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Languages known: English, Bengali, Hindi

Academic Appointments:

Presidency University, Kolkata
Assistant Professor,
Department of English

10th July, 2012 - Present

Coochbehar Panchanan Barma University, West Bengal
Visiting Professor,
Department of English

June 2021

University of Calcutta, Kolkata
Guest Faculty,
Department of Comparative Indian
Languages and Literature

11th June, 2019 - Present

University of Delhi, New Delhi
Visiting Fellow,
Centre for Dalit Studies, Department of English

February, 2017 - March 2017

Teaching Experience:

At Presidency University, I have been teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students for more than ten years now. The modules I have taught are *Dalit literature in Translation, Subaltern Studies, Political philosophy of Gandhi and Ambedkar, Critical Caste Studies, Dalit Historiography, History of English Literature in Great Britain, Restoration Literature, Rhetoric and Prosody, African Literature, Indian Writing in English, Postcolonial Literatures, Literary Theory, Literature and Films, Partition Literature, Translation of Indian Vernacular Literatures, African American Feminist Thought, Practical Criticism, Post-War British Literature, Politics of Climate Change and Literature, and Dalit Graphic Narratives*. As a Guest Professor at the Department of Comparative Indian Languages and Literatures, University of Calcutta, I teach *Dalit Literature, Dalit Historiography, Subaltern Historiography, and Anti-Caste Thoughts of Jyotiba Phule and B. R. Ambedkar*. As a Visiting Fellow at the Center for Dalit Studies, Department of English, University of Delhi, I have taught MPhil/Ph.D. Course Work Modules on *Dalit Literature, and Ambedkar's political thought*.

Education:

PhD

Department of English, Jadavpur University,
Kolkata & Centre for Studies in Social
Sciences, Kolkata (2014-2022)

Dissertation: *Caste and Postcolonial
Historiography: Constructions of Past in
Bangla Dalit Writings*.

M.A

Department of English, Jadavpur University,
Kolkata (2008-2010)

B.A

Department of English, Ramakrishna Mission
Vidyamandira (2005-2008)

Publications:

Books (Edited Volumes):

Translating Identity: Essays from Bangla Dalit Writings (1990s-2000s)
(Under contract with Orient Blackswan)

2022
Forthcoming

Bangla Dalit Literature: Reflections on Caste, Culture, and Representation
(Under contract with Routledge)

2022
Forthcoming

Edited Special Issues:

Sanglap: Journal of Literary and Critical Inquiry 6(1)
Caste in/as Humanities
(Co-edited special guest issue with S. Sengupta)

2019

Book Chapters:

Majoritarian Reasoning: Hindutva Nationalism and Modern India: Caste as Hindutva's Limit: Reading a Dalit Autobiography Amidst Hindutva's Majoritarian Claims (ed. A. S. Purkayastha)
(Submitted)

2023
Forthcoming

Book Review Articles in Refereed Journals:

Contemporary Voice of Dalit
Review of *The Dalit Brahmin* by Sharan Kumar Limbale (2018)
(ed. Debi Chatterjee)
(Invited by the journal)

2022

Studies in People's History (Sage)
Review of *Impossible and Necessary: Anticolonialism, Reading, and Critique* by J. Daniel Elam (2021)
(ed. Irfan Habib)
(Invited by the journal)

2023
Forthcoming

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles:

Critical Philosophy of Race (Pennsylvania State University Press)

2022
Forthcoming

Ambedkar contra Manu: Ambedkar's Nietzsche Moment and an Aesthetics of Dalit Anger (eds. R. Bernasconi & D. Dwivedi)

Dewey Studies (Journal of the John Dewey Society) 2 (3)

2019

Encountering John Dewey in the Indian Context: Ambedkar's Critique of War, Violence and Nationalism" (ed. Leonard J. Waks), p: 125-142.

Sanglap: Journal of Literary and Cultural Inquiry 6(1)
Caste in/as Humanities: Unsettling the Politics of Suffering", co-authored with S. Sengupta, (eds. Arka Chattopadhyay & Sourit Bhattacharya) p: 01-06.

2019

Economic and Political Weekly L (7)

2015

Subaltern Historiography to Dalit Historiography: Tracing Heterogeneity in Dalit Subalternity, p: 60-65.

Economic and Political Weekly L (44)

2015

To Eat or Not to Eat Beef. Spectres of Food on Bengal's Politics of Identity, p: 105-114.

Bangla Journal: Journal of Bangla and Bangali 13(21)

2015

Caste and Politics of Culture in Contemporary Bengal: Bhadraklok's Celebration of Chotolok's 'Story' and the Curious Case of Monoranjan Byapari (ed. Iqbal Hasnu).

Non Peer-reviewed Articles:

Scroll.in

2019

What does it mean to be an Ambedkarite?

Link: <https://scroll.in/article/935901/what-does-it-mean-to-be-an-Ambedkarite-this-book-juxtaposes-ambedkar-with-gandhi-to-help-us-get-it>

Invited Public Lectures:

Centre for Dalit Studies, Department of English,
University of Delhi

2020

Ambedkar and Nationalism

*[Constitution Day Public Lecture to commemorate
the day Republic of India received her constitution]*

Presidency University, Kolkata
Ambedkar on Violence

2019

Centre for Dalit Studies, Department of
English, University of Delhi

2017

*Ambedkar's 'Social Hope' in a 'Democracy that
is to come: A Pragmatological Reading in
Speculative Philosophy*

Invited Lectures:

Paschimbanga Bangla Academy **2022**
Ambedkar on Dalit Sahitya

Department of Anthroponology, **2022**
University of Calcutta
Ambedkar and a Tentative Philosophical Psychology of Anger

Dalit History Month program organized by Voyages **2022**
into the Past at Presidency University, Kolkata
Ambedkar and the Aryanisation Theory of Caste

Web lecture at the Society for Research **2021**
Alternatives
History of Bangla Dalit Literature

Web lecture at the Refresher Course in English **2021**
organized by the Human Resource Development Center, University of North Bengal
Amitav Ghosh's The Great Derangement and the Anthropocene Question in Postcolonial Studies

International webinar on South Asian Literature: **2021**
Emerging Trends and Global Perspectives,
organized by the Department of English, Sidho Kanho Birsha University
Is Ambedkar liberal? Revisiting the trajectories of liberalism in South Asian culture

Web lecture at the Department of English, South **2021**
Calcutta Girls' College
Desireless Action: The Bhagavad Gita and Tagore's Home and the World

Web lecture at the Department of English, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University <i>How to build an argument against caste: Reading Ambedkar's 'Annihilation of Caste'</i>	2021
Web lecture at the Department of English, Cooch Behar Pachanan Barma University <i>How not to read Manoranjan Byapari's 'Interrogating Chandal Life'</i>	2021
Web lecture at the Department of English, Cooch Behar Pachanan Barma University <i>Critiquing Subaltern Studies: Is there a sovereign subject in history?</i>	2021
Fordham University, New York, USA <i>Savarkar, Ambedkar, and the Caste Question</i>	2020
Bharathiar University, Tamil Nadu <i>Climate of Literature: Debates on the Anthropocene</i>	2020
Bharathiar University, Tamil Nadu <i>John Dewey contra Leon Trotsky: Ambedkar on Marxism and the Question of Violence</i>	2020
University of North Bengal, W.B. <i>Ambedkar contra Manu: Becoming 'Minor' through Dalit Rage</i>	2020
Sewnarayan Rameswar Fateupuria College, W.B. <i>Postcolonialism and the Indian Writing in English: Critiques of Modernity and Beyond</i>	2020
Midnapore College (Autonomous), W.B. <i>John Dewey and Ambedkar: Reflections on himsa/ahimsa in the Mahabharata</i>	2020

Santipur College **2020**
Draupadi: A Critical Introduction

Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, New Delhi **2020**
Politics of Caste and the effect of Graphic Art in Bhimayana

West Bengal State University (Department of Sociology) **2020**
Caste and Nationalism: Ambedkar, John Dewey, and Vinayak Savarkar's Hindutva Project

Nabagram Hiralal Pal College, University of Calcutta **2020**
Okonkwo's Tragic Fall: Beyond the Anthropological Reading of Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart

Sree Narayana College, Chempazhanthy, University of Kerala **2020**
Subaltern Studies, Marxism, and Postcolonial Literatures

Santipur College **2019**
The Climate of Justice: 'Anthropocene' as the limit of Modernity and Gaia as Home

Barabazar Bikram Tudu College **2019**
South Asian Studies: Politics of Postcolonialism as Area Studies

University of North Bengal **2018**
Tagore contra Hegel- Literature, Historiography, and Historicity

University of North Bengal <i>Ambedkar and the Nation State</i>	2018
University of North Bengal <i>Dalit literature and Historiography</i>	2018
University of North Bengal <i>Reading Monoranjan Byapari's Autobiography</i>	2018
Department of Political Science, Presidency University <i>How are we reading/receiving Monoranjan Byapari?</i>	2018
Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur <i>The Precarity of Dalit ethnoscope in the Postcolonial Nation-State- Ambedkar, Appadurai and Skinner</i>	2018
Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur <i>Ambedkar, Bhagavad Gita and the Question of Violence</i>	2018
Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur <i>Ambedkar and the Indian Partition</i>	2018
University of Delhi <i>Ambedkar and the Nation-State</i>	2017
Midnapore College (Autonomous) <i>Contemporary Dalit Writings and Ambedkar's Philosophy</i>	2017
Vidyasagar College <i>Subalternity, Literature and Historiography</i>	2017

University of Kalyani <i>What the Foucault?</i>	2017
Department of English, Jadavpur University <i>Ambedkar and Postcolonial Modernity</i>	2017
Department of English, Jadavpur University <i>Self-reflexivity and Ethics in Theorizing Caste in Dalit Literature: Seeing through the Cracked Mirror and issues in Lived Experience as the Right to Theory</i>	2016
Centre for Indian Studies in Africa, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa <i>Ambedkar and the Colonial State: Rethinking Ambedkar's 'Strategic Statism' and the Birth of a Modern Nation</i>	2016
Asiatic Society of Bengal <i>Ambedkar contra Manu: A Contemporary Critique of Ressentiment and the Category Of 'Angry Dalit</i>	2016
Asiatic Society of Bengal <i>Past, Present and Future of Dalit Studies in India</i>	2016
The Bhawanipur Education Society College <i>Hermeneutics of Nationalism: Perceiving the Indian Nation-State as a Hindu Space</i>	2016
Rishi Bankim Chandra College, Naihati <i>Introducing Caste and Dalit Literature</i>	2014

Department of English, Jadavpur University
*Monoranjan Byapari and the Common Sense of
the Modern*

2014

Department of English, Vidyasagar University
*Reading a post-liberal critique of Dalit struggle
from Dalit Historiographical perspective*

2014

Gour Mahavidyalaya, Malda, W.B.
*Reading Mahasweta Devi with Spivak's idea of
the Subaltern in 'Can the Subaltern speak?'*

2013

Midnapore College (Autonomous)
*'We will rebuild worlds'- 'paraichi' voices in
Tamil Dalit Literature*

2012

Conference Presentations:

Third International Conference on South Asian
Studies organized by Ireland Indian Institute at
Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland
*The Doms of West Bengal and a Contemporary
'Career of the Anti-God'*

2019

Annual Conference of the John Dewey Society in
New York City
*Encountering Deweyan thoughts in Indian
context: Ambedkar's thoughts on war, violence,
and nationalism.*

2018

British Centre for Literary Translation, University
of East Anglia, Norwich, UK

2015

(Im)possibility of Translating Identities:

*Translator, Dalit Litterateur and the 'Truth' of
Dalit Experience*

International Conference on "Contemporary
Approaches to the Analysis of Dalit Literature" at
the Nottingham Trent University, UK.

2014

*Imagining Bauriland: Dalit Utopia(?) in Twenty-
First Century West Bengal*

Critical Approaches to South Asian Studies
Workshop (CASAW), York Center for Asia
Research, York University, Toronto, Canada

2014

*Bhadralok's celebration of a Chotolok's story:
the curious case of Monoranjan Byapari and the
politics of caste and culture in twenty-first
century Bengal*

International Conference on Dalit Literature and
Historiography, Jamia Milia Islamia University,
New Delhi

2013

*Subaltern Historiography to Dalit Historiography:
Tracing Heterogeneity in Dalit Subalternity*

Member of Reviewer Boards:

Reviewer, *Politics and Religion* (Journal of the American Political Science Association, Cambridge University Press)

Reviewer, *Routledge* (Taylor & Francis)

Reviewer, *Critical South Asian Studies* (Journal of the Ireland India Institute, Dublin City University)

Reviewer, *Contemporary Voice of Dalit* (Sage Publications)

Reviewer, *Journal of the Comparative Indian Language and Literature* (University of Calcutta)

Reviewer, *Essays and Studies* (Journal of the Department of English, Jadavpur University)

Member of Academic Bodies:

Member, *United Kingdom Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) International Project on Dalit Literatures---* "Writing, Analyzing, Translating Dalit Literatures".

Member, John Dewey Society (U.S.A.)

Member, Board of Editors, *Indian Journal for Comparative Literature and Translation Studies*.

Guest Editor, *Sanglap: Journal of Literary and Cultural Inquiry* (Special Issue on "Caste in/as Humanities", Vol. 6 No. 1(2019)).

Referees:

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