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Education

- 2004:** Ph.D. in Development Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Thesis title: Decentralised Development: State practices from India's Watershed Development Programme.
- 1997:** MA in Political Science, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi, India (First Class, first position in MA examination)
- 1995:** BA (Honours) in Political Science, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi, India (First Class)

Employment History

- Jan 2007-** Lecturer in Development Studies, School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia
- 2005-2006** Research Associate, Institute for Political and Economic Governance, University of Manchester
- 2004-2005** ESRC Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Manchester
- 2003-2004** Tutor, Department of Development Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies
- 2001-2004** Independent research consultancies for the World Bank, UNDP, DFID India and Ford Foundation India
- 1995-1998** Assistant Producer and News Writer, New Delhi Television Limited, STAR News, India

Main research interests

Water resources governance; watershed development; state, decentralisation and participation; ecosystem services and poverty alleviation; disasters, vulnerability, relief and recovery; environmental justice; donor politics and aid.

Refereed Publications (published and in press)

Chhotray, V. 2011 *The "Anti-Politics Machine" in India: State, decentralisation and participatory watershed development*, South Asian Studies Series, Anthem Press, London (monograph, forthcoming March 2011)

Chhotray, V 2011 *Disaster Relief and the Indian State: Lessons for Just citizenship*, submitted to *Development and Change* as a part of a special collection on Global Environmental Justice

Chhotray, V. and Hill, J. (with Biswal, R. and Behera, S.) 2011 *Socio-political and environmental dimensions of vulnerability and recovery in coastal Orissa: Critical lessons since the 1999 super-cyclone*, Research Report to the United Nations Development Programme, India (forthcoming)

Lankford, B. , Pringle, C., Dickens, C., Lewis, F., **Chhotray, V.**, Mander, M., Goulden, M., Nxele, Z. and Quayle, L. 2010 *The impacts of ecosystem services and environmental governance on human well-being in the Pongola region, South Africa*. Report to the Natural Environment Research Council. University of East Anglia and Institute of Natural Resources, London, Norwich, UK and Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

Chhotray, V. and Few, R. 2010 'How is recovery related to 'ongoing' vulnerability: Results from an exploratory study ten years after the super-cyclone of 1999 in Orissa, India, submitted to *Global Environmental Change*.

Chhotray, V. 2010 'How *Samaj Pragati Sahyog* works the state and why it succeeds', in Parasuraman, S. and Narayanan, N.C. (eds), *Civil society in water governance in South Asia*, part of the 'Water in South Asia' series, Sage Publications, New Delhi (forthcoming)

Chhotray, V. and Stoker, G. 2009 *Governance Theory: A Cross-Disciplinary Approach*, Palgrave Macmillan, London

Chhotray, V. and Hulme, D. 2009 'Contrasting visions for aid and governance in the 21st century: White House Millennium Challenge Account and DFID Drivers of Change', *World Development*, Volume 37, pp. 36-49

Chhotray, V. 2007 'The "Anti-Politics Machine" in India: Depoliticisation through local institution building for participatory watershed development in India', *Journal of Development Studies*, Volume 43 (6), pp. 1037- 1056

Chhotray, V. 2007 'Political entrepreneurs or development agents? An NGO's story of resistance and acquiescence', in Bebbington, A., Hickey, S. and Mitlin, D. (eds), *Can NGOs make a difference? The Challenge of Development Alternatives*, Zed Books, London.

Chhoray, V. 2005 'Who cares about participation? How a rhetorical state policy is practised incredulously', *Contemporary South Asia*, Volume 14 (4), pp. 429-446

Chhotray, V. 2005 'Managing Watershed Externalities in India'(co-authored with J. Kerr, P. Baumann, A.J. James and G. Milne) in *Impact Assessment of Watershed Development: Conceptual and Methodological Issues*, edited by K. Palanisami and D. Suresh Kumar, Associated Publishing Limited, New Delhi

Chhotray, V. 2005 'Managing watershed externalities in India: Theory and Practice' (co-authored with John Kerr, Grant Milne, Pari Baumann and A.J James), *Environment, Development and Sustainability*, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10668-005-9022-3>

Chhotray, V. 2004 'The negation of politics in participatory development projects, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh', *Development and Change*, Volume 35 (2), pp 327-352

Other Publications

Working papers and other online publications

2005 'Participation or Local Politics? The Illusion of Development Projects', *ID21: Communicating Development Research*, www.id21.org

2005 'The Negation of Politics in Participatory Development Projects, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh', *Strategic Thinking: The Communication Initiative*, <http://www.comminit.com/strategicthinking/st2005/thinking-1252.html>

Book reviews

2008 Review article on 'Rural Governance: International Perspectives' edited by L Cheshire, V Higgins and G Lawrence (2007), Routledge, London, in *Journal of Agrarian Change*, Vol. 8, no. 1

2006 Review article on 'Waiting for Democracy: The Politics of Choice in Natural Resource Decentralisation' by Jesse C. Ribot (2004), World Resources Institute, Washington DC and 'Democratic Decentralisation through a Natural Resource Lens', edited by Jesse C. Ribot and Anne M. Larson (2005), Routledge Press, Oxon, in *Journal of Agrarian Change*, Volume 16 (2), pp. 267-270

2003 'The Politics of Development', Review article on 'Development Hegemony: NGOs and the State in India' by S. Kamat (2002), Oxford University Press, New Delhi in *Biblio: A Review of Books*, Volume 8(1 & 2), pp 30-31

2001 'Speaking for the villages', Review article on 'Participatory Watershed Development: Challenges for the 21st century', Edited by J. Farrington, C. Turton and A.O. James (1999), Oxford University Press, New Delhi, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, www.epw.org.in

Research Grants

2010 Co-Investigator, Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) funded Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation Project on Just Ecosystem Management: Linking ecosystem services with poverty alleviation.

2010 Principal Investigator, UNDP funded project to study the socio-political and environmental dimensions of vulnerability and recovery in coastal Orissa since the 1999 super-cyclone, India

2009 Co-Investigator, Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) funded Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation Project to study the impacts of ecosystem services and environmental governance on human well being in the Pongola region, South Africa

2008 Principal Investigator, British Academy small research grant for exploratory research in Orissa, India. Study title 'After the Storm: Memories of vulnerability following the Orissa super-cyclone 1999'

2004-5 Postdoctoral Fellowship by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) UK

2005 British Academy Overseas Conference Grant to present at the UN Conference for Engaging Communities in Brisbane, Australia

2000-2001 University of London and School of Oriental and African Studies Research Grants to conduct fieldwork towards doctoral research

1998-2002 Felix Scholarship for Ph.D. Research tenable at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

Conferences and Presentations

2010 '*The dynamics of relief provision in the Indian state: A social justice versus political economy perspective*', presented at the Global Environment Justice Workshop, University of East Anglia, July.

2010 '*What next for UK's international development policy*', Panel debate at Cambridge University, March

2009 '*Unequal imaginaries of transformation: Multiple crises and livelihoods recovery in coastal Orissa, India*', joint paper with Roger Few presented at the Annual Development Studies Association Conference, Ulster

2008 '*The idea of "Anti-Politics: Theoretical reflections on the problem of depoliticisation of development"*', paper presented at the Institute for Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester and at the Workshop on Citizenship and Democracy in honour of John Dunn, University of Manchester (February and March respectively)

2007 '*Contrasting visions for aid and governance in the 21st century: White House Millennium Challenge Account versus DFID Drivers of Change*', joint paper with David Hulme presented at Anthropology of Development Seminar at the School of Oriental and African Studies and London School of Economics (January and November respectively)

2006 '*Contrasting visions for aid and governance in the 21st century: White House Millennium Challenge Account versus DFID Drivers of Change*', joint paper with David Hulme presented at the Hallsworth Conference on 'Opening up Governance', University of Manchester, Manchester

2005 'Legal and extra-legal channels for the redress of historical injustice: Water rights in India and South Africa', joint paper with Phil Woodhouse presented at an International Workshop on 'Water Poverty and Social Crisis: Perspectives for Research and Action', Agadir, Morocco

2005 'Responsive to whom? The state and fast track participation in a south Indian district', paper presented at the UN and Government of Queensland co-organised International Conference on Engaging Communities, Brisbane, Australia, 08/2005 and the British Association for South Asian Studies, Leeds

2005 'Political entrepreneurs or development agents? An NGOs story of resistance and acquiescence', paper presented at the 4th International NGO Conference, IDPM, Manchester

2005 'Depoliticisation through local institution building for participatory watershed development in India', paper presented at LSE Department of Geography & Environmental Seminar Series, and Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester, International Development Seminar Series

2003 'The Politics of Development: Knowledge, Representation and Power', paper presented at the Annual South Asia Conference, University of Madison, Wisconsin, USA

Professional and consultancy activities

2010	India	Led policy relevant research project on disasters and recovery for UNDP India
2008	India and Bangladesh	Contracted by DFID London to carry out a scoping study on social protection research.
2008	UK	Contracted by IGCP to co-author a report on lessons learned from trans-boundary resource conservation in the Virungu-Bwindi national park.
2004	UK and India	Contracted by the World Bank to write a theoretical literature review of economic externalities in watershed development and to formulate the analytical approach for a World Bank-led project on <i>Watershed Externalities and the Role of Local Institutions in India</i> . Was part of an international research team, and co-lead author of the principal project report.
2000	India	Contracted by the Ford Foundation as a part of its <i>Decentralisation in Natural Resource Management</i> project. Carried out literature reviews.