

Fukuoka Prize 2024

Academic Prize

Sunil AMRITH

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Historian

Renu and Anand Dhawan Professor of History, Yale University

Born September 4, 1979 (Aged 44)

Biography

- 1979 Born in Nairobi, Kenya
- 1980-97 Childhood & school education in Singapore
- 2000 BA (Hons) in History, University of Cambridge
- 2002 M.Phil in Economic and Social History, University of Cambridge
- 2005 PhD in History, University of Cambridge
- 2004-06 Junior Research Fellow, Trinity College, Cambridge
- 2006-15 Lecturer, Senior Lecturer & Reader, Birkbeck College, University of London
- 2015-20 Mehra Family Professor of South Asian Studies, Harvard University
Co-Director, Joint Center for History and Economics, Harvard University
- 2019-20 Interim Director, Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University
- 2020- Renu and Anand Dhawan Professor of History, Yale University
Chair, Council on South Asian Studies, Yale University
- 2024- Professor, by courtesy, Yale School of the Environment

Major Awards

- 2014 John F. Richards Prize in South Asian History (American Historical Association)
- 2016 Infosys Prize in Humanities (Infosys Science Foundation)
- 2017 MacArthur Fellowship (MacArthur Foundation)
- 2022 Dr. A.H. Heineken Prize in History
(Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences/Heineken Foundation)
Falling Walls "Breakthrough of the Year", Social Sciences & Humanities (Falling Walls Foundation)

Major Publications

- *Decolonizing International Health: India and Southeast Asia, 1930-65*, Palgrave/MacMillan, 2006.
- "Food and Welfare in India, c. 1900-1950", *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol. 50, No. 4, Cambridge University Press, 2008.
- "Tamil Diasporas across the Bay of Bengal", *American Historical Review*, Vol. 114, No. 3, Oxford University Press, 2009.
- "Indians Overseas? Governing Tamil Migration to Malaya, 1870-1941", *Past and Present*, Vol. 208, Oxford University Press, 2010.
- *Migration and Diaspora in Modern Asia*, Cambridge University Press, 2011.
- *Crossing the Bay of Bengal: The Furies of Nature and the Fortunes of Migrants*, Harvard University Press, 2013.
- *Unruly Waters: How Rains, Rivers, Coasts, and Seas Have Shaped Asia's History*, Basic Books/Penguin UK, 2018.
- "Medicine and the Monsoon", *The Lancet*, Vol. 398, No. 10296, Elsevier, 2021.
- *The Burning Earth: A History*, W.W. Norton/Allen Lane, to be published in September 2024.