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Languages Known : English, Hindi, Bengali and Tamil

Institutional Affiliation: Professor , Department of History, University of Calcutta

Educational Qualifications: M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Calcutta.

Teaching Experience: More than 25 Years of Teaching experience at PG level

Administrative Experience:

- (i) Three years as Treasurer, Indian History Congress (2010-2013)
- (ii) Acting Head, Department of History for a period of three months in two spells (2004 and 2015).
- (iii) UGC Expert Nominee to Utkal University.
- (iv) ICCR Chair Professor in Indian Studies at Mykola Romeris University, Lithuania (2011-2014).

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Passed B.A. (Hons.) in History, Jadavpur University, 1985,
First Class - First.

Passed M.A. (History), University of Calcutta, 1989, First Class.

Awarded Ph.D. from the University of Calcutta in September 2005. The title of the thesis was "Socio Cultural Transformation of the Pualayans and Paraiyars of Southern India 1850-1956". The thesis was supervised by Professor Arun Bandopadhyay, Nurul Hasan Professor of Modern History, University of Calcutta.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD TILL DATE :

Served as a Lecturer in History, Womens' Christian College, 1st August 1991 to March 1993 (on lien vacancy)

Served as a Lecturer in the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, March 1993- January 2004.

Promoted to the rank of Senior Lecturer in August 1998

Appointed as Lecturer in the Department of History, University of Calcutta November 2003.

Joined as Lecturer in the Department of History, University of Calcutta, January 28, 2004.

Promoted to the rank of a Reader in the Department of History from September 26, 2005.

ICCR Visiting Professor in Contemporary Indian Studies, Mykolo Romeris University, Lithuania, November 2011—June 2014.

Served as Associate Professor, Department of History from June 2014 till September 30, 2015.

Served as Associate Professor in the Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, October 2015, to September 27, 2016.

Re joined the University of Calcutta as Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Calcutta, 28.09.2016.

Teaching Experience:

Taught for more than ten years in the Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses offered by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata. In the Under Graduate level, the teaching load was centred around the course of Modern India, 1857 – 1947, covering the rise of modern political associations, racist overtones of British policies, shifts in British economic policies, the occurrences of rural distress, the impact of revenue policies in different parts of India, the emergence of the Indian National Congress, the period of popular protests, militancy and revolutionary terrorism, the Congress as a mass organization and its role in mass movements – Non Cooperation and Civil Disobedience Movements, the politics of divide and rule and its implications on Hindu – Muslim relations, the Communal Award and the growing seeds of disenchantment, the Government of India Act of 1935 and its implications on electoral politics, the Second World War and the nationalist movement, Quit India Movement as a symbol of peoples' movement, Communist led mass movements, the communal disturbances in Bengal, United Provinces, Punjab and the North – West Frontier Provinces, the partition of India and its impact on South Asian politics.

In the Post Graduate level, the emphasis was more on British revenue experiments in the early nineteenth century, the institution of bondage, the cause of the famine of 1876, the industrial policy of the colonial state and agriculture, irrigation development and stratifications in the peasant societies.

In the University of Calcutta, where I am presently teaching a course on Modern India, the emphasis is on Caste Politics of the 1920s and 1930s, the growth of working class consciousness and low issues of caste, sect and religious issues are interwoven with it, the nature of Muslim politics following the Government of India Act of 1935, the Quit

India Movement – debates as to whether it was essentially an autonomous movement or whether it was a movement which had been organized by the Congress, but later taken on by the masses, the issue of partition and the new understandings of it based on literature, oral evidences and memories.

I had been teaching for seven years a course on social history of Modern India which involved discussion on issues of colonial ethnography, caste system, caste consciousness and identity, lower caste politics and nationalism. I had also taught a course on business history involving the two principal trading communities, the Parsis and the Marwaris in the nineteenth century.

In the Mykolo Romeris University, am teaching two courses entitled Journey from Pre History to Medieval India and Transition from Mughal rule to English . In the first course, I essentially deal with prehistory, the links between territory and inhabitants, movement of people , the debate on the Aryans, the importance of religious texts, the emergence of Jainism and Buddhism, the state systems in early India, the economic institutions, the Mauryan rule, the decline of the Mauryas, the rule of the Indo Greeks, the rise of the Indo Greeks, the debate on caste, the emergence of feudalism, the Gupta empire, the later Guptas, the Mukharis, the Rajput debate, the bhakti movement, the beginning of Turkish rule, the administration of the Khiljis, the Tughluq rulers, the beginning of composite culture, the military campaigns of Babur, the reign of Akbar, Jahangir, Shah Jahan and Aurangzeb, the mansabdari system, the jagirdari system, the cultural achievements of the Mughals, the decline of the Mughals.

In the second course, I discuss the issues related to the political developments in eighteenth century, the rival powers in India, the political aspirations of the Marathas, the emergence of regional powers, the rivalries between the English and the French in South India, the relations between the Nawabs of Bengal and the English, the battle of Plassey, the administrative changes brought by the East India Company, the Permanent Settlement, Ryotwari and Mahalwari Settlements, the defeat of Mysore and the Maratha rulers, the impact of Bentinck's reforms, the dissatisfaction of the natives, the Revolt of 1857, the crushing of the revolt, the beginning of the Pax Britannica, the middle class associations and the emergence of the Indian National Congress, the partition of Bengal, the differences between the moderates and the extremists, the first world war and its impact on India, the emergence of Gandhi, the age of mass politics, many voices of nationalism, peasant and working class protests, popular movements in the 1940s and the partition of India.

In the Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, School of Social Sciences, JNU, taught courses on core paper dealing with rural history and history of marginalised communities and also taught themes related to ethnicity and exclusion in the global context.

MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIC BODIES:

Member of the Indian History Congress.
Member of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta.
Member of the Calcutta Historical Society.

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER IN JOURNAL:

- i. Editorial Board Member of the Archiv Orientali, journal published by the Czech Academy, Prague.
- ii. Editorial Board Member of the Acta Orientalica, journal published by the Centre for Oriental Studies, Vilnius University.
- iii. Editorial Board Member, The International Journal of Area Studies, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas.

FELLOWSHIPS HELD SO FAR:

- i) Received the Rotary Fellowship in 1995 to work in Brazil and the United States of America.
- ii) Received the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Fellowship 2000.
- iii) Selected for the Shastri Indo-Canadian Fellowship in 2009.

GRANTS HELD SO FAR:

- i) Received the Wellcome Trust Travelling Grant in 2002.
- ii) Received a Fulbright Grant to attend the Fulbright Seminar Programme in the United States in 2003.
- iii) Received Charles Wallace India Trust Grants in 2006.
- iv) Received Wellcome Trust Travelling Grant in 2006.

VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS HELD SO FAR:

Visiting Professor, Mykolo Romeris University, Vilnius, funded by April 3- April 17, 2016, funded by the Lithuania Science Council.

Served as ICCR Visiting Professor in Mykolo Romeris University, Vilnius, November 2011—June 2014

Visiting Professor in the Department of History, Uppsala University, 2011

Visiting Professor in the Department of History, Osmania University, Hyderabad 2009

Visiting Professor in the Centre for Ambedkar Studies, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, 2008.

Visiting Professor in the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, 2007

Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Arts, Uppsala University 2006

Visiting Faculty to the Dipartimento Istituto Italiano di Studi Orientali during the period 7-23 September 2016.

Adjunct Professor in The Indian Institute of Management , October 17, 2016.

Resource person in Refresher Courses :

Served as a resource person in the Refresher Course in History, Osmania University in 2008 and 2010.

Resource Person at international workshop on Rural India: Change, Institution and Identities, organised by the University of Calcutta and the University of Rome, La Sapienza University of Calcutta., September 11-12, 2006 at the Centre for Social Studies and Humanities,

Resource Person in Extension lectures:

Served as a Resource Person for students in M. Phil course in Rabindra Bharati University, 2010.

Organising Refresher Courses:

Served as Joint Coordinator of Refresher Course on " Writing Social History: Past Perceptions and Contemporary Concerns", Department of History, University of Calcutta, January 28 to February 19, 2009.

Organising Seminars :

Was the coordinator of the special panel on Dalit History and Identity in the Indian History Congress, 2009, on behalf of the Institute of Development Studies.

Was the Joint Coordinator for a seminar on a theme Invoking Ambedkar on behalf of the Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, 2010.

Had been the joint coordinator for the seminar Dalits and Adivasis in India, organised by the Department of History, University of Calcutta, March 22-23, 2007.

Special Honours :

Was elected the Sectional President in the Modern Indian History Section of the Indian History Congress, 2013.

Presentation in National And International Seminars :

1. The paper entitled, "Ambedkar and his ideas on Marxism and Buddhism" was presented at the Centre for Discrimination and Social Exclusion, Jawaharlal Nehru University, February 2014

2. The paper entitled, "Caste, Class and Consciousness: Some Observations on the Movements of the Pulayas in the Princely States of Travancore and Cochin in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries" in the conference "The Caste Question and the Historian's Craft", organized by the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, February, 2014.
3. The paper entitled, "Understanding Hinduism in Fiji" presented at the CEIAS, Paris, January 23, 2014.
4. The paper entitled, "Bhojpuri Folk Traditions in Understanding the Girmitya Experience in Fiji" presented at the Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Marseilles, January 24, 2014.
5. Delivered the address of the Sectional President, Modern India History Section, Indian History Congress, entitled "Recapturing the Moments of Dalit History and Politics: A Journey from Colonial to the Post Colonial" Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, December 2013.
6. The paper entitled, "Comparing the Black Atlantic Slave Trade of the Eighteenth Century with the Indentured Labour Migration of the Nineteenth Century", Aligarh Historians Society Panel, Indian History Congress, Cuttack, December 2013.
7. The paper entitled, "Exploring the origins of the Girmitya System in late Nineteenth Century Fiji : The tale of Expectation and Exploitation" South Asian Institute, Hiedelberg, July 9, 2013.
8. The paper entituled " Ambedkar and his perceptions of Karl Marx and Buddha" , presented in the Department of Sociology, Lund University, February 27, 2013.
9. The paper entitled " Congress and the Poverty Amelioration Programmes: The Narrative from the Nehru Gandhi Years" presented at the European Institute of Asian Studies, Brussels, February 21, 2013.
10. The paper entitled " Interpreting Lower Caste Movements in Colonial India" presented at the Institute of South and Central Asia, Charles University, Prague, December 6, 2012
11. The paper entitled " Caste and Untouchability: The links between history, present and living experience", presented at the Faculty of Oriental Studies, Tartu University, December 14, 2012.
12. The paper entitled " Understanding Karl Marx and Buddha through Ambedkar's lens", presented at the Faculty of Oriental Studies, Tartu University, December 13, 2012.
13. The paper entitled" Indian History and Modernity" presented at the Mykolo Romeris University, October 11, 2012.
14. The paper entitled" Colonial Ethnography and the issue of Caste in India", presented in a seminar organised by the Department of Anthropology, Vytautus Magnus University, Kaunas, March 15, 2012.

15. " Debating the commonalities and differences between Atlantic Black Slave Trade and Indentured Labour Migration in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries", Conference on Slavery, Indentured Labour Migration, Diaspora and Identity Formation, June 19-23, 2018, Paramaribo, Suriname. This was funded by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations, as part of the government entourage in connection with the visit of the President of India to the Republic of Suriname.
16. " Moving Beyond Academic Writings on the Marginalised: Could Viramma be an example" New Paradigms for Oriental Studies, September 6, 2019, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague. This was an invited lecture funded by the Czech Academy of Sciences.
17. The paper entitled "Visveswaraya and Town Planning in Twentieth Century Hyderabad" presented at the Aligarh Historians Society Panel, Indian History Congress, December 2011.
18. The paper entitled" Government , Missionaries, Non Government Organisations and Health Issues in early twentieth century Travancore", presented at a research symposium on Health and Medicine in Princely India, August 30-31, 2011, organised by the Oxford Brookes University, Delhi. The paper will be edited by Arun Bandopadhyay for a felicitation volume for Prof. Benoy Bhushan Chaudhuri.
19. The paper entitled" Understanding Karl Marx and Buddha through Ambedkar's Lens", Faculty Seminar, Uppsala, May 10, 2011.
20. The paper entitled" Healing the Sick and the Destitute: Protestant Missions in the Princely State of Travancore", presented at the two day conference on Health and Healing Practices in Colonial India: Continuity and Changes, NMML, March 24-25, 2011, Delhi. The article has been accepted for publication in a volume being edited by Madhuri Sharma and Dhruv Kumar Singh.
21. The paper entitled " Adi Dravida Politics in Twentieth Century Tamilnadu" presented at the Aligarh Historians Society Panel, Indian History Congress, February 6, 2011. The article was published in Social Scientist , 2011
22. The paper entitled," The Missionary Involvement with slave castes in late nineteenth century Travancore" presented at a seminar on a theme entitled Minorities and Margins: Colonial Encounter and Post Colonial Discourses, organised by the Programme for Social Exclusion and Discrimination, JNU,February 17-18, 2011, Delhi.
23. The paper entitled " The Christianisation of the Saoras in Ganjam " presented at the McMaster Divinity College, February, 25, 2010.

24. The paper entitled " Congress and the anti-poverty measures: The narratives from the Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi Years" presented at the seminar, "The 125 years of the Congress", organised by JNIAS, July 7-8, 2009. The paper was published in the journal Societal Studies, published by Mykolo Romeris University, 2012.
25. The paper entitled " Exploring the debate on the eighteenth century history of the Pariahs in South India" presented in Aligarh Historians Society Panel, Indian History Congress, May 2009. The paper was published in a volume edited by Shirin Moosvi entitled Capitalism, Colonialism and Globalization: Studies in Economic Change, Tulika, 2011.
26. The paper entitled "Interpreting Dalit Movements in India" , presented at the Centre for Ambedkar Studies, Utkal University, July 10, 2008, Bhubaneswar.
27. .Delivered a lecture on Adi Dravida Perceptions of the Revolt of 1857" presented at the Berhampore College, Murshidabad, January 17, 2008.
28. The paper entitled " The Revolt of 1857: The "Lower Caste " Narratives in Tamilnadu", presented at the seminar organised by the Department of History, Vidyasagar University and the ICHR, December 4-5, 2007, Midnapur
29. The paper entitled, " The Overseas Migration of the Tamil " Lower Castes" in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries" , presented at the seminar organised by Department of History, University of Calcutta, March 22-23, 2007. The article had been published in a volume entitled Narrtives of the Excluded : Castes in Colonial India, KP Bagchi, Kolkata 2009.
30. The paper entitled " Caste, Class and Migration: The Tamil " Lower Caste" Experiences in the Overseas in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries", presented at the seminar organised by the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, March 28-29, 2006, Kolkata. The paper was published jointly with Jayanta Kumar Ray in a volume, published by Debi Prasad Chattopadhyay on behalf of the Centre for Indian Civilization, Delhi , through Pearson Press, Delhi, 2009.
31. 30. The paper entitled " The Panchama Land Issue in Nineteenth Century Tamilnadu", presented at the conference on the Environmental History of Asia, organised by the University of Sussex and the Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Research, JNU, December 4-7, 2002. The paper was published in Studies in History ,2008
32. The paper entitled " Interpreting Lower Caste Movements in Colonial India", Faculty Seminar, Uppsala University, November 15, 2006.

33. The paper entitled "Hinduism in Fiji ; An Act of Reconstruction or Reconstitution presented at the seminar on Hinduism in Fiji, organised by John Cabot University Rome September 12, 2012.
34. Presented a paper entitled ' The journey of Dalit History and Politics : Instances from the past and present.' in a seminar on Dalit Politics in India, organised by the Faculty of Oriental Studies, La, Sapienza, Rome on September , 20, 2016.
35. Delivered a lecture on Suniti Kumar Chatterjee and the Baltic ; An Attempt to rediscover the connectivities between people and culture , Centre of Oriental Studies Vilnius University April 13, 2014.
36. Delivered a lecture on Understanding Hinduism in Fiji , organised by CEIAS , Paris January 2014.
37. Delivered a lecture on Congress and Poverty Alleviation Programmes Nehru and Gandhi Years Poverty Alleviation in India, organised by EIAS Briefing Seminar February 21, 2013, EIAS Brussels.
38. Conference on Slavery, Indentured Labour, Migration, Diaspora and Identity Formation organised by IGSR, University Campus, Paramaribo, Suriname, June 18- June 23, 2019, paper presentation titled, " Comparing Black Atlantic Slavery of the Eighteenth Century with the Indentured Labour Migration in the Nineteenth Century".
39. Conference on the 90th year of the founding of the Archiv Orientalni in Prague, September 5-6, 2019. Paper presentation titled, "In the quest for a Different World: Viramma and the Depictions of Dalit Womanhood".
40. " Gandhi and the Indentured Labour Question in the Pacific: The Fijian Story", Gandhi and the World, Indian Council for World Affairs, October 1-2, 2020, New Delhi.

MONOGRAPHS

1. *Nandanar's Children: The Paraiyar's Tryst with Destiny, Tamilnadu 1850-1956* published in 2011 by Sage, New Delhi .
2. *Different Aspects of Dalit Experiences in Colonial and Post Colonial India*, Rajat Publications, Delhi, 2010.

BOOKS EDITED

Co-edited with Sanjukta Dasgupta a collection of essays on Dalit social and political experiences in colonial India. The title of the monograph is *Narratives of the Excluded: Caste Issues in Colonial India*, published by K.P. Bagchi and Co., Kolkata, 2008.

1. Co-edited with Sanjukta Dasgupta , Narratives from the Margins : Aspects of Adivasi History in India, Primus, New Delhi, 2011.
2. Co-edited with Deepak Kumar, *Medical Encounters in British India*, Oxford University Press, 2013
3. Co-edited with Chinna Rao, *Understanding Edgar Thurston and the Colonial Ethnography in South India*. This book will be published by leading Indian publisher based in Delhi in 2015.

Other Academic Publications:

a) Articles published in reviewed national and international journals.

- 1) “Punjab Studies now and then: A Quest for Newer and Richer Experience” in *Punjab Journal of Politics*, 1994.
- 2) “Medical Missionaries in a Native Indian State: The Case of the LMS in Travancore, 1866 – 1950”, *Bengal Past and Present*, Vol.121, Nos. 232-233, 2002, Parts I – II.
- 3) “Congress, Gandhi and Politics of Untouchability in Tamilnadu in the Early 1930s” in *Indian Historical Review*, Vol. XXX, Nos. 1 and 2, (January and July 2003).
- 4) “The Emancipation of the Pulayyas in Nineteenth Century Kerala”, *Social Science Probings*, Vol. 17, No. 1. June 2005
- 5) “Canadian Perceptions and Policies Towards India: 1945- 2001”, *Punjab Journal of Politics*, Vol. XXVIII, No. 1, January – June 2004.
- 6) “Investigating the Paraiyans’ Right over ‘Waste’: The Tussle between the Reformist and Conservative Bureaucracy in late Nineteenth Century Tamil Nadu”, *Contemporary India*, Vol. 3 No. 3, July – September 2004.
- 7) “Reinterpreting Dalit Movements in India” in *Indian Historical Review* 2006.
- 8) “ Dalit Politics in Tamilnadu” in *Seminar*, February, 2006
- 9) “Exploring the lost vision of Dravidanadu: Political Rivalry and the Crisis of Adi Dravida Politics in Tamil Nadu, 1947 – 1956” in *Contemporary India*, July – September, 2006
- 10) “Re-exploring the Issue of the Emancipation of the Pulayyas in Nineteenth Century Kerala” in the history journal of *ICFAI*, Hyderabad, 2008.
- 11) “The Quest for new homes and new lives: The overseas migration patterns of Tamil untouchables in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries” in *Contemporary Perspectives*, Vol. 2, No. 1 January-June 2008.
- 12) ‘Rights over Wastelands’ and New Narratives of the Paraiyan Past (1860 – 1900), published in *Studies in History*, 2009.

- 13) "Land Rights of the Paraiyars: A Critique of the 'Golden Age of the Pariah' in Eighteenth Century Tamilnadu would be published soon by the Department of History, University of Tokyo in its web journal.
- 14) "The Making of Adi Dravida Politics in early Twentieth Century Tamilnadu" in *Social Scientist*.2011
- 15) "Understanding the Poverty Amelioration Programmes of the Congress: The Narratives from the Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi Years", *Societal Studies*, Mykolo Romerio University,4(2),2012.
- 16) "Higher Education and Participation of Indigenous People in India : Some reflections" in *Societal Studies*, 5(2), 2013. (Jointly with K.M. Joshi)
- 17) "Missionaries, Non State Agencies and Health Issues in Travancore in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries", *History and Sociology of South Asia*, (9), 2015.
- 18) " Towards An Exercise in Unravelling the Hidden Sides of Commonalities and Differences : Black Atlantic Slave Trade and Indentured Labour Migration", *Vidyasagar University Journal of History*, Vol. VI, 2017-2018 , published in 2018.
- 19) " Bhojpuri folk songs of Indians in Fiji", *Studies in People's History*, Vol.5,Issue I, 2018.
- 20) " Controversies over Sikh Involvement in Alien Terrain: Turbulence in Punjab, Gandhi Sikh Discord and the Uneasiness in Vaikom, 1924-1925", *Archiv Orientalni*, 87/3, 2019.
- 21) " In the Quest for a Different World: Viramma and the Depictions of Dalit Womanhood", *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, Volume 12, Issue I, 2020.

b)Articles published in non-refereed national journals.

- 1) "Gandhi, Akalis and Vaikam Satyagraha: The Beginning of an Unhappy Saga" in *Journal of Sikh History*, 2000.
- 2)
- 3) "The Buckingham and Carnatic Mills Strike and the Cracks in Non Brahmin Polity in early Twentieth Century South India", *The Calcutta Historical Journal*, Vols. XXIII & XIV (Combined) 2001- 2004.

b) Articles published in edited books published by leading national publishers.

- 1) "Caste, Pollution and Politics of Untouchability in Early Twentieth Century Punjab" in Ranjit Kumar Roy (ed.) *Imperial Embrace: Essays in Honour of Sunil Kumar Sen*, Engage, Calcutta, 1993.
- 2) "A Critique of Gandhi's Varnashramadharma" in Amitabha Mukherjee (ed.) *Gandhi Yesterday and Today*, Institute of Historical Studies, 1995.

- 3) “Babu Radhanath Basu Mullick and his times” in Ranjit Kumar Roy (ed.) *Bengal in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*, Progressive Publishers, 1996.
- 4) “Christianisation of Paraiyans in Tamilnadu : Some Preliminary Observations” in Roger E. Hedlund (ed.) *Christianity in India : Issues and Prospects*, ISPCK, New Delhi, 2000.
- 5) “Medical Missionaries at Work: The Canadian Baptist Missionaries in the Telugu Country 1870 – 1952” in Deepak Kumar (ed.) *Disease and Medicine in India: A Historical Overview*, Tulika, New Delhi, 2001.
- 6) “Search for Fresh Pastures: Tamil Migration to Malayan Plantations in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries” in Lipi Ghosh and Ramkrishna Chatterjee (eds.) *Indian Diaspora in Asian and Pacific Regions: Culture, People, Interactions*, Rawat Publications, New Delhi, 2004.
- 7) Contributed to the introduction jointly with Sanjukta Das Gupta for the book titled *Narratives of the Excluded: Caste Issues in Colonial India*, published by K.P. Bagchi and Co., Kolkata, 2008.
- 8) “Exploring the World of an Engineer: Sir M. Visvesvaraya and Irrigation Engineering in early Twentieth Century India” in Arun Bandopadhyay (ed.) *Science and Society in India: 1750-2000*, Manohar, 2009.
- 9) “Marginal Groups and Watershed Programmes in Contemporary South India : The Case Study of Andhra Pradesh” in Arun Bandopadhyay (ed.) *Nature, Knowledge and Development : Critical Essays on the Environmental History of India*, Primus Books, 2016.
- 10) “Exploring the Issue of Indo-Malaysian Identity: The Tamil Experience in Malaysia” in Sucharita Chattopadhyay (ed.), *Critical Essays on South East Asian Studies*, Worldview Publications, New Delhi, 2009.
- 11) “Exploring the links between South Indian Folklore and the Colonial Ethnography: Edgar Thurston’s Study of the Tamil Paraiyar in the Nineteenth Century” in Raj Sekhar Basu and Chinna Rao Yagati (eds.), *Understanding Edgar Thurston and the Colonial Ethnography in South India*. This book will be published by a leading Indian publisher based in Delhi.

c) Articles and chapters contributed to edited books published by the leading international publishers.

- 1) “Missionaries in the Guise of Physicians: Case studies of the Canadian Baptists and London Missionary Society Medical Missions in late 19th and early 20th century South-India” in Ian M. Randall and Anthony R. Cross (eds.) *Baptists and Mission: Papers from the 4th international Conference on Baptists Studies*, Published by Paternoster, United Kingdom, 2007.
- 2) “Entrapped between Bondage and Freedom: Paraiyans and the Changing Fortunes of Agrestic Servitude in Colonial and Post-Colonial Tamilnadu” in Jan Breman, Isabelle Guerin and Aseem Prakash (eds.), *India’s Unfree Workforce*, Oxford University Press, 2009.
- 3) “‘Disquiet’ in Mid Nineteenth Century Tamilnadu and the Adi Dravida Interpretations of the Impact of the Revolt of 1857” in Biswamoy Pati (ed.), *The Great Revolt of 1857*, Routledge, London, 2009.

- 4) "The Migration of the Tamil Lower Castes to the Overseas Settlements in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries", (contributed jointly with Jayanta Kumar Ray) in Jayanta Kumar Ray (ed.), *Indian Diaspora: Lessons from History and Contemporary Politics*, Pearson Longmans, New Delhi, 2009.
- 5) "Indians in Fiji", (contributed jointly with Jayanta Ray) in Jayanta Kumar Ray (ed.), *Indian Diaspora: Lessons from History and Contemporary Politics*, Pearson Longmans, New Delhi, 2009.
- 6) "The Conflicting Opinion of the Colonial Bureaucracy over the Paraiyans Right over 'Waste' in Late Nineteenth Century Tamil Nadu" in Elisabetta Basile & Ishita Mukhopadhyay (eds.) *The Changing Identity of Rural India : A Socio-Historic Analysis*, Anthem South Asian Studies, New Delhi, 2009.
- 7) "Discovering the Lost Voices of Adi Dravida History: The Experiences of the Early 1920s" in Rila Mukherjee and M. Srinivas (eds.), *Locality, Memory and History*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Cambridge, 2009.
- 8) "Healing the Sick and the Destitute: Protestant Missionaries and Medical Missions in nineteenth and twentieth century Travancore" in *Medical Encounters in British India* jointly edited with Deepak Kumar published by the Oxford University Press in 2013.
- 9) "The Golden Age of the Pariah: The Myth or Reality in Eighteenth Century Tamilnadu" in Shirin Moosvi(ed.) *Capitalism, Colonialism and Globalisation: Studies in Economic Change*, Tulika, Delhi, 2011.
- 10) "Caught between Disease and Mortality: The Experiences of the Indian Migrant Labourers in Burma and Malaya in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries" in Lipi Ghosh (ed.) *Eastern Indian Ocean: Historical Links to Contemporary Convergences*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2011.
- 11) Contributed to the introduction of the book , *Medical Encounters in British India* jointly edited with Deepak Kumar, published by the Oxford University Press,2013..
- 12) " Reconstitution or Reconfiguration: The complexities of Hinduism in Fiji" in Arun Bandyopadhyay and Sanjukta Das Gupta (eds.) *In the Quest of the Historian's Craft :Essays in honour of Professor B B Chaudhuri,Part - II : The Polity, Society and Culture*, Manohar, Delhi, 2018.
- 13) Faced with an uphill task ; Police and crime control in Calcutta , 1780-1950 in Sabyasachi Bhattacharya ed. *Comprehensive History of Modern Bengal, Vol. 3* Primus , New Delhi 2020 . (forthcoming)
- 14) Alterity , Migration and diaspora ; The Indo Fijian Experience in the Pacific accepted in the first round of evaluation for publication in the journal *Purusartha*.
- 15) Contesting claims over the past: Differing perceptions of the elite and Dalit Historians in India" in Sanjukta Das Gupta and Amit Prakash (eds.) *Decentering Dominant Narratives in India: Alternative Perceptions of History and Development*, Rivista Degli Studi Orientali, Pisa- Roma, 2018.

d) Chapters contributed to jointly edited books published by leading national publishers.

Contributed to the introduction jointly with Sanjukta Das Gupta for the book titled *Narratives of the Excluded: Caste Issues in Colonial India*, published by K.P. Bagchi and Co., Kolkata, 2008.

“Exploring the links between South Indian Folklore and the Colonial Ethnography, Edgar Thurston’s Study of the Tamil Paraiyar in the Nineteenth Century” in Raj Sekhar Basu and Chinna Rao Yagati (eds.), *Understanding Edgar Thurston and the Colonial Ethnography in South India*. This book will be published by a leading Indian publisher based in Delhi.

BOOK REVIEWS

Book Reviews have been published in *Gandhi Marg, Soccer and Society, Indian Historical Review, International Journal for the History of Sports*. Book Reviews have also been published in *Studies in History and Social Scientist and Book Review and Economic and Political Weekly*.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

1. Entries on caste, depressed class politics and untouchability have been published in the *Banglapaedia*, published by the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, Dhaka.
2. Entries on Mauritius, Lingayats and Islamic Law have been published in the *Encyclopaedia an Asia*, published by the Berkshire Publishing Company, United States.
3. Co authored with Sudarshana Bhaumik) "**Dharma Mangal Kavya of the Mangalkavya Genre** in Natalie Kuoma, Eric P. Meyer and Anne Viguer(eds.)*Encyclopedie Des Historiographies: Afriques, Ameriques, Asies*, Inalco Presses, Paris, 2020.

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EXAMINER OF M.PHIL. DISSERTATIONS:

Examined more than four M.Phil. dissertations of the Burdwan University, Rabindra Bharati University and Jawaharlal Nehru University and Delhi University.

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PROJECTS;

Principal investigator of the External Project entitled “ Recovering the History of an underprivileged group: The Varied Experiences of the Pulayas in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Kerala,” under the Asiatic Society , Kolkata (ongoing)

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Book project with Tiasa Basu Roy , on a theme titled Christianisation of the Savaras ;The Canadian Baptists involvement in rural southern Odisha, 1870-1950(Manuscript would be ready July 2020)

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Prepared study materials for the MA Programme in History organised by the IGNOU, Delhi.

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Unit writing of the Certificate Programme on Life and thought of B.R Ambedkar , School of Social Sciences , Faculty of Sociology submitted in August 2016 along with

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