

## Biography



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Vibha Arora is currently serving as an Associate Professor of Sociology and Social Anthropology at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Delhi where she has been working since 2006. She has also taught at the University of Delhi (2005-06) after completing her doctoral research as a Commonwealth Scholar at the University of Oxford (2000-2004) and also worked in the international development sector. She has received prestigious scholarships and fellowships such as the national and international level such as the Commonwealth Scholarship, MSH (Paris), Fellowship at IAS Shimla, AI-Sagar Outstanding Young Faculty Fellowship (IIT Delhi), and the M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize of the Indian Sociological Society.

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