

Curriculum Vitae

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Profile:

Historian with research interests in communalism, spatial politics, and urban memory in post-colonial India. Experienced in ethnographic fieldwork, oral histories, and archival research. Passionate about interdisciplinary work at the intersection of social exclusion, identity, and the politics of place.

Education:

- **PhD in History**, Jadavpur University, 2025
Thesis: Cartography of Power: Hindu-Muslim Relationship in the Mixed Neighborhoods of Calcutta, 1947–1992
- **M.Phil in History**, Jadavpur University, 2017
Dissertation: Borders Within: Hindu-Muslim Relationship in Post-Partitioned Calcutta
- **MA in History**, Jadavpur University, 2015
- **BA (Hons) in History**, Jadavpur University, 2013

Professional Experience:

- **Assistant Professor (Permanent)**, Department of History, TDB College, Raniganj
February 2017 – Present
- **Part-Time Lecturer (Postgraduate)**, Department of History, Jadavpur University
September 2021 – June 2024
- **Part-Time Lecturer**, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol
2017 – 2018

Research Interests:

- Communalism
 - Nationalism
 - Post-colonial Indian History
 - Contemporary History
 - Urban History
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Awards & Fellowships:

- Charles Wallace India Trust Short Term Grant, 2023
 - Story Scholars Fellowship (6 months), Partition Archive, 2016
 - Merit-cum-Means Fellowship, West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education, 2010–2015
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Publications:

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

1. "Calcutta Cauldron: City-life during the January 1964 Riots," *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, 2018
2. "The City of Dreadful Nights: Hindutva, Calcutta, and the Babri Riots," *Clio*, Vol. 17, No. 17, 2017 (ISSN: 0976-075X)
3. "Birodh-Somjhotā-Sohābastān: Murshidābād er Hindu-Muslim Somporker Ek Somokalin Chitra," *Itihas O Sanskriti*, Vol. II, 2017 (ISSN: 2394-5738)

Book Chapters:

3. "Slums of Despair: Quotidian Lives of Kolkata's Muslim Women," in *Addressing Gender: Different Perspectives*, ed. Sarmistha Banerjee, 2017 (ISBN: 978-93-82623-80- 9)
4. "The (un)Broken Legacy: The Micro History of the Roy Family between Partition and Liberation War," in *Revisiting Partition and Bangladesh Liberation War*, Akhand Publishing, 2020
5. "Kolkatar Durga Pujar Ekal Sekal," in *Banglar Samajik O Sanskritik Itihaser Ruplekha*, ed. Amitabha Chattopadhyay, Gangchil, 2021

Forthcoming Publications:

- "Negotiating the Self and Other: Narratives of Calcutta's Middle-Class Muslims" (Primus, New Delhi)
- "Prisoners of Peace: Violence and Order in Post-Partitioned Calcutta" (Peter Lang)

- "City of Divides: The Partition and Transformation of Muslim Spaces in Calcutta" (Primus, New Delhi)
- "Liminal Lives: Peace, Violence, and Belonging in Calcutta, 1946–1992," *Monitor ISH* (ISSN: 1580-7118)

Conference Presentations (Selected):

1. "Ethno-Nationalism in the City: Navigating Religious Boundaries and Identity in Kolkata's Mixed Communities," ASEN Annual Conference, Budapest, April 2025
2. "Re-ordering the City: The Babri Riots and Communal Relationship in Calcutta," CSSSC Kolkata, August 2024
3. "Prisoners of Peace: Violence and Order in Post-Partitioned Calcutta," International Conference, Aliah University, March 2024
4. "Negotiating the Self and the Other: Lived Experiences of Middle-Class Muslims in Muslim Neighbourhoods in Calcutta since the 1950s," National Conference, Bankura University, March 2023
5. "Freedom and 'Hireath: Confrontation and Accommodation in Post-1947 Calcutta'," AAWH Conference, IIC New Delhi, October 2022
6. "Hatred in the Virtual: A Study of Hindu Fundamentalist Online Portals in Bengal," South Asia Conference, Ireland India Institute, April 2021

Invited Lectures:

- "Boundaries and Belonging," Deshabandhu Mahavidyalay, June 2025
- "Breaking Barriers: Towards a Gender Equal Future," Bankura College, March 2025
- Panelist, "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day," Ministry of Culture, ICCR Kolkata, August 2024
- "Unfurling the Stories of Partitioned Lives: Using Oral Narratives as Important Sources of History", Gurudas College, June 2023

Academic Service & Engagement:

- **Conference Convenor**, International Conference on "Intersecting Identities," TDB College, February 2025
- **Programme Convenor**, Gender Sensitization Programme, TDB College, December 2024
- **Translator**, History of Islam textbooks (Class V–X), West Bengal Madrassah Board (Minority Board of Education)