

## Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Ritwika Biswas

**Date of Birth:** January 02, 1972

**Designation:** Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India

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### **Educational Qualifications:**

- i) Ph.D. in Arts from University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India, in the year 2008.
- ii) Master of Arts in History from University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India with first class in the year 1994.
- iii) Bachelor of Arts with Honors (Major) in History from Presidency College, Kolkata, India, under University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India, with first class in the year 1992.
- iv) Higher Secondary (12<sup>th</sup> class) from West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education, Kolkata, India, with first division in the year 1989.
- v) Madhyamik (10<sup>th</sup> class) from West Bengal Board of Secondary Education, Kolkata, India, with first division in the year 1987.

### **Work Experience:**

- a) Journalist in Ananda Bazar Patrika (A Bengali Vernacular) during 1995-1996.
- b) Lecturer in the Department of History, University of Kalyani, Kalyani, India, during 1996-1999.
- c) Lecturer in the Department of History, University of Calcutta since 1999.

**Present Position:** Associate Professor in the Department of History, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India

**Fellowship Awarded:** Charles Wallace India Trust Short term Fellowship in 2009, visiting fellow in Department of History, Uppsala University under Linnaeus Palme Exchange Programme between University of Calcutta and Uppsala University in 2014, participation in the Study of the United States Institute on U.S. Culture and Society by United States Department of State in 2015

**Current Research Work:** Recently I have started working on a theme related to the idea of governance as reflected in the Bengali writings during the period of 1858-1950.

**Courses Taught:**

1. Modern India
2. Communism in India
3. Ideology and Politics in Bengal in 20<sup>th</sup> Century
4. History of Britain in 20<sup>th</sup> Century
5. History of USA in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries
6. History of South-East Asia
7. History of India in 18<sup>th</sup> Century
8. History of Russia

**Research Guidance:**

**M.Phil**

1. পশ্চিমবঙ্গের চালচিত্রে উদ্বাস্তুজীবন: অভিযাত, অভিযোজন ও উদ্বর্তন (১৯৪৭-১৯৫২) Awarded in 2010
2. কনক মুখার্জি : একটি রাজনৈতিক জীবন (১৯২১-২০০৫) (Kanak Mukherjee: Ekti Rajnaitik Jivan) Awarded in 2014
3. i) Urban Development, Public Health, Sanitation and Refugee Question: A Case of Calcutta and its Neighbourhood (1946-1952) Awarded in 2015 (Joint guide)  
ii) The Communist Press in the Communist Movement: The Journey of *Swadhinata* (1945-1964) Awarded in 2015
4. Medinipurer Ganarajniti O Communist Andolon (1937-1952) Awarded in 2016
5. Banglar Vishwavikshay Dakshin-Purba Asia: Prasanga Vietnam (1920-1975) Awarded in 2018

**Ph.D.**

Registered: 5, Submitted: 1

**Invited lectures delivered:**

- a) A Social Approach to Politics: Aspects of Communism in India and Britain – Lecture delivered at Marx Memorial Library, London, UK in 2009
- b) Nationalism and Leftism in Indian Politics: Lecture delivered at the Remedial Class for NET/SET organized by the Department of History, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, 2011
- c) Debates and Praxis of Socialism in West Bengal: Lecture delivered at the Refresher Course of Department of History, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, 2012
- d) Trajectories of Communist Politics in West Bengal 1947-1977: Lecture delivered at the Occasional Lecture Programme of Department of History, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, 2012
- e) Land Question, Peasantry and Left Politics in West Bengal 1947-1978: Lecture delivered at the Refresher Course of Department of History, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, 2014

- f) Communism in West Bengal: Ideology and Praxis of Radicalism 1920-1977 – Lecture delivered at Labour Movement Archives and Library, Stockholm, Sweden, 2014
- g) 18<sup>th</sup> Century India: Themes and Historiography – Lecture delivered at University of Linköping, Sweden, 2014
- h) Class in the Politics of Opposition: Role of the Communists in West Bengal 1947-1977: Lecture delivered at the Refresher Course of Department of History, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, 2015
- i) From Margin into Mainstream: A Comparative Study of the Process of Assimilation of the Afro-Americans in the USA and the Partition Refugees in India, Lecture delivered at University of New York, 2015
- j) A Radical Experiment in Liberal Politics: Communism in West Bengal in 1960s and '70s, Lecture delivered at a national level seminar in the Department of History, University of Calcutta, 2016
- k) A Class Approach to A Communal Question: Communist Party of India and the Partition of India, Lecture delivered at Hugo Valentine Research Centre at Uppsala University, Sweden, 2018
- l) Governing the Uprooted: Rehabilitation of the Partition Refugees and the Idea of Indian Governance (1947-1971), Lecture delivered at a jointly held seminar by Forum for South Asian Studies and the Department of Philology, Uppsala University, 2018
- m) South Asia and the Partition Crisis (1947-1957), Lecture delivered at the Department of History, Uppsala University, 2018
- n) The South Asian Refugee Crisis: Long Term Effects, Lecture delivered at the Department of History, Uppsala University, 2018
- o) Writing Contemporary History: Sources and Problematics, Lecture delivered at Department of History, West Bengal State University, Barasat, 2019

### **Publications:**

1. A Bengali article titled “Vishadsindhu: Shatavarsher Alope Ekti Mulyayan” (Vishadsindhu-A Bengali Novel: An Evaluation at the Centenary year), Chaturanga, Vol. 53, No 7, November 1992
2. A Bengali article titled “Swadhiinatapurba Bangla Aitihāsik Sahitya: Roop O Roopantar” (The Evolution of Bengali Historical Literature during the Pre-independence Period), Itihas Anusandhan (An Exploration in History), Vol. 9, K. P. Bagchi & Co., Kolkata, 1994
3. A Bengali article titled Sriramchandra: Utsa O Uttaran (Sriramchandra-an epical hero: A Life Journey), published in Korak, Ramayan (An Indian epic) special issue, Autumn, 1997
4. An article titled “The Communist Party and the Experiment in Radical Politics in Bengal 1920-67” published in a UGC, India sponsored Seminar Proceeding titled “Twentieth Century Bengal: Continuity and Change”, 2005.
5. An article titled “Communist Party and the Indian Nation-State (1947-52)” published in Calcutta Historical Journal, Vol. XXVII, No. 2, 2007, (A Journal published by the Department of History, University of Calcutta), ISSN: 0254-9794.
6. An article titled “Democratic Authoritarianism and The Communist Democracy A Study of The Communist Politics in West Bengal during the Emergency” published in Bengal

Past and Present, Journal of the Calcutta Historical Society, Volume 127, 2008, ISBN: 0005-8807.

7. A Bengali translation of a book titled “Bhagat Singh Select Speeches and Writings” (Bhagat Singh Nirbachita Baktrita O Lekhasamuha), published by National Book Trust, New Delhi, 2011, ISBN: 978-81-237-6147-3.
8. Jointly edited a book titled “Between Tradition and Modernity: Aspects of Islam in South Asia”, published by K. P. Bagchi & Co., Kolkata, 2011, ISBN: 978-81-7074-325-5.
9. A book based on my Ph.D. thesis and titled “Radical Face of Democratic Liberalism: A Study of Communist Politics in West Bengal 1947-77”, published by Calcutta University Press, Kolkata, 2011.
10. An article titled “Ideas and Praxis of Socialism: Communism in West Bengal 1947-77” - read in an international seminar organized by IDSK in 2013 and published in a book titled Democratic Governance and Politics of the left in South Asia: ed by Subhoranjan Dasgupta, Aakar, 2015, ISBN: 978-93-5002-319-8
11. An article titled “A Radical Experiment in Liberal Politics: Communism in West Bengal in 1960s and ’70s” - read in a national seminar organized by the Department of History, University of Calcutta in 2016 and incorporated in a book titled Bengal’s Long Twentieth Century: Politics, Society and Culture (in Press)
12. A jointly authored article titled “Rethinking Urban Health: Calcutta 1939-1950” to be published in an edited volume (In Press)