

Biographical brief



Dr. Angana P. Chatterji is Founding Co-chair, Political Conflict, Gender and People's Rights Initiative, and Research Anthropologist at the Center for Race and Gender at University of California, Berkeley. A cultural anthropologist, she focuses her scholarly work on issues of political conflict; gender, power and violence; majoritarian nationalism, minoritization and racialization; religion in the public sphere, religious freedom; and reparatory justice and cultural survival. Professor Chatterji's scholarship bears witness to post/colonial, decolonial conditions of grief, dispossession, and agency. In Kashmir, Chatterji co-founded (2008), and was co-convenor of (2008-2012), the People's Tribunal on Human Rights and Justice. She was a Member of the Drafting Committee on Minimum

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