

Curriculum Vitae

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Qualifications

Ph.D. (Sociology) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, 1988.
M.A. (Sociology), Calcutta Univ.
B.A. (Psychology Honours)

Employment History

Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur ,
1998 –continuing .Also served at:

- Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (1991-1998)
- Centre for Social Studies, Surat
- Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal

Some Recent Publications

• Books and Book Chapters

1. Chatterjee Chopra, Suhita, Patnaik, P., Chariar, V. (Eds). (2008). *Discourses on Aging and Dying*. Delhi: Sage Publications.

2. Chatterjee Chopra Suhita. (2010). Intervertebral Disc Prolapse. A Personal Encounter with Biomedicine. In Arima Mishra (Ed.) *Health Illness and Medicine. Ethnographic Readings* (pp 61-74). New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan
3. Chatterjee, Chopra Suhita.(2011). Hindu Perspectives on End-of-Life-Care. In *Living with Grief: Spirituality in End of life* (pp 191-206). Washington D.C: Hospice Foundation of America
4. Mishra, Arima & Chatterjee, Chopra Suhita (Eds.) (2013). *Multiple Voices and Stories: Narratives of Health and Illness*. New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan
5. Chatterjee Chopra, S. (2013). Are Narratives a Legitimate Tool of Diagnosis? In Arima Mishra (Ed.) *Multiple voices and Stories: Narratives of Health and Illness* (pp 290-303).New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan.
6. Pradhan, S. & Chatterjee, Chopra Suhita. (2014). Do women benefit from Cancer Screening in India? Reflections from Field work in Odisha. In Akram, M. (Ed.). *Maternal Health in India*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.
7. Chatterjee, Chopra S. (2014).The Culture and Philosophy of Biomedicine in India. In Paranjape, M.R. (ed.) *Healing Across Boundaries: Biomedicine and Alternative Therapeutics* (pp 63-77). Delhi and Oxon: Routledge.
8. Chatterjee, Chopra S. & Sengupta, J. (2017). Death and Dying in India: Ageing and End of life Care of the Elderly. Routledge. UK.
9. Chatterjee, Chopra S. & Chatterjee D (2022). Covid-19, Older Adults and the Ageing Society . Routledge.UK

• **Refereed National Journals**

1. Chatterjee Chopra, S. (2002). Marginalization of Death and Dying: Possible Framework for Sociological Inclusion. *The Eastern Anthropologist*, 55(4),311-322
2. Chatterjee Chopra S. (2002) The Relevance of AIDS Education as a Human Rights Strategy. *Social Sciences Research Journal*, 10(2),31-42
3. Chatterjee Chopra, S. & Mohanty, S. (2005). Socio-ethical issues in the deployment of life-extending technologies. *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2(3), 81-2.
4. Chatterjee Chopra, S & Mohanty,S. (2004). Patient's Perspectives on End-of life Care. *Research Journal Social Sciences*, 12(1), 15-32.
5. Chatterjee Chopra, S. (2005). Understanding Pain and Suffering among Terminally Ill Patients. *The Eastern Anthropologist*, 58(2), 311-322.

6. Sengupta, J. & Suhita Chopra Chatterjee (2013). Locating End-of-Life Care in Public Health Context: Is India Prepared for the Discourse? Special issue on 'Engaging with Public Health', *Indian Anthropologist*, 43 (1),79-92.
7. Dehury, R. & Chatterjee, Chopra S.(2016).Dissociated Reality vis-à-vis Integrative Planning of Ayush in Maternal Health Program: A Situationanalysis in Jaleswar Block of Balasore District (Odisha, India). *Journal of Ayurveda and Integrative Medicine*, 7(2), 124-131
8. Jayalakshmi, R. & Chatterjee, Chopra S. (2017) . Home-based Palliative Services Under Two Local Self Government Institutions of Kerala, India: An Assessment of Compliance with Policy and Guidelines to LSGIs. *Indian Journal of Palliative Care*, 23(1), 65-70
9. Jayalaxmi, R, Chatterjee, Chopra S. & Chatterjee, D. (2016). End of life Characteristics of the Elderly: Assessment of Home Based Services in Two Panchayats of Kerala. *Indian Journal of Palliative care*, 22(4),491-98
10. Bhattacharyya, T., Chatterjee, Chopra S. & Chand, D., Chatterjee, D. & Sengupta, J. (2017). Assessment of Private Homes as Spaces for the Dying Elderly. *Indian Journal of Palliative care*,23(3)325-330.
11. Dehury, R. & Chatterjee, Chopra S (2017). Challenges faced by Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) in a Vulnerable Block of Odisha, India. *Journal of Development Policy and Practice*, 2(2), 214-224.
12. Dehury, R. K. & Chatterjee, Chopra S. (2018). Assessment of Health Management Information System (HMIS) for Monitoring of Maternal Health in Jaleswar Block of Balasore District, Odisha, India. *Indian Journal of Public Health*. 62(4), 259-264.

• **Refereed International Journals**

1. Chatterjee, Chopra, S. (2002).Death and the Discourse of the Body.*Omega Journal of Death and Dying*, 45(4), 321-30
2. Chatterjee, Chopra, S. (2003). Understanding the Experiential World of the Dying. Limits to Sociological Research. *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*, 48(3),195-202
3. Roy, T. & Chatterjee, Chopra, S. (2005). Coping with Genetic Disorder: A Sociological Understanding of Parent-caregivers' Experiences. *Journal of Illness, Crisis and Loss*, 13 (4), 315-31

4. Roy, T & Chatterjee, Chopra, S. (2007). The Experiences of Adolescent Patients in West Bengal, India. *Qualitative Health Research*, 17(1), 85-93
5. Chatterjee, Chopra, S.(2007). Spiritual Interventions in Grief Resolution: A Personal narrative. *Illness Crises and Loss* (Special Issue on Spirituality and Health edited by Moss Bernard), 15 (2),113-25
6. Chatterjee, Chopra, S. (2007).Palliative Care in India: Ethical Issues underlying Paradigmatic shifts. *Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics*, 17(4), 112-5
7. Chatterjee Chopra, S. (2011). Framing Post Diagnostic Abortion in Legal Terms: Alternative Visions in Dialogue. *Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics*, 21(4), 139-143
8. Chatterjee, D. & Chatterjee, Chopra, S.(2017) Experiencing Food in Captivity: A Study of Women In Indian Prisons, *The Prison Journal*, 98(1), 40–59
9. Sengupta, J. & Chatterjee, Chopra S. (2017). Dying in Intensive Care Units of India, *Commentaries on Policies and Position Papers on Palliative & End-of-Life Care: Journal of Critical Care*, 39, 11-17
10. Chand, D. & Chatterjee, Chopra, S. (2019). Problematics of Caring in a spiritual Gerontopolis: A study of old age homes in Varanasi (Kashi), *Journal of Religion, Spirituality and Ageing*, 32(2),188-205
11. Bhattacharyya, T. Chatterjee, C. & Chatterjee, Chopra, S. (2019) Health delivery system for older adults in academic campus in India. *International Journal of Health governance*, 24(4), 310-322
12. Chatterjee, C, Nayak, N. C, Mahakud , J. & Chatterjee, Chopra, S.(2019). Factors affecting the choice of health care utilization between private and public services among the elderly population in India. *International Journal of Health Planning Management*, 34,736–751.
13. Chatterjee, D., Chatterjee, Chopra, S. & Bhattacharya, T. (2020) Exploring self-care abilities among women in prisons of West Bengal, India. *International Journal of Prisoner Health*, 16(2), 185 -198
14. Bhattacharyya, T., & Chatterjee, Chopra, S. (2020). Experience of Family Caregivers of the Hospitalized Older People in Kolkata, India. *International Journal of Health Planning and Management*, 35(1), 81-95

15. Bhattacharyya, T., Chatterjee, S. C., & Chatterjee, D. (2020). Exploring the Experiences of Family Caregivers of Older People in Residential Academic Campus of Higher Education in India. In J. J. Kronenfeld (Ed) *Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Other Social Characteristics as Factors in Health and Health Care Disparities*. *Research in Sociology of Health Care*, 38, 183-198.
16. Chanda S. Patnai A. and Chatterjee SC (2021) The Courtesan Project and the Tawa'ifs' Cultural commons(2021)*International Journal of the Commons*. Open Access Volume 15, Issue 1, Pages 195 – 205 DOI 10.5334/ijc.1073

Research Guidance on Health and Medicine (completed)

1. Sweta Mohanty (2004) End- of- life care in India: Issues in Death and Dying
2. Tanuka Roy (2007) Illness Experiences: A Sociological Study of Adolescent Thalassaemic Patients and their Parent Caregivers
3. Suchitra Pradhan (2010) Cancer Management at the Regional Cancer Centre in Orissa
4. Ranjit Kumar Dehury (2017) Maternal Health Program in Jaleswar Block of Balasore District, Odisha: A Critical Assessment in a Vulnerable Area
5. Jaydeep Sengupta (2018) Medical Decisionmaking during End- of -Life care with Special reference to Geriatric patients
6. Debolina Chatterjee (2019) Encountering Health in Prisons: Experiences of Imprisoned Women in West Bengal
7. Dipannita Chand (2020) Ageing and Dying in a sacred City. A study on Institutionalised Elderly in Varanasi / Kashi (India)
8. Tulika Bhattacharyya(2022) Experiences of Family caregivers of Older People in West Bengal (India). A micro Investigation in two settings

Research Projects (Completed)

- As Principal Investigator

1. Reconsidering Issues on Death and Dying: A Study in Biomedical Ethics. Sponsor IIT KGP (Completed)
 2. Extramural research. Understanding Families Affected by Thalassaemia. Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi: 2004-2006 (Completed)
 3. Improving End-of-Life Care by Integrating Indic Perspectives on Ageing and Dying. Ministry of Human Resource Development. Government of India
 4. Improving End- of- life care through Reconfiguring Old Age Homes in Varanasi. MHRD
- As Co-Principal Investigator
1. Quality of Life of Senior Citizens in Residential Neighbourhoods in the Indian Context. Ministry of Human Resource Development. Government of India
 2. Reconfiguring Dana (Generosity) as a New Institutional Mechanism for Social Enterprises. Ministry of Human Resource Development. Government of India

Seminars Organized on Death and Dying

1. DST sponsored Seminar on Assisted Dying: Medical, Legal and Social Aspects. Kolkata, April 2002.
2. KSRD sponsored seminar on Death and Dying. Kolkata, May 2003.
3. Infinity Foundation, USA and ICMR sponsored National Conference on Aging and Dying: Relevance of Indic perspectives to End- of- life Care. New Delhi, Nov, 2005.
4. First National Symposium on Integrating Spirituality and Religiousity in End of Life Care 2nd September 2017 (in association with Koshish the Hospice and Indian Association of Palliative Care)

Teaching

1. Sociology of Science--- UG
2. Sociology of Architecture –UG
3. Socio-Technical Interventions for Ageing Societies -UG
4. Society Science and Technology – PG

Recognition for Teaching

Received the Outstanding Instructor citation for the Introductory course on Sociology in IIT Kanpur, 1994-95 (2nd Semester).