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Awards & Distinctions

- Chancellor's Award for contribution to teaching and research, 2022 (Rupees One Lakh as Research Grant and Citation)
- Founder & Editor, *Journal of South Asian Diaspora*. London: Routledge Publications (2009 –).
- Associate Editor, *Man in India: A Quarterly Journal of Anthropology*, New Delhi: Serials Publications (2007–2009).
- Book Review Editor, *Journal of Intercultural Studies*. London: Routledge Publications (2008–2016).
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Migration & Development*. London: Routledge Publications (2015–2018)
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Intercultural Studies*. London: Routledge Publications (2016 –)
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Nidan: International Journal for the Study of Hinduism*, University of KwaZulu-Natal (2015 –)
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Athens Journal of Social Sciences*, Athens, Greece (2014 –)
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Mumbai-Münster Institute of Advanced Studies* (University of Mumbai) (2020 –)
- Research Affiliate, *International Migration Research Centre*, Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada (2017 –)

Publications (Books)

- Ajaya K. Sahoo (ed.). 2025. *Migration, Diaspora, and Development: A South Asian Perspective*. London: Routledge.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo (ed.). 2024. *Routledge Handbook of South Asian Migrations*. London: Routledge.
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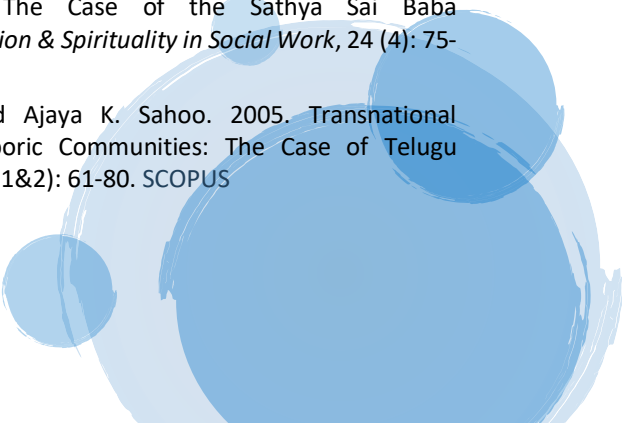


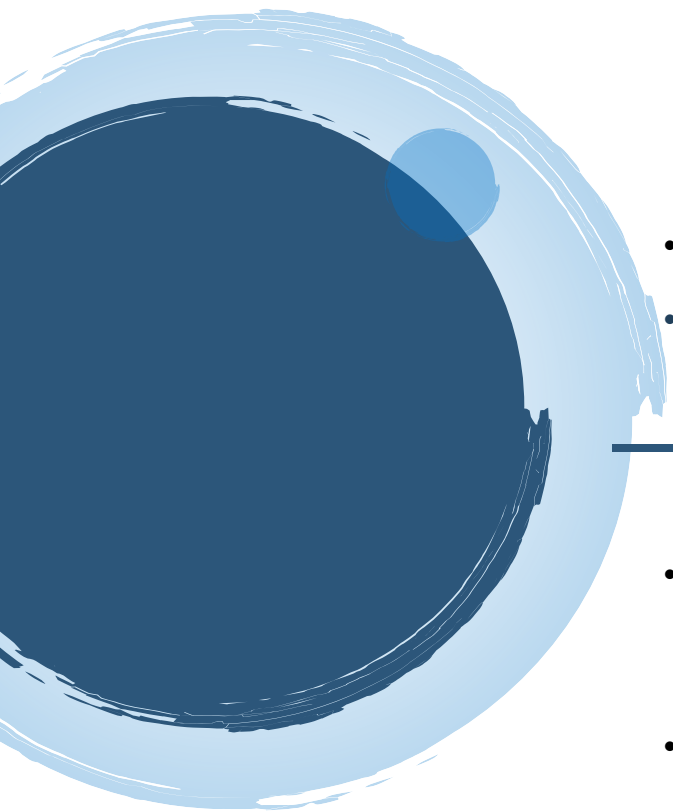
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- Radha S. Hegde & Ajaya K. Sahoo (eds.). 2018. *Routledge Handbook of the Indian Diaspora*. London: Routledge.
- Anjali Roy & Ajaya K. Sahoo (eds.). 2019. *Diasporas and Transnationalisms: The Journey of the Komagata Maru*. London: Routledge.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo (ed.). 2017. *Mapping Indian Diaspora: Contestations and Representations*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo (ed.). 2015. *Diaspora, Development, and Distress: Indians in the Persian Gulf*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo & J. G. Kruijf Hans (eds.). 2014. *Indian Transnationalism Online: New Perspectives on Diaspora*. London: Ashgate.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo & Gabriel Sheffer (eds.). 2014. *Diaspora and Identity: Perspectives on South Asian Diaspora*. London: Routledge.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo, Michael Bass & Thomas Faist (eds.). 2012. *Indian Diaspora & Transnationalism*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo and K. Laxmi Narayan (eds.). 2012. *Global Indian Diaspora: History, Culture & Identity*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.
- William Safran, Ajaya K. Sahoo and Brij V. Lal (eds.). 2009. *Transnational Migrations: The Indian Diaspora*. London: Routledge Publications.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo, Gavin J. Andrews and S. Irudaya Rajan (eds.). 2009. *Sociology of Ageing: A Reader*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.
- K. Laxmi Narayan, Ajaya K. Sahoo and Gauri Bhattacharya (eds.). 2009. *The Indian Diaspora: Historical and Contemporary Context*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.
- Parvati Raghuram, Ajaya K. Sahoo, Brij Maharaj and Dave Sangha (eds.). 2008. *Tracing an Indian Diaspora: Contexts, Memories, Representations*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo and K. Laxmi Narayan (eds.). 2008. *The Indian Diaspora: Trends and Issues*. New Delhi: Serials Publications.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo and Brij Maharaj (eds.). 2007. *Sociology of Diaspora: A Reader, (2 Volumes.)*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo. 2006. *Transnational Indian Diaspora: The Regional Dimension*. New Delhi: Abhijeet Publications.
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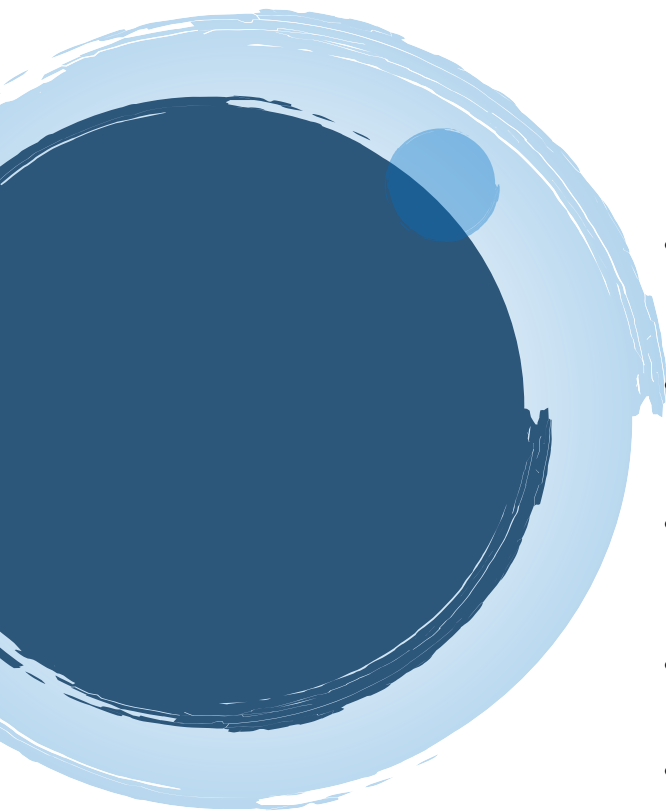
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 - Ajaya K. Sahoo & Surabhi K. 2022. Diaspora, Religion, and Identity: The Case of *Theyyam* in the Indian Diaspora. *Asian Ethnicity*, 23 (1): 90-107. SCOPUS
 - Ajaya K. Sahoo & Anindita Shome. 2021. Negotiating Identity in the Diaspora: The Role of South Asian Youth Organizations. *South Asian Diaspora*, 13 (1): 99-109. SCOPUS
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Publications (Chapters)

- Ajaya K. Sahoo & Anindita Shome. 2025. Contextualizing Diaspora: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives from the Global South. In: Anne Garland Mahler, Christopher J. Lee, and Monica Popescu (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of the History of the Global South*. London: Oxford University Press.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo & Anindita Shome. 2022. India and Indian Diaspora: Rethinking Homeland in the 21st Century. In: Liam Kennedy (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Diaspora Diplomacy*. London: Routledge.
- Surabhi K. and Ajaya K. Sahoo. 2021. Performing Arts, Diaspora and Identity: The Case of *Theyyam* Performances in the Indian Diaspora. In: Ajaya K. Sahoo (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Asian Diaspora and Development*. London: Routledge.
- Ajaya K. Sahoo & Trilok C. Goud. 2019. Telugu Emigrants in the Gulf. In: S. Irudaya Rajan & Prem Saxena (eds.), *India's Low Skilled Migration to the Middle East*. London: Palgrave MacMillan. SCOPUS
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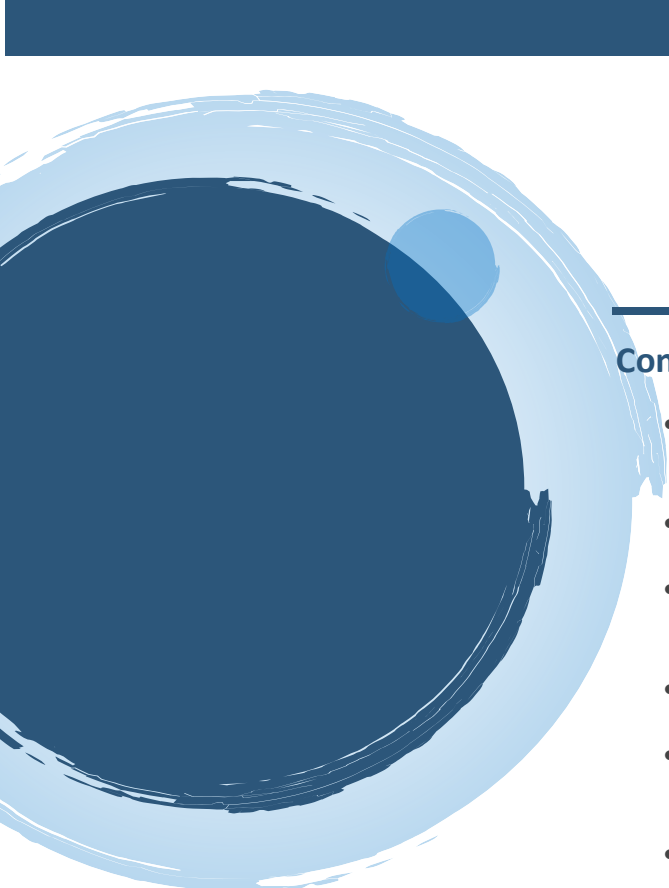


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- C.S. Bhat and Ajaya K. Sahoo. 2003. "Diaspora to Transnational Networks: The Case of Indians in Canada". In: Sushma J. Varma & Radhika Seshan (eds.), *Fractured Identity: The Indian Diaspora in Canada*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.

University Administration

- Head – Centre for Study of Indian Diaspora
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- Member – Anti-Ragging Squad
- Member – School Grievance Committee
- Member – Mentoring Committee
- Member – Committee for OBCs
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- Member – Board of Studies, Centre for Women's Studies
- Member – Board of Studies, Centre for Regional Studies
- Member – Board of Studies, Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy
- Member – G-20 Coordination Committee
- Member – Institutional Ethics Committee





Conferences/Workshops Organized

- International Conference: *Indian Diaspora and Transnationalism: Global Perspectives*. Sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; ICSSR, New Delhi (4-5 October 2018).
- International Conference: *Global Indian Diaspora: Continuities and Changes*. Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi (6–7 November 2014).
- International Conference: *Diaspora, Development and Distress: 21st Century Indians in Persian Gulf*. Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi (11 – 12 March 2013).
- Workshop: *NRI Marriages: Issues and Concerns*. Sponsored by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Govt. of India (6 October 2012).
- International Conference: *Indian Transnationalism Online: Ethnographic Explorations* (collaboration with Utrecht University, The Netherlands), sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi (26 – 27 March 2012).
- International Conference: *Globalization and Diaspora: Changing Contours of Locality and Identity in the 21st Century*. Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi (1-3 February 2007).

M.Phil & Ph.D. Students Supervised

- M.Phil. Awarded : 16
- Ph.D. Awarded : 14
- Ph.D. Ongoing : 07
- Post-Doc Ongoing : 02

Major Research Projects (as PI)

- Completed : 03

Minor Research Projects (as PI)

- Completed : 01

Papers Presented/Sessions Chaired/Delivered Lectures

- National : 28
- International : 22
- Invited Talks : 15
- Sessions Chaired : 10

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