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Outline of Job Talk

As a sociologist and public health researcher, I hope to contribute towards the teaching and research activities of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) at IISER, Mohali. My job talk will be oriented towards highlighting the fit of my academic and research experience to the teaching and research activities at the department of HSS, IISER, Mohali.

I would try to draw linkages between my areas of specialization and how well they align with certain existing courses that are taught at IISER. Some of the existing courses I am interested in teaching include: Identity, power and places (HSS601), Sociological theory, concepts and current debates (HSS602), Cities and urban theory (HSS622) and Public Policy (HSS650). I will also suggest certain courses that I am interested in developing if the department is open to initiating new courses.

I have worked on empirical research and also analysed secondary data sets and published my research in various journals such as CASTE: A Global Journal on Social Exclusion, and Journal of Social Inclusion Studies. I have also published chapters in edited books and presented my research at various national and international conferences. Currently, I am working on a monograph based on my doctoral research.

I have the experience of working in research projects funded by ICSSR, UGC and NCW. I am also interested in submitting research proposals to these agencies and other funding agencies in the field of social sciences and health.

I also look forward to collaborating with eminent faculties at the HSS department in developing research proposals in areas of common interest. I believe that interdisciplinarity and collaboration are much needed pursuits for meaningful research that serves people through policy reforms or making best use of existing policies.