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Vijaya Ramadas Mandala is Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of Hyderabad, India. His field of specializations include environmental history, Indian ecology, modern Indian history, and the French Revolution as well as history of ideas. His research interests are environment and empire, British imperial and commonwealth history, animal studies, colonial governance, cultural geography, environmental histories of the Gonds and the Baigas, colonial education and architecture, and the French Revolution of 1789. Before joining the University of Hyderabad, he was Junior Fellow at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (2014-2016), and taught in India since 2011, as well at The University of Manchester, U.K. (2006-2011).

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## Publications

### Books:

- Shooting a Tiger: Big Game Hunting and Conservation in Colonial India (Oxford University Press, 2018). <https://india.oup.com/product/shooting-a-tiger-9780199489381?>

## Journal articles

- “Contesting the Colonizer or Hopeless Submission? Colonialism, Indigeneity, and Environmental Thinking in India, 1857–1910.” *Asian Review of World Histories* (Brill, 2021), 9(2), pp. 189-224. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/22879811-12340093>
- Book chapter titled “The Baigas and the British: Resilience of Wilderness and the Critique of Colonialism” in Rahul Kumar Mohanta (ed.) *Exploring Multifaceted Aspects of History & Beyond* (New Delhi: Akshita Publishers), pp. 1-57.
- “British Huntswomen in Colonial India: Imperialism and Gender Hierarchies (1890–1921)”, *International Review of Environmental History*, Vol. 6, No. 1, 2020, pp. 71-99. <https://doi.org/10.22459/IREH.06.01.2020.04>
- Colonialism and the Spatial Dimension of Play – Education and the Creation of Middle Class Space at Schools and Colleges in Modern India (1790-1910). *The Historian*, Vol. 80, Issue 1 (2018), pp.34-85. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hisn.12753>
- Go after a Man-Eater that has killed a hundred people? Not on your Life! *Global Environment*, Vol. 7, No. 2 (2014), pp. 572-609. <https://doi.org/10.3197/ge.2014.070212>
- Lost worlds: Natural World and Indigenous Hunting Cultures in Colonial India (circa 1770s-1860s). Published by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, *NMML Occasional Paper*, No. 60 (2015), pp. 1-29. <http://125.22.40.134:8080/jspui/handle/123456789/3158>
- Tiger huntresses in the Company Raj: Environmentalism and Exotic Imaginings of Wildlife, 1830–45. *International Review of Environmental History*, Vol. 5 (2019), pp. 97-113. <https://doi.org/10.22459/IREH.05.02.2019.04>
- The Raj and the Paradoxes of Wildlife Conservation: British Attitudes and Expediencies, *The Historical Journal*, Vol. 58 (2015), pp. 75-110. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0018246X14000259>
- The Making and Unmaking of the Gonds: History of Hunting Mores in Colonial India, *Global Environment*, Vol. 10, No. 2 (October 2017), pp. 421-481. <https://doi.org/10.3197/ge.2017.100207>
- Wrote a short biography on Jim Corbett (1875–1955) for *Literary Encyclopaedia* (November 2016). <https://www.litencyc.com/php/speople.php?rec=true&UID=13863>

## Book Reviews

- Reviewed a book titled *Environment Jurisprudence and the Supreme Court* by Geetanjoy Sahu (New Delhi: Orient Black Swan, 2014) in “Seminar”, No. 669 (May, 2015).

## Academic awards/fellowships

- Dorothy Hodgkin Award (ESRC-RCUK), The University of Manchester (2005) £86,600.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, The University of Manchester (2006).
- Bridging Hardship Fund, The University of Manchester (2011) £2,375.
- Ashburne Hall, The University of Manchester, Ashburne Bursary (2009-11) £12,000.

## National/International Invited lectures (maximum of 10)

- Delivered a public lecture on “the Freedom of Speech and Censorship in Tudor England and Bourbon France: 16th and 18th Centuries” as part of “PROSCRIBED PRINT – IoE Lecture Series” organized by the Department of Hindi, University of Hyderabad and CSDS, New Delhi on 25 September 2021.  
[https://youtu.be/DYKGZZ\\_ytc](https://youtu.be/DYKGZZ_ytc)
- Delivered a seminar on “Colonialism, Education and the Spatial Dimension of Play in Modern India, 1790-1910” for UoH History Webinar Series, Talk No. 22 organized by the Department of History, University of Hyderabad on 08 April 2021.  
<https://youtu.be/NDjilJ-p1s>
- Presented book talk for ‘Listening Post’ held in the New Seminar Hall, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, India on 12 March 2019.
- ‘Contesting the colonizer or hopeless submission? Colonialism, indigeneity, and environmental thinking among the native groups in India: 1857-1947’. Seminar presented at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi on 27 May 2016.
- ‘Lost worlds: natural world, hunting and conservation among the natives and indigenous tribes in colonial India (circa 1800-1860s)’. Paper presented at the Ecology and Society Workshop held at NMML, New Delhi on 22 May 2015.
- ‘Jim Corbett: a hunter-turned- conservationist in colonial India’. Paper presented at the Exploring Interdisciplinarity Workshop, CIDRA Research in the Arts, The University of Manchester, England on 11 November, 2010.
- ‘Good, bad and ugly: British attitudes and expediencies’, invited paper at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Jodhpur, India on 05 November 2012.
- ‘The Raj and the paradoxes of wildlife conservation’, invited paper at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) - Kozhikode, India on 12 December 2012.
- ‘The Raj and the paradoxes of wildlife conservation’, invited paper at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali (IISER), India on 20 March 2013.
- ‘The Raj and the paradoxes of wildlife conservation’, invited lecture at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) - Indore, India on 27 August 2013.