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Basic Data:

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Education:

1994: Ph.D. University of Maryland at College Park, U.S.A.

Title of Dissertation: Riots and Revolution: Food Riots in the Seine-et-Oise,
France: 1789-1795.

1987: M.A. (European History), University of Maryland at College Park. GPA:
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1982: M.A. (History), Calcutta University. Obtained First Class (69.9 %). Ranked
first in the University.

1980: B.A. (History), Calcutta University. Obtained First Class (64%). Ranked second in the University.

1976: Higher Secondary (Humanities), West Bengal Board of Higher Secondary Examination). Obtained First Class (70%).

Employment:

1997-1998: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Indian Council of Historical Research

1999-2008: Assistant Professor, Calcutta University

2008-2013: Associate Professor, Calcutta University

2013-2015: Professor and Head of the Department, Presidency University

2020: Nurul Hassan Chair Professor, Calcutta University

Publications:

Monographs:

1. *Revolutionary Pamphlets, Propaganda and Political Culture in Colonial Bengal* (Cambridge University Press, 2014).
2. *Farasi Biplab-er Utsho Sandhaney (In Search of the Origins of the French Revolution)*, in Bengali. (Anushtup, 2017).

Articles in journals:

1. "Preparing a Nation for Battle: The *Swadhin Bharat Pamphlets of Bengal: 1908-1918*", *The Quarterly Review of Historical Studies*, Vol. XLIX, nos. 3&4, October 2009-March 2010, 4-20.

2. “Legitimizing Violence: Seditious Propaganda and Revolutionary Pamphlets in Bengal, 1908-1918”, *Journal of Asian Studies* vol. 67, no.3, August 2008, 759-787.
3. “Re-Interpreting the Maximum. A Regional Perspective”, *European Review of History/Revue européenne d’histoire*, vol. 10, no. 3, October 2003, 421-444.
4. “The 1792 Food Riot at Étampes and the French Revolution”, *Studies in History*, vol. 18, no. 1, January-June 2002, 23-50.
5. “Tracing Food-Riots in a Changing Economy: The Riots in the Seine-et-Oise: 1789-1795”, *The Calcutta Historical Journal*, vol. 18, no. 1, January-June 1996, 147-202.
6. “The Body Politics of the French Revolution”, *The Calcutta Historical Journal*, vols. 23 & 24 (combined): 2001-2004, 119-132.
7. “Biplabi Jatiotabader Procharbyabostha” (The Propaganda System of Revolutionary Nationalism), *Korak*, Special issue celebrating 70 years of Indian Independence, 2017, 165-172.
8. “Phorashi Biplaber Shuchonay Bhabadarsher Bhumika” (in Bengali, “The Role of Ideology in the coming of the French Revolution”), *Anushtup*, Vol. 50, No. 1, Autumn 2015, 221-238.
9. “Keno Ei Phorashi Biplab – Nutan Chintabhabona” (in Bengali, “Why the French Revolution, New Perspectives”), *Anushtup*, Vol. 25, No. 3, Summer 1991, 47-65. Reprinted in, *Phorashi Biplab: Dusho Bachorer Aalote* (The French Revolution: In the Light of Two Hundred Years), Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad, 2011.
10. “Unish Shotoker France-e Shilpayaner Koyekti Dik. Ekti Alochona” (in Bengali, “Some Aspects of Industrialization in Nineteenth-Century France. A Review” - in Bengali), *Aitihashik*, 1996, 73-82.

Contributions to edited volumes:

1. “Martyrdom In Revolutionary Nationalism: Mourning, Memory and Cultural Politics” in Ishita Banerjee-Dube and Sarvani Gooptu eds, *Sensibilities in Modern Indian History: History, Culture, Politics*. Festschrift Volume for Professor Gautam Bhadra (Routledge, 2018).
2. “‘Jugantar’ mamla-e ouponibeshik rashtra bonam nation-er sanghat” (The ‘Jugantar’ trials: The Contest between a Colonial State and a Nation) in Gautam Niyogi, Nirban Basu and Saumitra Sriani eds, *Itihaser Baichitra (Varieties in History)*, Festschrift Volume for Professor Binay Bhushan Chaudhury, (Kolkata, Bangiya Itihas Samiti, 2017.)
3. “Peasant Politicization in Nineteenth Century France”, in Gautam Basu and Anasua Bagchi (eds), *Slices of the Past* (B.B. Kundu Grandsons, 2013), 52-65.

Occasional Papers:

1. *Biplabi sangbad-patre oupanishebik rashtreer bicolpo sandhan?* (Revolutionary Newspapers and their Search for Alternatives to the Colonial State), *Gautam Chattopadhyay Memorial Lecture*, published by Suchi, 2017.

Other publications:

1. Edited with Dr. Nirban Basu, *Perspectives/Drishtikon*, Special 150th Year Commemorative Volume of Calcutta University, published by the History Department, 2007.
2. Contributed chapter on Nationalism to Class X history textbook, published by NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training) in 2006.
3. “Ami Paris Noi” (I am not Paris), editorial page article in Bengali language newspaper *Ei Samay* (Bengali edition of the Times of India.)
4. Review of Dipesh Chakrabarty’s *The Calling of History: Jadunath Sarkar and His Empire of Truth* in *American Historical Review* (December, 2017).
5. “How the Revolutionary Nationalist Movement Gained Popularity in Bengal”, Part 2 of a nine-part series on political violence in Bengal published in *The Wire.in*, 26 September 2018.

Scholarships and Research Grants Received:

1. 2003, 2007, 2011, Travel Grants received from the History Department of Calcutta University under the Centre for Advanced Studies Programme.
2. 2007-2009, University Grants Commission Minor Project Research Grant. Title of Project: “The Pamphlet Press and Seditious Propaganda in Early Twentieth Century Bengal: 1908-1918.”
3. 2006-2008, Netaji Institute for Asian Studies Research Project Grant. Title of Project: “Nationalist Propaganda and the British Raj”.
4. 1997, Indian Council of Historical Research Post- Doctoral Fellowship. Title of Project: “Riots and Revolution: The Food Riots in the Department of the Seine-et-Oise, 1789-1795.

5. 1990, 1992, Travel Grants to France from the Department of History, University of Maryland at College Park.
6. 1988, Prange Award for Best Graduate Student in European History.
7. 1982, Scholarship for doctoral studies awarded by the University Grants Commission, India.
8. 1979, Scholarship for post-graduate studies awarded by the University Grants Commission, India.
9. 1979, Scholarship for post-graduate studies awarded by the West Bengal government.

Research Supervision:

1. Anasua Bagchi, “The Evolution of Women’s Attire in Colonial Bengal”. Ph.D. received in 2014.
2. Mimasha Pandit, “The Swadeshi Movement and the Public Sphere: Jatra, Theatre and Dance”. Ph.D. received in 2016.
3. Indrajit Biswas (Joint Advisor), “Science and Colonialism: Perspectives on Geology and Botany in Colonial India”. Ph.D. received in 2018.
4. Saumya Bose (Joint Advisor), “Right Nationalism and the Idea of an Alternative Mode of Governance: A Comparative Study of Bengal and Maharashtra”.

Selected Talks; (From 2010)

1. “Rashbehari Bosur amoley baiplobik pustika” (Revolutionary Pamphlets published during the time of Rashbehari Bose) in Conference organized jointly by the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Kolkata, and Aurobindo Bhavan on 14th July, 2018 to celebrate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Rashbehari Bose.
2. “Biplabi sangbadpatre oupanibeshik rashtrer bikolpo sandhan” (Revolutionary newspapers and their Search for Alternatives to the Colonial State), *Gautam Chattopadhyay Memorial Lecture, 2017*. Organized by the Society for the Understanding of History and Culture in India, with Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad (West Bengal Historical Association) and Indian Museum (Kolkata).
3. “Martyrdom in Revolutionary Nationalism: Mourning, Memory and Cultural Politics”, *Satin Sen Memorial Lecture 2017*. Delivered in the History Department of Jadavpur University on 31 January 2017.
4. “The Revolutionary Nationalists and their search for a ‘new’ nationalism in early-twentieth-century Bengal”, in *D’une révolution à l’autre: Histoire des circulations révolutionnaire (18e -21e siècle)*. Conference organized by Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallee and Université Paris Diderot- Paris 7, 12-14 June, 2014.
5. “Historical Perspectives and Sites of Class Formation” in *Social History and Marxist Practice: An Appraisal of British Historiography*. Seminar organized by the History Department of Calcutta University on 8 March, 2013.
6. “Preparing a Nation for Battle: The Swadhin Bharat Pamphlets of Bengal”, *Biplabi Nagendra Sekhar Chakraborty Memorial Lecture, 2011-2012*. Delivered in November 2012 at the Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata.

7. “Constructing A Nation: Pamphlet Propaganda in Bengal” in *Remembering the Past, Experiencing the Present and Exploring the Future*, 21st International Conference organized by the International Association for Historians of Asia, Java, Indonesia, in June 2012.
8. “The Rise and spread of Pamphlet Propaganda in early twentieth century Bengal” at the 20th Conference organized by the International Association for Historians of Asia in Singapore, June 2010.

Administrative Experience:

Apart from serving as Head of the Department of Presidency University from 2013-2015, I also participated in administrative activities such as syllabus revision, organization of seminars and refresher courses, examination duties, procurement of books for library etc. as faculty member of the History Department, Calcutta University.