Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL PARTICULARS
- Address: 1, Reformatory Street, Calcutta University Alipore Campus, Kolkata 700 027, India.
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CORE DESIGNATION
- Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta.

HONORARY/NOMINATED/STATUTORY DESIGNATIONS
- Director, Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Calcttta.
- Honorary Associate, Centre for Media History, Macquarie University, Sydney.
- Nominated Member, Association of Global South Studies, USA.
- Honorary Adjunct Professor (former), Institute of Development Studies Kolkata.
- Head (former), Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta.
- Chairman, UG Board of Studies in Political Science, University of Calcutta.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

B. A. Hons. In Political Science (St. Xavier's College, Calcutta, 1983)

M.A. (University of Calcutta, 1985)

Ph.D. (Jadavpur University, l997)

EARLY TEACHING CAREER
- Reader in Political Science, University of Calcutta.
- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Political Science in Calcutta University, Kalyani University and Scottish Church College.

BROAD AREA OF RESEARCH
- Informational and communicative modes of development, democracy and governance in the global era. Current research engagements: i) Political economy of invasive technology; ii) Alternative modes of governance communication.

RESEARCH SUPERVISION
- Supervises research of students pursuing Ph.D. and M. Phil degrees.

ACADEMIC PRIZES / AWARDS /RECOGNITIONS
- Best article prize for *Strategies for a New Information Society in Brazil and India*. Awarded by international jury, sponsored by Candido Mendes University, Brazil, in 2002.
- Essay on *Literacy-- Critical Factor for Knowledge Revolution* awarded the second best essay prize at national level by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, in 2001.
- Meritorious Alumnus, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Books Authored
- ***Pandemic, Governance and Communication: The Curious Case of COVID-19***, Routledge/Taylor and Francis, London, New York, Delhi, 2022. [Routledge Series on the Humanities and the Social Sciences in a Post-COVID-19 World.]
- ***The Social Sciences in a Global Age: Decoding Knowledge Politics***, Routledge/Taylor and Francis, London, New York, Delhi, 2021.

- o *The Information Game in Democracy*, Routledge/Taylor and Francis, London, New York, Delhi, 2018.
- o *Development Narratives: Walking the Field in Rural West Bengal*, Orient Blackswan, Hyderabad, 2014.
- o *Development Communication: Contexts for the Twenty-First Century*, Orient Blackswan, Hyderabad, 2013.
- o *Media Sanskriti* (in Bengali, tr. Media Culture), Dey's Publishing, Calcutta, 2003.
- o *Communicating Development in the New World Order: A Critical Analysis*, Kanishka Publishers, New Delhi, l999.
- o *e-book: Short Essays for Long Thoughts*, Fifth Dimension, 2022.

Books Co-authored
- o *Media, Gender and Popular Culture in India: Tracking Change and Continuity*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2011.
- o *Engendering Urban Governance: Managing Changes and Challenges*, Dasgupta Publishers, Kolkata, 2008.
- o *Self-help Groups in West Bengal: Challenges of Development and Empowerment*, Dasgupta Publishers, Kolkata, 2008.
- o *Participatory Governance: Ward Committees in Action*, Dasgupta Publishers, Kolkata, 2007.

Books Co-edited
- o *Webs of History: Information, Communication and Technology from Early to Post-Colonial India*, Manohar, Delhi, 2005.
- o *Democratic Governance in India: Reflections and Refractions*, Kalpaz Books, New Delhi, 2007.

Chapters (in Edited Volumes)
- o *'Governance' in Post-Liberalisation India: The Grey Zone of Political Communication* in Y. Singh Sisodia and P. Chattopadhyay eds. **Political Communication in Contemporary India: Locating Democracy and Governance**, Routledge, London, New York, Delhi, 2022.
- o *Public Policy Communication: Reclaiming a "Nearly Lost' Theme* in Rumki Basu ed., **Democracy and Public Policy in the Post-COVID 19 World: Choices and Outcomes**, Routledge, London, New York, Delhi, 2021.
- o *Mediated Reality in Peace and Conflict Studies: A Conceptual Navigation* in S. Chatterjee and A.J. Majumdar eds., **Peace and Conflict Studies: Perspectives from South Asia**, Routledge, London, New York, Delhi, 2020.
- o *The 'Information Paradox' in Democratic Decentralisation* in P.K. Das ed., **Decentralisation, Governance and Development: An Indian Perspective**, Orient Blackswan, Hyderabad, 2017.
- o *From Clients to Consumers: The Missing Citizens among the Indian Television Audience* in Biswarup Sen and Abhijit Ray eds., **Channeling Cultures: Television Studies from India**, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2014.
- o *Women and/in Media: In Search of Representations* in Basabi Chakraborty ed., **Women's Studies: Various Aspects**, Urbee Prakashan, Kolkata, 2014.
- o *Networking-in-Governance: The Digital Horizon Revisited* in Ashis Rajadhyaksha ed., **In the Wake of Aadhaar: The Digital Ecosystem of Governance in India**, Centre for the Study of Society and Culture-Ford Foundation, Bangalore, 2013.
- o *Politics of Digitisation: UID as Governmental Technique* in A. Ghosh ed., **Branding the Migrant: Arguments of Rights, Welfare and Security**, Frontpage, London and Kolkata, 2013.
- o *'e' Anyway?: Critical Reflections on the e-Governance Roadmap in Andhra Pradesh* in A. Mukhopadhyay and D.K. Das eds., **Contextualizing Democratic Governance: Some Perspectives**, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, 2013.
- o *New Technique of Governance: E-Governance and India's Democratic Experience* in Ranabir Samaddar and Suhit K. Sen eds., **New Subjects and New Governance in India**, Routledge, London/New York/ New Delhi, 2012.

- *Communication: The Challenges of Globalization, Information Society, Identity and Development* in Yogendra Singh ed., **Social Sciences: Communication, Anthropology and Sociology** (Vol.14/Part 2 of the Series on The Project of History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture, Globalization, Centre for Studies in Civilizations/Pearson Longman, New Delhi, 2010.
- *Communicate-Terminate-Communicate: The New Challenge of Terror Communication* in Radharaman. Chakrabarti and I.K. Lahiri eds., **The Challenge of Terrorism**, Academic Excellence/Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Delhi, 2009.
- *Communication and the (Un)making of Global Order* in P. P. Basu *et al* eds., **State, Nation and Democracy: Alternative Global Futures**, Concept Publishing, New Delhi, 2007.
- *For the Right Kind of Communication* in B.Das and R..Bhattacharya eds., **The Rights and Wrongs of It: The Right to Information**, Gangchil, Kolkata, 2007
- *Right to Information: A Collective Exercise* in A. Mukhopadhyay ed., **Right to Information**, Administrative Training Institute, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata, 2007.
- *Social Science Research in a Surviving Mode* in I. Ramabrahmam and M. Hariharan eds., **Globalization: Contextualising Social Science Research**, Allied Publishers, New Delhi, 2006.
- *Information Society as if Communication Mattered: Revisiting the Indian State* in Bernard Bel, Jan Brouwer *et al.* eds., **Communication Processes Volume 1: Media and Mediation**, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2005.
- *On Forgetting History: ICT and Colonization of Politics in Post-colonial India* in Amiya K. Bagchi, Dipankar Sinha and Barnita Bagchi eds., **Webs of History: Information, Communication and Technology from the Early to Post-Colonial India**, Manohar, Delhi, 2005.
- *India and Bangladesh: Media and Mediation in Strengthening Partnership* in Salman Haider ed., **India-Bangladesh--- Strengthening Partnership**, Centre for Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh, 2005.
- *Political Communication* in S. Chakraborty ed., **Political Sociology**, Macmillan India, Delhi, 2005.
- *Development Studies: Global Trends* in A. Majumdar and S. Chatterjee eds., **Understanding Global Politics**, Lancer Publishers, New Delhi, 2004.
- *Sustainable Development in India: An Alternative Perspective* in P. Datta, **Towards Good Governance and Sustainable Development,** DasGupta Publishers, Kolkata, 2003. Co-author.
- *Adjustment and Transition in a Bengali Refugee Settlement 1950-1999* in P. Bose ed., **Refugee Rehabilitation and Care in West Bengal,** Calcutta Research Group-UNHCR, Calcutta/New Delhi, 2000.
- *Foundation of a Refugee Market: A Study in Self-reliance Initiative* in **Refugee Rehabilitation and Care in West Bengal**, Ibid.
- *India in Global Information Order* in U. Thakkar and M. Kulkarni eds., **India in World Affairs,** Himalaya Publishing House, Mumbai, l999.

Select Articles (Journals)

- *Political Communication: Addressing the (Dis)Connect*, **West Bengal Political Science Review**, 18:1 & 2, 2015-2016. Special Article in the section on Major Trends in Contemporary Political Science Research.
- *Communicate-Terminate-Communicate: The New Challenge of Terror Communication*, **JAIR Journal of International Relations**, 1:1, January-June. 2014.
- *'Same Side Goal' Politics: West Bengal's New Brand Image?*, **Economic and Political Weekly**, XLVIII:30, July 27, 2013.
- *Mainstream Media in Post-Colonial India: From the Clutches of the Princes to the Custody of the Merchants*, **Socialist Perspective** [Special Issue on 60 Years of the Indian Republic], 37: 3 &4, December, 2009—March, 2010.
- *The Field Strikes Back: Decoding Narratives of Development*, **Man & Development**, 31:3, September, 2009.

- *Development (without) Communication: Viewing Doordarshan Methodologically*, **Journal of the Moving Image**, 4, November, 2005.   Web version: www.jmionline.org/jmi4.htm
- *Information Technology and Citizen Participation: Macro-Lessons from a Micro-Study*, **Global Media Journal** (Indian Edition), 1:1, November, 2005   www.manipal.edu/gmj/issues/nov05
- *Kargil Episode in Bengali Print Media*, **Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)**, July 6, 2002. Special article.
- *On Reworking the Global Information Order in the 21ˢᵗ Century: Past Lessons, Future Strategy* in **The Indian Journal of Political Science** (Issue on Globalization and the State), September, 2001.
- *Info-Age and Indian Intellectuals: An Unfashionable Poser*, **EPW**, November 25, 2000.
- *Indian Democracy: Exclusion and Communication*, **EPW,** August 7, 1999.
- *Communication for Liberalization in India: The Take-off Stage*, **Asian Studies**, July/December, l998.
- Public Communication in Information Age: Time for Requiem, **EPW**, September 13, l997.
- *Information Inequality*, **Seminar**, October, l996.
- *Designing Double-Think: A Critical Note on World Summit for Social Development, **Asian Studies,*** January-June, l996.
- *Summit-led Humanitarianism: Towards Fourth World Women's Conference*, **EPW**, August 26, 1995.
- *Understanding Development in the New World Order: A Conceptual Framework*, **Indian Journal of Social Science,** April-June, l995.
- *First World First: The Logic of the Emergent World Order and Third World Development*, **Samajtatya,** July-December, l993.
- *Information Game: Lesson from Gulf War*, **EPW,** May 4, l991.
- *The State in Third World Urbanization: Background and Strategy in the Indian Context*, **Asian Studies,** April-June, l989.

Memorial Lectures/ /Working Papers / Occasional Papers / e-Papers / Reports

- ***Unpacking 'Bengal Exceptionalism' vis-à-vis Governance***, Fifth Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee Memorial Lecture, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, 24 August, Kolkata, 2022.
- ***Media, Development and Democracy: Revisiting the Postcolonial India***, 22ⁿᵈ Professor Shreeram Chandra Dash Memorial Lecture, Utkal University-Professor Shreeram Chandra Dash Memorial Foundation, Bhubaneswar, 2016.
- ***Networking Governance: Emerging Digital Horizon Revisited***, Centre for the Study of Society and Culture, Bengaluru—Ford Foundation, 2013. http://identityproject.in/blogs/%5Buser-raw%5D/networking-governance-emerging-digital-horizon-revisited
- ***(De)Politicising Information Technology: Towards an Inclusionary Perspective***, Working Paper 19, London School of Economics, Department of Media and Communication, London, 2010.
- ***The Field Strikes Back: Decoding Narratives of Development***, Occasional Paper 17, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, Kolkata, 2009.
- ***For Governance's Sake: Local Media Framing of Riverbank Erosion***, Democratic Governance Paper Series 14, UGC-DRS (Phase I) Programme, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta, 2008-2009.
- ***Gender Paradigm in Urban Local Bodies in West Bengal: A Pilot Study of Women Councillors of Kolkata Metropolitan Area***, Change Management Unit, Kolkata Urban Basic Services for the Poor and Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata, 2008.
- ***Backward Villages of West Bengal: An Exploratory Study***, SRD Cell, Department of Panchayats and Rural Development, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata, 2008.
- ***Governance: The Idea and Its Location in Lines and Bytes,*** *Role of Media in Development and Governance*, Department for International Development, UK/British Deputy High Commission/Centre for Media Research and Development Studies, Kolkata, 2008.

- o *'e' Anyway?: Critical Reflections on the e-Governance Roadmap in Andhra Pradesh*, *Democratic Governance Paper Series 6*, UGC-DRS Programme (Phase I), Department of Political Science, Calcutta University, 2005-2006.

<u>Additional International Publications</u>

- o *They, The People: India as Adversarial Republic Lip Service Democracy*, **Global-e**, Vol. 13, No.13, March, 2020 [USA].

- o *Re-Visioning Research Methodology in Global Times*, **Global-e**, Vol. 10, No.29, April, 2017 [USA].
- o *Human Rights and Information Society: Problematizing India* in S.S. Bagchi and A. Das eds., **Human Rights in the Third World: Issues and Discourses**, Lexington Books, Lanham, 2013. [USA]
- o *"Connectivity" over "Connections": Networking Governance and Technology Down South*, **Global-e**, 27 January, 2011. [USA]
- o *Whose Order is it Anyway: Imageries-cum-Rhetoric of (Anti)Globalization*, **Sociological Imagination**, Vol. 1, No.1, 1 June, 2010. [Britain]
- o *Global Village/ Another World: Globalization as Contending Space*, **Global-e**, Vol. 4, No. 1, 30 April, 2010. [USA]
- o *(De)Politicising Information Technology: Towards an Inclusionary Perspective*, **Working Paper 19**, London School of Economics, Department of Media and Communication, London, 2010.
- o *Restyling Democracy?: Mainstream Media and Public Space vis-à-vis Television* in M. Manisha and S. Mitra Dev eds., **Indian Democracy: Problems and Prospects**, Anthem Press, London, 2009. [Britain]
- o *Third World City in the Information Age*, **Encyclopedia of Digital Government**, Idea Group Inc, Pennsylvania, 2006. [USA/Finland]
- o *The Politics of Information Society: A Comparative Analysis of India and Brazil* in Michel Sauquet *et al* eds. **L'idiot du Village Mondial** (in French), Alliance-Luc Pire-Charles Leopold Mayer, Brussels/Paris, 2004. [Belgium/France]
- o *Religious Fundamentalism and its 'Other': A Snapshot View from the Global Information Order* in S. Saha ed., **Religious Fundamentalism in the Contemporary World,** Lexington Books, Lanham/ Oxford, 2004. [USA]
- o *Emerging Media Technologies in the Third World: A Reality Check in West Bengal,* **Telemedium** (USA), Volume 51, Number 2, Fall 2004. [USA]
- o *Chat-behind-the-back: The Political 'Right' of Ordinary People*, **Himal South Asian**, March-April, 2004. [Nepal]
- o *V.P. Singh, Chandra Shekhar and 'Nowhere Politics' in India*, **Asian Survey**, July 7, l991. [USA]
- o *The Development and Decay in a Third World City: A Humanizing Approach for Calcutta*, **Journal of Third World Studies**, Volume 6, No.2, l989. [USA]

<u>Articles in Bengali</u>
Writes in leading Bengali newspapers and little magazines.

<u>PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ETC. (LAST FIVE YEARS)</u>

<u>2022</u>

Keynote Lecture, International Seminar on *Digital Governance and Digital Politics in South Asia*, St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, 15 September, 2022.
Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee Memorial Lecture on *Unpacking 'Bengal Exceptionalism' vis-à-vis Governance*, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, 24 August, 2022.

Lecture on *Research Methodology: Revisiting Foundations*, Workshop on Research Methodology, National University of Juridical Sciences, 27 April, 2022.

Chair, Lecture on *Clash of Communications: Geopoliticization of Digital Platforms* by Jack Lichen Qui, Singapore National University, SIMTEC Institute of Technology, Dhaka, and All India Communication and Media Association, Delhi, 23 April, 2022. Virtual.

Lecture on *Mediated Reality: Rethinking India-Bangladesh Relations in Post-COVID-19 Era*, International Relations (International) Conclave, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, 11April, 2022.

Lecture on *Politicizing COVID-19 Pandemic: The Lens of Governance Communication*, National Seminar on Global Politics in the New Millennium, Department of Political Science, Vidyasagar University, 22 March, 2022.

Special Guest Lecture, National Webinar on Information War in Democracy, Global Media Education Council, 5 March, 2022. National.

Lecture on *Pandemic, Governance and Communication*, Centre for Media, Governance and Culture, Jamia Milia Islamia University, Delhi, 11 February, 2022. Virtual. National.

2021

Keynote Lecture on *Political Science in the Time of Anxiety*, 29th National Conference of Odisha Political Science Association & ICSSR, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, 25 December, 2021.

Special Lecture on *Survey Research Questions: Method-based Framing*, National Workshop on Research Methodology, WB National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, 19 November, 2021. Virtual.

Inaugural Lecture on *Democracy in India: Initiatives and Anxieties*, International Seminar on Indian Society and Polity in the Present day Scenario, Kanchrapara College, 4 October, 2021. Virtual.

Special Lecture on *Rural Livelihoods Opportunity: India in the Lens of Development Communication*, Department of Media Studies, Jain Deemed University, Bengaluru, 6 September. Virtual. National.

Panelist, International Session on *Democracy and Public Policy in the Post COVID-19 World*, American Society for Public Administration, USA, 12 May, 2021. Virtual.

Special Lecture on *Debating Research Methodology in Unsettling Times*, Special Lecture Series on Research Methodology, Department of Sociology, University of Calcutta, 25 January, 2021. Virtual presentation.

2020

Lecture on *Research Methodology: Philosophising Social Science*, National Workshop on Research Methodology, National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, 5 March, 2020.

Lecture on *Public Policy Communication: Reclaiming a 'Nearly Lost' Theme*, Centenary International Seminar on Democracy and Public Policy in India: Choices and Outcomes, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 26 February, 2020.

Chair, Technical Session I on Policy Studies as a Discipline: Theoretical Frameworks, Centenary International Seminar on Democracy and Public Policy in India: Choices and Outcomes, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 27 February, 2020.

Lecture on *MOOCs: Values and Challenges of Content Development*, School of Media, Workshop on Communication and Culture-Centre for Microprocessor Applications for Training, Education and Research, Jadavpur University, 13 February, 2020.

Evaluation, UGC-IDP Workshop on E-Content, OER and MOOCs, UGC-HRDC, Calcutta University and A.K. Choudhury School of Information Technology, 13 February, 2020.

Keynote Address, Constitutionalism and Democracy vis-à-vis Citizens, First Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon National Legal Conclave, National University of Juridical Sciences, 2 February, 2020.

Chair, Technical Session on *Citizenship, Democracy and Constitution*, First Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon National Legal Conclave, National University of Juridical Sciences, 2 February, 2020.

2019

Lecture on *Knowledge-Ignorance Dialectic: Technologising Governance in Millennial India*, National Seminar on Knowledge, Power and Ignorance, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, 20 December, 2019.

Chair, Technical Session on Policy-Practice Hiatus, National Seminar on Knowledge, Power and Ignorance, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, 19 December, 2019.

Lecture on *Social Science Research Methodology: Contents and Contexts*, National Workshop, National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, 2 December, 2019.

Chair, Special Lecture on *Post-Colonial Modes of Nation Making: Citizenship by Exclusion*, National Seminar on Citizenship in Contemporary Times, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata and ICSSR, Kolkata, 20 November, 2019.

Lecture on What Makes Education 'Intrinsically Political', Diamond Jubilee National Seminar on *Politics of Education*, August 5, 2019, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira, Belur Math.

Chair, Academic Session on Politics of Education: Historical Approach, Diamond Jubilee National Seminar on *Politics of Education*, August 5, 2019, Ramakrishna Mission Sikshanamandira, Belur Math.

Lecture on *The Indian State and Society in the Global Order: Rethinking Vocally* in National Seminar on Rethinking the Indian State and Society in the Global Order, Department of Political Science and Centre for Ambedkar Studies, Rabindra Bharati University, 6 March, 2019.

Inaugural Lecture on *Research Methodology: The Background and the Context*, Workshop on Research Methodology in International Relations and Other Social Sciences, School of Strategic Studies-ICSSR-Jadavpur Association of International Relations, 4 February, 2019.

Panelist, Globalization and Current Issues in Urban Management of Developing Countries, National Seminar on Contemporary Issues in Urban Management of Developing Countries, organized by the Centre for Urban Economic Studies, 1 February, 2019.

Key Lecture, *Locating Governance in Post-Liberalisation India: The 'Grey Zone' of Political Communication*, ICSSR National Seminar on Locating Democracy and Governance in Political Communication in Contemporary India, MP Institute of Social Science Research, Ujjain, 10 January, 2019.

Chair, Plenary Session on Political Communication and Elections, ICSSR National Seminar on Locating Democracy and Governance in Political Communication in Contemporary India, MPISSR, Ujjain, 10 January, 2019.

2018

Inaugural Lecture on *Philosophising Social Science Research*, Research Scholars' Workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta, 13 August, 2018.

Inaugural Lecture on *From Nation Building to Nation Branding: The Indian Media and the Moment of Transition*, National Seminar on Indian Mass Media and National Identity, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, 30 April, 2018.

Chair, Business Session on Creating Innovative Entrepreneurs, National Consultation on Mapping Creative Industry and Economy, Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, 17 April, 2018.

Lecture on Creative Industries and the Knowledge Economy in India: Untying the 'Knots' in Mapping, National Consultation on Mapping Creative Industry and Economy, Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Milia Islamia, 17 April, 2018.

Inaugural Address on *Situating Research Methodology in Global Times: Survival of Social Science in India*, ICSSR-School of International Relations and Strategic Studies Workshop on Research Methodology in International Relations and Other Social Sciences, Jadavpur University, 5 February, 2018.

Panelist, Session I on *Civil Society and Common Human Rights: Concerns and Responses* in UGC-UPE sponsored International Round Table on the State of Human Rights; India-Bangladesh Dialogue, Department of South and South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta, 18 January, 2018.

Chair, Session on Towards a Critical Agenda: Film and Media Studies in South Asia, International Conference on *The Popular Film and Transformative Politics across South Asia*, Department of Film Studies, Jadavpur University, 10 January, 2018.

Chair, Session I, Tri-Department National Seminar on *Development, Governance and Democracy in South and South East Asia*, under UGC-UPE II India Looking East, Departments of Political Science, Economics and the Centre for Urban Economic Studies, University of Calcutta, 4 January, 2018.

2017

Chair, Technical Session VII, National Conference on *Seventy Years of India's Foreign Policy*, Ministry of External Affairs-JAIR-ICSSR, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, 4 November, 2017.

Special Lecture on *Approaching "National Belonging' as a Tension-prone Construct*, National Seminar, Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, 28 October, 2017.

Special Lectures on *Encountering Fieldwork: Methodology in Practice* and *Importance of Funded Research*, ICSSR Faculty Development Programme in Social Science, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Dr, Shakuntala Mishra National Rehabilitation University, Research Methodology, Lucknow, 9 October, 2017.

Lecture on *Independent Media and Academia: A Not-so-Pleasant Introspection on the EPW Affair*, Seventh Anjan Ghosh Memorial National Seminar on How Can We Defend the Independent Media?, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata, 16 September, 2017.

Lecture on *Unpacking Social Movements in the Information Age*, National Seminar on Social Movements in the 21st Century: Conceptual Framework and Applicability, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, 28 March, 2017.

PROJECTS
    Completed twenty five funded projects (international, national and regional) since 1989.

ACADEMIC-ADMINISTRATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
    Acts as Chair/Subject Expert in selection committees, Ph.D. Committees, PG Boards of Studies and syllabus formulation committees/boards in various universities and colleges in West Bengal and India, and in UPSC; Member of Editorial Committee of various journals; Peer Reviewer of leading international and national publishers; Evaluator of research funding of development organizations; Advisor/Consultant in research-oriented NGOs and CBOs.