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**EDUCATION**

- 2023 M.A. Sociology, Louisiana State University  
Committee: Tim Slack (Chair), Heather O'Connell, Rhiannon Kroeger
- 2008 M.Phil. Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
Thesis: "Diversification of Indian Agriculture: Unit-level Analysis"
- 2006 M.A. Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- 2004 B.Sc. Geography, Presidency College, University of Calcutta

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

Food Security, Race/ethnicity, Family, Intersectionality, Migration, Child Rights, Agriculture, Research Methods.

**RESEARCH**

**PUBLICATIONS** (*Manuscripts in Progress*)

Pal, Arijita, and Slack, Tim. "Food Security at the Intersection of Ethnoracial Identity and Family Structure, 2017-2019." *Draft available*

Pal, Arijita, and Slack, Tim. "Understanding the Nexus of Food Insecurity, Ethnoracial Identity, and Family Structure: A Pre- and Post-COVID Comparison."

**2021-Present**

Graduate Teaching Assistant. Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University  
- Quantitative research on Food Insecurity, Race, and Family

**2022-2023**

Graduate Research Assistant. Social Research and Evaluation Center (SREC), Louisiana State University  
- Supported GPRA survey management for the COVID Emergency Grant- Knack system.  
- Supported data quality management for State Opioid Response.

**Nov 2020 to July 2021**

Senior Manager, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning. ChildFund International, New Delhi  
- Evaluation research on Child Protection  
- Quantitative and qualitative research on Child Rights situation in different states of India

**July 2017 to Nov 2020**

Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist. ChildFund International, Mumbai and Bengaluru

- Evaluation research on Child Protection
- Quantitative and qualitative research on Child Rights situation in different states of India

**Mar 2017 to June 2017**

Research Scientist. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Mumbai

- Evaluation research on social impact of solar power projects
- Qualitative research on solar street lights in Pune and Nashik, Maharashtra

**Jan 2014 to Jan 2017**

Project Coordinator. Fundación Educación Y Cooperación (EDUCO), Mumbai

- Qualitative research on Child Protection
- Evaluation research on Child Rights

**Oct 2012 to Jan 2014**

Operations Manager. Aangan Trust, Mumbai

- Evaluation research on Child Protection

**Sep 2011 to Sep 2012**

Consultant. CARE Nepal, Magic Bus, Street Children UK, Sutra Consulting, and Community for Rights to Housing. Mumbai.

- Qualitative research on “Food Practices among Women in Urban Slums: Case of two slums, Mumbai”
- Qualitative research on “Needs Assessment Study on CSR initiative in Jammu”
- Evaluation research on “Maharashtra Agricultural Competitiveness Project”
- Qualitative research on “Bangladeshi Migrants in Mumbai: Cases from Wadala & Kalwa”
- Qualitative research on “Consortium of Street Children and Preparedness of Mumbai-based NGOs”

**Dec 2010 to Aug 2011**

Manager - Development Support. Child Rights and You (CRY), Mumbai

- Quantitative and qualitative research on Child Rights situation in different states of India

**Jan 2009 to Nov 2010**

Monitoring & Evaluation Officer. Committed Communities Development Trust (CCDT), Mumbai.

- Qualitative research on the lives of Female Sex Workers in Kamathipura
- Evaluation research on Child Rights program for children of Female Sex Workers

**Oct 2008 to Dec 2008**

Research Associate. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai

- Evaluation research on National Service Scheme in six states of India

**Nov 2007 to Sep 2008**

Researcher. Centre for Media Studies (CMS), New Delhi

- Communication research on corruption
- Qualitative research on Self-Help Groups in Bharatpur, Rajasthan

**Apr 2006 to Aug 2007**

Researcher. PRAGYA, Gurgaon

- Qualitative research on the socio-economic impact of community farming, water and sanitation situation in the high-altitude zone

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Pal, Arijita, and Slack, Tim. "Food Security at the Intersection of Ethnoracial Identity and Family Structure, 2017-2019". Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 2024. Montreal, Canada.

Pal, Arijita, and Slack, Tim. "Understanding the Nexus of Food Insecurity, Ethnoracial Identity, and Family Structure: A Pre- and Post-COVID Comparison". Graduate Research Conference. Louisiana State University. April 2024. Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Pal, Arijita, and Slack, Tim. "Unequal Hardship: Exploring the Intersection of Food Insecurity, Race/Ethnicity, and Family Structure in America, 2017-2019". Basic Needs Access Paper Session. Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. April 2024. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Pal, Arijita, and Slack, Tim. "Exploring Food Insecurity, Race/Ethnicity, and Family Structure in America, 2017-2019". Families and Stratification Paper session. Southern Sociological Society 87th Annual Meeting "Disrupting Binaries". April 2024. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Pal, Arijita, and Slack, Tim. "Unequal Hardship: Exploring the Intersection of Food Insecurity, Race/Ethnicity, and Family Structure in America, 2021". Race and Ethnicity Paper Session. Applied Demography Conference, Population Association of America, February 2024. Virtual Conference

Pal, Arijita, and Slack, Tim. "Unequal Hardship: Exploring the Intersection of Food Insecurity, Race/Ethnicity, and Family Structure in America, 2021". Social Inequality Paper Session. 49th Annual Conference of Mid-South Sociological Association. October 2023. New Orleans, Louisiana.

## **TEACHING**

Instructor of Records, Louisiana State University, Fall 2024  
- SOCL 2001, Introductory Sociology

Guest Lecture, Louisiana State University- March 2024  
- SOCL 2501, Social Problems

Guest lecture, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Jan 2016  
- "Urbanization and resourcing in the context of housing" KGLM 2015, Urbanization

## **HONORS/AWARDS**

Graduate Student Association Travel Award, Louisiana State University, August 2024

Graduate Student Association Travel Award, Louisiana State University, April 2024

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lectureship in Geography. Conducted by University Grants Commission, India, December 2006

Social Accountability Auditing (SA8000 Course). Conducted by Social Accountability International, June 2019

## **ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 2023-2024 Secretary, International Students' Association, Louisiana State University
- 2017- Present Project Committee Member, JNU Alumni Connect
- 2024 Volunteer, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans.  
Volunteer, Graduate Research Conference. Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.  
Volunteer and Judge, LSU Discover Day, Undergraduate Research Conference,  
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.
- 2023 Volunteer, Graduate Research Conference. Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.  
Volunteer and Judge, LSU Discover Day, Undergraduate Research Conference,  
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association  
Southern Sociological Society  
Southwestern Social Science Association