

Curriculum Vitae of Milinda Banerjee

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata

- November 2014: Defended PhD in Heidelberg University; graded Summa cum Laude for the written dissertation as well as the oral exam.
- 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: ‘An Intellectual History of the Tokyo Trial: Judge Radhabinod Pal and Debates on International Justice’
- Since July 2012: Assistant Professor, Department of History, 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
- 2010-2011 (Winter Semester): Gave courses at South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University
- 2010: 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 Latin

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

Articles (in peer-reviewed journals and volumes)

- 2015: “‘All This is Indeed Brahman’”: Rammohun Roy and a ‘Global’ History of the Rights-Bearing Self”, in *The Asian Review of World Histories*, 3, 1, 2015, pp. 81-112, available at: http://www.thearwh.org/journal/arwh_3-1_banerjee.pdf .
- 2015: ‘Doubt, Authority and the Individual. Rammohun Roy, Christian Missionary Discourses and Political Theology in Early Nineteenth-Century Bengal’, in Martin Fuchs, Antje Linkenbach-Fuchs, and Wolfgang Reinhard (eds.), *Individualisierung durch christliche Mission? [Individualization through Christian Missionary Activity?]*, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, pp. 438-456.
- 2014: ‘Does International Criminal Justice Require a Sovereign? Historicizing Radhabinod Pal’s Tokyo Judgment in Light of his ‘Indian’ Legal Philosophy’, in Morten Bergsmo, Cheah Wui Ling, and Yi Ping (eds.), *Historical Origins of International Criminal Law*, vol. 2, pp. 67-117, Forum for International Criminal and Humanitarian Law Publication Series No. 21 (2014), Brussels: Torkel Opsahl; archived in International Criminal Court Legal Tools Database, <https://www.legal-tools.org/en/doc/7c217c/>
- 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

- 2014: UKIERI (UK-India Education and Research Initiative) Grant on ‘Francophone Exchanges’, Theme: ‘Eighteenth-Century Exchanges in Political Imaginaries between Bengal, Britain, and France’ in collaboration with University of St Andrews, United Kingdom
- 2014: Project on creating a digital database on the ‘Dutch in Bengal’ with the Netherlands Embassy in India (as part of the Digital Humanities Centre, Presidency University)
- 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.
- 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

Conference Papers and Invited Lectures

- 2014: ‘Can Sovereignty be Decolonized? Judge Radhabinod Pal’s Dissenting Judgment at Tokyo from a Perspective of Global Intellectual History’, in Conference on ‘Rethinking Justice? Decolonization, Cold War, and Asian War Crimes Trials after 1945’ at the Cluster of Excellence ‘Asia and Europe’, Heidelberg University, 26-29 October.
- 2014: ‘Recreating Empire in Another Form? Comparing Japanese and ‘Western’ Colonialism at the Tokyo Trial’, in Workshop ‘The Politics of Colonial Comparison’, All Souls College, University of Oxford, 29 September.
- 2014: ‘Imperium, Imperator, and Fantasies of Sovereignty in British India’, in Conference ‘Renovatio, Inventio, Absentia Imperii: From the Roman Empire to Contemporary Imperialism’, organized by the Academia Belgica of Rome, the Belgian Historical Institute in Rome, and the Princess Marie-Jose Foundation, in Palais des Academies, Brussels, 11-13 September.
- 2014: ‘Justice in Motion: Radhabinod Pal and the Emergence of Modern International Law through Encounters between India, Japan, and “the West”’, in Fourth European Congress on World and Global History, at Ecole normale supérieure, Paris, 4-7 September
- 2014: ‘Time of Gods, Time of Men: South Asian Temporalities and Transnational Early Modern Connections, ca. 1760-1830’, in Tenth European Social Science History Conference, Vienna, 23-26 April
- 2014: ‘Decolonizing Justice: Tokyo Trial and the Emergence of New Concepts of International Criminal Law in the Mid-20th Century’, in Conference ‘The Historical Origins of International Criminal Law’, organized by Forum for International Criminal and Humanitarian Law and Peking University International Law Institute, at Hong Kong, 1-2 March
- 2014: ‘Ritual, Memory, Transcultural Urbanity: The Dutch and Bengal in Global History’, in Workshop ‘The Dutch in Bengal’, co-organized by the Dutch Embassy in India, the Department of Tourism, Government of West Bengal, and Presidency University, 25 February
- 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
- 2013: ‘Vivekananda and the Construction of Anti-colonial Discourses on Rulership’, in National Seminar on Vivekananda, organized by the Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata, and Sri Aurobindo Samiti, Kolkata, 26-27 November
- 2013: ‘Globalization as Monotheistization: Capital, Law, and Theology in the Age of Rammohun Roy’, in International Workshop ‘Writing World History’, organized by Institut de Chandernagor, Hooghly, 11 November

- 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
- 2013: ‘Kingship, Ethnicity, and Colonialism: Interrogating the Shifting Nexus between Political Legitimation, State Ritual, and Community Politics in Princely and Early Postcolonial Tripura, ca. 1850-1950’, in Conference ‘Negotiating Ethnicity: Politics and Display of Cultural Identities in Northeast India’, organized by the Institute for Social Anthropology and Phonogrammarchiv, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Initiativkolleg, ‘Cultural Transfers and Cross-Contacts in the Himalayan Borderlands’, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, and the Indian Embassy in Austria, Vienna, 4-6 July.
- 2013: ‘Decolonizing Law, or Neocolonizing the World? Radhabinod Pal in Colonial India and in the Tokyo Trial’, in International Workshop ‘Transcultural Justice: Decolonization and Cold War and its Impact on War Crimes Trials and International Law after 1945’, in Cluster of Excellence ‘Asia and Europe’, Heidelberg University, 27-28 June
- 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: ‘Postcolonial Studies, Subalternity, and Global Connections: Complicating the Genealogies of South Asian Modernities’, Invited Lecture at Refresher Course, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta, 27 February
- 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
- 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, 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, 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, 27 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

Book Reviews

(Names of Books Reviewed and Publication References)

- 2013: C. K. Johri, India: Perspectives on Politics, Economy and Labour, 1918-2007, vols. 1 and 2, Delhi: Aakar Books, 2011 in H-Soz-u-Kult, 26 April, <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/rezensionen/2013-2-074>
- 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: Biswamoy Pati (ed.), *The Great Rebellion of 1857 in India: Exploring Transgressions, Contests and Diversities*, London: Routledge, 2010, in *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung*, 107, 2, 2012
- 2012: Joseph Lelyveld, *Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and His Struggle with India*, New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 2011, 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 Itesamuddin, 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

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