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## **Profile**

I am a successful researcher, analyst and communicator working at the intersections of political economy, culture, and environment in the Global South. As an innovative, highly motivated Social Scientist, I possess significant expertise in integrating best research practices to deliver high-impact outcomes. I have published widely on borderlands, gender, development, environment and politics in South Asia, especially pertaining to the eastern Himalayan regions of India and Nepal.

## **Education**

- 2009-2014**    **PhD in South Asia Research**  
School of Oriental and African Studies,  
University of London
- 2007-2008**    **Masters of Arts (Development Studies)**  
University of New South Wales, Sydney,  
Australia
- 2003-2006**    **Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)**  
Lady ShriRam College, Delhi University,  
India

## **Core Skills**

- Designing, Implementing and Analysing evidence-based research
- Verbal, Written and Cross-Cultural Communication
- Project Management
- Multi-Stakeholder Project Management
- Critical Thinking

## **Languages**

Fluent in English, Nepali, Hindi

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## **Work Experience**

### **Australia-India Institute Research Fellow University of Western Australia 2019-2022**

**Project Titles:** (i) Navigating the city: gender and urbanisation in the Himalaya (ii) Migration, labour and resilience in regional Australia.

**Research focus:** intersections between feminization of migrant labour, labour geographies and development in regional Australian cities.

**Key words:** gender, informal labour, development, migration

### **Post-doctoral Research Fellow Aarhus University, Denmark 2017-2019**

**Project Title:** The de-facto Special Economic Zone in the eastern Himalaya (within the RiSEZAsia: Rise of Special Economic Zones in Asia project).

**Research focus:** social, spatial and political changes in the context of agricultural decline, rapid industrialisation (hydropower projects, pharmaceutical factories), community land grabs and liberalisation in India.

**Key-words:** land-grabs, gender, industrial development, natural resources, infrastructure

**Post-Doctoral Research Fellow  
Wageningen University, Netherlands/  
DFID/ Netherlands Organization for  
Scientific Research  
2015-2016**

**Project title:** Hydropower development in the context of climate change: exploring conflicts and fostering cooperation across scales and boundaries in the eastern Himalaya (Nepal & India).

**Research focus:** economic opportunities and environmental challenges for local communities as a result of hydropower development, exacerbated by climate-change, local politics of development and ongoing environmental degradation in remote spaces.

**Key-words:** climate-change, hydro-power, environment, livelihoods

## **Selected Publications**

### **Research Monograph**

Chettri, M. 2017. *Constructing Democracy: Ethnicity and Democracy in the Eastern Himalayan Borderland*, Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press (Asian Borderlands Book Series), 190pp. Hardcover. US Version through Chicago University Press. ISBN: 9789089648860 DOI: 10.5117/9789089648860

### **Published Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

Chettri, M, 2022. 'Emptying the landscape: outsider place-making, tourism and migration in Sikkim, India' *Landscape Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01426397.2022.2134560> (SJR\* Q1)

Chettri, M. 2022. 'New jobs, new spatialised patriarchy: creating factory workers in a Himalayan pharmaceutical hub' *Gender, Place and Culture*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2022.2099351> (SJR Q1)

Chettri, M. 2022. 'Next-gen precarity: gender and informal labour in the eastern Himalaya' *Gender, Technology and Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09718524.2022.2034097> (SJR Q3)

Chettri, M. 2020. 'From Shangri-la to de-facto SEZ: land grabs from 'below' in Sikkim, India' *Geoforum*, 109, 57-66. (SJR Q1). Reprinted in M.Chettri and M.Eilenberg (eds.), 2021. *Development Zones in Asian Borderlands*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 117-139.

McDuijck, D and Chettri, M. 2020. 'Concreting the frontier: modernity and its entanglements in Sikkim, India' *Political Geography*, 76, 102089 (SJR Q1)

*\*SJRImpago provides a metric-driven indicator of journal quality. SJR gives a discipline-specific indicator of quality by ranking journals in quartiles. Quartile 1 indicates an outstanding journal. Some journals are ranked in several subject/discipline areas.*

### **Book and Book Chapters**

Chettri, M, Hima Ktien and Nikita Rai (eds.). 2022. *Eastern Himalaya Series: Gender, Sexual/Other Identities in the eastern Himalaya*, Gangtok: Rachna Books and Publications. ISBN 9788189602130

Chettri, M and Eilenberg, M. (eds.) 2021. *Development Zones in Asian Borderlands*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press. ISBN 9789463726238

Chettri, M. 2022. 'Women and Labour', In J.P.Wouters and T.B.Subba (eds.) *Routledge Companion to Northeast India*. New Delhi: Routledge, pp. 485-490.

Chettri, M. 'Concrete/Fear', In E. Elinoff and K. Rubali (eds.) *The Social Properties of Concrete*. California: Punctum Books (Accepted/Forthcoming).

**Other Publications**

Chettri, M. 2023. 'What really makes a Sikkimese?' *Himal Southasian*, May 1, 2023.

Chettri, M and Eilenberg, M. 2019. (Guest editors) 'Reading Space, Society and History in Asia through its Ruins' *International Institute of Asian Studies Newsletter*, no.82.

Chettri, M and Sen, A. 2017. 'Colonial trouble in India's Northeast' *Al Jazeera*, 23 July, 2017.

***Full publication list available upon request***