

JAYATI LAL, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY (SLS AND SUS)

EDUCATION

Jayati Lal is a sociologist and scholar of gender whose work focuses on contemporary India. She received her B.A. in psychology (Honours) at Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi University; an M.A. in sociology at Jawaharlal Nehru University; an M.S. in sociology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and a Ph.D. from Cornell University in sociology.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Dr. Lal's research and teaching specializations include gender and sexuality; labor, work, and employment; class formation; political and cultural economy; global and transnational feminisms; feminist theory, epistemology and methodologies; qualitative methods and ethnography; post-colonial and consumer capitalism; and globalization. She is presently completing a book manuscript based on extensive and long-term ethnographic fieldwork which examines the emergence of Indian women factory workers during the decade of neoliberal reforms from the late 1980s through early 2000s in Delhi, entitled: *Making Factory Women: The Labor of Gender in Late Twentieth Century Indian Capitalism*. She was a principal investigator for a transnational collaborative research project on 'Global Feminisms' at the University of Michigan, which produced an audiovisual archive of 42 interviews with feminists, women's studies scholars and movement activists from China, India, Poland, and the USA. Her current research focuses on gender, consumerism and constructions of neoliberal selfhood among the middle class in North India. Her publications have appeared in anthologies, encyclopedias, and in various international journals including, *Critical Sociology*, *Feminist Studies*, *Signs*, and *Sociological Review*.

PAST EMPLOYMENT AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Dr. Lal joined Ambedkar University, Delhi in September 2011. She has previously taught Sociology and Women's Studies at several private and public institutions in the U.S., including Boston College, Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University, New York University and the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), and has also taught at Korea University in Seoul, South Korea. She has held several research appointments including an ongoing appointment as a visiting research scholar at the Institute for Research on Women and Gender at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2009-2012). She was a fellow at the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute for Advanced Study at JNU (2010-2011), and was an Andrew D. Mellon Postdoctoral Scholar in Women's Studies at Johns Hopkins University (1999-2001). She was awarded an American Institute of Indian Studies junior fellowship for her doctoral research and is the recipient of numerous research grants.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

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