

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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#### **Current Position:**

Senior Research Associate, CSSSC, Calcutta. I am also teaching in the Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.

#### **Academic Qualification:**

2009 Ph. D in Sociology (Arts) from the University of Burdwan, West Bengal, India as an ICSSR Doctoral Fellow attached with Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.

2004 Undertaken Research Training Programme (RTP) course (equivalent to M Phil) in the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC), West Bengal, India.

1992 M. Sc. in Anthropology (specialized in Socio-cultural Anthropology) from Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal, India.

#### **Fellowship and Awards:**

2015 Awarded a travel grant for developing research proposal on 'Urban governance in India' with some Finnish faculties by the University of Jyväskylä, Finland.

- 2015 Awarded a book writing grant for the book manuscript titled, 'Employment, Rights and Hegemony in Neo-liberal India' by ERC, ICSSR.
- 2009 Awarded a Post Doctoral Fellowship in the University of Copenhagen for a collective research programme entitled *Nation in Motion: Globalization, Development and Governance in India* by the Danish Council of Social Sciences Research.
- 2008 Awarded a Guest Ph.D. Fellowship in Roskilde University, Denmark for three months.
- 2005 Awarded the ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship in Political Sociology at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.
- 1992 Awarded a Gold Medal for standing first in order of merit of M. Sc. in Anthropology in the Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.

**Specialization:** Agrarian studies, Contemporary Political theories, Caste politics, Land Acquisition, Urban Studies, Postcolonial politics, Ethnography, Women studies, Social Movement

**Previous professional experience:**

- 2017 May onwards – working a Senior Research Associate in CSSSC, Calcutta
- 2016 September - 2017 April - Worked as Senior Research Associate in Pratichi Institute, Kolkata.
- 2015-2016 Worked on a book manuscript with a book grant by the Eastern Regional Centre, ICSSR.
- 2014-2015 Worked as Guest Faculty in the Department of Sociology of University of Burdwan and Rabindrabharati University.

- 2013-2014 Worked as honorary consultant in various water related projects undertaken by ‘The Researcher’, a consultancy firm based in Kolkata.
- 2009-2012 Worked as Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Cross-cultural and regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2009 1) Worked as a honorary consultant in the research project on ‘Integrated Urban Water Management in West Bengal and Assam’ conducted by the Institute of Resource Analysis and Policy (IRAP), Hyderabad.
- 2) Associated as co-researcher in the Impact Evaluation study and assessment of disability in a Community Mental Health Project in West Bengal.
- 2008-2009 Associated with CSSSC, Calcutta as ICSSR Doctoral Fellow.
- 2006 Associated as honorary consultant with the project of Action Aid-CUTS International, namely “Understanding the Dynamics and Impact of Land Acquisition in Selected areas of West Bengal” in three locations of the state.
- 2005 - 2006 Associated as a honorary researcher in the multi-location study under IWMI-Tata Programme in the state of West Bengal on eight water-related themes, e.g., a) Groundwater Irrigation and Impact of diesel price hike on it, b) Canal Irrigation, c) Water and Dalit, d) Fishery Development in private and communal tanks, e) Livestock and Water, f) Effect of Arsenic Contamination, g) Future of Agriculture and h) Urban Water Management.
- 2004–2005 Worked as a researcher in a project titled ‘Primary Education and Decentralization’ in Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, under the supervision of Prof. Manabi Majumdar.
- 1993 – 2002 Worked as social and political activist and tried to organize the workers, the women, the peasants and the students on various pertinent issues. Worked as an editorial member of a couple of magazines and periodicals.

## **Publications**

### **Book**

Forthcoming (2018) *Employment, Poverty and Rights in India*, UK: Routledge.

2017 Jointly edited with Sreemoyee Ghosh, **In Pursuit of Inclusive Development: Essays for Manabi Majumdar**, Purbalok Publication, Kolkata.

2013 **Rural Politics in India: Political Stratification and Governance in West Bengal**, Cambridge University Press, New York (also Cambridge, UK).

2012 *Party, Panchayat O Gram-Rajniti: Pakhi Murmu ebong Anyora* (Party, Panchayat and Village Politics: Pakhi Murmu and Others), published by Purbalok Publication, Kolkata.

2012 Jointly authored with Partha Sarathi Banerjee, **Contemporary Politics in West Bengal: Glimpses from the Left Front Regime**, Purbalok Publication, Kolkata.

2005 Jointly authored with Partha Sarathi Banerjee in Bengali, *Grambanglar Rajneeti* (The Politics of Rural Bengal) basing on micro-studies of four villages in West Bengal, distributed by People's Book Society.

### **Articles/Book chapter**

2017 **Caste, Identity and Power: Making and Unmaking of Caste Mobilization in contemporary West Bengal** in Surinder Singh Jodhka and James Manor (eds), 'Waning Hierarchies, Persisting Inequalities: Caste and Power in 21<sup>st</sup> Century India', Orient Black Swan, Delhi.

2017 '**Women in Gram Panchayat: Access, Attainment or Empowerment**', in Dayabati Roy and Sreemoyee Ghosh (eds), *In Pursuit of Inclusive Development: Essays for Manabi Majumdar*, Purbalok Publication, Kolkata.

- 2016 **'Tribe, Political Party and Local Self-Government: An Ethnography on Santal in West Bengal'** in Bidhan Kanti Das and Rajat Kanti Das (eds), *Re-examining Tribes in Context: Issues and Priorities*, Rawat Publication, Delhi.
- 2016 **Employment, Rights and Hegemony**, in *Seminar*, June.
- 2014 **Women and Politics: A Discourse on Gender in contemporary rural West Bengal, an Indian state**. In Sirpa Tenhunen and Klaus Karttunen (Ed) 'Contentious Connections: Social Imagination in Globalizing South Asia', Cambridge Scholar Publishing Ltd, UK.
- 201 *Decentralization reforms in Primary Education: Some Reflections on West Bengal*, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLVII, NO. 24.
- 2012 *Caste and Power: An ethnography in West Bengal*, in *Modern Asian studies*, 46(4).
- 2010 *Women and the Public Sphere: West Bengal*, in Heidi Moksnes and Mia Melin (eds), *Power to the People? (Con-)Tested Civil Society in Search of Democracy*, Published by Uppsala University.
- 2009 *Panchayat Irrigation Management: A case Study of Institutional Reforms Programmes over Teesta Command in West Bengal*, jointly authored in *International Journal of Rural Management*, Volume 5, No 1
- 2008 *Whither the subaltern domain? An ethnographic enquiry*, in *Economic and political weekly*, June 7
- 2008 *Nandigram: Victory of the Subaltern*, in Gautam Roy(Ed), *Nandigram and Beyond*, Gangchil, Kolkata.
- 2007 *Politics at the Margin: A Tale of two Villages*, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, August 11.
- 2007 *Behind the Present Peasant Unrest in West Bengal*, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, June 2.

2006 *Left Front's electoral victory in West Bengal: An Ethnographer's Account*, in Economic and Political Weekly, October 7.

### **Articles/Book chapter in Bengali**

2015 Somajottwo, Jatpat o shreni (Sociology, Caste and Class), Sholoana (January), Kolkata: ISSN – 2349-2481 Sholoana.

2014 Seemanter manush ebong kantatarer bera, Sholoana (July), Kolkata: ISSN – 2349-2481 Sholoana.

2014 Biswayan ebong uttar ouponibeshik rajniti (Globalization and Post Colonial Politics), Sholoana (January), Kolkata: ISSN – 2349-2481 Sholoana.

2009 Party, Panchayat O Ganatantra in Deepan, March

2007 Unnayan O Kshamatatantra (Development and Power), in Goutam Roy (Ed), 'Uchched banam Prathirodh', February.

Book: Banglar Gram (In Bengali)

### **Documentary film making**

2011 '**Hundred days**' a documentary film on implementation and impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in West Bengal.

2007 '**In the Name of Development**' a documentary film made on the land acquisition conflict in two districts of West Bengal.

2006 '**Right to Land**' a documentary film made on the land acquisition debate in Singur, Hooghly district of West Bengal.

## **Previous Teaching Experiences**

- 2014-2015 Contributed as a guest lecturer in the Department of Sociology, University of Burdwan and Rabindrabharati University and taught various topics like caste and religion (Indian society and culture), migration, gender and state, rural sociology, cultural studies, medical anthropology.
- 2011 Contributed as a teacher to the spring course titled '*Gender and Women in the Global South*' in Linnaeus University, Sweden in the month of April, 2011.
- 2010 Contributed as a teacher to the spring course titled '*Gender and Women in the Global South*' in Linnaeus University, Sweden in the month of April, 2010.

## **Invited Lectures and Keynote**

- 2017 Invited lecture titled 'Women in Gram Panchayat: Gender and Social Transformation in Rural West Bengal' in a National Conference on the 25 years celebration of 73&74 Constitutional Amendment in University of Mumbai held on 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> November.
- 2016 Keynote Speech titled 'Decentralization, Women and Gender in West Bengal, in an International Conference on 'Marginalization, Poverty and Decentralization', organized by Kerala Institute of Local Administration in Trissur, Kerala on 19-22 November.
- 2016 Keynote Speech titled 'Poverty, Power and Policy in India: The Question of Employment', in a conference on 'Poverty's Causes and Consequences in the Urban Developing World' organized by the Department of History and Ethnology of Jyväskylä University in Jyväskylä, Finland on 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 Invited lecture titled 'Employment, Rights and Hegemony in Neo-liberal India', in Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä, Finland on 12 August.
- 2015 Invited lecture titled 'Governing the Tribe: Culture, Conflict and Development', in an academic session on 'Predicaments of Tribal Communities in Contemporary India'

organized by Anthropological Survey of India on occasion of the Congress of INCAA on 22 February.

2012 Invited lecture titled '*India's Changing Rural Space: A New Kind of Peasant Mobilization?*' in Anjan Ghosh Memorial Seminar organized by Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta on 5 October.

2010 Invited lecture on '*Women and land movement in India*' in the Forum of Gender Studies of Linnaeus University, Sweden on 14 September.

### **Workshop Organization**

2011 Organized a workshop jointly on the theme '*Nordic Perspectives on South Asian Development*' in the Conference on 'The Future of Development Research: Exploring the Nordic Perspective(s)' held at Copenhagen Business school, Copenhagen, Denmark on 24-25 November.

2011 Organized a workshop jointly on the theme '*State, Society and Marginality*' in the ADI workshop held on 21-22 November in the University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

2010 Copenhagen South Asia Workshop on '*Writing South Asia*' in Centre of Global South Asia held on 28 September.

### **Paper Presentation in Conferences and Workshops**

2017 Presented a paper titled 'Land, Caste and Class in West Bengal' in a National Seminar on Land Question in Neo-liberal era', organized by IAS, Shimla at IAS on 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October.

2016 Presented a paper titled 'Poverty, Decentralization and Women in West Bengal' in an International Conference on Marginalization, Poverty and Decentralization, organized by Working Group 05, ISA and KILA on November 19-22 at KILA, Trissur, Kerala.



- 2015 Presented a paper titled 'Employment, Rights and Transformations in Neoliberal India', in an International Conference (Fourth Annual NRAS) 'Transformations and Transitions of the Rural in India' hosted by the G B Pant Social Science Institute at Allahabad, December 18-20.
- 2014 Presented a paper titled '*Women in Gram Panchayat: Gender and Social Transformation in rural West Bengal*' in a workshop organized by Rabindrabharati University on 7 November.
- 2014 Presented a paper titled '*Governing the Rural: Panchayat, Community and Hierarchy in North Bengal*' in a National Seminar 'North Bengal: Issues in Social Development (March 25, 2014) organized by Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal.
- 2014 Presented a paper titled '*Tribe, Political Party and Local Self-Government: An Ethnography on Santal in West Bengal*' in a National Seminar 'Conceptualizing and Contextualizing Tribe in Contemporary India' organized by Institute of Development Studies Kolkata from 6-8 February.
- 2013 Presented a paper titled '*Employment Guarantee Act and Neo-liberal Governmentality in India*' in a National Seminar on 'Dynamics of development and Discontent' organized by Tufanganj Mahavidyalaya, Coochbehar on 27Sep – 28 Sep.
- 2012 Presented a paper titled '*Women and the Public Sphere: A Discourse on Gender and Civil Society*' in India' in a Workshop titled 'State Regulation and Social Capital: Comparative Approaches to India and Denmark' at the Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies held at 7-8 December.
- 2011 Presented a paper titled '*Indian State and its Welfare Initiatives: Employment Guarantee Act in West Bengal*' in a Workshop in the conference held at Copenhagen Business School, Denmark on 24.25 November.
- 2011 Presented a paper titled '*Panchayat, Party and Tribe in India: Some Reflections on Santals in Rural West Bengal*' in a workshop of Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies in the University of Copenhagen, Denmark on 21-22 November.

- 2011 Presented a documentary film on MGNREGA titled, '*Hundred Days*', in the Third Nordic Conference on South Asian Studies for young scholars held at Falsterbo in Sweden on 16-18 August, 2011.
- 2011 Presented a paper titled '*Decentralization Reforms in Primary Education: Some Reflections on West Bengal, India*', organized by CISCA and held on 29-30 June, 2011 at the Arhus University.
- 2010 Presented a paper titled '*Governing the Poor: Reflections on Contemporary Politics in Rural India*' in the ADI international Conference on 'Asian Diversity in a Global Context' held at Copenhagen University in Denmark from 11 November to 14 November.2010.
- 2010 Presented a paper titled '*Development, rural politics and neo-liberal state in India: a study on West Bengal*' in the Second Nordic Conference on South Asian Studies for Young Scholars held at Falsterbo in Sweden from 18 August to 20 August 2010.
- 2010 Presented a paper titled '*Women and Politics: A gender discourse on politics of West Bengal, an Indian state*' in the International Conference on 'Globalizing South Asia' organized by the Nordic association for South Asian Studies in the University of Helsinki, Finland from 27 May to 29 may.
- 2010 Presented a paper titled '*Women and the Public Sphere: A gender discourse on 'Civil Society' in West Bengal, an Indian state*' in the International Conference on 'Power to the People? (Con-)Tested Civil Society in Search of Democracy' organized by the Centre for Sustainable Development, Uppsala University, Sweden on 23-24 march, 2010.
- 2008 Presented a paper titled '*Women and land movement in the era of Globalization: An ethnography in West Bengal*' in the international Conference on 'Asian creativity, Culture and Technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' organized by Nordic Institute of Asian Studies held at Trondheim in Norway from 12 November to 16 November.

- 2008 Presented a paper titled '*Caste and Power in West Bengal: An ethnography of two villages*' in a Workshop organized by the Department of Humanities, Oslo University, Norway held at Oslo on 8-9 November.
- 2008 Presented a paper on '*Women and land movement in the era of Globalization: An ethnography in West Bengal*' in the Department of Society and globalization, Roskilde University, Denmark on 30 October.