

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH AREAS & SPECIALIZATIONS

Critical Theory and Contemporary Political Turns , New Xenophobia, Refugee Crisis, Social Justice and Global Solidarity, Postcolonial Governance, Human Rights, History of Nations and Violence, Precarity in the Anthropocene, Literature in English and Cultural Studies, Social Mobilizations, Subaltern Studies and Social Exclusion, Literary Theory, American Literature and Dalit Studies

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor (Full Time Position)
Department of English
Kazi Nazrul University, India

September 26, 2017-

Associate Professor (Full Time position)
Department of English
Kazi Nazrul University

September, 2014 - September, 2017

Fulbright Nehru Academic & Professional Excellence Fellow
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

2018-19

Fellow at the Institute of Critical Social Inquiry
New School for Social Research,
New York

June 2017

Assistant Professor (Full Time position)
Department of English
Sidho Kanho Birsha University, India

August 2012- September 2014

Assistant Professor (Full Time position)
Department of English
Central University of Orissa
Koraput, India

January 2012 – August 2012

Assistant Professor in English (Full Time position)
Malda Women's College
University of Gour Banga
Malda, West Bengal, India

June 2003- December 2011

CURRENT MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS & PROJECT POSITIONS

Currently functioning as Director and Project Leader in the major research project, funded completely by ICCSSR (Indian Council for Social Science Research) and running since 2016 on

New Social Movements, Media and Civil Society in Contemporary India: Paradigm Shifts in
Public Protests and Political Mobilizations

Fulbright Visiting Fellow Research Project to be conducted in
University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 2018-19 on

Revisiting Cosmopolitanism in a Xenophobic World through a Comparative Study of W. E. B
DuBois and B R Ambedkar for Global Solidarity and Social Justice

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Current Turns in Critical Theory and Postcolonial Political Interventions
Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

M.A in English Literature
University of North Bengal

B. A with English Honours
University of North Bengal

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS, STUDY VISITS, SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded the Fulbright Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship 2018-19 for lecturing and research in
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA from August-December 2018

He received summer research fellowship from the Institute of Critical Social Inquiry in the prestigious New School for Social Research, New York in June, 2017

He was the recipient of U.S Department of State sponsored Exchange grant for academic and research visit to the Center for Commonwealth Studies,
University of Louisville, Kentucky, USA
This grant also included study visits to
University of California Berkeley
and University of Albuquerque, New Mexico in July-August, 2010.

Earlier he was the recipient of the SUISS Scholarship to attend the SUISS Course as a summer fellow in the University of Edinburgh, UK in 2005.

International Conference Travel Grants

Received partial travel grants from academic organizations such as ASNEL and GAPS, Germany to present research papers in their annual conferences in Germany in 2014, 2015 and 2016 held in the University of Potsdam,
University of Munster,
University of Bremen,
Germany.

Has was selected for a fully funded visit and delivery of talk in the Cross-Roads Asia Project Conference, held in the University of Bonn, Germany in September 2016
and
for a partially funded invitation to deliver a talk in
Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany in September, 2016

Received full funding for an invited paper presentation in the First Radical Relevances Conference held in Aalto University, Finland in April, 2018

Received full funding to attend the Fulbright Enrichment seminar held in the University of California, San Diego in November, 2018 from the US Fulbright Commission.

COURSES TAUGHT

He has taught Postcolonial Theory, British Literature, Postcolonial politics and Citizenship Rights, Representation of Dalit and Black Rights in literary and cultural texts, social exclusion and inclusive policies, European and Indian Social and Cultural history, Social backdrop of Classical English literature, in Postgraduate Semesters One and Two.

He has taught Society of the Spectacle, Modern Times, Modern English Novels, Postcolonial Novels, Literary and Cultural Theory, Modern and Postmodern Critical Theory, Literature in translation, Indian Literature in the Third and Final Semesters.

In the special paper sections and for PhD course work, has taught History of Social Thought, Social theory, American Literature and culture, Critical Theory with specific emphasis on Marx, Max Weber, Adorno, Marcuse, Habermas, theories of Foucault, Derrida, Deleuze, Zizek and Badiou, Ambedkar, DuBois, etc.

PUBLICATIONS

Books & Edited Books

1. Co-Edited Book on *Cultures of Violence in South Asia: Contemporary Perspectives* forthcoming in 2019
2. Authored Book, *Literature, Cultural Politics and Counter-readings: Hamlet as the Prince of Deconstruction*, forthcoming in 2019
3. He Co-edited the book, *Different Americas: Resituating American Identity in the Post 9/11 Third Worldian Class Room*, Author Press, New Delhi, 2014.
4. He is currently working on the revision of his book manuscript on *Radical Political Theology after Postmodernism*. This manuscript has been asked for revision by Palgrave Macmillan. The revised version would be submitted soon.

MAJOR CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

1. Book chapter on "Shakespeare in Dantewada: Postcolonialism and Praxis", published in the conference volume of the GAPS, Germany annual conference 2014 which has been published by Brill, Leiden and Boston in February, 2017.

2. Book Chapter on "Mediascape and Neo-Subjectivity" in the book *Media and Utopia: History, Imagination, and Technology*, edited by Arvind Rajagopal, published by Routledge, 2016
3. Book Chapter titled, "From Antagonism to Agonism in the *Republic of Hunger*: Towards an Indian *Democratie -a- venir*", published in the conference volume of IDSK & Rosa Luxemburg Society Berlin International Conference, published by Aakar Books, 2014
4. His essay "Ontopology of Nationalism, Derrida's Quasi-transcendental A Priories and the Quest for Postcolonial/national *Coming Community*" is a part of a book on *Nation and Deconstruction*, published by Atlantic publishers, New Delhi in 2013.
5. "From Seventh Art to post aesthetics: Bollywood and the Demise of the Aesthetics of the Auteur", Book chapter in a forthcoming volume on Indian Aesthetics, D K Printworld, New Delhi, 2018

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. "Religion and the Public Sphere: Communalisation of Politics in West Bengal", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 53, Issue, 16, April, 2018
2. "Cowborg Manifesto and the Binarcic Closure of *Homo Deus*: Becoming Animal as War Machine", forthcoming in *Café Dissensus*, Issue, 41, 2017
3. "Panexperientialism and Ontological Multiplicity: Notes toward Creaturely Love and Creaturely Cosmologies", *Café Dissensus*, Issue, 41, 2017
4. "Scatologising Hindu Eschatology: An (In)Auspicious Journey from Devalaya to Shauchalaya" co-authored with Subhendra Bhowmick, *History and Sociology of South Asia*, June, 2016
5. "Animal-humanities and the Eco-sophical Parergon: Homo Reflectus in Species History", *Sanglap the Journal of Literary and Cultural Inquiry*, Vol. 1, No.1, 2016
6. "Refolutionary Inflectional Zones of Democracy: Rethinking Post-civil Society Resistance", co-authored with Dhritiman Chakrabarty and Mursed Alam, *Kairos, the Journal of Critical Symposium*, Vol.1, Issue, 1, 2016
7. "Beyond the Empiricist Archive Fever: *Itihasa* as *Geschichte* or Deep History" *Caesura*, Vol.1, Issue, 2, 2016
8. "After Anti-aesthetic, the New Relational-aesthetic: Jacques Ranciere's Communities of Sense and the Rural Folk Artists of Bengal", *Muse India*, Issue, 59, Jan-Feb, 2015
9. "Tympanising Philosophy: Luxating the Disciplinary Margins through a Derridean Reading of

the *Mahabharata*", November, 2015 issue of *Transnational Literature*, Journal of Flinders University, Australia

10. "Fyataru and Subaltern War Cries: Nabarun Bhattacharya and the Rebirth of the Subject", *Sanglap*, Journal of Literary and Cultural Inquiry, Vol.1, No.2, 2015
11. "Narrator of Subaltern War Cries: Nabarun Bhattacharya and the Literature of Dissidence", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. I, No. 42, October, 2015
12. "From Postcolonialism to Post-Homo Sacerism", *CrossRoads, the Journal of Transdisciplinary Studies*, Vol.1, No.1, 2015
13. "Multitudo-varsity and Kairos Humanities", paper accepted for the "Beyond Crisis: Transforming the Humanities", call for Manifesto and later electronically published by the Durham University Center for Humanities Innovation, UK (<https://www.dur.ac.uk/chi/tasks/16/>), 2014.
14. "Postcolonial Agonistic Demo-crazy: Artivism and Mestiza Pluralism as the Dissensual Politics of the Governed", *Parallax*, Routledge, London & New York, Issue, 49, 2014
15. "Multitude, Living Labour and Dead Labour, Mediatized Labour and AAP", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol, xlix, No 38, 2014
16. "Derrida's Death Penalty Seminar : A Conversation with Peggy Camuf", *Café Dissensus*, Issue, 5, January, 2014
17. "The Rarest of the Rare – Job Vacancy for a Hangman/Beheader – Any Takers? Penology after Jacques Derrida", *Café Dissensus*, Issue, 5, January, 2014
18. "Globizen Poetry and Living between Two Worlds: a conversation with Bashabi Fraser", *Writers in Conversation*, Flinders University, Vol. 1, No.2, 2014
19. "Zizek's Philo-tyranny and Gandhi's Satyagraha, SOS Violence, Divine Violence and Satyagraha", *International Journal of Gandhi Studies*, James Madison University, Virginia, USA, (asked for resubmission after revision)
20. "Metaphysics of Satyagraha fraternizing the Philosophy of Divine Violence: A Zizek Gandhi Dialogue", *International Journal of Zizek Studies*, December, 2013
21. "When Caliban Meets Binayak Sen: Academic Activism & a Materialist Praxis", *Café Dissensus*, Issue. 2, June, 2013
22. "Defamiliarising Nationalist Discourses", *Asiatic Journal*, Vol 8, No. 2, December, 2014
23. "Re-contextualizing Postcolonial Objectives: A Critico-Epistemic Re-evaluation of Indian Sahitya

Akademi Award Winning Texts", *Journal of Post-colonial Cultures & Societies*, Wrights State University, USA, 2013.

24. "Deconstruction, the Jew of Philosophy: Paul Celan's Poetology and the Circumcision of the Logos", *New Academia Journal*, Vol. 2, Issue, 1, 2013.
25. "(Re)Inventing Essentialism: Quest for a New Theoretico-Philosophical Paradigm in the Post 9/11 World", *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, Jan-March, 2012, Vol. XIX, No. 1,
26. "Resistance through theatrical communication: two women's Texts and a critique of violence", *Global Media Journal-Indian Edition*, University of Calcutta, Winter Issue/December 2013/Vol. 4/No. 2
27. "The Dismemberment of Orpheus", *Brown Critique*, New Delhi, April, 2013.
28. "Absolute Democracy and the Homo Sacer", *History and Sociology of South Asia*, Sage, Vol.6, No. 2, July, 2012.
29. "Eco-incarceration or Chronicling the Dissidence of Bare Life", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLVII, No. 26&27, June, 2012
30. "Arcana Imperii, Neocolonialism and the Dissidence of Arundhati Roy", *The IUP Journal of English Studies*, Vol. VII, No. 3, 2012
31. "Ethical Derrida and the Demise of Postmodernism", *Atlantic Critical Review*, Vol. 12, No. 1, 2011.
32. "Postmodern Pastiche to Post-Theory, From Simulacrum to Significance", *Palette*, Vol. 2, No.1, 2009
33. "The Cross-over Muse or Globizen Poetry", *Palette*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2007

BOOK REVIEWS

Has been assigned to review books in international Journals such as
Radical Philosophy Review,
Radical Philosophy,
Derrida Today,
Literature and Theology: An International Journal of Religion,
Theory and Culture (OUP),
Postcolonial Studies,
Journal of Postcolonial Writing,
Contemporary South Asia,
Philosophy in Review,
Badiou Studies,

Deleuze Studies,
Economic and Political Weekly,
Ephemera,
New Formations,
Interventions, International Journal of Postcolonial Theory,
Postcolonial Text, etc.

Following are some of the published reviews and forthcoming reviews

1. Review of "Podemos: In the Name of the People, Chantal Mouffe", *Anarchist Studies*, Vol. 26, No. 1, 2018
2. Review of "Revolutionary Violence Versus Democracy: Narratives from India", Ajay Gudavarthy, in *Indian Express*, March 24, 2018
3. Review of "We Were Adivasis: Aspiration in an Indian Scheduled Tribe, by Megan Moodie", *South Asia, Journal of South Asian Studies*, Vol. 40, Issue, 3, 2017
4. "Annihilation of Caste, The New Critical Edition", *South Asia Research, Sage*, Vol. 36(3), 2016
5. "After the End of Conceit and Theory: Postcolonial Critique of Western Rationality", *Postcolonial Studies, Routledge*, Vol. 19, No. 1, 2016
6. "Orientalism, Terrorism, indigenism: South Asian Readings in Postcolonialism", *Journal of Postcolonial Writing, Routledge*, 2016
7. "Death Penalty: The Psychic Reimbursement in the Festival of Cruelty", Review of Derrida's Death Penalty Seminar, *Radical Philosophy Review*, Vol. 19, No. 2, 2016
8. Review of "The Reject, Community, Politics and Religion after the Subject", *Radical Philosophy*, April, 2016
9. Review of Meera Baindur's, Nature in Indian Philosophy in *Philosophy East and West*, 2017 (Forthcoming)
10. "Subalternity, Antagonism, and Autonomy: Constructing the Political Subject", by Massimo Modonesi". *Rethinking Marxism*, Routledge, Vol.7, No.2, 2015
11. Review of "Voices from the Margins: Writings from Orissa", *Contemporary South Asia*, Routledge, Vol. 23, No. 2, June, 2015
12. Review of "Homo Heirarchicus and Liberalisation: Dalits and Adivasis in Business", *Economic & Political Weekly*, February 28, 2015, Vol. I, No. 9
13. Review of "Postcolonial theory and the specter of Capital", *Journal of Postcolonial Writing*,

Routledge, London & New York, January, 2014

14. A review of, Religion, Politics, and the Earth: The New Materialism by Clayton Crockett & Jeffrey W. Robbins, *Journal of Religious and Cultural Theory*, Vol. 13, No. 2, 2014
15. Review of "Gender in the Dharmashastras", *Intersections, A Journal of Asian Gender Studies*, National University of Australia, 2014
16. Review article on India Today, Politics, Economy and Society, *Contemporary South Asia*, Routledge, London, 2014.

ACADEMIC MONOGRAPH

Chronicle of Cannibal Times: A Critical Study of Mahasweta Devi's Mother of 108, Ekush Satak, Calcutta, 20016

RECENT MAJOR PAPERS IN INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES (2012-2018)

1. "From Pyropolitics to Plant Thinking: Notes toward *Emergency Aesthetics* and *Weak Thought* in Earth Democracy", paper presented in the First Radical Relevances Conference held in Aalto University, Finland in April, 2018
2. "Love Jihad, Hindu Nationalism and Gender Rights: The Hadiya Story as Women's Spring", paper presented in the Women spring: Feminism, Nationalism and Civil Disobedience conference held in University of Central Lancashire in May, 2018
3. "Deleuze and Terror: Schizo-analyzing Power in a Time of Public Beheading", Deleuze Studies India International Conference held in Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, February, 2017
4. "Climate governance in Earth democracies: Epistemic alternatives after Capitalocene: An Indian case study", paper presented in the DSA annual conference, held in the University of Oxford, September, 2016
5. "The Non-Europeans also Think: Western Paradigms of New Materialism and Postcolonial Interventions" paper presented in the Postcolonial Knowledge(s) conference, held in the University of Bremen in March, 2016
6. "Trans-border Geo-studies and Post-Anthropocentrism: Towards a Deep History of Development in South Asia" paper accepted and to be presented in the Crossroads Asia Conference on Area Studies, held in the University of Bonn, September, 2016
7. "Dalit as History's Detritus: Ideology and Recolonisation", paper presented in the 'Ideology and Postcolonialism Conference' held in the University of Munster, Germany in

May 2015.

8. "*Swaraj* after the Epistemic Break: Revisiting Ambedkar's Social Endosmosis and the Debates in Indian Philosophy", paper presented in *Rethinking Swaraj* International Conference organized by Manipal Center for Philosophy and Humanities, Manipal University, January, 2015
9. "Refolutionary Democratic Zones and Post-civil Society Movements in India Now", paper presented in JNU International Global South Convention in March, 2015
10. "The *Cognitariat* and the Clamour of Being: Plasticity at the Dusk of Theory", paper presented in the International Conference on *Re-Imagining Theory: Towards New Horizons in the Humanities and the Social Sciences* jointly Organized by The Forum on Contemporary Theory, Baroda & The International Lincoln Centre for American Studies, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, USA, December, 2014
11. "In Defense of Lost Causes: Who is Afraid of Ideology? - Social Sciences and Post-value-neutrality", paper presented in Post-Ideology Conference organized by OKD Institute of Social Studies, Guwahati, November, 2014
12. "*Multitudo-varsity and Kairos Humanities*", manifesto accepted for presentation and electronic publication in the "Beyond Crisis: Transforming the Humanities" international Conference, Durham University, UK, July, 2014
13. "*Shakespeare in Dantewada : Postcolonial Justice and a Materialist Turn*", paper presented in the ASNEL 2014 International Conference in Potsdam University, Berlin, Germany in May, 2014
14. "*Calibanising English: The Master Signifier Lending Hands to the Peripheral Voice*", paper presented in the Department of English UGC national seminar in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in January, 2013.
15. "*Rhetoric of Universal Suffrage, Rights & Development in the Republic of Hunger: Towards a Quest for Socialist Democratie -a- venir*", paper presented in the conference on Exploring means of Democratic Transformation: Theory and Practice in South Asia' jointly organized by Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata and Rosa Luxemburg Society, Berlin in August, 2013.
16. "Arab Spring and the End of Postcolonialism", paper presented in the Global South International Convention, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, December, 2013
17. "*Poematics of Hunger, Author as Saboteur: Re-mattering Literature at the Dusk of Writing*", paper presented in the UGC international conference organized by University of North Bengal, December, 2013

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION OF INDIA RESEARCH PROJECT

Completed and Submitted the UGC Minor Research Project on A Genealogical Investigation of the

Gradual Extinction of *Gambhira*, A Popular Folk Form of North Bengal and Exploration of Its Possible Reappropriation in March, 2013.

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER

Selected as a Member of the Editorial Board of the literary and cultural journal, *Café Dissensus*
Editorial Board member of journals such as *Apollonian*, and *Postcolonial Interventions*.

INVITED LECTURES

He was invited to deliver Lectures on Critical Theory and Literature in the University Grants Commission of India (UGC) Refresher Course for College and University Faculties in the UGC Academic Staff College, University of North Bengal in February, 2013.

Delivered an invited talk on "Systems of Subjection: Individuals in Modern Regimes of Power" in the national seminar on Regimes of Power organized by the Department of English, Raghunath pur College, Sidho Kanho Birsa University, in September 2015

Invited for a talk in the Institute for Social Protest in Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany in September, 2016

Invited to deliver talk on Earth Democracy in the Cross-roads Asia Conference held in ZEF, University of Bonn in September 2016

Invited to speak in the national conference on "Existence and Morality: Philosophical Perspectives" organized by the Department of Philosophy, University of Gour Banga on 14 February, 2016

Invited to deliver a lecture on a Conjoined Reading of W E B DuBois and B R Ambedkar for Social Justice in the Department of Political Science, Fordham University, New York on 26 October, 2018

Invited to deliver a talk on Anarchiving Social Change: W E B Dubois, B R Ambedkar and Cosmopolitan Future in the W E B DuBois Center, University of Massachusetts, Amherst on 14 November, 2018

EDITORSHIP

He co-edits *Kairos, the Journal of Critical Symposium*
<http://www.kairotext.in>

FOUNDING MEMBER

One of the founding members of the Postcolonial Studies Association of the Global South (PSAGS), <https://psags.wordpress.com/>

MEMBERSHIP

MLA (Modern Language Association)

GAPS (*Gesellschaft für Anglophone Postkoloniale Studien* - Association for Anglophone Postcolonial Studies, Germany)

EASAS (European Association for South Asian Studies)

IACPL (International Association of Colonial and Postcolonial Linguistics)

ISRLC (International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture)

IACLS (Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Dr. Anup Dhar, Ambedkar University, New Delhi

Dr. Ajay Gudavarthy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Prof. Bashabi Fraser, Edinburgh Napier University

Bishnupada Ray, University of North Bengal

Prof. Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas, USA

Prof. Ian Buchanan, University of Wollongong, Australia

Prof. K Anthony Appiah, New York University

Dr. Rakesh Batabyal, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Dr. Robert Cox, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Prof. Saugata Bhaduri, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Prof. Thomas B Byers, University of Louisville, USA