

CURRICULUM VITAE



I. AT A GLANCE

- Name** : Prof. (Dr.) Sonali Chakravarti Banerjee
- Designation** : **Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta (Since 1.1.2007 – till now)**
- Past Positions** : **Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta (2017-2022)**
: **Pro Vice Chancellor (Business Affairs & Finance), University of Calcutta (2014-2017)**
- Teaching Experiences** : 1. University of Calcutta : 2004-till date (**Professor since 2007**)
2. Women's College, Calcutta, University of Calcutta : 2002- 2004
3. Maharani Kasiswari College, University of Calcutta : 1986-2002
- Visiting Professorships (International)** : 1. Visiting Professor, Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic, 2015
2. Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh, 2013
3. Visiting Professor, Department of Public Administration, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh, 2011
- Educational Qualifications** : B.A. (Presidency College, University of Calcutta)
M.A. (University of Calcutta) Ph.D. (University of Calcutta)
- Areas of Specialization** : Public-Private Partnerships; Micro-Finance and Micro-Credit; Local Government and Politics; Politics of Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes; Gender and Women's Empowerment; Homelessness
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II RESPONSIBILITIES AND ASSIGNMENTS IN ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION IN RECENT YEARS

1. Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta
2. Pro Vice Chancellor (Business Affairs & Finance), University of Calcutta
3. Member, Institute Body, All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS), Kalyani
4. Member, Board of Trustees of Indian Museum
5. Member of the Executive Council of University of Burdwan
6. Member of the Board of Studies of Political Science of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Calcutta
7. Member of the Board of Studies of Political Science of Ramakrishna Mission College, Narendrapur (Autonomous)
8. Member of the Board of Studies of Political Science of Basanti Devi College, Kolkata
9. Chairperson of the Under-Graduate Board of Studies in Political Science, University of Calcutta
10. Member of the Faculty Council for Post-Graduate Studies in Arts, University of Calcutta
11. Member of the Ph.D. Committee of the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta
12. Member of the M.Phil. Committee of the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta
13. Member of the Selection Committee for Promotion of College Teachers of the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta
14. Member of the Selection Committee for Teacher Fellowship under the Faculty Development Programme of UGC
15. Paper-Setter and Examiner for the Public Service Commission, West Bengal
16. Chairperson of the Syllabus-Making Committee of the Public Service Commission, West Bengal
17. Member of the Selection Committee for the Appointment of Part-Time Teachers in Different Colleges of the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta
18. Member of the Inspecting Team visiting different Colleges in connection with the extension of their affiliations

19. Member of the Teachers-Students Relationship Committee in the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta
20. Member of the Library Committee in the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta
21. Examiner of Ph.D. Dissertations of Andhra University
22. Examiner of Ph.D. Dissertations of the University of Kashmir
23. Examiner of Ph.D. Dissertations of the University of Burdwan
24. Paper-setter for M.A. examinations of the University of Kalyani
25. I have inspected several Colleges and proposed Colleges on behalf of the Calcutta University as subject expert
26. I have represented the Calcutta University as the Selector and Subject Expert in College Teachers' Promotion Programmes
27. I have represented the Calcutta University as the Selector and Subject Expert in Part- time College Teachers' Selections
28. I have been a Coordinator in the Refresher Course organized by the Academic Staff College and the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta, in 2009

III ACHIEVEMENTS AS VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

In Rankings during my tenure

1. Times Higher Education Impact Ranking 2021- 1st among all public Universities in India
2. Shanghai Ranking 2020 - 3rd in India among all Indian Institutions and Universities
3. Shanghai Ranking 2021- 2nd in India among all Indian Institutions and Universities
4. NIRF 2019 ranking – 5th rank among all the Indian Universities, and 1st among all the State Universities in India
5. India Today Ranking, August 10, 2020 (India Today- MDRA University Survey 2020) – 5th among all Indian Universities
6. India Today Ranking, August 9, 2021 (India Today University Survey 2021) - 5th among all Indian Universities

Memorandum of Understanding signed by the University of Calcutta during my tenure (2017-2022) with the following leading international universities

- 1) University College London, UK
- 2) Emory University, USA
- 3) University of Maryland at College Park, USA 4. 2022-University of Leeds, UK
- 4) University of Leeds, UK
- 5) Pittsburgh University, Graduate School of Public Health, USA
- 6) University of Florida, USA
- 7) California State University, Sacramento, USA
- 8) South Asia Institute School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), UK
- 9) Leeds University Business School, UK
- 10) Institute for future cities, University of Strathclyde, UK
- 11) University of Southern Queensland, Australia
- 12) State University of New York at Buffalo (Sunny Buffalo) USA
- 13) Concordia University, Canada
- 14) University of Warsaw, Poland
- 15) ASEAN Studies Center, Chulalongkorn University. Thailand
- 16) Babes-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 17) Kanazawa University, Japan
- 18) Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland
- 19) Yamaguchi University, Japan
- 20) IPAG Business School, France
- 21) Asia Centre, Malaysia and Thailand
- 22) University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka
- 23) Rangoon University, Myanmar
- 24) Dagon University, Myanmar
- 25) University of Liberal Arts (ULAB), Bangladesh

Other Significant works done during my tenure as Vice Chancellor

- 1) Heritage conservation/renovation project undertaken in the University, particularly including the historic Darbhanga Building
- 2) Restoration of old painting and arts objects completed particularly in the historic College Street Campus
- 3) Digitization in Calcutta University Library completed
- 4) Opening of the University of Calcutta Library for general members of public in the public interest
- 5) Curation and upgradation of historic Asutosh Museum in the University
- 6) Publication of the (translated) autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi in Santhali language

IV ACHIEVEMENTS AS PRO VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA DURING MY TENURE

1. Authoring and Publication of **Purchase and Works manual for the University**
2. Introduction of e-tenders
3. Introduction of multiple signatories in the case of University bank transactions

V CONVOCATION ADDRESSES DELIVERED AS VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

1. Convocation address delivered at the University of Calcutta, 2018
2. Convocation address delivered at the University of Calcutta, 2019
3. Convocation address delivered at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), 2019
4. Convocation address delivered at the St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, 19.2.2022 [\[pdf\]](#)
5. Convocation address delivered at the St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, 13.3.2021
6. Convocation address delivered at the St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, 2020 [\[pdf\]](#)
7. Convocation address delivered at the National Institute of Fashion Technology, Kolkata Campus, 2019 [\[pdf\]](#)

VI OTHER LECTURES DELIVERED AS VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

Speech delivered at Indian Association for Cultivation of Science, 8.3.2022 [\[pdf\]](#)

বক্তৃতা : ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের শতবর্ষ উদ্‌যাপন, ১/১/২০২১ [\[pdf\]](#)

উদ্বোধনী বক্তৃতা : পুরুলিয়া রামকৃষ্ণ মিশন অনুষ্ঠিত নেতাজী সুভাষচন্দ্র বসুর ১২৫তম জন্ম জয়ন্তী, ২৩/১/২০২১

Inaugural Address at the Symposium on Swami Vivekananda: A Global Voice for 21st Century organised by the Sahitya Akademi, 12 January 2021

Address as Chief Guest, 'International Seminar on Language, Communication and Conflict in South and Southeast Asia' organised by the Asiatic Society and the Department of Linguistics, University of Calcutta, 14 November, 2019

Delivered Keynote Lecture on "Subhash Mukhopadhyay: Socially Contextualizing Bengali Poetic Modernism" during the Birth Centenary Seminar on Subhash Mukhopadhyay organised by the Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with University of Calcutta, 18-19 September, 2019 at Chandramukhi Kadambini Sabhagriha, University of Calcutta

মহাজাতি সদন প্রতিষ্ঠা দিবস, ২০১৯

স্মারক বক্তৃতা : 'ভারতীয় সংস্কৃতির প্রেক্ষাপটে সহিষ্ণুতার মূল্যায়ন' তথ্য ও সংস্কৃতি বিভাগ, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ সরকার ও মহাজাতি সদন অছি পরিসদ দ্বারা সংঘটিত

VII SELECT LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *The Vulnerable Citizen : Realities, Public Opinion, and State Interventions about Homelessness in West Bengal* (manuscript in preparation) (Co-authored with Arundhati Bhattacharyya)
2. *Politics of Categories, Economies of Deprivation : Artisanal 'Backward Classes' in Contemporary West Bengal*, Department of Political Science, UGC - DRS (Phase II) Programme, University of Calcutta, 2013 (Co-authored with Monalisa Basu)
3. *Public-Private Partnerships in Kolkata : Concepts of Governance in the Changing Political Economy of a Region*, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, 2013
4. *Public-Private Partnerships : Quo Vadis? A Case Study of Kolkata*, Department of Political Science, UGC - DRS Programme, University of Calcutta, 2007
5. *Social Background of Panchayat Leaders in West Bengal*, Dasgupta and Co. Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata, 2002, reprint in 2019

VIII SELECT LIST OF ARTICLES IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS AND VOLUMES

- 1) Language and the Public Sphere : Perspectives from South and Southeast Asia, In Language, Communication and Conflict in South and Southeast Asia. Ghosh, Aditi (Ed.). The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, 2024 [\[pdf\]](#)
- 2) 'Foreword' for the University of Calcutta Press book reprints, Kolkata : University of Calcutta Press, 2019.
- 3) 'Foreword' in Santali translation of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, *Amar Jiban Kahini*, Kolkata : Gandhian Studies Centre, University of Calcutta, 2018.
- 4) 'Girish-Ramakrishna Sambad', in Bratya Basu and Satya Bhaduri (eds.), *Girish Katha*, Kolkata : Government of West Bengal, 2018, 109-115.
- 5) 'Vishvayan o Shaharbasi Bharatiya Narir Rajnaitik Sachetanata' (Globalization and Political Awareness among Urban Indian Women) in Sudakshina Gupta (ed.), *Vishvayan o Shaharbasi Bharatiya Nari* (Globalization and the Urban Indian Woman), Calcutta : Anushtup, 2016.
- 6) 'Public-Private Partnerships : The New Phenomenon', in *The 19th International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management*, Springer, 2013 (Co- authored with Arundhati Bhattacharyya)
- 7) 'Public Private Partnerships', in Amartya Mukhopadhyay and Dipak Kumar Das (eds.), *Contextualising Democratic Governance : Some Perspectives*, Department of Political Science, UGC - DRS (Phase II) Programme, University of Calcutta, 2013
- 8) 'Women in Gram Panchayats', in Alok Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Satyabrata Chakraborty, and Apurba Kumar Mukhopadhyay (eds.), *Gram Panchayats in West Bengal : Institutional Capabilities and Developmental Interventions*, vol. 1, Delhi : Mittal Publications in association with State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development [SIPRD], West Bengal, 2012 (Co-authored with Suparna Ganguly)
- 9) 'Role of Microfinance and Micro Insurance Network on Empowerment of Women', in Syed Husain Ashraf (ed.), *Insurance Reform in India : Introspects and Prospects*, Delhi : New Century Publication, 2011 (Co-authored with Sharmistha Banerjee)
- 10) 'Public-Private Partnerships in Kolkata, India : Concepts of Governance in the Changing Political Economy of a Region', *Diamond Jubilee Volume of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh*, Dhaka : Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, 2011
- 11) 'Public-Private Partnerships in Indian Democracy', in Shankarashis Mukherjee (ed.), *Science, Environment and Education : Weaving an Inter-Disciplinary Understanding*, Calcutta : University of Calcutta, 2010
- 12) 'Public-Private Partnerships : In the Historical Perspective', *Calcutta Historical Journal*, July 2006

- 13) 'Panchayats Revisited : The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the Panchayat Politics of West Bengal in the Post-Reservation Era', *Asian Studies*, Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, January-December 2006
- 14) 'Swadeshi Andolan : Fire Dekha' ['Swadeshi Movement : In Retrospect'], *Sahitya Parishad Patrika*, Bangiya Sahitya Parishad, December 2005

IX RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT : CENTRAL THEMES

1. India and Myanmar – Migration, Diaspora and Cultural Memories, under UGC-UPE Phase II, 2019
2. Self-help Groups and Microfinance : A Comparison between Bangladesh and India (UGC Major Research Project), 2013
3. Languages of Empowerment : Producing Community Identities among 'Backward Classes' in Contemporary West Bengal (Institute of Development Studies Kolkata), 2013
4. Politics of Reservation and Empowerment : The Question of Identity Formation among 'Backward Classes' in Contemporary West Bengal (Hugli) (UGC-DRS), 2013
5. Languages of Empowerment : Producing Caste Identities among 'Backward Classes' in Contemporary West Bengal (Nadia) (UGC-DRS), 2012
6. Between Caste and Class : The Politics of Identity Formation among 'Backward Classes' in Contemporary West Bengal (Department of Political Science Research Grant, University of Calcutta), 2012
7. Homeless Population in West Bengal : An Assessment of Calcutta, Howrah and Asansol, (In Association with Government of West Bengal), 2011
8. Impact of Globalization on Urban Indian Women (Interdisciplinary UGC-UPE Research Project), 2010
9. Women in Gram Panchayats in the Post-Reservation Era in West Bengal : A Critical Appraisal, (State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development [SIPRD] Project), 2007
10. Public-Private Partnerships in Urban India : Governance at the Frontiers of the State in a Globalizing World, (Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Calcutta), 2006-11
11. The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the Panchayat Politics in the Post- reservation Era in West Bengal, 2006

X PAPERS PRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN RECENT YEARS

1. Address on 'The Universal Message of Swami Vivekananda' as Special Guest at Centenary Celebration of Ramakrishna Mission, Dhaka, 2017.
2. Keynote speaker in Conference on 'Non-Traditional Security Issues', Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic, 2015
3. 'Public-Private Partnerships in Kolkata : Interrogating Economic Achievement, Social Inequalities, and Globalization in Urban India', in Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference, Istanbul Bilgi University, 2014
4. 'Microfinance : Empowerment of Beneficiaries in North 24 Parganas District in West Bengal, India', in 5th International Conference on Institutional and Technological Environment for Microfinance, Casablanca, Morocco, 2014 (paper accepted though not presented in person)
5. 'State Categories and Community Mobilization : OBCs in Contemporary West Bengal', in Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2013
6. 'Social Background of Panchayat Leaders in West Bengal in Pre-Reservation and Post- Reservation Scenarios', Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2013
7. 'Public Authority and Private Limitations : Women's Ambiguous Presence in Rural Local Self-Government in Bangladesh and India', in Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2013
8. 'Public-Private Partnerships in India : Governance and Exclusion at the Frontiers of the State in a Globalizing World' in Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 2011
9. 'Public-Private Partnerships in Kolkata, India : Concepts of Governance in the Changing Political Economy of a Region', in International Conference on 'Perspectives on History, Culture and Ethnicity', in Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, Dhaka, (as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh), 2011
10. 'Women's Participation in Rural Local Government : A Critical Comparison between Contemporary Bangladesh and West Bengal, India' in Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2011

XI PAPERS PRESENTED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCES IN RECENT YEARS

1. Chief Guest's Address, at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, Thirteenth Convocation, 2019
2. 'Impact of Globalization on Urban Indian Women : Issues of Awareness and
3. Empowerment', in Women's Studies Research Centre, University of Calcutta, 2013
4. 'Public-Private Partnerships in Kolkata', University of Burdwan, 2013

5. 'Social Background of Panchayat Leaders in West Bengal in Pre-Reservation and Post- Reservation Scenarios', University of Burdwan, 2013
6. 'Globalization, Urbanity and Women', in Centre for Urban Economic Studies, University of Calcutta, 2013
7. 'Social and Political Thought of Pandita Ramabai', University of Calcutta, 2012
8. 'Public-Private Partnerships in India', University of Calcutta, 2012
9. 'The Homeless : Methodological Issues and Definitional Stakes in the Making of Social Policy and State Intervention', in National Conference on the Place of Deemed Homeless in Good Governance and Inclusive Growth in India, in National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), 2012

XII RESEARCH GUIDANCE

Ph.D. :

1. Debarati Das, 'Impact of the Swadeshi Movement on the Works of Rabindranath Tagore : A Historical Perspective'
2. Shahnaz Pervin, 'Participation of Women in Local Government in South Asia : A Comparative Study between Bangladesh and West Bengal in India' (International Scholar from Bangladesh)
3. Arundhati Bhattacharyya, 'Sexual Harassment in the Workplace : A Comparative Analysis between the Bureaucracy and the IT Sector'
4. Sriparna Chatterjee, 'Civic Problems and City Politics : A Case Study of Kolkata'
5. Sayoni Chowdhuri, 'Child Labour in Early 21st c. West Bengal : Problems and Interventions'

XII RESEARCH GUIDANCE

M.Phil. :

1. Sayantani Mallick, 'Women's Empowerment through Self-Help Groups'
2. Sayoni Chowdhuri, 'Women's Empowerment in Panchayats'
3. Arpan Mondal, 'Mid-Day Meals in Contemporary West Bengal : A Comparison between Kolkata Municipal Corporation Schools and Rural Schools'
4. Soumi Niyogi, 'Right to Education in Contemporary West Bengal'
5. Amrita Halder, 'Women's Education and Empowerment in Postcolonial West Bengal'
6. Nabamita Chakraborty, 'Gender and Politics in Contemporary West Bengal'