

CURRICULUM VITAE OF MILINDA BANERJEE

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata

- Since 2013: Research Fellow in Junior Research Group ‘Transcultural Justice: Legal Flows and the Emergence of International Justice within the East Asian War Crimes Trials, 1946-1954’, Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context”, Karl Jaspers Centre for Advanced Transcultural Studies, Heidelberg University, Germany; working title of project: “Decolonizing International Law: Radhabinod Pal, Dharmic Justice, and the War Crimes Trial in East Asia”
- Since July 2012: Assistant Professor, Department of History, at Presidency University, Kolkata.
- since April 2010: Ph.D. candidate at the Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context: Shifting Asymmetries in Cultural Flows”, Karl Jaspers Centre for Advanced Transcultural Studies, Heidelberg University, Germany; member of research project A5: Nationising the Dynasty; working title of thesis: “Nationizing Kings: Modern Indian Discourses on Kingship as the basis of Nationhood, 1858-1947 (with a primary focus on Bengal)”.
- 2010-2011 (Winter Semester): Gave courses at South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University
- 2010-2012: Assistant Professor at Surendranath College, Kolkata
- 2008-2010: Fellow, Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of History, University of Calcutta
- 2008-2010: Guest lecturer at Presidency College, Kolkata
- 2008: Part-time guest lecturer at Vidyasagar College, Evening Section, Kolkata
- 2007: Qualified in the National Eligibility Test (NET) examinations, University Grants Commission, Government of India
- 2006-2008: MA in History, University of Calcutta (Graded 1st class 1st)
- 2003-2006: BA in History, University of Calcutta (Graded 1st class 1st)

Language proficiency: Bengali (mother tongue), English, Hindi, French, elementary ecclesiastical Latin

Publications

Books

- 2009: *Rammohun Roy: A Pilgrim’s Progress, Intellectual Strands and Premises in Rammohun Roy’s Pursuit of Reason, God, and Common Sense in Early Modern India*, with a foreword by Professor Barun De, Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training, Kolkata

- 2009: *A History of Laughter: Ishwar Gupta and Early Modern Bengal*, with a foreword by Professor Gautam Bhadra, Das Gupta and Co., Kolkata

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2013: 'God, King and Country: Colonial and Nationalist Discourses on Human and Divine Monarchy in India', in *Nationizing the Dynasty, Dynastizing the Nation*, University of Heidelberg Conference Volume (forthcoming)
- 2013: 'Individualism and Religious Heterodoxy: Rammohun Roy and Missionary Discourse in Early 19th century Bengal', in *Individualization through Christian Missionary Activity?*, University of Erfurt Conference Volume (forthcoming)

Articles (in peer-reviewed journals)

- 2010: 'State of Nature, Civilized Society, and Social Contract: Perspectives from Early Modern Bengal on the Origin and Limits of Government', *Calcutta Historical Journal*, 28, 2, 2008, pp. 1-55
- 2009: 'The Trial of Derozio, or the Scandal of Reason', *Social Scientist*, 37, 7-8, 2009, pp. 60-88
- 2009: '1857-r Nana Bhasha' [The Many Languages of 1857], *Sahitya Parishad Patrika*, Bangiya Sahitya Parishad, May 2009, pp. 44-55.
- 2008: 'Heritage Unbound', *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, 50, 4, 2008, pp. 43-110

Project Grants

- 2013: Research Fellowship in Junior Research Group 'Transcultural Justice: Legal Flows and the Emergence of International Justice within the East Asian War Crimes Trials, 1946-1954', Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in a Global Context", Karl Jaspers Centre for Advanced Transcultural Studies, Heidelberg University, Germany; working title of project: "Decolonizing International Law: Radhabinod Pal, Dharmic Justice, and the War Crimes Trial in East Asia"
- 2013: Co-investigator in Interdisciplinary (History/Political Science) Research Project "Languages of Empowerment: Producing Community Identities among Backward Classes in Contemporary West Bengal": Project at Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies (UGC-sponsored Joint Initiative of University of Calcutta and Institute of Development Studies Kolkata)
- 2010: PhD Scholarship at the Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in a Global Context: Shifting Asymmetries in Cultural Flows", Karl Jaspers Centre for Advanced Transcultural Studies, Heidelberg University, Germany; member of research project A5: Nationising the

Dynasty; working title of thesis: “Nationizing Kings: Modern Indian Discourses on Kingship as the basis of Nationhood, 1858-1947 (with a primary focus on Bengal)”.

Book Reviews

(Names of Books Reviewed and Publication References)

- 2013: Aya Ikegame, *Princely India Re-imagined: A Historical Anthropology of Mysore from 1799 to the Present*, Oxford: Routledge, 2012, in *H-Soz-u-Kult*, 15 January, <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/rezensionen/2013-1-030>
- 2012: Bismamoy Pati (ed.), *The Great Rebellion of 1857 in India: Exploring Transgressions, Contests and Diversities*, London: Routledge, 2010, in *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung*, 107, 2, 2012.
- 2011: Joseph Lelyveld, *Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and His Struggle with India*, New York, Alfred A. Knopf, in *Internationales Asienforum*, 42, 3-4, 2011, p. 375.
- 2011: Lynn Zastoupil, *Rammohun Roy and the Making of Victorian Britain*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010, in *H-Soz-u-Kult*, 2 June, <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/rezensionen/2011-2-180>
- 2011: Gita Dharampal Frick, Ali Usman Qasmi and Katia Rostetter (eds.), *Revisioning Iqbal as a Poet and Muslim Political Thinker*, Heidelberg: Draupadi Verlag, 2010, in *Internationales Asienforum*, 41, 3-4, 2010, pp. 354-356
- 2011: Martin Moir, *Not Exactly Shangri-La*, Delhi: Rupa and Co., 2010, in *The Middle Way*, February 2011, pp. 257-258
- 2010: Mushirul Hasan (ed.) *Exploring the West: Three Travel Narratives, Munshi Itehamuddin, Mirza Abu Taleb Khan, Lutfullah Khan*. Delhi: Oxford University Press. 2009, in *The Statesman*, 14 January 2010, Sunday Statesman, p. 2
- 2009: Rudrangshu Mukherjee (ed.) *Indian Persuasions: 50 Years of SEMINAR, Selected Writings*. Delhi: Roli Books, 2009, in *The Statesman*, 6 December 2009, Sunday Statesman, p. 3
- 2009: Terry Collits and Anjana Sharma (eds.), *Agamemnon's Mask: Greek Tragedy and Beyond*, in *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, 51, 1, 2009, pp. 91-103
- 2009: Gwilym Beckerlegge (ed.), *Religious Movements and Identities in Modern South Asia*, in *The Statesman*, 12 April 2009, Sunday Statesman, pp. 16-17

Other Articles

- 2010: ‘Parer Shilpa, Parashilpa: Bangiya Lokajatra’ [The Other’s Art, Beyond Art: Popular Jatra in Bengal], *Jatra Academy Patrika*, West Bengal Jatra Academy, 5, June 2010, pp. 528-536
- 2009: ‘Probing the Present’, Report on a National Seminar on ‘Explorations in Contemporary History’, *The Statesman*, 10 March 2009

- 2008: 'Where is Reason? Power, Micro-States and Metamodernity in Municipal India', *Perspectives*, University of Calcutta, Vol. 2, January 2008, pp. 76-86
- 2007: 'The Word and the Flesh: Change and Continuity in delineating a Self and constructing a Community during Epochs of Globalization', *Perspectives*, University of Calcutta, 150th Year Special Commemorative Volume, January 2007, pp. 206-228
- 2007 'Swadhinatar Prasangikata: Itihaser Chhatrer Drishtite', *Perspectives*, University of Calcutta, 150th Year Special Commemorative Volume, January 2007, pp. 18-34

Conference Papers and Invited Lectures

- 2013: 'Resonances of Kingship in Crisis: Flows of Concepts, People, and Texts between Bengal, Britain and France, and the Construction of Transcultural Ideas about Government in the 18th century', in Conference on 'Eastern Resonances', organized by the University of Paris 7 and University of Montpellier 3, in Paris, 5-7 December (forthcoming)
- 2013: 'Decolonizing International Law: Radhabinod Pal, Dharmic Justice, and the War Crimes Trial in East Asia', in Conference 'Managing Empires: Cooperation, Competition, Conflict', in Heidelberg University, 9-11 October (forthcoming)
- 2013: 'Culture, Property, Subalternity: Rethinking Notions of Heritage in Contemporary West Bengal', Inaugural Lecture at Course on 'Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies', Indian Museum, Kolkata, 16 April
- 2013: 'Rajoguna and Kshatriyatva: Rethinking Vivekananda and the 'Royal' Origins of Modern Indian Citizenship', in University Grants Commission (UGC) sponsored Conference on 'Relevance of Swami Vivekananda's Thoughts in India Today', in Praphulla Chandra College, Kolkata, jointly organized in cooperation with Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata, 9 March
- 2012: 'Monarchy, Empire, and Nation: Transnational Perspectives on the Legitimation of State in the British Indian Empire, ca. 1858-1947', in Conference on 'European Constitutional Monarchies', Rosenborg Castle, organized by Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen, and the Royal Danish Collections, Rosenborg Castle, 23-24 August
- 2012: 'Asceticizing and Ethicalizing Everyday Peasant Life: The Case of the Rajavamshis of Bengal, ca. 1910-2010', at 22nd European Conference on South Asian Studies, ISCTE-Lisbon University Institute, Lisbon, 25-28 July
- 2012: 'Saviour against Caesar: Assessing the Concept of Incarnation in Indian Nationalist Theology in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Bengal', at 22nd European Conference on South Asian Studies, ISCTE-Lisbon University Institute, Lisbon, 25-28 July
- 2012: 'The King is Dead. Long Live the King!: Colonial, Nationalist and Peasant Discourses on Kingship as a Basis for the Political Construction of Modern India (1858-1947)', at Conference on 'The Making of a Monarchy for the Modern World', Kensington Palace, London, as part of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Queen Elizabeth II, 7 June

- 2012: ‘Individualism and Religious Heterodoxy: Rammohun Roy and Missionary Discourse in Early 19th century Bengal’, at Conference on ‘Individualization through Christian Missionary Activity?’, Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt, 26 April
- 2012: ‘God, King and Country: Colonial and Nationalist Discourses on Human and Divine Monarchy in India’, at Conference on ‘Nationizing the Dynasty -- Dynastizing the Nation’, University of California, Los Angeles, 13 April
- 2011: “Time of Gods, Time of Men: Temporality and Social Transformation in ‘Early Modern’ India”, in ‘Eine Globalgeschichte der Sattelzeit, 1760-1830’, University of Bamberg, 11 March
- 2011: “Conceptualizing the Historicity of ‘Caste’: The View from Bengal”, in ‘Hierarchie und Emanzipation’, University of Heidelberg, 5 February
- 2010: ‘Modern Indian Discourses on Kingship as a Basis of Nationhood (1858-1947)’, in Konstanzer Meisterklasse, University of Konstanz, 26 July
- 2008: ‘Derozio and the Bengal Renaissance: An Ambiguous Legacy’, at conference on ‘Nineteenth Century Bengal Revisited’, Department of History, University of Calcutta, in collaboration with Derozio Commemoration Committee and Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, 23 March
- 2008: ‘The Trial of Derozio, or The Scandal of Reason’ in the UGC-sponsored ‘National Seminar on Derozio’, Presidency College, Kolkata, 18 April
- 2008: ‘Critique of Urban Planning’ in training programme, ‘Integrated Urban Planning’ organized by Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and HIFAB International in Kolkata, 21 October
- 2008: ‘Saviour Cults of Roman Eurasia’, National Seminar, ‘Cross-Cultural Currents: India in the Ancient World’, Loreto College, Kolkata, 25 September
- 2008: ‘What is Partition? Modernity, Postmodernity, and the Structures of a *longue durée*’, Seminar on ‘Partition Revisited’, Department of History, Presidency College, Kolkata
- 2004: ‘Representation of Gender in Indian Art’ at an ‘Interdisciplinary Seminar on Gender’, Presidency College, Kolkata
- 2004: ‘What is Objectivity?’, at conference on ‘Paradigms of Objectivity’, Presidency College, Kolkata
- 2004: ‘Calcutta: The City and the World’ at conference on ‘Calcutta and History’, Department of History, Presidency College, Kolkata

Select Scholarships and Awards

- since 2010: awarded a Ph.D. scholarship by the Cluster of Excellence "Asia and Europe in a Global Context: Shifting Asymmetries of Cultural Flows", Karl Jaspers Centre for Advanced Transcultural Studies, Heidelberg University, Germany

- 2008: Gold Medal and Order of Merit from University of Calcutta
- 2008: Chandra Narayan Memorial Medal from Presidency College, Kolkata
- 2008: Gold Medal from Sudhir Kumar Mitra Birth Centenary Memorial Committee
- 2006: Hemchandra Raychoudhuri Prize from University of Calcutta
- 2006: Prof. Kalyan Kr. Dasgupta Memorial Scholarship from University of Calcutta
- 2006: Order of Merit from University of Calcutta
- 2006: Prof. Ashin Das Gupta Memorial Prize from Presidency College, Kolkata
- 2006: Très Bien, Diplome Supérieur, Alliance Française, Paris
- 2006: Udayan Mukherjee Memorial Prize from Presidency College, Kolkata
- 2005: Scindia Silver Medal from Presidency College, Kolkata
- 2005: Gwalior Book Prize from Presidency College, Kolkata
- 2005: Harishchandra Kabi Ratna Memorial Prize from Presidency College, Kolkata
- 2005: Rai Bahadur Debendra Ch. Ghosh Memorial Prize from Presidency College, Kolkata
- 2005: Arijit Sengupta Memorial Scholarship from Presidency College, Kolkata
- 2002: All India Reynolds Scholarship
- 2000: All India Reynolds Scholarship