

## CURRICULLUM VITAE

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### ACADEMIC DETAILS

Degree/Examination	Year	Board/University	Outcome/ Percentage
Ph.D (Animal Behaviour and Cognition Program)	2019-present	National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru	Ongoing
M.A. ( Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development)	2015-2017	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati, Assam	78%
B.E. ( Metallurgical & Material Engineering)	2008-2012	Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal	85.14% (CGPA 9.18 out of 10)

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Qualified for **Junior Research Fellowship and Assistant Professorship** under UGC-NET, 2018 in Environmental Science.
- Appointed as ‘**Junior Research Fellow**’ at Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, Gujarat for the project entitled “**Nature in Asia: Biodiversity Conservation in India, China and Bhutan**”.
- Recipient of ‘**Institute Gold Medal for best Student**’ in M.A., Ecology, Environment and Sustainable Development.
- M.A dissertation “**‘En-Gendering’ Human-Elephant Conflict (HEC): The Case of Udalguri District, Assam.**” shortlisted for best dissertation award.
- Recipient of ‘**University Gold Medal**’ for standing **1<sup>st</sup> in Order of Merit** at the Bachelor of Metallurgical Engineering final examination- 2012.

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<b>Ph.D Thesis (Ongoing) at National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru</b>	Project title: <b>Encountering More-Than-Human Lifeworlds: Behavioural and Political Ecologies of Human-Elephant Relations in Northeastern India</b>
<b>Junior Research Fellow at IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat</b>	Worked on project ‘ <b>Nature in Asia: Biodiversity Conservation in India, China and Bhutan</b> ’
<b>Dissertation at TISS Guwahati, Assam</b>	Worked on the M.A. Dissertation on, ‘ <b>En-Gendering’ Human-Elephant Conflict (HEC): The Case of Udalguri District, Assam.</b>
<b>Internship at TRAFFIC- India, Delhi</b>	Worked on the project “ <b>Traditional Hunting Practice, Bushmeat Consumption and Illegal Wildlife Trade in Nagaland, India</b> ”

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

- Banerjee, S and Sharma, S. *Human Elephant Conflict in Northeast India: A Feminist Political Ecology*. Book contracted to Routledge for publication in 2020 / 2021
- Banerjee, S and Aiyadurai, A. 2021. ‘Everyday- Conservation’: A study of actors and processes in an elephant conservation project in Assam, India. *Human Dimensions of Wildlife*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10871209.2021.1970861>
- “Understanding borderlands through elephant corridors in the Yunan-Myanmar-Bengal landscape,” in Dan Smyer Yu and Karen Dean, eds., *Yunan-Burma-Bengal Corridor Geographies*, Routledge India. <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/edit/10.4324/9781003094364/yunnan%2080%93burma%2080%93bengal-corridor-geographies-dan-smyer-y%20C3%BC-karin-dean>
- Punjabi, G., Jayadevan, A., Jamalabad, A., Velho, N., Nipahdkar-Bandekar, M., Baidya, P., Jambhekar, R... and Borkar, M. R. 2021. On the inadequacy of environment impact assessments for projects in Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park of Goa: A peer review. *Journal of Threatened Taxa* 12(18): 17387-17454.
- Aiyadurai, A and Banerjee, S. 2020. Bird conservation from obscurity to popularity: A case study of two bird species from northeast India. *GeoJournal*, 85(4): 901-912. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10708-019-09999-9>
- Sheth, C., Ahmed, M. F., Banerjee, S., Dahanukar, N., Dalvi, S., Datta, A., Datta-Roy, A,... and Yumnam, R. 2020. ‘The devil is in the detail’: Peer-review of the wildlife conservation plan by the Wildlife Institute of India for the Etalin hydropower project, Dibang valley. *Zoo’s Print* 35(5): 1-78
- Banerjee, S. Draft EIA 2020: How it may impact North East. *Downtoearth*. Aug 10, 2020. <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/environment/draft-eia-2020-how-it-may-impact-north-east-72742>
- Banerjee, S. Elephant task force report: 10 years of a progressive policy that nobody talks about now. *Downtoearth*. Aug 14, 2020. <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/wildlife-and-biodiversity/elephant-task-force-report-10-years-of-a-progressive-policy-that-nobody-talks-about-now-72819>
- Banerjee, S. and Sharma, S. Engendering human-wildlife interactions: Towards decolonized conservation. *Journal of Political Ecology*, in review
- Aiyadurai, A. and Banerjee, S. Rethinking indigenous hunting in northeast India: Some lessons for academics and practitioners. In: Varghese, A., Oomen, M. A. and Paul, M. (Eds), *Sustainable Use and Biodiversity Conservation in India*, forthcoming
- Banerjee, S and Aiyadurai, A. Factors influencing local community participation in wildlife conservation projects in northeast India, in preparation
- Banerjee, S. and Sinha, A. Reading the elephant: Towards affectual conceptualisations of the wild Asian elephant. In: Aiyadurai, A., Choksi, N., and Chattopadhyay, A. (Eds), *Ecological Entanglements: Affect, Embodiment and Ethics of Care*, in review

- Banerjee, S. & Sinha, A. Political and affective ecologies of human-elephant relations: a gendered perspective. In Láine, N., Rahmat, K. & Keil, P. (Eds.), *Composing Worlds with Elephants: Interdisciplinary Dialogues*, in review

## ORAL/ POSTER PRESENTATION

- Online oral presentation on “**Understanding Borderlands Through Asian Elephants’ Perspective in Yunan-Myanmar-Bengal Landscape**” at the conference 12<sup>th</sup> International Convention of Asia Scholars, August, 2021.
- Online oral presentation on “**Political and Affective Ecologies of Human-Elephant Relations: A Gendered Perspective**” at the conference “Composing worlds with elephants: A multidisciplinary dialogue on human-elephant relations”, December, 2020
- Online oral presentation on “**Conservation Flagship Making and Attaining ‘Values’: Case of Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis* in India**” at the conference LACA 2020, organized by Society of Conservation Biology, Latin America and Caribbean Section, November, 2020
- Online oral presentation on “**En-gendering Wildlife Conservation: Towards Decolonised Conservation**” at the conference POLLEN20, organized by Political Ecology Network, September, 2020
- Online twitter presentation on “**Factors Affecting Local Community Participation in Wildlife Conservation Projects in Northeast India**” at SSWG Twitter Conference, organized by Social Science Working Group, Society of Conservation Biology, June, 2020
- Oral Presentation on “**Towards Bottom-Up, Alternate Understanding of Human-Elephant Relations**”, at the conference “Affect, Embodiment and Ecology”, held at Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, March, 2020.
- Oral Presentation on “**En-Gendering Human-Wildlife Interactions and Decolonising Conservation**” at the workshop "Conservation, Climate Change and Decolonisation: Exploring new frontiers in Conservation Social Science", held at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, October, 2019.
- Oral Presentation on “**Factors Affecting Local Community Participation in Wildlife Conservation Projects in Northeast India**” at Students Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS-Bengaluru) organized at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, October, 2019.
- Oral presentation on “**The ‘Other’ Outcomes of NGO Interventions in Human-Elephant Conflict Mitigation: Case of ‘Assam Hathi Project’, Goalpara, Assam**” at Students Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS-Bengaluru) organized at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, September, 2018.
- Oral presentation on “**Effect of Availability and Access to Information on Local Community’s Willingness to Participate in Community-Based Wildlife Conservation Projects**” at Society of Conservation Biology Asia Section Conference, organized at Amity University, Delhi, March, 2018.
- Poster presentation on “**A study on Traditional Hunting Practice and Bushmeat Consumption in Nagaland, India**” at Students Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS- Bengaluru) organized at Indian Institute of

Science, Bengaluru, September, 2017.

### **PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

- ❖ Worked at Tata Steel Ltd., Jamshedpur for the period July, 2012- June, 2015 (2 years 11 months) as Manager, Hot Rolling Operations, Hot Strip Mill.
  - ❖ Worked as Junior Research Fellow at Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, Gujarat for the period October, 2017- September, 2018 (1 year).
  - ❖ Worked as research data manager with International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) for the project ‘WINGS Qualitative study- PRADAN FAAM Project’, in June-July, 2019. (2 months)
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