

60 SECOND INTERVIEW WITH SNEHA ROY



Dr Sneha Roy is a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow. A socio-cultural anthropologist, she is a graduate of Delhi University, Durham, and Wales Trinity St. David. She is working on Hindu nationalism, gender, and ecology in the borderlands between India and Bangladesh.



Where did you grow up?

In a small town in Jamshedpur in India. It was cosmopolitan and really fun.

What kind of undergraduate were you?

At school I was focused on sports and dance. University was a different ball game. I could choose the subject I wanted to study: anthropology. That was a turning point in my life.

What's the biggest misconception about your field?

That it's easy because you're dealing with people. Understanding people is sometimes more complex than Rocket Science.

Why did you move to the University of Edinburgh?

It's one of the most inclusive schools where I could work around topics of religious nationalism, ecology, gender with an area focus on south Asia.

What do you read outside of your academic work?

Jane Austen (always) and Charles Dickens (current spree).

How would you like to be remembered?

As someone who can be trusted with intimate emotions and experiences particularly of those who have had experienced violence of sorts.

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Dr Suzanna Millar is Chancellor's Fellow in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament. She is the author of *Genre and Openness in Proverbs 10:1-22:16* (SBL Press, 2020).

Where are you from and how has it shaped you?

I'm from Darlington. It's a friendly place and showed me the value of community.

What kind of student were you?

A very busy one, especially with extra-curricular things. I did a lot of ballet and contemporary dance.

What's the biggest misconception about your field?

That the Bible doesn't have anything to say in our age. I think its influence on our society was formative, and the issues it raises remain pertinent.

Why did you write a book about Proverbs?

I was fascinated by how much meaning and ambiguity there could be in single-line pithy proverbs.

Tell us about someone who has influenced your career.

My doctoral supervisor, Katharine Dell. She believed in my potential when I didn't

see it myself. She trusted me and gave me opportunities.

[How would you like to be remembered?](#)

As someone who helps students grow, takes part in scholarly dialogue, and listens to voices that aren't usually heard.

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