

Biography



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Saraswati is a Professor in Social Geographer at the Centre for the Study of Regional Development (CSR D), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Her teaching and research interests are in issues related to social development with focus on gendered marginalities in labour market, access to literacy/education/skills, empowerment, and gender and space. She has published extensively on these issues in national and international journals of repute.

She is one of the founding members for the International Geographic Union (IGU) Commission on Gender and Geography. Member of editorial boards of *Annals of Association of American Geographers*, *Antipode* and *Progress in Human Geography*, amongst others, she has been at the forefront in introducing gender studies in Indian geography—her co-edited publication of the *Atlas on Women and Men in India* has been praised as a landmark in this direction.

Her recent co-edited books include *Colonial and Post-colonial Geographies of India* (2006, Sage Publications), *Doing Gender, Doing Geography: Emerging Research in India* (2011, Routledge), *Gendered Geographies: Space and Place in South Asia* (2011, Oxford University Press) and her co-authored book titled *NGOs and the State in 21st Century: India and Ghana* (2006, INTRAC, UK).

Saraswati has received many visiting awards and fellowships in her long and illustrious career. She is a recipient of Janet Monk Service Award (2010) given by the Women Specialty Group of Association of American Geographers for exemplary contribution to the study of gender/feminist concerns in geography. This is the first ever award outside the Anglo-Saxon world. She has also been awarded the 2012's Distinguished Service Award for Asian Geography, instituted by the Asian Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers. USA. The award honours 'outstanding scholars in the field of Asian geography who have demonstrated exceptional scholarship as well as service to the specialty group'.