Curriculum Vitae

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Education

• Ph.D. Sociology, University of Hyderabad, 2019.
• M.Phil. Sociology, University of Hyderabad, 2013.
• M.A. Sociology, University of Hyderabad, 2012.
• B.A. German studies (Hons.), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2007.

Work Experience

1. Assistant Professor of Sociology, IIT Roorkee, August 2020- ongoing.
2. Postdoctoral Fellow at IDP in Climate Studies, IIT Bombay, May 2019-July 2020.
3. Programme Manager, Samarthan-Centre for Development Support, Bhopal, October 2018-March 2019.
4. Research Associate, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, June-September 2018.
5. Senior Process Associate, Hewlett-Packard India Private Limited, Bangalore, July-October 2009.
6. Assistant Consultant, Symphony Marketing Solutions (now Genpact), Bangalore, January 2008-June 2009.

Areas of Research Interest

Agrarian Studies, Political Sociology, Political Ecology

Courses Teaching

1. HSN-916: Sociological Theories (Pre-PhD Course)
2. HSN- 922 Environment, Society and Power in the Global South (Pre-PhD Course)
3. HSN-908: Research Methodology in Social Sciences (Pre-PhD Course)

4. HSN-351: Society, Culture and Built Environment (to undergrad students of architecture and planning)
5. HSO-101: Power and Politics in Contemporary India: Issues and Approaches (Institute Elective Course to undergrad students)
6. HSS-201: Introduction to Sociology
7. HSS-209: Introduction to Political Ecology
8. HSS-304: Urban Political Ecology

Languages Known

English, Hindi, Odia.

Research Projects

1. Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi- Major Project Research Grant- "Second Green Revolution, Organic Farming and Issues of Empowerment: A Study of Women and Smallholder Farmers in Odisha". Period- January 2024-January 2026. Funding amount- Rs. 12.90 lakhs.
2. Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, SRIC- Faculty Initiation Grant sponsored project- "Beyond Binaries: The Dialectics of Double Movement in Contemporary Odisha". Period- 2021-2023. Funding amount- Rs. 20.00 lakhs
3. Belmont Forum funded international project- "**T**ransformation **a**s **P**raxis: **E**xploring **S**ocially Just and **Tr**ansdisciplinary Pathways to Sustainabili**ty** in Marginal Environments (TAPESTRY). As postdoctoral fellow (2019-2020) with Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. (Fund amount- Rs. 1.00 Crore) (**Over**) (As Institute Postdoctoral Fellow)

Publication(s)

Books

1. Prasad, P. and Das, L.K. (Editors) (**2025**). *Politics of the Anthropocene and Climate Crisis in India: Seeking Socio-ecological Transformations*. London: Routledge. https://doi.org/10.4324/9781032689579
   The book is part of 'Routledge Explorations in Environmental Studies' series.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Kumar, A., and **L.K. Das (2026)**. 'Allotment Land for Dalits and Ownership Rights for Others: The Politics of Land Reforms in Jammu and Kashmir, India'. *The Oriental Anthropologist*, (Accepted for publication)
2. **Das, L.K.**, and P. Prasad **(2025)**. 'Contextualising the Debates of Anthropocene and Climate Change: A Critical Introduction', in Purendra Prasad and Lalatendu Keshari Das (Eds.) *Politics of the Anthropocene and Climate Crisis in India: Seeking Socio-ecological Transformations*. New York and London: Routledge.
3. Das, L.K. **(2025)**. 'Debating Sustainable Development through Ecotourism in the Age of the Anthropocene: Community-based Ecotourism Projects in the Chilika Lake, India', in

Purendra Prasad and Lalatendu Keshari Das (Eds.) *Politics of the Anthropocene and Climate Crisis in India: Seeking Socio-ecological Transformations*. New York and London: Routledge.

4. Kumar, A., and **L.K. Das** (**2025**). 'Prestige, Honour and Self-Respect: Understanding Dalits' Reception of Arya Samaj and Other Socio-cultural Movements in Jammu, India'. *explorations: e-journal of the Indian Sociological Society*, 9(3): 20-38.
5. Ravichandran, R.E., and **L.K. Das** (**2025**). '*Adikasu* and Precarity of Women Vendors in Puducherry, India'. *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 32(1): 94-105. https://doi.org/10.1177/09715215241301575
6. Das, L.K. (**2024**). 'Marginalisation of Women and the Predicaments of Community-led Ecotourism Projects in the Chilika Lagoon, India'. *Development in Practice*, 34(6): 695-707. https://doi.org/10.1080/09614524.2024.2332923 (**Winner of the Development in Practice Practitioner and Early Career Researcher Prize for 2024** given by the journal *Development in Practice*)
7. Das, L.K. (**2020**). 'Neo-community Formation, Contestation and Policy Making in India: Narratives from Chilika' in Sunil Ray, Neetu Choudhary and Rajiv Kamal Kumar (Eds.) *Theorising Cohesive Development: An Alternate Paradigm*. New Delhi: Routledge, pp. 222-235. (ISBN 9781138580633)
8. Chatterjee, R., **L.K. Das** and A. Dabral (**2020**). 'Stressors of Disaster Induced Displacement and Migration on Urban Ecology in India', in Pramit Verma, Pardeep Singh, Rishikesh Singh and A.S. Raghubamsi (Eds.) *Urban Ecology: Emerging Patterns and Social-Ecological Systems*. New York: Elsevier, pp. 71-89. (ISBN 9780128207307).
9. A. Reddy, C., G. Joshua, I. Pradhan, J. Touthang, **L.K. Das**, M. Chakraborty, P. Sharma, S. Perumalla, S. Krishna. (**2019**). 'Research Scholars' Epistemological Predicament'. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 54(23):35-42. (names are arranged in alphabetical order).
10. Das, L.K. (**2018**). 'Social movements-judicial activism nexus and neoliberal transformation in India: Revisiting Save Chilika Movement'. *Sociological Bulletin*, 67(1): 84-102. https://doi.org/10.1177/0038022917751979
11. Das, L.K. (**2015**). 'Middle Peasant Thesis and Its Limitations', in Manish Thakur (ed.) Agrarian Relations and Social Structure in India. New Delhi: E-pgpathsala, University Grants Commission-Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. https://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/Home/ViewSubject?catid=33
12. Das, L.K. (**2014**). 'Privatisation of the CPRs and the Informal Sector: A Case of Chilika Lake'. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 49 (40).

Published Book Review(s) and Other Publications

1. Chatterjee, R. and **L.K. Das**. (**2021**). Strengthening Disaster Resilience of the Power Sector in India, *Energy Future: The Complete Energy Magazine*, 9(1): 32-39.
2. Das, L.K. (**2020**). *Co-production of Knowledge through Collaborative Learning*. Blogpost on Transformation to Sustainability. Website: https://t2sresearch.org/output/co-production-of-knowledge-through-collaborative-learning/
3. Das, L.K. (**2020**). *Sharing Knowledge Instead of Food: TAPESTRY at the Versova Koli Seafood Festival 2020,* Blogpost on STEPS Centre, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex website. https://steps-centre.org/blog/sharing-knowledge-instead-of-food-tapestry-at-the-versova-koli- seafood-festival/

4. Sarmah, M. & **Das, L.K.** (**2019**). 'Subjective Underpinnings of "Objective" School Assessment Services in India', ISA RC 02 Economy and Society December 2019 Newsletter.
5. Das, L.K. (**2016**). 'Book Review: Depoliticising Social Change and the Celebration of In- equality in Rural India', in eSocialSciences.

Seminars/Conferences/Workshops Participated:

1. Das, L.K. (**2026**). 'Can the Subaltern Speak in the Context of Human-Elephant Conflicts? Exploring Subaltern Political Ecology in the Eastern Ghats of Odisha, India' (2-4 July 2026), Historical Materialism Barcelona International Conference 2026, Barcelona, Spain: Countdown…Thinking the catastrophe to ward it off.
2. Das, L.K. (**2026**). 'Beyond the Victim/Perpetrator Binary: Subaltern Political Ecology and Human-Elephant Conflicts in Odisha, India' (6-9 August 2026), Society for the Study of Social Problems 76th Annual Meeting, New York, USA 2026. Resisting Colonisation of Lifeworlds.
3. Das, L. K. (**2024**). 'Environmental Subjectivity, Tribal Livelihoods and Challenges of Coexistence: Human-Elephant Conflicts in the Eastern Ghats, Odisha, India' (**April 3-5, 2024**), British Sociological Association (BSA) Virtual Annual Conference 2024: Crisis, Continuity and Change.
4. Das, Lalatendu Keshari (**2023**). 'Reformed Bird Hunters in a Watery Wonderland: Wildlife Conservation, Ecotourism and Environmental Subjectivity in Odisha, India' (**October 5-6, 2023**), Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria.
5. Selected for STEPS Centre Summer School 2020 Fellowship on 'Pathways to Sustainability' (**May 11-22, 2021**), Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, the United Kingdom.
6. Parthasarathy, D., N.C. Narayanan, **L.K. Das**, K. Tare and J. Bhadgaonkar (**2020**). 'Co-producing the Linked Futures of Fisherfolk and the City: Transforming in and with Mumbai', POLLEN (Political Ecology Network) Conference 2020, on Contested Natures: Power, Possibility and Prefiguration, September 22-25, 2020.
7. Das, Lalatendu Keshari (**2019**). 'Sandwiched between the Sea and the City: The Koli Fishers of Mumbai and their Love-Hate Relationships with Plastic', at University of Cambridge, the United Kingdom, on Social Life of Plastics Workshop, 7-8 November 2019.
8. Das, Lalatendu Keshari (**2018**). 'The Players Extraordinaire? Organised Crime and the so-called "Shrimp Mafia" of Odisha, India', at Portland State University, Portland, USA, on Richard Robinson Business His- tory Workshop, 24-26 May, 2018. (Trip fully funded by the organisers).
9. Das, Lalatendu Keshari (**2018**). '*Everyone has become a "Dalal", Now*': Ecotourism, Informality and the Commodification of the Largest Brackish Water Lake in India', at University of Hyderabad, Telangana, on Rural-urban Entanglements Workshop, 23-24 July 2018.
10. Das, Lalatendu Keshari (**2017**). 'Political Society and Policy Making in India: Articulating Citizenship Rights and Neoliberal Governance', at A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies, Patna, Bihar, on Cohesive Development: An Alternative Paradigm?, February 24-25, 2017.
11. Participated in a workshop on 'Academic Writing' organised by the Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad during 22-27 January **2017**.

12. Das, Lalatendu Keshari (**2016**). 'Emerging Subalternities and Anti-Dispossession Struggle in Chilika, India: A Gramscian Analysis', at University of Rostock, Germany on Hermeneutic Conflict, Cultural Entanglement, and Social Inequality, September 22-25, 2016. (Trip fully funded by the organisers).
13. Das, Lalatendu Keshari (**2016**). 'Can Social Action Litigations Stop the Capitalist Juggernaut? Revisiting Save Chilika Movement, India', at ISA XIV International Laboratory for PhD Students in Sociology, Aston University, Birmingham, UK on Power, Violence and Justice, April 1-8, 2016. (Trip fully funded by the organisers).
14. Das, Lalatendu Keshari (**2016**). 'Understanding "Illegality" in Social Jurisprudence and Everyday Practice: A Case of Aquaculture in Odisha', at 2nd Young Researchers' Workshop, Hyderabad, India on Re- searching Lived Experience(s): Ethnography and Beyond, January 21-22, 2016.
15. Das, Lalatendu Keshari (**2015**). '"Illegality" in Social Jurisprudence and Everyday Practice: A Case of Aquaculture in Odisha', at Indian Sociological Society 41st All-India Sociological Conference, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India on Development, Marginalisation and People's Movements, December 27-29, 2015.
16. Participated in a workshop on 'Indian Development' Organised by the Azim Premji University-Institute of New Economic Thinking held during 06-10 July **2015** at Azim Premji University, Bangalore.
17. Participated in a workshop on 'Writing across Disciplines' during 04-06 August **2014** organised by the School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad.

Organised:

1. Associate Organising Secretary, 28th Indian Political Economy Association Conference on 'The Past, Present, and Future of "Inclusive Development"' on 16-17 December **2024** at Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India.
2. As Convenor organised an International Conference, entitled, 'Environmental Change and Socio-cultural Transformations in India' on September 21-22, **2022** (Co-convenors-Prof. A.J. Mishra and Dr. Roluahpuia of HSS). Funded by 175 Years Celebration Committee, IIT Roorkee.
3. Part of organising committee of a workshop on 'Against Method? Methodological Challenges for Social Science Research Today' during 21-22 January **2015** at the Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, India sponsored by University Grants Commission-Special Assistance Programme.
4. Part of organising committee of an International Workshop on 'Healthcare Studies in India' during 6-7 March **2015** at the Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, India sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research- The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, USA.

Invited Lectures

1. Gave a special lecture on 'Understanding Diversity in India and Threats to National Integration' at Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru as a resource person for the Sociology Dialectic course on 21st May **2024**. (Online)

2. Gave a special lecture on 'How to Study Culture Academically' at the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur as a resource person for the CEP course on "Academic Writing" from 3rd June 2023 to 5th June 2023 in Kharagpur, 3rd June **2023**. (Online)
3. Gave a special lecture on 'Reformed Bird Hunters in a Watery Wonderland: Wildlife Conservation, Ecotourism and Environmental Subjectivity in Chilika, India' at Indian Council of Social Science Research, Eastern Regional Centre (ICSSR-ERC)*, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India,* organised Seven- days (7) Online Capacity Building Programme (Certificate Course) on "Climate resilience and adaptations for coastal communities" in Collaboration with IJL Research Lab, Keio University, Japan ICSSR-ERC (India), RIKA Institute, India, Organized by Department of Geography, Bhatter College, Dantan, 2nd March **2023**. (Online)
4. Gave a special lecture on 'Sandwiched between the Sea and the City: The Koli Fishers of Mumbai and their Love-Hate Relationships with Plastic' at National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, 6th September **2022**. (Online)
5. Gave a special lecture on 'From "Backward" to "Resource-Rich": The Shifting Discourse of Development on Odisha' at Vikram Dev (Autonomous) College, Jaypore, Odisha, 27th March **2022**. (Online)
6. Gave a lecture on 'The Unquiet Lake' at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tulzapur Campus, Maharashtra, 3rd March **2022**. (Online)
7. Guest lecture to PhD students on 'Research Scholars' Epistemological Predicaments', Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, 13th January **2021**. (Online)
8. Gave a lecture on 'Sociality and Social Movements' to B.Tech. students at Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, 29th June **2019**. (Online)
9. Gave a lecture on 'Understanding Development as Discourse' to M.Phil. students at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, 9th August **2019**. (Online)

Awards

1. Winner of Development in Practice Practitioner and Early Career Researcher Prize for 2024. This award is given by the journal *Development in Practice* for the best paper published in the journal in a given calendar year.
2. Fellowship to attend STEPS Centre Summer School 2020 Fellowship on 'Pathways to Sustainability' (May 11-22, **2020**), Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, the United Kingdom. (Postponed till May 2021 owing to the COVID 19 pandemic).
3. Fellowship to attend 7th Annual Summer School on Sustainable Climate Risk Management Fellowship, 29 July-2 August **2019**, Pennsylvania State University, the USA. (Could not attend owing to delay in Visa services).
4. International Sociological Association Fellowship for Junior Sociologists to attend ISA XIV International Laboratory for PhD Students in Sociology, Birmingham, UK, **2016**.
5. University Grants Commission-Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-JRF) for Sociology **2012**.
6. University Grants Commission-National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) for Sociology **2012**.

Journal Manuscript Reviewer

1. Ethnography

2. International Sociology
3. Journal of Contemporary Asia
4. International Centre for Advanced Studies: Metamorphosis of the Political (ICAS:MP)
5. The Oriental Anthropologist
6. Global Social Welfare

Member of Professional Bodies

1. Indian Sociological Society (Life Member).
2. International Sociological Association (Member)
3. Society for the Study of Social Problems, USA (Member)

PhD Scholars

Sl. No.	Name	Topic	Status
1.	Ameet Kumar	Prestige, Honour and Respect: Exploring the Marginalisation and Agency of Dalits in Jammu, India	Submitted
2.	Raveena Esther Ravichandran	Negotiating Identity and Space: A Study of Women Vendors in Puducherry	Ongoing
3.	Prakriti Arya	Experiencing Urban Spaces as Gendered: A Study of Safety and Mobility of Women in Delhi	Ongoing
4.	Parul Oberoi	Subjective Experiences, Objective Narratives: A Study in Political Subjectivity of Kashmiri Pandit Women in Jammu and Kashmir	Ongoing
5.	Vikash Kumar	To Participate or Not to Take Part? A Study of Farmers' Movement and Dalit Agricultural Workers in Haryana	Ongoing
6.	Anshikha Purohit	Ethnicity, Gender and the Landscapes of Desire: A Study of Community-based Ecotourism in Eastern Ghats of Odisha, India	Ongoing
7.	Heena Yusuf	Wrestling as Vocation: A Sociological Study of Women Wrestlers of Haryana	Ongoing