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PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

October 2013- Present. Assistant Professor in History, Presidency University, Kolkata.

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH/ ACADEMIC POSITION

2011-2013. Research Fellow (*wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter*), Centre for Modern Oriental Studies, Berlin (Zentrum Moderner Orient; ZMO) for the period March 2011- September 2013. [October 2012- September 2013: On teaching secondment at the Freie Universität, Berlin].

QUALIFICATIONS/ UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

2010. Dr. phil. History of South Asia (*Geschichte Südasiens*), Heidelberg University. Grade: *Magna cum Laude*.

2004. M.A. (History), University of Calcutta (Third in the First Class in the Order of Merit).

2002. B.A. (History Honours) from Presidency College, University of Calcutta (Joint Third in the First Class in the Order of Merit). Elective General Subjects: Economics and Political Science.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS/ EXPERTISE

Intellectual history; History of religions; Modern South Asia; Global religious, spiritual and intellectual networks; Indian Ocean worlds; Trans-Himalayan religious networks

PUBLICATIONS

Works in progress/ under review and publications in popular media not mentioned.

Books/ Monographs (Peer-Reviewed):

2024. *Religion, Mysticism, and Transcultural Entanglements in Modern South Asia: Towards a Global Religious History*. Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN: 978-3-031-49636-3 (Hardcover); 978-3-031-49637-0 (E-Book); https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-49637-0 .

2017. *Ismailism and Islam in Modern South Asia: Community and Identity in the Age of Religious Internationals*. Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 9781107154087; https://doi.org/10.1017/9781316650479.*

* Winner of the 2021 Karim and Rosemin Karim Prize.

Edited Books (Peer-Reviewed)/ Special Issue of Peer-Reviewed Journal:

Forthcoming (In press). (With Nirmalya Guha) *Handbook of Indic Philosophy and Religion: Classical Past and Modern Histories*. Bloomsbury Publishing. ISBN: 9789361313318.

2025. (With Toshio Akai) *Esotericism, Mysticism, and the Politics of Transcendence in Modern Asia*. Anthem Press. ISBN: 9781839990434.

2024. *Empire, Religion, and Identity: Modern South Asia and the Global Circulation of Ideas*. Brill. ISBN: 978-90-04-68515-4 (Hardback); 978-90-04-69433-0 (E-Book).

2018. Guest edited (with Christopher Harding and with a Foreword by J.N. Mohanty), Special Issue: 'Mind, Soul and Consciousness: Religion, Science and Psy-Disciplines in Modern South Asia', *South Asian History and Culture*, 9, 3 (2018). ISSN: 1947-2498.

[Reprinted as edited collection: 2019. London & New York: Routledge; ISBN 9780367218485].

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

2021. 'The idea of Viśva Bhāratī: cosmopolitanism, transculturality and education in early twentieth century South Asia', *South Asian History and Culture*, 12, 4: 436-444; https://doi.org/10.1080/19472498.2021.1981673 . ISSN: 1947-2498.

2020. 'Sufis, Yogīs, and genealogies of "Islamic yoga": Broaching religio-cultural encounters in premodern eastern India', *Religion Compass* 14, 8; https://doi.org/10.1111/rec3.12368 . Online ISSN: 1749-8171.

2018. 'Recovering wisdom of the "ancient *rishis*": Girindrasekhar Bose, Indra Sen, and the psy-disciplines in modern India', *South Asian History and Culture*, 9, 3: 296-322; https://doi.org/10.1080/19472498.2018.1488369 . ISSN: 1947-2498.

2018. 'Epilogue', *South Asian History and Culture*, 9, 3: 364-371; https://doi.org/10.1080/19472498.2018.1488367 . ISSN: 1947-2498.

2014. 'Universalising Aspirations: Community and Social Service in the Isma'ili Imagination in Twentieth-Century South Asia and East Africa', *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, Series 3, 24, 3: 435-453; https://doi.org/10.1017/S1356186314000315 . ISSN: 1356-1863.

[Reprinted in: 2015. Justin Jones and Ali Usman Qasmi (eds), *The Shi'a in Modern South Asia: Religion, History and* Politics. New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, pp. 105-130].

2011. 'Being "Ismaili" and "Muslim": Some Observations on the Politico-Religious Career of Aga Khan III', *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, 34, 2: 188-207; https://doi.org/10.1080/00856401.2011.587507 . ISSN: 0085-6401 print; 1479-0270 online.

2010. 'Two Accounts of the Colonised "Other" in South Asia: Re-exploring Alterity', *South Asia Research*, 30, 2: 165-184; https://doi.org/10.1177/026272801003000204 . ISSN: 0262-7280.

2009. 'Conceptualizing Reform and Building Consensus: Islam in South Asia, and some Aspects of Leadership Patterns and Political Consciousness', *Heidelberg Papers in South Asian and Comparative Politics* (HPSACP); https://doi.org/10.11588/heidok.00009376 ; eISSN 1617-5069; see https://hasp.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/journals/hdpapers/issue/view/331 & https://archiv.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/portale/hdpaper/

Book Chapters/ Papers in Conference Proceedings (including peer-reviewed chapters):

Forthcoming (In press). (Co-authored with Nirmalya Guha) 'Key Ideas and Concepts in Indic Religion and Philosophy: Some Prefatory Comments on (Re)Tracing Lives and Afterlives' in Nirmalya Guha and Soumen Mukherjee (eds), *Handbook of Indic Philosophy and Religion: Classical Past and Modern Histories*. Bloomsbury Publishing. ISBN: 9789361313318. [peer-reviewed]

2025. (Co-authored with Toshio Akai): 'Esotericism, Mysticism, and Spiritual Imaginaries in Modern Asia: An Introduction' in Soumen Mukherjee and Toshio Akai (eds), *Esotericism, Mysticism, and the Politics of Transcendence in Modern Asia* (London & New York: Anthem Press), pp. 1-30. ISBN: 9781839990434. [peer-reviewed]

2025. 'Mystics, Theosophists, and *Vijñana* as *Scientia Sacra*: Gopinath Kaviraj, His Yogis, and their Indo-Tibetan Peregrinations' in Soumen Mukherjee and Toshio Akai (eds), *Esotericism, Mysticism, and the Politics of Transcendence in Modern Asia* (London & New York: Anthem Press), pp. 141-170. ISBN: 9781839990434. [peer-reviewed]

2024. 'Religion, identity, and South Asia's global entanglements since the *fin de siècle*: An introduction' in Soumen Mukherjee (ed.), *Empire, Religion, and Identity: Modern South Asia and the Global Circulation of Ideas* (Leiden & Boston: Brill), pp. 1-38. ISBN: 978-90-04-68515-4 (Hardback); 978-90-04-69433-0 (E-Book). [peer-reviewed]

2023. 'Towards the Genealogy of an Indic *Sittlichkeit*: Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on Dharma and the Idea of Civil Religion' in Kingshuk Chatterjee (ed.), *Eurasia, India and the Spaces in Between: Essays in Memory of Hari Shankar Vasudevan* (Delhi: Primus Books), pp. 243-281; ISBN 978-93-5687-868-6 (Hardback).

2020. '"Renaissance Man"-er sandhāne: Īśvarcandra Vidyāsāgar-Rāmjay Tarkabhuṣaṇ Samvād' in Krishna Ray and Sumanta Mukhopadhyay (eds), *Iśvar Pārābāre*. Kolkata: Bethune College/ Sopān, pp. 28-32 [in Bengali]; ISBN: 978-81-948279-1-7.

2017. 'Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's Jesus and the Rediscovery of "Lost Tribes": Towards a Manifesto for Connected and Fantastic Histories' in Kingshuk Chatterjee (ed.), *Contours of Relationship: India and the Middle East*. New Delhi, KW Publishers Pvt. Ltd./ University of Calcutta CPWAS/ IFPS, pp. 13-44. ISBN-13: 978-9386288615. [Reprint edition: 2019. London & New York: Routledge; ISBN 9780367344078].

2017. 'Die internationalen Netzwerke des Aga Khan Development Network: Möglichkeiten und Grenzen eines muslimischen Kosmopolitismus' in Bernhard Gißibl & Isabella Löhr (Hg./ eds), *Bessere Welten: Kosmopolitismus in den Geschichtswissenschaften*. Frankfurt/ M & New York: Campus Verlag, pp. 343-372. [Trans. into German by Felix Kurz & Bernhard Gißibl]. ISBN 9783593506135. [peer-reviewed]

2015. 'Modular Projects: Socio-Religious Sensibilities and Political Imagination among the Daudi Bohras in Modern South Asia' in Radu Carciumaru (ed.), *Negotiating Conflict and Accommodating Identity in South Asia (in Heidelberg Papers in Comparative & South Asian Politics Series)*, New Delhi, Samskriti, pp. 167-201. ISBN: 978-81-87374-83-1. [Originally published as peer-reviewed HPSACP Paper No. 45, 2009 (see above).]

2008. 'Ismaili Samaj ebong dharmiyo netritto: kichu prasanga' in Aniruddha Ray (ed.), *Itihas Anusandhan 22*, Kolkata: Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, pp. 402-405. [In Bengali].

Encyclopaedia/ Lexicon articles (including peer-reviewed article):

2025. 'Sultan Muhammad Shah Aga Khan III'. In *Oxford Bibliographies Online* in Islamic Studies, https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195390155/obo-9780195390155-0314.xml [peer-reviewed]

2018. Thematic essay: 'Hindu sacred sites and pilgrimage in the Himalayas' in Andrew Hund and James A. Wren, (eds), *The Himalayas: An Encyclopedia of Geography, History, and Culture*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, pp. 15-19. ISBN hardcover: 978-1-4408-3938-2; ISBN e-book: 978-1-4408-3939-9.

2018. Entry on 'Diwali' in Andrew Hund and James A. Wren, (eds), *The Himalayas: An Encyclopedia of Geography, History, and Culture*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, pp. 108-110. ISBN hardcover: 978-1-4408-3938-2; ISBN e-book: 978-1-4408-3939-9.

2015. Articles on: i) 'Bahmani Sultanate' (Bahmani Sultanat); ii) 'Bihar & Orissa'; iii) 'Bijapur Sultanate' (Bijapur Sultanat); iv) 'Bombay'; v) 'Gujarat'; vi) 'Ismaili'; vii) 'Kashmir' (Kaschmir); viii) 'Parsi' (Parsen) in Hermann Hiery (Hg./ ed.), *Lexikon zur Überseegeschichte*, Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag. ISBN 978-3-515-10000-7 (Print) & ISBN 978-3-515-10875-1 (eBook) [Translated into German].

Book Reviews (in academic journals):

2026. Review of Uma Chakravarti, *The Dying Lineage: The Crisis of Political Power in the Mahabharata* (New Delhi: Primus Books, 2024) in *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 33, 1: 113-117.

2023. Review of Martin Kämpchen, *Indo-German exchanges in education: Rabindranath Tagore meets Paul and Edith Geheeb* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2020) in *South Asian History and Culture*, 14, 1: 95-98.

2020. Review of John A. Stevens, *Keshab: Bengal's Forgotten Prophet* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018) in *The American Historical Review*, 125, 5: 1853-1854.

2020. Review of Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty and Shyam Sundar Bhattacharya (eds), *An encounter between two Asian civilisations: Rabindranath Tagore and the early twentieth century Indo-Japanese cultural confluence* (Kolkata: Asiatic Society, 2018) in *South Asian History and Culture*, 11, 3: 338-340.

2017. Review of Patrick Olivelle (trans.), *King, Governance, and Law in Ancient India: Kautilya's Arthasastra—A New Annotated Translation* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2014) in *Indian Historical Review*, 44, 1: 134-136.

2016. Review of M. Raisur Rahman, *Locale, Everyday Islam, and Modernity: Qasbah Town and Muslim Life in Colonial India* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2015) in *South Asian History and Culture*, 7, 4: 418-20.

2015. Review of Teena Purohit, *The Aga Khan Case: Religion and Identity in Colonial India* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2012) in *Contemporary South Asia*, 23, 1: 104-105.

2012. Review of Nile Green, *Bombay Islam: The Religious Economy of the West Indian Ocean, 1840-1915* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011) in *Contemporary South Asia* 20, 3: 416-417.

2010. Review of Bidyut Chakrabarty, *Indian politics and society since Independence: events, processes and ideology* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2008) in *Contemporary South Asia*, 18, 4: 456-457.

2010. Review of John R. Hinnells and Richard King (eds), *Religion and Violence in South Asia: Theory and Practice* (London and New York: Routledge, 2007) in *Contemporary South Asia*, 18, 2: 231-232.

2010. Review of Crispin Bates, *Subalterns and the Raj: South Asia Since 1600* (London and New York: Routledge, 2007) in *Contemporary South Asia*, 18, 1: 106-107.

AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS (SELECT)

2025-. Life member, Clare Hall, University of Cambridge (elected in 2025)

2025. Smuts Visiting Research Fellowship in Commonwealth Studies, Centre of South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge (Lent & Easter Terms)

2024. Charles Wallace India Trust Visiting Fellowship, the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge (Michaelmas Term)

2023. Annemarie Schimmel Fellowship, Institute of Ismaili Studies, London

2021. Karim and Rosemin Karim Prize

2017. Academic visitor, Dialogue Institute, Temple University, Philadelphia (Exchange programme on the Study of the U.S. Institute for Scholars on Religious Pluralism, under the auspices of the Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State)

2011-. Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain & Ireland (elected in 2011)

2011. Visiting Research Fellowship, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin (January and February)

2007-10. Doctoral scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

SELECT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE/ SERVICE TO THE FIELD/ ACADEMIC OUTREACH (2013-)

Book Series:

2025-. Series Editor (with Ankur Barua): book series titled 'Studies in Religion and Society in South Asia', Primus Books

Editorial position:

2022-. Member, International Editorial Advisory Board, *South Asian History and Culture* (February 2022- Present; Publisher: Taylor & Francis).

Reviewer of articles for refereed journals:

South Asian History and Culture

ARGUMENT: Biannual Philosophical Journal (Publisher: Department of Philosophy and Sociology, Pedagogical University of Cracow, Poland)

Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR) Review

Reviewer of book proposals and/ or book manuscripts for publishers:

Cambridge University Press (2019)

Oxford University Press (2015)

Routledge (2014; 2019; 2020; 2024)

Sage (2020)

Other Academic Service:

External thesis examiner in different HEIs

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