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Date of Birth : 15th April, 1985

Nationality : Indian

Languages known: English, Hindi, Bengali.

Education

Level	School/College & Board/University	Examinations Passed	Year of Passing	Class or Divn.	Subjects Studied
10+2	Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1, Salt Lake, Kolkata	AISSCE	2003	1	Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Biology, English
Graduation	Presidency College, Kolkata	B.A. Honours	2006	1 66.13%	Sociology (Hons), Economics (Pass), Philisophy (Pass), Alt. English, Comp. English, Environmental Science
Masters	Jadavpur University, Kolkata	M.A	2008	1 66.13%	Sociology
Other Degrees	WBCSC	SET	2007	NA	Sociology
Other Degrees	UGC-NET	NET	2008	NA	Sociology

Other Degrees	Bhawans College of Communication and Management, Kolkata.	PGD-IRPM	2008	1 66%	OB, IR, PM, HRD, LABOUR LAWS
Ph.D	West Bengal State University				Sociology

FIELD OF RESEARCH & INTEREST

Caste Studies, Dalit Studies, Marginalized Communities, Social Stratification, Social Exclusion & Sociology of Work and Industry.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES & INVITED LECTURES

1. PRESENTED PAPER AS AN **INVITEE SPEAKER** ON **“DALIT AND GLOBALIZATION”** AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL SEMINAR ON “DALITS HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT: RHETORICS AND REALITIES” AT BHADRAK AUTONOMOUS COLLEGE, BHADRAK ON 28-29 JANUARY 2011 (SPONSORED BY UGC).
2. PRESENTED PAPER AS AN **INVITEE SPEAKER** ON **“RE-THINKING DALIT WOMEN IN THE POST COLONIAL INDIA”** AT UGC (SAP) NATIONAL SEMINAR ON ‘ISSUES OF GENDER CONCERN IN THE 21ST CENTURY’ AT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL ON 9-10TH MARCH, 2011.
3. PAPER PRESENTED AND PARTICIPATED IN ALL INDIA YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTISTS WORKSHOP – “THEME: EMERGING TRENDS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH & METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES” ORGANIZED BY TEZPUR UNIVERSITY, ASSAM DURING 10TH AND 11TH OCTOBER, 2011. TITLE OF THE PAPER: **“METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES IN (RE)SEARCHING DALIT IDENTITY IN POST COLONIAL INDIA”**.
4. PAPER PRESENTED IN AN **INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR** – “MEETING

- YOUTH NEEDS IN THE 21ST CENTURY CANADA AND INDIA: YOUTH WORK, YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUTH POLICY" DURING 28TH & 29TH NOVEMBER 2011, ORGANIZED BY UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA, KOLKATA, TITLED "**INDIAN YOUTH AND DALIT POLITICS**".
5. PAPER PRESENTED AT XXXVII ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE, DURING 10TH - 13TH DECEMBER, 2011, AT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI, TITLED - "**(DIS)EMPOWERMENT AMONG DALIT WOMEN: THE IRONY OF HISTORY**".
 6. PAPER PRESENTED AND PARTICIPATED AT "NATIONAL WORKSHOP/SEMINAR ON DISCOURSE ON SOCIAL EXCLUSION FROM INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE" ORGANIZED BY THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL EXCLUSION & INCLUSIVE POLICY (CSSEIP), UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD FROM 30TH TO 31TH JANUARY 2012, TITLED-"**CONCEPTUALIZATION OF 'DALIT' AND THE INDUCED EXCLUSION**".
 7. PAPER PRESENTED AND PARTICIPATED AT NATIONAL YOUNG SCHOLARS COLLOQUIUM ON "STATE OF RESEARCH IN HUMAN RIGHTS: PROSPECTIVE AND RETROSPECTIVE", ORGANIZED BY THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD DURING 1ST & 2ND FEBRUARY, 2012, TITLED - "**POLITICIZATION, MOBILIZATION AND ABBERATION OF RIGHTS OF DALITS**".
 8. PAPER PRESENTED IN XIX INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF RSA - "HUMAN RIGHTS: EVOLUTION, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION" DURING 14TH TO 16TH DECEMBER 2012, ORGANIZED BY RAJASTHAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION AND DEPRTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, B.S.R. GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE, ALWAR, TITLED "**HUMAN RIGHTS IDEALS AND CASTE AFFECTED PRACTICES IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA**".

9. CHAIRED A SESSION IN **XIX INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF RSA** – “HUMAN RIGHTS: EVOLUTION, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION” DURING 14TH TO 16TH DECEMBER 2012, ORGANIZED BY RAJASTHAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, B.S.R. GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE, ALWAR, TITLED “**HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHILDREN**”.

10. PRESENTED PAPER AS AN **INVITEE SPEAKER** ON “CASTE AND GENDER” AS A PART OF LECTURE SERIES ON ‘GENDER’ ORGANIZED BY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AT INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE, KOLKATA ON MARCH 2014.

11. PRESENTED PAPER AS AN **INVITEE SPEAKER** ON “AMBEDKAR’S UNDERSTANDING OF CASTE AND UNTOUCHABILITY” ORGANIZED BY BONGAON COLLEGE, NORTH 24 PARGANAS ON AUGUST, 2014.

12. PAPER PRESENTED AT INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE, 2015, KALINGA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, KIIT UNIVERSITY, BHUBANESWAR DURING 27TH – 29TH DECEMBER TITLED, “THE POLITICS OF (DE)RECOGNIZING DALIT DISCOURSE FROM THE PRODUCTION OF KNOWLEDGE”.

13. PAPER PRESENTED IN AN **INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR** ON ‘GLOBALISATION, ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: PERSPECTIVES, ISSUES AND CONCERNS’ AT BABASAHEB BHIMRAO AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY, LUCKNOW ON 15TH-16TH FEBRUARY TITLED “RE (CASTE-ING) JUSTICE: GLOBALIZATION AND DALITS IN INDIA.

14. PRESENTED PAPER AS AN **INVITEE SPEAKER** ON “THE CASTE QUESTION IN BENGAL” AT A STATE LEVEL SEMINAR ON SOCIETY IN INDIA: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE ON 27TH SEPT. 2016 AT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, HIRALAL MAZUMDAR MEMORIAL

COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

15. PRESENTED PAPER AS AN **INVITEE SPEAKER** ON "OPERATION OF CASTE IN THE POST-INDEPENDENT INDIA" AT A STATE LEVEL SEMINAR ON CASTE ON 28TH SEPT.2016 AT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, PCMM COLLEGE, KOLKATA.
16. PRESENTED PAPER AS AN **INVITEE SPEAKER** ON "THE SUBALERNITY OF DALIT WOMEN" AT INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EPOWERMENT: DIMENSIONS, DIRECTIONS AND CHALLENGES ON 25-26 NOV. 2016 AT JAI NARAYAN VYAS UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR, RAJASTHAN.
17. DELIVERED A **PLENARY LECTURE** ON "WOMEN AND EMPOWERMENT: THE IMPACT OF GLOBALIZATION" AT INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EPOWERMENT: DIMENSIONS, DIRECTIONS AND CHALLENGES ON 25-26 NOV. 2016 AT JAI NARAYAN VYAS UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR, RAJASTHAN.
18. PRESENTED PAPER ON "THE ASSERTION OF DALIT IDENTITY IN BENGAL" AT INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY 42ND ALL INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE ON RETHINKNG SOCIOLOGICAL TRADITIONS IN INDIA AT TEZPUR UNIVERSITY FROM 27-30 DEC. 2016.
19. PRESENTED PAPER ON ANTIMONIES OF UNSUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION: GLOBALIZATION, MARGINALIZATION AND THE DALITS IN INDIA AT ALL INDIA CONFERENCE ON RETHINKING DEVELOPMENT: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TODAY-STATE, INDUSTRY, CIVIL SOCIETY IN INDIA FROM FEB. 10-11, 2017 AT BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY.
20. PRESENTED PAPER ON "CHANGING PERCEPTION OF HUMILIATION AMONG THE URBAN MIDDLE CLASS DALITS OF KOLKATA" AT 43RD ALL

INDIA SOCIOLOGICAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY ON NEO-LIBERALISM, CONSUMPTION AND CULTURE AT UNIVERSITY OF LUCKNOW FROM 9-12 NOV.2017.

21. PRESENTED PAPER ON “(RE)INTERROGATING THE SALIENCE OF B.R. AMBEDKAR IN UNDERSTANDING CASTE SYSTEM: A SOCIOLOGICAL MAPPING IN CONTRAST” AT NATIONAL SEMINAR ON ‘THE RELEVANCE OF DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR’S IDEOLOGY IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE’ FROM APRIL 19-20, 2018 AT BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. RAY, ANTARA AND RAMANUJ GANGULY. 2012. “ HUMAN RIGHTS IDEALS AND CASTE – AFFECTED PRACTICES IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA”, IN ALOK KUMAR MEENA (ED.), *HUMAN RIGHTS: EVOLUTION, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION*, NEW DELHI: PALM LEAF PUBLICATION, ISBN 819095391-5.
2. RAY, ANTARA AND RAMANUJ GANGULY. 2015. “CHANGING EXPERIENCE OF DALIT YOUTH IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA”, IN MANISH K. VERMA (ED.), *GLOBALIZATION AND ENVIRONMENT: DISCOURSES, POLICIES AND PRACTICES*, JAIPUR AND NEW DELHI: RAWAT PUBLICATIONS, ISBN 978-81-316-0709-1.
3. RAY, ANTARA AND RAMANUJ GANGULY. “RE (CASTE-ING) JUSTICE: GLOBALIZATION AND DALITS IN INDIA”, IN MANISH K. VERMA (ED.), *GLOBALIZATION, ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: PERSPECTIVES, ISSUES AND CONCERNS*, ROUTLEDGE (FORTHCOMING).

ARTICLES (JOURNALS)

1. “CONDITIONS OF WORK OF FEMALE DOMESTIC WORKERS OF KOLKATA”, JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY, VOL. 3, NUMBER 3, MARCH 2010, ISSN 0976-5212.

2. "PHENOMENOLOGY: FROM HUSSERL TO SCHUTZ", SAMAJ TATWA, VOL.17, ISSUE 1, JUNE 2011, ISSN 0975-9980.
3. "RE-THINKING DALIT WOMEN IN POST-COLONIAL INDIA", IN *SOCIAL TRENDS* (REFEREED JOURNAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY OF NORTH BENGAL UNIVERSITY), MARCH 2014, ISSN: 2348-6538.
4. FOREGROUNDING DIFFERENCES AND DIVERSITY: DALIT YOUTH OF INDIA", IN *SOCIAL TRENDS* (REFEREED JOURNAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY OF NORTH BENGAL UNIVERSITY), Vol. 2, No.1, March 2015, ISSN 2348-6538.

WORKSHOP

- PARTICIPATED IN THE RESIDENTIAL SENSITIVITY / AWARENESS / MOTIVATION WORKSHOP UNDER THE CAPACITY BUILDING OF WOMEN MANAGERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION SCHEME OF THE UGC ORGANIZED BY THE WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTRE, RABINDRA BHARATI UNIVERSITY AT RABINDRA BHAWAN FROM MARCH 16-20, 2010.

REFRESHER AND ORIENTATION

- PARTICIPATED IN THE ORIENTATION PROGRAM FROM SEPTEMBER 03 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2012 AT ACADEMIC STAFF COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA AND OBTAINED GRADE A.
- PARTICIPATED IN THE REFRESHER COURSE IN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY (INTER-DISCIPLINARY) AT HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL FROM JULY 08 TO JULY 28, 2015 AND OBTAINED GRADE A.
- PARTICIPATED IN THE REFRESHER COURSE IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY FROM JANUARY 03 TO JANUARY 25, 2018 AND OBTAINED GRADE A.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Guest Lecturer at National Council of Education Bengal, Jadavpur University, Kolkata at Social Work Department from January 2009 to September 2009.
- Worked as Assistant Professor from 1st September 2009 to 31st July 2013 in Dept. of Sociology, West Bengal State University.
- Working as an Assistant Professor in Department of Sociology, Presidency University from August 2013 onwards.

ADMINISTRATIVE / PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1. Member, UGBS, Dept. of Sociology, WBSU (2009 to 2014)
2. Member, PGBS, Dept. of Sociology, WBSU (2009 to 2014)
3. Member of PGBS, Dept. of Sociology, University of Gaur Banga (2014-2017).
4. Paper Setter, M.A. Sociology, Rabindra Bharati University.
5. Paper Setter, B.A. Sociology Honours, Vidyasagar University.
6. Member of Organizing Committee of 2 Day National Seminar, "Knowing The Social: Research & Method In Sociology" in Department Of Sociology, West Bengal State University, Barasat West Bengal, March 2nd and 3rd, 2010.
7. Member of Advisory Committee of two day UGC sponsored National Seminar, "Rabindranath 150: Contemporary Perspectives and Representative Forms", New Mohit Moitra Mancha, Kolkata, March 21st & 22nd, 2011.

8. Member of Organizing Committee and Treasurer of West Bengal State University, Department of Sociology organized workshop "Methods of Social Inquiry", ICSSR approved Training Course in Research Methodology in Social Science Research on 28th March to 7th April, 2012.
9. Member of PG & UG Board of Studies, Department of Sociology, Presidency University.
10. Member of Equal Opportunity Cell, Presidency University, Kolkata.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

1. Cleared National Eligibility Test for Lectureship (NET) 2008 in Sociology.
2. Cleared State Eligibility Test for Lectureship (SET) 2007 in Sociology and Secured Eligibility for State Funded Research Scholarship.
3. Received Rank Certificate for securing fourth position in University of Calcutta, B.A. Sociology Honours (2003-2006).
4. Secured 1st position in PGD - Industrial Relations and Personnel Management (IRPM) (2007-2008).
5. Secured National Merit Scholarship Scheme 2006 of MHRD, Government of India,
6. Received Indira Gandhi PG Scholarship for Single Girl Child (2006-08) by UGC.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

1. Life-Member of Indian Sociological Society, Delhi.
2. Member of West Bengal Sociological Association.
3. Executive Member, M.A.S.S, Kolkata, A Centre of Associates for Sociological Studies, Kolkata.