

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Academic Qualifications

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| 10.07.2012 | PhD in Sociology from the Institut für Soziologie, Albert Ludwigs Universität, Freiburg.<br>Thesis Title: "Time-Out in the Land of Apu: Childhoods, Bildungsmoratorium and the Middle Classes of Urban West Bengal". |
| 2010       | MPhil in Sociology from the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi   |
| 2007       | M.A. in Sociology from the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi  |
| 2005       | B.A. in Sociology from Presidency College, Kolkata   |

## Teaching Experience

From 1.10.2012 Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology, Presidency University Kolkata.

## Courses Taught

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| PhD Course            | Research Methods  |
| Postgraduate Courses  | Childhood and Society; Kinship; Globalization and Indian Society  |
| Undergraduate Courses | Qualitative Research Methods, Frankfurt School and After  |
| Sessional Courses     | Young People and Mobility (2019), Our Own Gangs? Exploring Youth Subcultures in Kolkata (2019); From Grave Babies to Sassy Grannies: Age Norms and Age Performances (2018); Empire and Children's Literature (2017); Distinctions and Hierarchies in Campus(2017) |
| Other                 | Seminar Course on "Modern European Social Thought" taught for MA Global Studies Programme, Institut für Soziologie, Albert-Ludwigs Universität, Freiburg  |

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### **Research Projects**

1.12.2014-28.02.2017 Project funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (Ministry of Human Resource Development), New Delhi.

Project Title Performing Childhood, Performing Children: Childhood and Indian Theatre

### **Scholarships**

01.04.2009-31.01.2012

Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window 15 Scholarship.

12.05.2008- 31.03.2009

Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India.

### **Publications**

#### Books

Sen, H. (2013). 'Time-Out' in the Land of Apu: Childhoods, Bildungsmoratorium and the Middle Classes of Urban West Bengal, Berlin. Springer, Vs Verlag Für Sozialwissenschaften.

#### Journal Article with Peer Review Process

Sen, H. (2014): From Rabindra Saṅgīt to Doraemon: Inheritance and Globalisation of Children's Leisure Culture in Kolkata. In ASIEN:Vol. 130. 24-41.

#### Article in Edited Volumes

Sen, H (2018) "Chasing Pareto" In Chaudhuri, M & Thakur M. (eds) Doing Theory: Locations, Hierarchies and Disjunctions, New Delhi: Orient Blackswan.

Sen, H. (2016): Do the Molluscoddled Act? Children, Agency and disciplinary Entanglements in India In: Reconceptualising Agency and Childhood. New Perspectives in Childhood Studies, Eds, Esser, F., Baader, M., Betz, T. & Hungerland, B. London: Routledge, 197-210.

Sen, H. (2015): Halcyon Days ? Bengali Middle Class Childhoods and tale of Transformation In :Changing India: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Ed. Saalman, G. New Delhi: Winshield Press.

Sen, H. (2013):Koloniale Soziale Arbeit: Die Thematisierung der Kindheit in Indien: In, "Weltatlas,, Soziale Arbeit – jenseits aller Vermessung, Eds, Homfeldt, H.G., Bähr, C., Schröder, C., Schröder, W., & Schewpe, C. (Ed):, Weinheim/München: BELTZ Juventa, 182-197.

## Book Reviews in Newspaper

Review of Anisur Rahman's Socioliterary Cultures in South Asia, *The Telegraph*, India, November 2019.

"Everyday Anxieties", Review of Mahima Nayar's Against All Odds: Psychosocial Distress and Healing among Women, *The Telegraph*, India, 22 June 2019.

"Life Beyond Pity and Shame", Review of Sohaila Abdulali's What We Talk About When We Talk About Rape, *The Telegraph*, India, 29 March 2019.

"No Azaadi for Dalit Agricultural Labourers", Review of Anand Chakravarti's Is this 'Azaadi'? Everyday lives of Dalit agricultural labourers in a Bihar village, *The Telegraph*, India, 2 November 2018.

'Lens refocused, Review of Maitrayee Chaudhuri's Refashioning India: Gender, Media and a Transformed Public Discourse, *The Telegraph*, India, 19 January 2018.

Stoic Faces of Survival, Review of Kota Neelima's Widows of Vidarbha: Making of Shadows, *The Telegraph, Kolkata*, 11 May 2018.

## **Conferences, Workshops and Invited lectures**

- August 2019. "Where Do the "Other" Children Fit? Understanding Childhoods in Bengal Through the Lens of Class". Two day National Seminar on 'Articulating Multiple Childhoods: Demystifying the Normative', Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
- "European Missionaries and Indigenous "Scamps": Missionary Encounters with Children from 1890-1945". Society for the History of Childhood and Youth Conference: Encounters and Exchanges, Australian Catholic University, Sydney, June 2019.
- June 2018. "Carmichael's Girls: Missionaries and 'Obstinate' Native Children", at the Centuries of Childhood Conference, Dublin City University, Dublin.
- January 2018. Discussant at international workshop Marwaris in Social and Cultural Spheres funded by the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science at the Ramakrishna Mission Institute, Kolkata.
- December 2017. Conducted a two-day workshop on qualitative research methods for PhD. Researcher at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.
- June 2016. "Between Missionary and State Archives" at the Conference Horrible Histories? Children's Lives in Historical Contexts", King's College, London.
- January 2014. "Chasing Pareto" at a Workshop on Theorising the Social, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

- September 2013. 'Do the Mollycoddled Act? The Concept of Agency and Experiences of Empirical Research with Children in Kolkata' at the annual conference of the German Sociological Association, Section 'Sociology of Childhood': Kinder als Akteure- Agency und Kindheit, University of Hildesheim.
- January 2013. Organised a Curriculum Workshop at the Department of Sociology, Presidency University, Kolkata.
- December 2012. Discussant for the session on 'Territoriality', Looking beyond the State: Changing Forms of Inclusion and Exclusion in India, organised by Japfü Christian College, Kohima and National Museum of Ethnology, Japan, Japfü Christian College, Kohima.
- July 2011. 'Childhoods and Transforming Urban Middle Classes in West Bengal', at the Conference "Changing India, Past and Present", Albert-Ludwigs Universität, Freiburg.
- October 2010. "From Doraemon to Dance Lessons: Modernization of Childhoods in Calcutta" at the First Students' Conference on Bengal Related Studies, Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg.
- April 2014. Guest lecture on "The Utopian fiction of Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain", at the Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata.
- July 2010. "Childhoods in Bengal" at the Institut für Organisations und Sozialpädagogik, University of Hildesheim.

### **Research Interests**

Sociology and history of childhood, performance, transcultural connections, colonial cultures, South Asia

### **Teaching Related Experience**

10.01.2013-11.01.2013	Involved in designing undergraduate and postgraduate Sociology curricula, Presidency University, Kolkata.
2015	Developed a module "Ethnography, Immersion in the Field and Thick Description" for the paper "Methodology of Research in Sociology" for U.G.C India, E-Pathshala, E-content creation for postgraduate students

### **Administrative Experience**

2014 -2018	Convener of the Annual Report Committee, Presidency University, Kolkata
2015 – 2017	Joint Convener of the General Extra Departmental Programme

for Undergraduate Students,  
Presidency University, Kolkata