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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Academic Appointments

- 2019-Present: **Assistant Professor**, Department of History, Women's College, Calcutta, Kolkata
- 2019: **Guest Teacher**, Department of History, West Bengal State University, Barasat
- 2009-2010: **ICHR-JRF**, Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- 2007-2019: **Part-Time Teacher**, Department of History, Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya, Haripal
- 2005-2009: **Part-Time Teacher**, Department of History, Kalyani Mahavidyalaya, Kalyani

Education

- 2016: **PhD**, Department of History, Jadavpur University
- 2005: **MA**, Department of History, Jadavpur University
- 2003: **BA**, Chandernagore College, University of Burdwan

Professional Courses

- 2022: UGC-Sponsored Refresher Course in History, HRDC, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- 2020: UGC-Sponsored Faculty Induction Programme, HRDC, Panjabi University, Patiala

Awards and Fellowships

- 2023: Honourable Mention of the 2022 Nuncius Prize Sponsored by Brill under the Auspices of the Museo Galileo, Florence.
- 2018: Conference Bursary by the Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi.
- 2009-2010: Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi Funded Junior Research Fellowship for Doctoral Study at the Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
- 2003-2005: Government of India National Scholarship for Postgraduation Study at the Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

Memberships

- Life: The Museums Association of India, New Delhi
Srijan Centre for Community Welfare, Kolkata
- Academic: IQAC, Women's College, Calcutta
Research Cell, Women's College, Calcutta
Gender Sensitisation Cell, Women's College, Calcutta
Library Committee, Women's College, Calcutta
Seminar Committee, Women's College, Calcutta
Website Committee, Women's College, Calcutta
Cultural Committee, Women's College, Calcutta
Excursion Committee, Women's College, Calcutta
Sport Committee, Women's College, Calcutta
Post-Creation Committee, Women's College, Calcutta
Printing and Publication Committee, Women's College, Calcutta
Student Society, Department of History, Women's College, Calcutta



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Selected Publications

Book Chapter:

2022: 'The Making of a Neglected Tropical Disease: Discourse on Snakebite and Its Medical Management in India', in Suman Nath and Debraj Bhattacharya, eds. *Theory, Policy, Practice: Development and Discontents in India* (London and New York: Routledge), pp. 163-179.

Journal Articles:

- June 2023: 'Picturing the Snakes: Western Natural History, Visual Culture, and Local Agency in Late-Eighteenth-Century British India', Honorable Mentions of the 2022 Nuncius Prize, *Nuncius: Journal of the Material and Visual History of Science*, vol. 38, no. 2, pp. 251-277.
- March 2023: 'The Footballing Past in the Bustling Paths: The Museumization of Topophilia at the Seedbed of the Mohun Bagan Athletic Club in North Kolkata', *Soccer and Society*, e-pub ahead of print.
- December 2018: 'Colonial Encounter on Indian Snakes and their Venoms: The Transmission and Transformation of Western Ophiological Knowledge in British India, 1780s-1910s', Thematic Issue on Emergence of Modern Science in Colonial India, *Indian Journal of History of Science*, vol. 53, no. 4, pp. T132-T140.
- 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*, vol. 86, no. 1, pp. 73-104.
- August 2017: 'Snakes, Snakebites and British Medical-Zoological Engagement in Early Colonial India: Health, Medicine and Ideology', Special Issue on Sociology of Medicine and Health, *Romanian Journal of Sociological Studies*, New Series, no. 1, pp. 49-67.
- 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, pp. 233-242.
- 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.
- 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, no 4, pp. 35-63.

Book Reviews:

- April 2023: 'Samiparna Samanta, *Meat, Mercy, and Morality: Animals and Humanitarianism in Colonial Bengal, 1850–1920* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2021), xvi+271 pp., INR1695.00 (hardback), ISBN 978 0 19012 913 2', *European Journal for the History of Medicine and Health*, e-pub ahead of print.
- January 2023: 'At risk: Indian sexual politics and the global AIDS crisis. Gowri Vijayakumar. Stanford University Press: Stanford, California. 2021. xvi+258 pp. US\$26.00 (paperback). ISBN: 9781503628052', *World Medical and Health Policy*, e-pub ahead of print.
- September 2021: '*Let There be Light: Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Electricity in Colonial Bengal, 1880-1945*, by Suvobrata Sarkar, New Delhi, Cambridge University Press, 2020, xiv+294 pp., Rs. 850.00 (hardback), ISBN: 978-1-108-83598-5', *South Asian History and Culture*, vol. 12, no 4, pp. 486-488.
- 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., Rs. 945.00 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-0-19-948940-4', *South Asian History and Culture*, vol. 10, no 4, pp. 482-484.
- 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, no. 1, pp. 105-106.

August 2018: 'Peter Hobbs, *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.

Virtual Exhibitions

15 August 2020: 'Men and Women in Bengal's Swadeshi Movement: A Virtual Retrospection'. Curated by Rahul Bhaumik on the Eve of Independence Day organised by the Department of History, Women's College, Calcutta. YouTube Video Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywIF_99Fqbw

13 April 2021: 'Jallianwala Bagh: A Virtual Commemoration'. Curated by Rahul Bhaumik on the Programme of 'Remembrance' organised by the Department of History and the IQAC, Women's College, Calcutta. YouTube Video Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywIF_99Fqbw

Selected Presentations

26 November 2022: Delivered a talk as a resource person at the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung and the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata Sponsored One Day Workshop on 'Revisiting the Craft of History Writing for Children' organised by the RLS-IDSK and held at the Ekatre, Kolkata.

19 September 2021: Presented a paper entitled 'Why "Neglected Tropical Disease"? The Politics of "Otherization" of Snakebite in India' at the George Institute of Global Health Sponsored One Days International Level Seminar on 'Need for Transdisciplinary Systems Thinking to Address Snakebite' organised by and held at the George Institute of Global Health, New Delhi.

17-18 January 2020: Delivered a talk as a discussant at the Ashoka University and the IDSK Sponsored Two Days National Level Workshop on 'Debates in Indian History: Writing in Vernacular' organised by and held at the IDSK.

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 Indian National Science Academy Sponsored Three Days International Level Conference on 'Emergence of Modern Science in Colonial India' organised by and held at the INSA, 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 University Grants Commission 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, Kolkata.

23-24 February, 2011: Presented a paper entitled 'Colonising Indian Viper: Dr Patrick Russell and Katuka Rekula Poda' at the UGC Sponsored 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, Kolkata.

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 Sponsored National Seminar on 'Science, Technology and Society: A Historical Perspective' organised by and held at the Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

Seminar Organisation

12 December 2011

Jointly coordinated a One Day UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'The Many Voices of History' organised by and held at the Department of History, Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya, Haripal, Hooghly.

Areas of Interest

Social History of Colonial Science, Technology, and Medicine

Social History of Hunting and Wildlife in British India

History of Colonial Natural History Paintings in India

Social History of Nonhumans in Colonial India

Cultural History of Modern Indian Sports

History of Museums Modern India

Courses Taught

Postgraduate (University of Calcutta)

CC IV: Early Indian Nationalism 1857-1917

DSE 28: Rural Social History: The Colonial Period in India

DSE 32: Writing Histories of Women and Gender

DSE 33: Histories of Women and Gender in Modern India

DSE 34: Women in Bengal in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

DSE 37: History of Science and Technology in Modern India

DSE 39: History of Medicine and Public Health in Colonial India

DSE 51: Women and Law in Modern India

Undergraduate (Selected Themes)

CC: History of India

CC: Ancient World

CC: Modern West

CC: Modern Europe

CC: World Politics

DSE: History of Bengal

DSE: Modern East Asia

SEC: Archives and Museums

SEC: Art Appreciation