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#### **Areas of Specialization and Research:**

- Socio-Cultural Anthropology,
- Tribal Studies and Development,
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