

Soma Chaudhuri

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East Lansing, MI, US

Expert on: Development, Gender and Social Movements

Biography

Dr. Chaudhuri's work spans three areas in sociology (development, gender and social movements), linked by her common interest on violence against women (VAW). Broadly her research explores how structural and institutional level gender inequalities further disadvantage women in the grassroots through the use of violence. Further, she is interested in understanding how non-governmental-organizations (NGO) that work towards reducing gender inequalities, mobilize community women against their own religious and cultural practices that create such inequalities in the first place. Previously, she has worked on a number of projects in United States and India, including on witchcraft accusations, domestic violence among south Asian immigrants, women's movements on jury and property rights, SlutWalks, and movements against rape in India. Dr. Chaudhuri's current project, explores how women participants in various empowerment programs, are able to strategize against domestic violence in grassroots communities.

Industry Expertise

Non-Profit/Charitable, Research, Women, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

South Asia, Social Movements, Development, Violence Against Women, Empowerment Programs, Gender

Affiliations

PhD Dissertation Chair

Education

Vanderbilt University

Ph.D Sociology

Accomplishments

John K. Hudzik Emerging Leader in Advancing International Studies and Programs

Award includes \$1000 towards research

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