

## CV

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### Academic Qualifications

- 2016: Ph.D., Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata  
Title of the Dissertation: *Knowledge, Management, and Containment of an 'Evil': Indian Snakes and Colonial Medicine during the Seventeen Eighties to the Nineteen Twenties.*  
Supervisor: Dr Sudeshna Banerjee (Jadavpur University)  
Examiners: Prof Arun Bandyopadhyay (University of Calcutta)  
Dr Biswamoy Pati (University of Delhi)
- 2005: M.A. (in History), Department of History, Jadavpur University  
Specialisation: Social History of Modern India  
Division/Class: First Class (67%)
- 2003: B.A. (with History Honours), University of Burdwan  
Division/Class: First Class in Honours (60%)

### Scholarship/Fellowship

- 2009-2010: Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi funded Junior Research Fellowship for Doctoral Study at the Department of History, Jadavpur University.
- 2003-2005: Government of India National Scholarship for Post-Graduation at the Department of History, Jadavpur University.

### Areas of Interest

History of Science and Medicine in South Asia  
Social History of Nonhuman in British India  
History of Natural History Painting in India  
History of Indian Museums

### Membership

Life Member of the Museums Association of India, New Delhi.

## Selected Publications

### Journal Articles:

- December 2018: 'Colonial Encounter on Indian Snakes and their Venoms: The Transmission and Transformation of Western Ophiological Knowledge in British India, 1780s-1910s', *Indian Journal of History of Science*, Vol. 53, No. 4, Thematic Issue on Emergence of Modern Science in Colonial India, pp. T132-T140. [Print ISSN No: 0019-5235, Online ISSN No: 2454-9991]
- June 2018: 'The Production of Ophiological Knowledge in Early British India: Venomous Snakes, Various Practices and Different Responses', *Archív Orientální: Journal of African and Asian Studies*, Issue 86, No. 1, pp. 73-104. [ISSN No: 0044-8699]
- August 2017: 'Snakes, Snakebites and British Medical-Zoological Engagement in Early Colonial India: Health, Medicine and Ideology', *Romanian Journal of Sociological Studies*, New Series, No. 1, Special Issue on Sociology of Medicine and Health, pp. 49-67. [Print ISSN No: 2457-6158, Online ISSN No: 2558-9962]
- August 2017: 'Indian Snakes and Snaky India: British Orientalist Construction of a Snake-Ridden Landscape during the Nineteenth Century', *Rupkatha Journal on Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities*, Vol. IX, No. 2. [ISSN No: 0975-2935]
- June 2017: 'The History of Colonial Science and Medicine in British India: From the Centre-Periphery Perspective', *Indian Journal of History of Science*, Vol. 52, No. 2, pp. 174-183. [Print ISSN No: 0019-5235, Online ISSN No: 2454-9991]
- November 2012: 'The Natural History of Indian Serpents: Dr. Patrick Russell, Colonial Medicine and the British Empire', *History Studies: International Journal of History*, Vol. 4, Issue 4, pp. 35-63. [Print ISSN No: 1309-4688, Online ISSN No: 1309-4173]

### Book Reviews:

- November 2019: 'Tribals and Dalits in Orissa: Towards a Social History of Exclusion, c. 1800-1950, by Biswamoy Pati, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2018, 221 pp., ₹945.00 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-0-19-948940-4', *South Asian History and Culture*, Vol. 10, Issue 4, pp. 482-484 [Print ISSN No: 1947-2498, Online ISSN No: 1947-2501]

- January 2019: 'Janet Starkey, *The Scottish Enlightenment Abroad: The Russells of Braidshaw in Aleppo and on the Coast of Coromandel* (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2018), pp. xvi + 467, €118.00, hardback/e-book, ISBN: 978-90-04-36212-3/978-90-04-36213-0', *Medical History: An International Journal for the History of Medicine and Related Sciences*, Vol. 63, Issue. 1, pp. 105-106. [ISSN No: 0025-7273]
- August 2018: 'Peter Hobbins, *Venomous Encounters: Snakes, Vivisection and Scientific Medicine in Colonial Australia*, Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2017. Pp. 216. £70. ISBN: 978-1-5261-0144-0', *Social History of Medicine*, Vol. 31, No. 3, pp. 655-657. [Print ISSN No: 0951-631X, Online ISSN No: 1477-4666]

### Selected Seminar/Workshop Presentations

- 17-18 January 2020: Delivered a talk as a Discussant at the Ashoka University- and IDSK-Sponsored Two Days National Level Workshop on 'Debates in Indian History: Writing in Vernacular' organised by and held at the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata.
- 14-16 March 2018: Presented a paper entitled 'Britons, Indian Snakes and their Venoms: The Transmission and Transformation of Western Ophiological Knowledge in British India from the 1780s to the 1910s' at the INSA-Sponsored Three Days International Level Conference on 'Emergence of Modern Science in Colonial India' organised by and held at the Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi.
- 28 February-1 March 2017: Presented a paper entitled 'The Science of Snake-Venom and the Role of Snakebite-Curer in Pre-modern Bengal in the Light of Manasamangal Kavya' at the UGC-Sponsored Two Days International Level Seminar on 'Pre-Modern Bengali Literature and Culture' organised by and held at the Department of Bengali, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.
- 13 September, 2016: Presented a paper entitled 'Snake Poisoning and British Medical-Zoological Engagement in Early Colonial India: Practice and Ideology' at the Wellcome Trust Funded National Level Seminar on 'Environment and Health: Colonial and Postcolonial Perspectives in India' organised by

and held at the Department of History and Centre for Social Science and Humanities, University of Calcutta.

23-24 February, 2011:

Presented a paper entitled 'Colonising Indian Viper: Dr Patrick Russell and Katuka Rekula Poda' at the UGC National Workshop on 'Nature Transformed: Ecology, Environment and Conservation in Global and South Asian History' organised by and held at the Department of History, Jadavpur University.

4-5 March, 2010:

Presented a paper entitled 'Exploring Indian Snakes and Constructing Colonial Knowledge: The Scientific Orientalism of the Asiatic Society of Bengal' at the UGC National Seminar on 'Science, Technology and Society: A Historical Perspective' organised by and held at the Department of History, Jadavpur University.