

## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Md. Sajjad Alam Rizvi**

#### **Present Address**

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#### **Designation and Institutional Affiliation**

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Presidency University  
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#### **Research Interests:**

Islamic Intellectual History, History of Emotions, History of Late Medieval and Early Modern India, Islam in South Asia, History of Sufism, History of Muslim Societies

#### **Educational Qualifications**

- D. Phil., Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany, (Dissertation Topic: *Loving the Master? The Debate on Appropriate Emotions in North India (ca: 1750-1830)* 2012
- M. Phil in History, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi (Topic: *Births, Marriages and Deaths- A Demographical Study of the Sultanate Ruling Families*) 2006
- M. A., (Sub: History of Medieval India, History of West Asia, World Power and Diplomacy, Historiography) Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi 2002
- B. A., (Sub: Indian History, Islamic Studies, English Language) Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi 2000
- Fazil, (Sub: Quranic Studies, Hadith, Islamic Fiqh, Islamic Studies, Arabic English, etc.) Darul Uloom Ashrafia Mubarakpur, Azamgadh U. P. 1996
- Alim, (Sub: Quranic Studies, Hadith, Islamic Fiqh, Islamic Studies, Arabic English, etc.) Darul Uloom Ashrafia Mubarakpur, Azamgadh U. P. 1994

#### **Other Qualifications**

- Diploma in Modern Arabic & English Translation, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 1998
- Kamil, Arabic & Persian Examination, U. P., 1994
- Munshi, Arabic & Persian Examination U. P., 1992

#### **Fellowship / Scholarship**

- Guest Fellowship, Centre for the History of Emotions, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin (December 2013 - 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014)
- Doctoral Fellowship, Centre for the History of Emotions, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin (October, 2008-September, 2012)
- Visiting Research Fellow, Centre for the History of Emotions, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin (October- December, 2012)

- Guest Fellowship, Centre for the History of Emotions, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin (December 2013-2nd, January 2014)
- Merit Scholarship for B. A. and M. A., Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

### **Experience:**

- Teaching at the Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata from April, 2013 till present
- Designed and prepared courses on Mughals, Ottomans, and Safavids, Religion and Society in Early Modern South Asia, Eighteenth Century in Indian History, Asian Interactions, and Scientific and Medical Traditions in India (Early Medieval Times to Eighteenth Century) for the department of history, Presidency University
- Worked as member of various departmental committees
- Worked as Research Assistant at the Centre for Zakir Husain Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia from 2006 to 2008 with Professor Seema Alavi
- Taught Islamic Studies and English Language in Jamia. H. N. Aulia, Zakir Nagar as a part time teacher from 1999 to 2007
- Co-Convener, Reading Society, History Association, JMI, New Delhi. 2000-2001
- Convener, Debating Club, History Association, JMI, New Delhi. 2001-2002

### **Languages:**

Urdu; English; Hindi; Persian; Arabic; Bengali (basics; reading and speaking)

### **Publications:**

#### **Articles in Refereed/ Peer-Reviewed Journals:**

- “Music, emotions and reform in South Asian Islam: perspectives from the eighteenth to the twentieth century”, *South Asian History and Culture*, 9:3, 2018, 340-363, DOI: [10.1080/19472498.2018.1488368](https://doi.org/10.1080/19472498.2018.1488368) [Reprinted in Soumen Mukherjee and Christopher Harding (eds), *Mind, Soul and Consciousness: Religion, Science and Psy-Disciplines in Modern South Asia (with a Foreword by J. N. Mohanty)* (London & New York: Routledge, 2019); ISBN 9780367218485].
- “Reinterpreting Sufi Concepts (A Study of Shah Walī-Allāh’s *Alṭāf al-Quds*)”, *Indo-Iranica*, (Vol. 70, Nos. 1-4, (March, June, September and December, 2017), pp. 69-157 [ISSN: 0378-0856]

#### **Chapter in Peer-Reviewed Books**

- "Translating Caste in Perso-Arabic Texts" in Prathama Banerjee (ed.), *Textual Lives of Caste Across the Ages: Hierarchy, Humanity and Equality in India History* (New Delhi: Bloomsbury, 2025), pp. 179-193. [ISBN 9781350355019]
- “Domestic Service in Mughal South Asia” in Nitin Sinha, Nitin Varma and Pankaj Jha, (eds.), *Servant Pasts, 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, Vol. I* (Orient Blackswan, New Delhi) July 2019, pp. 105-131 [ISBN 978-93-5287-664-8]
- “Pīrī-Murīdī in the Writings of Shah Wali-Allah” in Kazi Sufior Rahaman (eds.), *Dimensions of Islamic Spirituality in South Asia and Beyond*, (Calcutta University Press, Kolkata, October, 2022, pp. 273-299 [ISBN 978-93-5759-845-3]

### **Edited/Translated Books:**

- *Risalah Mahwiyyah* (Treatise on the Effacement of the Self), Annotated and Translated from Persian into English, Published by Shah Abdul Aleem Aasi Foundation, Delhi, December, 2022 [ISBN 81-951779-0-5]
- *Rafiq al-Arifeen*, Translated from Persian into Urdu, Published by Shah Abdul Aleem Aasi Foundation, Delhi, 2022 [ISBN 81-95177-93-X]

### **Urdu Articles in Edited Volumes**

- “Imam Ahmad Raza and Ilm-i-Tarikh-i Islam” (Imam Ahmad Raza and Muslim Historiography), in Faizanul Mustafa Qadiri and Tariq Mibahi (eds.), *Musannif-i-Azam Number* (A Commemorative Volume on the Occasion of the Centenary Anniversary of Imam Ahmad Raza Khan Bareilwi), Published by The PaighameShariat Monthly, New Delhi, October, 2018
- “Khaqahun Ka Zawal: Maghribi Ahl-i-Qalam Kin Nazar Mein” (The Decline of Sufi Hospices in the Writings of Western Scholars), in Aikiswin Sadi Mein *Tasawwuf: Alami Buhran Ke Hal Ki Talash*, edited and compiled by Khushtar Noorani, All Indian Ulama wa Mashaikh Board, March, 2016, pp. 263-280
- “Hazrat Aasi, Tasawwuf Aur Tasawwuf Mukhalif Tahrik: Aik Tazjiyati Mut‘alah” (Hazrat Aasi: Sufism and Anti-Sufism Movement: An Analytical Study) in *Bustan-i Aasi*, Volume One, edited and compiled by Abrar Raza Misbahi, published by Shah Abd al-Alim Aasi Foundation, Dehli, February, 2015, pp. 214-262

### **Quasi-Academic Articles**

- “Imam Ahmad Raza aur Jadid Uluoom wa Funoon (Imam Ahmad Raza and Modern Arts and Sciences), *Ahl-i Sunnat Ki Awaz*, (Annual Journal), Vol. 25, 2018, Khanqah Barkatia Mahrehra Sharif, UP., pp. 181-208
- “Mazhabi Ta‘limat Aur Shakhshiyat Sazi” (Religious Education and Personality Development), *Ahl-i Sunnat Ki Awaz*, (Annual Journal), Vol. 22, 2016, Khanqah Barkatia Mahrehra Sharif, UP. pp. 82-121

### **Popular Media**

- “Tajus Shariah Ki Maqbuliyat”, *Al-Habib Yearly*, October, 2018-19
- “Asri Ta‘lim awr Rozgar Ke Mawaq‘: Madaris-i Islamia Ke Farighin Ke Hawale Se” (Modern Education and Employment Opportunities: With Special Reference to the Graduates of Islamic Madaris).” *Karwan-i Ra’is al-Qalam*, 2018.
- “Islam Mein Tarbiat-i Awlad Ki Ahmiyat: Dawr-i Hazir Ke Tanazur Mein” (Significance of Child-Upbringing in Islam: The Contemporary Perspective).” *Sal Nama Al-Habib* (The Al-Habib Yearly), 2017-18.
- “Mah-i Ramadan Aur Kitab-i Hikmat” (The Month of Ramadan and the Quran), *Paigam-i Shariat*, Delhi, June, 2016, p. 5-7
- “Hindustani Musalmaun Ke Chand Aham Asari Idare: Ta'arufwaTajziya” (Some Prominent Muslim Institutions for Modern Education: Introduction and Analysis), *Ahl-i Sunnat Ki Awaz*, (Annual Journal), Vol. 22, 2015, Khanqah Barkatia Mahrehra Sharif, UP. pp. 181-208

### **Translations**

- Translated “Aljamiatul Ashrafia: A Brief History” from Urdu into English.
- Translated “An Introduction to Aljamiatul Ashrafia” from Urdu into English.
- Translated “Some Prominent Ulama and Their Role in 1857” from Urdu into English.
- Translated “Masaa’il-e-Hajj wa Ziyarat” from Urdu into English.

### **Ongoing Works (Tentative Titles)**

- Loving the Master? The Debate on Appropriate Emotions in North India (ca: 1750-1830) (Monograph)
- Representation of the Marathas in Persian Historical Writings (to be published in an edited volume)
- Reconfiguring the Concepts of Caliphate and Imamate in South Asian (18th - 19th Centuries)
- Defining Knowledge and Wisdom in South Asian Perso-Arabic Texts (Late 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries)

### **Lectures and Conferences**

Chaired the Medieval Indian History Section, in the International Conference, organized by the Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata, (22-23 March 2025)

Invited Paper on “Modernizing Madrasah Education in West Bengal: New Perspectives” in the National Workshop on “Dynamics of Sustainable Regional Development in North Bengal”, organized by Haji Halima Foundation, Siliguri, West Bengal (24-25 January 2025)

Invited Paper on “Exploring the Contours of Madrasah Education in Times of Transitions: The Madrasah Aliah of Calcutta and the Madrasah Aliyah of Rampur” in the Two-Day National Seminar on “Transitions in Indian History: Economy, Society and Culture” organized by the Department of History, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad (10-11 September, 2024)

Invited Paper on “Exploring Wajid Ali Shah’s Negotiations with Religion and Religious Traditions” in the seminar on the “Two Hundred Years of Nawab Wajid Ali Shah: ‘Home’ and Exile in Calcutta”, organized by Department of History, Jadavpur University in collaboration with School of Media Communication and Culture, Jadavpur University & SPARC Project: Redefining for India the Role of Intangible Cultural Heritage & Know Your Neighbour, Kolkata (30-31 January, 2024)

Invited Lecture on “Values and Ethics in Islamic System of Education” in the ‘One-Day Teachers’ Training Programme’, organized by the Edara-e-Madarise Islamia, Nilambazar, Karimgan, Assam (03, December, 2023)

Invited paper on “Bainal Mazahib Taamuk ki Jehatain: Hazrat Gessudraz ke Afkar ki Roshni mein” in the Three-Day International Seminar on ‘Contributions of Sufis of Deccan for the Promotion of Learning and Communal Harmony’, organized by Centre for Urdu Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, in collaboration with Indian Council of Historical Research, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi, (23-25, January, 2023)

Invited Lecture on “Counsels for the Rulers: A Study of the Akhlaq Literature of Medieval India.” in the Refresher Course on the theme ‘History: The Interplay of

Power and Ethics', organized by the Department of History, in association with the Academic Staff College, University of Calcutta, (21, March, 2022)

Invited Paper on "Analyzing the Changing Orientations of Madaris in South Asia" in the National Conference on "*Madrassa Education in India: Challenges and Opportunities*", organized by the Department of Islamic Studies, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi (16-17, March, 2022)

Invited Paper on "Exploring the Concept of Bay'ah in the Writings of Shah Wali-Allah of Delhi", in the International Conference on *Texts, Shrine and Sufis: Reading Islam in South Asia*, organized by Markaz-i-Noor Shaikh-ul Alam Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies (SACMS), University of Kashmir, Srinagar (22 February, 2022)

Invited Paper on "Translating Caste in Perso-Arabic Texts" in the workshop on the Textual *Life of Caste*, organized by Parekh Institute of Indian Thought, CSDS, Delhi, (8th to 10th December 2021)

Invited Paper on "Issues and Prospects of Bi-lingual Schools" in the seminar on *Urdu Medium Schools: Issues and Prospects in Present Times*, organized by Kamarhati Educational and Social Welfare Society, Kamarhati, Kolkata West Bengal, (28, February, 2021)

Invited Lecture on "Muslim Contributions to Mathematics and Medicine" at the Winter School, A Five-Day Workshop on Islamic Studies, organized jointly by the Institute of Objective Studies, Kolkata Chapter and Department of Theology, Aliah University, Kolkata, (15-19 February, 2021)

Invited Presentation "Caste in Perso-Arabic Texts in Medieval India", in the workshop on "The Textual Life of Caste" organized by the Parekh Institute of Indian Thought, CSDS, New Delhi (7th - 18th December, 2020) (Online)

Invited Lecture "Shaykh Abd al-Haq Muhaddith Dehlawi: Life and Works", in the webinar organized by The Afkaar Communication, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, (09 November, 2020) (Online)

Invited Paper "Islam in South Asia: Analyzing the Historiographical Trends", in the international webinar series "Society, Economy, Polity and Culture: Colonial and Postcolonial South Asia", organized by the Department of History, Raidighi College, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal (8, November, 2020) (Online)

Invited Paper "Mujahid-i-Millat Ki Siyasi Basirat" in the All India Mujahid-i-Millat Seminar wa Mujahid-i-Millat Conference, organized by All India Tabligh-i-Sirat Dhamnagar at Cuttack, (Odisha) (29 February, 2020)

Invited Paper: "Digital Journalism: Masail aur Imkaanaat" in the National Seminar on Modern Requirements of Digital Journalism in Urdu, organized by Nasiria Foundation, Kishanganj, Bihar (26, February, 2020)

Invited Paper on "Mirza Ghalib and Masnavi Charagh-e-Dair (Lamp of the Temple)" in the International Seminar on Understanding of Mriza Ghalib in the Present Context, organized by Iran Society, Kolkata, (15<sup>th</sup> February, 2020)

Invited Lecture on “Non-Muslims under Muslim Empires” in the Winter School on Islamic Studies, organized by Institute of Objective Studies, Kolkata Chapter and Department of Islamic Studies, Aliah University, Kolkata (12 February, 2020)

Invited Paper: “Approaches to Perso-Arabic Historiographical Traditions”, in the One Day Workshop, organized by the Centre for Study and Research (CSR) and the Council on Historical Research and Teaching, New Delhi (01 February, 2020)

Invited Paper: “Forms of Resistance in the Muslim World: Interpreting the Conceptual Frameworks” in the One-Day Symposium on “Writing Histories of Resistance: From Transgression to Transformation”, organized by Global South Asia History Network in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Sciences Research-NERC Shillong, (01, October, 2019)

Invited Paper: “Sayyid Makhdom Ashraf Jahangir Simnani aur Insani Rawadari” in the international seminar on “Makhddom Syed Ashraf Jahagir Simnani: Hayat wa Khidmat, organized by Majlis Tahqiqat Ilmi, Jame Ashraf Dargah Kichhauchh Sharif, Ambedkarnagr, U.P. (26, September, 2019)

Invited Paper: “Defining Knowledge and Wisdom in South Asian Perso-Arabic Texts (Late 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries)” in the International Conference on ‘Forms of Knowledge and Intellectual Traditions in South Asia, organized by The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi (10-11, July 2019)  
[You Tube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZ2dM8WjQYs>]

Invited Paper: “Urdu Zuban: Ulum wa Funun Aur Intizami Khidmat Ki Zuban” in the national Seminar on “Odisha mein Urdu Zaban: Taleem-o-Taallum aur RozgarkeHawale Se.” organized by Jamia Al-Habib, Jagasinghpur, Odisha, sponsored by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), Ministry of HRD, (24 March, 2019)

Invited paper on “Perso-Islamic Historical Traditions” in workshop on “Indian History Writing Traditions” organized by Centre for Study and Research, Hyderabad and Council of Historical Research and Teaching, New Delhi (16 March, 2019)

Invited Paper: “Urdu Textbooks and Primary Madrasah Education”, in the national Seminar on “Urdu Zuban awr Adab-i Atfal”, organized by Madrasa NasiriaAshrafia, Panasi, Kishanganj, Bihar and sponsored by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), Ministry of HRD, Government of India (24 February, 2019)

Invited Paper: “The Persian Sources for the History of Bengal” in the “3-Day International Seminar on Persian Heritage of Bengal” organized by Iran Society, Kolkata (15-17 February, 2019)

Attended a brainstorming session on “Dimensions of History Writing in Post Independent India: Issues, Method and New Directions” organized by the Centre for Study and Research (CSR) and the Council on Historical Research and Teaching, New Delhi (12 January 2019)

Invited Paper: “Imam Ahmad Raza Ke Ma’ashi awr Iqtisadi Nazriyat: Rozgar and Bekari Ke Hiwale Se” in the Imam Ahmad Raza National Seminar, organized by Ulamai Ahl-I Sunnate Uttar Dinajpur, (29 December, 2018)

Invited Paper: "Asri Ta'lim awr Rozgar Ke Mawaq'at: Madaris-i Islamia Ke Farighin Ke Hawale Se" in the National Seminar on *Madaris-i Islamia aur Urdu Idaron ke Farighin Ke Liye Ta'limi Taraqqi Ke Wasa'il aur Rozgar Ke Mawaq'at: Masa'il aur*, organized by Madrasa Nasiria Ashrafia, Panasi, Kishanganj, Bihar and sponsored by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi, (24 February, 2018)

Invited Paper: "The Reception of Arabic Medical Texts in South Asia." Paper presented at the National Seminar on "Contributions of Arabic Language to Science", Department of Arabic, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, (21-22 November, 2017)

Invited Paper: "Urdu Zariye Talim Aur Rozgar: Masail wa Imkanat (Urdu Medium of Instruction and Employment: Problems and Prospects)" for the National Seminar, on *Urdu Medium Aala Talim aur Husul-e-Rozgar mein Rukawat Nahin*, organized by Alambazar Urdu Library in collaboration with National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi (05 August, 2017)

Invited Paper: "Representation of the Marathas in Persian Historical Writings", at Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, (13-14 April, 2017)

Invited Paper: "Qawmi Yakjihati Aur Urdu Zuban: Aik Tajziyati Muta'alah" in the National Seminar on *Role of Urdu Language in National Integrity*, organized by Madrasa Nasiria Ashrafia, Panasi, Kishanganj, Bihar and sponsored by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi, (24 February, 2017)

Invited Paper: "Domestic Servants in Mughal South Asia" in the International Conference, on *Servants' Pasts, 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries*, Center for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, (16-18 February, 2017)

Invited Hiralall Chopra Memorial Lecture: "Sufi Literature in Eighteenth Century India: Revisiting Shah Waliyullah's Writings, at Iran Society, Kolkata (21 January, 2017)

Invited Paper: "Furfura Sharif: Exploring Sacred Geographies and Religious and Spiritual Networks," in the Two-Days International Seminar on *Pir Abu Bakar Siddique and the Socio-Religion Reform Movements in South Asia*, organized by Shah Abu Bakar Siddique Memorial Committee, Furfura Sharif, West Bengal, at Aliah University, (Park Circus Campus) Kolkata, 14-15 January, 2017  
[YouTubeLink: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThVsu8GX3yA>]

Invited Paper: "Music, Emotions and Reform in South Asian Islam (Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries) at *Asian Studies Conference Japan*, (ASCJ), International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, (2-3 July, 2016)

Invited Paper: "Marathas in Persian History Writings" in national seminar, organized by the Department of History, University of Calcutta, (26 February, 2016)

Invited Paper: "History Writing in Urdu: A Study of Zakaullah Khan's Tarikh-i Hindustan", in the national seminar on *Azadi Ke Bad Tarikh Ki Tadwin Mein Urdu Zuban Ka Kirdar*, organized by organized by Madrasa NasriyaAshrafia, Panasi, Kishanganj, sponsored by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi, (24 February, 2016)

Invited Paper: "Sacred Sources of Islam: Prophethood and Revelation in Nursi's Risale-i Nur", in the 4th International Nursi Studies Conference in India on the Theme of the Concept of Qur'an in the Risale-i Nur, organized by the Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture, Turkey in collaboration with the Aliah University, Kolkata (12-13 February 2015)

Invited Paper: "Ilaqa-i Seemanchal Mein Ta'limi Pasmandagi aur Zariah-i Talim Ka Mas'ala: Maadri Zuban Mein Talim ke Tanazur Mein" in the national seminar on "Madri Zuban Urdu Zariye Talim Se", organized by Madrasa NasriyaAshrafiya, Panasi, Kishanganj, sponsored by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi(24 February, 2015)

Invited Paper: "Madrassa Education, Government Schemes and the Issues of Exclusion" in the National Seminar on Minorities in North-East India: Process of Inclusion and Development of Minorities in North East India, organized by Sikkim University with Support of Ministry of Minority Affairs and ICSSR, New Delhi, (March, 22-23, 2014)

Invited Paper: "Reconfiguring the Concepts of Caliphate and Imamate: The Tariqa-i Muhammadiyya in Early Nineteenth Century-South Asia", in the workshop on The Conceptual World of Bhashas in Modern India, held at CSDS, Delhi, (13-15 February, 2014)

Invited Paper: "Redefining Concepts of Emotions in South Asia: Reform and Politics in the Tariqa-i Muhammadiyya", in the workshop on "Concepts of Emotions in South Asia from 19th to 21st Century", organized by the Centre for the History of Emotions, Max Plank Institute for Human Development, Berlin Germany, (December, 6-7, 2013)

Invited Paper: "Music, Emotions and Reform in South Asian Islam (Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries)", in the conference on "Concepts, Communities, Practices: Rethinking the Transnational", organized by the Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata, (September 3, 2013)

Presented a paper on "The Sufi Concept of Love: Reception and Interpretation in 18th Century South Asia", in the Conference on Emotions in East and West, the Cultural History of Emotions in Pre-Modernity II, Istanbul, (September 29-October 1, 2011)

Presented a paper on "The Sufi Way of Controlling and Cultivating Emotions: A Study of Indian Sufi *Manuals*" in the conference on "*Learning to Feel: Emotions beyond Nature vs. Nurture*" in Jerusalem, (April 10-14, 2011)

Presented a paper on "*Love in Master-Disciple Relationship: A Contested Concept*" in the *South Asian Graduate Conference*, University of Chicago, (3-4 March, 2011)

Participated in a *PhD Students' Workshop* organized by Dr. Sunil Sharma and Richard Somers Delacy at the Dept. of Sanskrit & Indian Studies, Harvard University, (11-03-2011)

Participated in the Summer School Course, "*Introduction to Conceptual History*", in the University of Helsinki, Finland, (August, 2010)

Presented a paper on *“Purifying the Soul: Conceptualizing Emotions by Indian Sufis”* at the 21ST European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, University of Bonn, (26-29 July, 2010)

Co-convoked a panel on *“New Approaches to the Study of Sufism: Perspectives from the History of Emotions”* at *The 21ST European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies*, University of Bonn, (26-29 July, 2010)

Gave a presentation on “Research Project” in *South Asian Studies Colloquium*, at the Institute of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin, (12 July 2010)

Presented a paper on *“Allegiance to the Master: Conceptualizing Spiritual Authority in Indian Sufism”* at the *Fourth Concepta Research Training Seminar, Culture, Civilization and the World –the Semantics of Globalization*, University of Oslo, (January 25-27 2010)

Presented a paper on *“The Master-Disciple Relationship in Indian Sufism (1750-1830)* in a workshop on *“Master-Disciple Relationship in the Interdisciplinary Discourse Part 1: Philosophy, Religion, and Spirituality”* organized by the Department of History and Cultural Studies, FU Berlin, (19 – 21, November, 2009)

Presented *“Concept of the Soul: Sufi Scholars in North India (late 18th-early 19th Centuries)”* in the panel, *Towards the Historical Semantics of Emotions, New Directions in the History of Concepts*, in the *12th annual conference on the History of Concepts*, London and Oxford, (17-19 September 2009)

Participated in the *“International Youth Conference”* held in Cape Town, South Africa, (2004)

Participated in the *“International Fiqh Conference”* held in Pretoria, South Africa, (2003)

Read a paper on *“Historical Classification: the Occident and the Saracens in the Middle Ages”* in the Summer School, organized by the University of Erfurt, Germany, (2003)

Read a paper on *“Textile Technology in Medieval India”* in the Students ‘Seminar, Dept. of History and culture, JMI, (2002)

Delivered a talk on *“Madras Education in India”* in Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi, (2002)

### **Orientation Programme & Refresher Courses**

- Attended a refresher course on “Human Rights and Social Inclusion (Interdisciplinary)” organized the UGC-HRDC, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi (04 August – 18 August 2023)
- Attended a refresher course on “Social Sciences, Social Inequalities and Public Policy: Reflections on Contemporary India”, organized by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Jadavpur University, Kolkata-700098 (02 January – 24 January 2018)
- Attended the 119<sup>th</sup> 4-Week Orientation Programme, UGC-HUMAN Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi (01-August 2017-29 August, 2017)

### **PhD Supervision**

- Gulzar Husain, “Kashmiri Sufi Tradition and Political in the Twentieth Century” (Awarded)
- Humaira Afreen, “Political Violence under the Mughals (1526-1707)” (ONGOING)
- Jayeeta Ghosh, “The Pir Katha Tradition and Literary Marginalization in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Bengal” (ONGOING)
- Srobona Sarkar, “Journey to the Beloved: Music, Texts and Devotions in Bengal (15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries)” (ONGOING)

### **Service to the field**

- Member, Executive Council of the Centre for Archaeological Studies & Training, Eastern India,(CASTEI), Kolkata, West Bengal (2022-)
- Member, General Council of the Centre for Archaeological Studies & Training, Eastern India,(CASTEI), Kolkata, West Bengal (2022-)
- Member, BoS, Department of History, Aliah University, Kolkata (2020-)
- Member, Expert Advisory Committee Archaeological Survey of India, Kolkata Circle, June, 2017-2020)
- Member, Social Science Panel, National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi (NCPUL) 2016-2018
- External Examiner for PhD thesis, Department of History Jamia Millia Islamia, 2019
- External Examiner for M. Phil dissertation, Department of History, Jamia Millia Islamia, 2019
- External Examiner for M. Phil dissertation, Department of History, University of Delhi, 2016
- External Examiner for M. Phil dissertation, Department of History, University of Delhi, 2015
- Publisher’ Referee, National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, (Wrote expert opinions on three books published by the council)
- Invited Lectures for UG and PG Courses, Department of History, Aliah University, Kolkata(2016-2018)
- Guest Faculty, Department of Islamic History and Culture, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, (2019-till Present)
- Extension Lectures, *Islamic Research and Training Institute*, Al-Barkaat, Aligarh (2013-till Present))