlands, at NIAS Bangalore 2nd to 7th February, 2004.
- Participated and presented a paper at the ISA International Laboratory for Ph D Students in Social Sciences held at Brisbane, Australia, 30th June to 6th July 2002. The paper was **'On Methodological Issues in Fieldwork.'**
- Participated and presented a paper on **The Peoples' Science Movement in Kerala: A Social Movement?** in a Young Scholars' Workshop held at the Department of Sociology, University of Pune on 15th –17th of March, 2002.
- Presented a paper in a workshop on **Beyond Boundaries: Field, Self and Method**, at the Department of Sociology, Delhi School Of Economics, Delhi University in February 2000. The paper was titled, 'On studying a Social Movement: Field, Self and Method'.
- Presented a paper at an International Conference on Kerala's Development: National and Global Dimensions at IIC, New Delhi, 8-11 December 1996. The paper was titled **'Reading the Word and the World: The Case of Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad'**

Publications:

Research Article

- (with Jhumpa Mukherjee) Revisiting the National Youth Policy in Economic and Political Weekly, Vol 45, No. 26 and 27, June 26-July 9, 2010 pp 32- 34.

Reports, Reviews:

- Commuting Women Domestic Workers in Kolkata: A Study 2008 (Commissioned by Parichiti, India and Shapla Neer, Japan)
- Violence against Girls in School Education: An Exploratory Study, 2006. (Commissioned by Action Aid- India)
- Ramgopal Agarwala, Nagesh Kumar and Michelle Riboud (eds), Reforms, Labour Markets and Social Security in India New Delhi Oxford University Press 2004 in *International Review of Books*, 22 (5), 2007 (Book Review)
- Radhika Chopra and Patricia Jeffrey (eds.) *Educational Regimes in Contemporary India* New Delhi. Sage Publications. 2005 in *Sociological Bulletin*, 55 (3), Sep-Dec 2006, pp. 492-494. (Book Review)
- K. C. Zachariah, K.P. Kannan and S. Irudaya Rajan eds., *Kerala's Gulf Connection: CDS Studies in International Labour Migration from Kerala State in India*. Thiruvananthapuram: Center for Development Studies, 2002 in *Contributions to Indian Sociology* (n.s) 38, 3 (2004). (Book Notice)
- Adrian Franklin, *Nature and Social Theory*. London. Sage Publications, 2002 in *Contributions to Indian Sociology* (n.s.) 38, 3 (2004). (Book Notice)
- Sociology Curriculum: Old Problems, New Approaches in *Economic and Political Weekly*, April 28-May 4, 2001. (Report)
- The Multiverse of Democracy by Ashis Nandy and D.L. Sheth (eds). in *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, May 2000. (Book Review)