

BIO-DATA

Personal Information

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Educational Qualifications

Certificate/ Degree obtained	Year	Board/ College and University	Subjects chosen	Percentage of marks or Grade
Madhyamik Examination	1999	West Bengal Board of Secondary Education	Bengali, English, Mathematics, Physical Science, Life Science, Geography, History, Logic	86%
Higher Secondary Examination	2001	West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education	Bengali English, History, Political Science, Philosophy, Sanskrit	77.4%
B.A.	2004	Presidency College, Kolkata	History (Honours), Economics, Elective English, Bengali, English, Environmental Sciences	55.5%
M.A.	2007	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Modern Indian History	6.34 CGPA
M.Phil	2009	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Modern Indian History	6.76 CGPA
Ph.D	2014	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Modern Indian History	-

Qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) in History in 2009

Languages Known

Bengali, English (Full professional proficiency)

Hindi (Reading, writing, speaking)

Title of M.Phil dissertation: **'The Treasure Unearthed: Mining in Nineteenth Century India'**

Title of Ph.D Thesis: **Roads and Travel: Eastern India in the Nineteenth Century**

Thesis Supervisor: Prof. **Neeladri Bhattacharya**, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Professional Experience

Serial No.	Employer	Status	Period covered	Job Description
1.	German Historical Institute, New Delhi	Research Associate	1 st November 2014 to 30 th June 2016	I worked in a research project on poverty and education in India under the supervision of Prof. Neeladri Bhattacharya of the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. I am

				collecting material on rural education and lower class education in the colonial period from various libraries and archives of India.
2.	PGDAV College (Morning), Delhi	Guest Lecturer	30 th September to 11 th November 2016	Taught the course "Cultural Diversity in India".
3.	Gargi College, Delhi	Guest Lecturer	6 th January 2017 – 17 th April 2017	Teaching the course titled "Rise of the Modern West".
4.	St. Stephen's College, Delhi	Guest Lecturer	10 th January 2017 – 27 th April 2017	Teaching the course titled "Modern India, 1707-1950".
5.	ICAS-MP, Max Weber Stiftung, New Delhi, India	Postdoctoral Research Associate	1 st August 2017 – 31 st March 2018	Research on 'Public History' in various states of India. Collecting oral, printed and archival sources on the idea of 'history' outside professional institutions.
6.	School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi	Visiting Faculty, History	8 th August 2018 – 30 th September 2022	Taught Indian, European, Asian and world history courses at

				undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
7.	Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board, University of Delhi	Guest Faculty of History, MA level	October 2022 – April 2023	Taught courses titled "Community and Religion in Modern India" and "Mahatma Gandhi" to MA students.

Paper Presentations

1. "Miles and 'Course': Measurement and Calculation of Distances in Early Colonial India", JNU-Cambridge Workshop, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 13 September 2012
2. "Joining the Fragments and Building a Road: Road Surveys in Early Colonial Eastern India", Workshop on "Roads as Routes to Modernity", Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany, October 5-6, 2012
3. "How the Roads were Measured in Early Colonial Eastern India", 24th International Congress of History of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of Manchester, United Kingdom, 22 July 2013
4. "Tramways and Light Railways in Late Nineteenth Century India", International Young Scholars' Conference, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, February 5-7, 2014
5. "Definitions and Differences: Classifying the Roads in Late-Nineteenth-Century India", State and Power in Modern India, A Workshop, Centre for Historical Studies/JNU – King's College/London, JNU, New Delhi, December 3-4, 2014

6. "Roads, Railways and Tramways: The Idea of 'Competition' in Late Nineteenth Century Eastern India", Invited Talk, Shiv Nadar University, Department of History, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 4 September 2017
7. "Roads, Landscapes, Memories: Various Ways of Road Survey in Early Colonial Eastern India", Invited Talk, History Department, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College, Delhi, 8 September 2017
8. "Tracing Roots, Making Maps and Building Roads: Road Survey in Early Colonial Eastern India", Entangled Cartographies: An Interconnected History of Mapping in Europe and Asia, 16th to 20th Centuries, International Conference, Department of History, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, 3-5 October 2017
9. "The Politics of Devotion and the Merging Routes of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism in Madhya Pradesh", ICAS TM1 Workshop, Selling history: tourist guides, bazaar histories, and the politics of the past: Some preliminary reflections, India International Centre, New Delhi, 17 March 2018
10. "Determined to Reach: Making Roads in Early Colonial Eastern India", Invited Talk, History Department, Sikkim University, Gangtok, 3 May 2018
11. "Detecting Delay: Survey of the Invisible 'Road' at Kedgere", Timely Histories (workshop), CSDS, Delhi, 12-14 October 2022.
12. "Javanese Palm, Ramghur Creeper and Catenarian Engineering: The Story of the Shakespearean Rope Bridge in 1820s Eastern India", Writing Global History: Perspectives from Global South (International Workshop on Global History), organized by South Asia Global History Network (Online Event), 12-14 January 2023.

Publications

1. "Precarious Measures and Precise Numbers: Fixing the Milestones in Early Colonial Eastern India", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 28th January 2017, Vol. LII, No. 4, pp. 43-50, Online ISSN: 2349-8846.

2. "The Pilgrim Routes and the Practices of Pilgrimage in Nineteenth Century North India", *The International Journal of Humanities & Social Studies*, Vol. 4, Issue 12, December 2016, pp. 143-147, ISSN 2321 – 9203.
3. "The Road Cess, Civilizing Missions and the World of the Landholders in Nineteenth-century Bengal", *Studies in History*, Vol. 34, Issue 1, February 2018, pp. 1-28, Print ISSN: 0257-6430, Online ISSN: 0973-080X.
4. "Dynastic Time: A Chronology for Memories in Bishnupur", in Kaustubh Mani Sengupta and Tista Das (Eds.), *Rethinking the Local in Indian History: Perspectives from Southern Bengal*, Routledge, 2021, pp. 19-43, ISBN: 978-0-367-51413-6 (hardback), ISBN: 978-1-032-05533-6 (paperback), ISBN: 978-1-003-09439-5 (ebook).

Book Reviews

1. Book review of *When the World Becomes Female: Guises of a South Indian Goddess*, by Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, Indiana University Press, 2013, in *South Asia Research*, Volume 37, Issue 2, July 2017, pp. 239–241, Print ISSN: 0262-7280, Online ISSN: 1741-3141.
2. Book review of *Displaying Time: The Many Temporalities of the Festival of India*, by Rebecca M. Brown, Millard Meiss Publication, 2017, in *Contemporary South Asia*, Volume 27, No. 3, 2019, pp. 436-437, Print ISSN: 0958-4935, Online ISSN: 1469-364X.
3. "Unravelling the 'Black Town': Hygiene and Hindu Nationalism in Late Colonial Calcutta", book review of *A Hygienic City-Nation: Space, Community, and Everyday Life in Colonial Calcutta* by Nabaparna Ghosh, Cambridge University Press, 2020, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LVII, No. 15, April 9, 2022, pp. 27-29, ISSN 0012-9976.
4. Book review of *Creating the Universe: Depictions of the Cosmos in Himalayan Buddhism*, by Eric Huntington, Seattle, University of Washington Press, 2019, in *Contemporary South Asia*, Volume 30, No. 2, 2022, Print ISSN: 0958-4935, Online ISSN: 1469-364X.

 **Declaration**

I hereby declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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