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Prof. Ashok Kumar (b.1962) is working in the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi since the last 24 years. Since joining the School, he has been teaching Planning Theory to undergraduate and postgraduate planning students. His areas of interest include Politics of Inclusive City Planning, Trust and Collaborative Planning Theory, Senior Capabilities and Urban Planning, Spatial Justice, Urban Sanitation, and Planning Education where he is particularly interested in the epistemologies of planning. After graduating in urban and regional planning from SPA, New Delhi, Prof. Kumar completed his Ph.D. in 1992 from the globally renowned Department of Civic Design, University of Liverpool, England, U.K. on the subject "Organizational Analysis of the Planning Function: A Case of the Metropolitan Districts of England".

Prof. Ashok Kumar has published nearly 100 papers in national and international refereed journals, written and edited 8 books, and published 18 book chapters with publishers such as Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Sage, Prentice Hall, Carfax, and Routledge. Prof. Kumar is a referee on some of the prestigious journals in the field of planning including 'Urban Studies', 'Town Planning Review', and Scientific Correspondent for the 'Spatial Justice Journal' published from Paris. He has been serving as Editor of the ITPI Journal of the Institute of Town Planners, India since 2002. He has served as the Editor of SPACE journal of SPA New Delhi for over half a decade.

Prof. Ashok Kumar has been regularly invited by foreign universities for conducting research and lecturing. From 1 June 1998 to 15 November 1998, he was invited by the Editor of Urban Studies journal, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, U.K. for conducting research on "Collaborative Planning in Scotland: a case of the Joint Arrangements for Structure Planning in Glasgow and the Clyde Valley". From 3 May 2001 to 1 June 2001, Director of Indo-French Programme, Maison Des Sciences De L'Homme - Fondation Reconnue D'Utilite Publique, Paris, France, sponsored his stay at Paris under the Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme. More recently, from 30 July 2010 to 8 February 2011, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway invited Prof. Kumar under the MUNDUS Fellowship offered by the European Commission. At Trondheim he worked on "The Right to the Just City and Just Planning Practice".

In 2015-16, Prof. Ashok Kumar has jointly edited two books. The book titled "Urban and Regional Planning Education - Learning for India" has been published by Springer in 2016. The second edited book is titled "Public Participation in Planning in India" and has been published by the Cambridge Scholars Press, England, U.K. in 2016. A co-authored chapter has been accepted for publication in The Routledge Handbook of Planning Theory and is likely to be published in July 2017. Currently, Prof. Kumar is working on a co-authored book manuscript on "City Planning in India" under contract with Routledge, which is expected to be published in 2017.
