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**The Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta
Annual Report 2022-2023**

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

It is time for our Annual Report for April 2022 – March 2023 once again, and we are fortunate in having completed a year of intense academic activity in the last year that reflects credit on our institute and maintains its high standards of research, publications, projects, seminars and conferences.

The CSSSC celebrated the Golden Jubilee of its Foundation Day, 1 February 1973, on 2 February 2023. A day-long event was organised to felicitate all former faculty and staff of the CSSSC who could attend the programme. We are grateful to former fellow of the CSSSC, Professor Dipesh Chakravarty, Lawrence A. Kimpton Distinguished Service Professor of History, South Asian Languages and Civilizations, and the College at the University of Chicago for delivering a special lecture to mark the occasion.

Institutionally, the most significant development in this year has definitely been the creation of a budget head for the CSSSC by the Education Department of the Government of West Bengal. We are profoundly grateful to the Honourable Minister of Education, Shri Bratya Basu, and the Principal Secretary, Education, Shri Manish Jain, IAS, for their initiative and support in this matter. It is a historic development, as it is an outcome that puts the Centre on a firm footing regarding grant-in-aid, allowing it to put its woes regarding annual deficits occasioned by the former ad-hoc system behind once and for all.

The academic year also saw Appointment of Professor Saibal Kar as the RBI Chair Professor after superannuation of Professor Sugata Marjit. It is to Prof Kar's credit that immediately following his joining the post, the RBI endowment was increased substantially from 4 crore to 10crores. The new agreement also envisages the implementation of courses on contemporary issues in Open Economy Macroeconomics, workshops, seminars and conferences every year under the aegis of the RBI endowment. We are also very happy to report the confirmation of five Assistant Professors: Dr Asha Singh, Dr Debdatta Chowdhury, Dr C Satish Kumar, Dr Souvik Mukherjee, and Dr Vibhuti Nayak in the past year.

The annual flagship Deuskar Lectures on Indian Culture and History were delivered on April 19 & 20, 2022 by Sundar Sarukkai, and were titled: 'Human Centric Epistemologies and the Resistance to the Cognitive Empire' and 'Producing Epistemologies of the South : Sensing the Social'. The R.C.

Dutt Lectures were given by Prof. Tirthankar Roy on ‘Tropical Development: The Environmental Origins of World Inequality’ on August 30 & 31, 2022. Two endowed annual lectures conducted by the CSSSC are the Buddhadeva Bose Memorial Lecture, which was delivered on November 30, 2022 by the eminent poet and critic, Arvind Krishna Mehrotra and titled ‘True Confessions of a Literary Translator’; and the Tarun Chandra Dutt Lecture, which was delivered by Alapan Bandyopadhyay on ‘The Mind of the Bureaucrat’ on February 28, 2023. The Centre’s General Seminar series, as well as the CTRFPF and the JBMRC’s events, have continued throughout the year, hosting speakers and conducting programmes in person as well as on web platforms.

Pending issues that are still to be resolved remain. The most urgent of these are the anticipated approval of the ICSSR for appointment of faculty members; increasing the age of faculty retirement from 62 to 65 years; sanctioning of a building grant for repair and renovation of the CSSSC building, as well as funds for programmes celebrating the Golden Jubilee. Most importantly, the Board also needs to appoint the next Director of the CSSSC to the post as per regulations.

Last, but not the least, we have to echo our last year’s report and say that the implementation of the 7th CPC pay scale following the 2016 notification from the Central Government has still not been made operational. We are hopeful that the issue will be resolved soon.



Rosinka Chaudhuri

CSSSC – BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Members

Prof. Suranjan Das	Chairman, CSSSC
Professor Dhananjay Singh	Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research
Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	Vice-Chairman and Director, The Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta
Prof. Priyankar Upadhyay	UNESCO Chair Professor, Department of Political Science, Benaras Hindu University / Representative of the UGC
Prof. Nrishingha Prasad Bhaduri	Representative of the Government of West Bengal
Prof. Sibaji Pratim Basu	Representative of the Government of West Bengal
Prof. Asis Kumar Chattopadhyay	Vice-Chancellor, University of Calcutta
Prof. Buddhadeb Sau	Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University
Prof. Jyotsna Jalan	Professor of Economics, The Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta / Member
Prof. Saibal Kar	RBI Endowment Professor of Industrial Economics, The Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta / Member

Secretary to the Board of Governors

Dr. Debarshi Sen	Registrar -----
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CSSSC – FACULTY MEMBERS

Rosinka Chaudhuri	Director, Professor, Cultural Studies
Trina Nileena Banerjee	Assistant Professor, Cultural Studies
Debdatta Chowdhury	Assistant Professor, Gender Studies
Chintagunta Satish Kumar	Assistant Professor, Sociology

Anirban Das	Associate Professor, Cultural Studies
Pranab Kumar Das	Associate Professor, Economics
Prachi Deshpande	Associate Professor, History
Rajarshi Ghose	Assistant Professor, History
Maidul Islam	Assistant Professor, Political Science
Jyotsna Jalan	Professor, Economics
Saibal Kar	RBI Endowment Professor of Industrial Economics
Indrajit Mallick	Associate Professor, Economics
Souvik Mukherjee	Assistant Professor, Cultural Studies
Kumari Vibhuti Nayak	Assistant Professor, Socio-Cultural Anthropology
Priya Sangameswaran	Associate Professor, Development Studies
Sattwik Santra	CTRPFP Assistant Professor, Economics
Asha Singh	Assistant Professor, Gender Studies

Honorary Professors at the Centre

Professor Partha Chatterjee

Professor Gautam Bhadra

Professor Lakshmi Subramanian

Professor Tapati Guha-Thakurta

CSSSC – ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF - 2021-22

General Administration

Dr. Debarshi Sen

Registrar

Debdulal Banik

Dilip Saha

Sajal Kumar Das

Kavita Bhowal

Sreeparna Das

Ranjana Dasgupta

Ivy Chandra

Ashim Patra

Subrata Jana

Library

Sanchita Bhattacharyya – Librarian

Jayati Nayak

Anupam Chatterjee

Rupinder Singh

Pintu Sarkar

Tapas Pal

Archives

Abhijit Bhattacharya – Documentation Officer

Kamalika Mukherjee

Tapan Pal

Accounts

Surajit Bose

Maitreyi Ghosh

Nitai Krishna Pattanayak

Sukanta Mirdha

Computer

Debojyoti Das

RESEARCH PROJECTS AT THE CSSSC (FUNDED BY EXTERNAL AGENCIES)

The CSSSC has undertaken several academic research projects. Some of these are intended to augment the holdings in its archives and to organize academic events around these holdings and promote research. It also undertakes survey-based projects and training workshops with a view to developing research capacities. The inter-disciplinary character of the Centre and its faculty has meant that its intervention has been recognized as crucial in developing resources and facilitating research.

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2. Rosinka Chaudhuri - Work on six booklets for popular consumption on Rammohun Roy for the WB HE Department has been completed and submitted.
3. Prachi Deshpande - OH-31 Grant from ICSSR for a seminar and web-resource on the Hitesh Ranjan Sanyal archive. March 2022.
4. Rajarshi Ghose - Co-investigator (with Abhijit Bhattacharya), “Pre-modern Visions, Modern Frames: Digitization and Conservation of Manuscripts and Books in Bardhaman and Nadia Districts, West Bengal (EAP1031)” funded by Endangered Archives Programme of the British Library (London)
5. Saibal Kar - Evaluation of Duare Sarkar, Government of West Bengal (Rs. 7 Lakhs)

On-going Research Projects funded by external agency

1. Trina Nileena Banerjee - Participant in ongoing research project: International Research Network on Postcolonial Print Cultures led by Rajeswari Sunder Rajan (New York University) and Neelam Srivastava (Newcastle University). In 2023, the network was revived by Laetitia Zecchini (CNRS) as the **International Research Network on Postcolonial Print Cultures (IRNPPC)** with funding from the CNRS for a period of 5 years, expanding and consolidating the initial PPC network by establishing institution-based collaborations between a diverse and global range of leading academic institutions and communities: the CNRS with two research centres (THALIM and ITEM); New York University and the University of Chicago in the United States; Jadavpur University and the **Centre for Studies in Social**

Sciences Calcutta (CSSSC) in Calcutta, India; Newcastle University in the United Kingdom; the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa; NYU-Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

2. Rosinka Chaudhuri - Principal Investigator at CSSSC for *Decolonization the Disciplines and the University* (Project Principal Investigator: Mahmood Mamdani; Sponsoring Agency: Andrew W. Mellon Grant), a five-year grant involving five institutions worldwide, began in 2019 and currently comprises four institutes – MISR, Kampala, University of Ghana, Columbia University and the CSSSC. It has now entered its fourth year in 2022-23. A Mellon Seminar was organised among CSSSC Mellon participants at the JBMRC in October 2022.

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4. Debdatta Chowdhury - ICSSR-ERC funded project titled 'Women-led Community-Level Legal Advocacy Mechanisms in India: A Model for Feminist Jurisprudence', March 2023-February 2024.

5. Rosinka Chaudhuri - Decolonization the Disciplines and the University
Decolonization the Disciplines and the University (Principal Investigator from the CSSSC: Rosinka Chaudhuri; Sponsoring Agency: Andrew W. Mellon Grant), a five-year grant involving five institutions worldwide that began in 2019. One of the five partners, American University, Beirut, has had to drop out for reasons outside of their control related to regional instability. The project continues with the remaining four institutes and has entered its third year in 2021-22. During the course of the year, a Cultural Studies Workshop and a Cultural Studies Institute was held online and successfully conducted. The editorial committee of the Cultural Studies component of the Mellon project selected the best Cultural Studies papers, and worked with the authors to edit and prepare them for publication.

The CSSSC's faculty members Anirban Das, Maidul Islam and Prachi Deshpande are investigators, on *Decolonization, Disciplines, and the University*. Principal Investigator is Dr. Mahmood Mamdani,

Makerere Institute of Social Research, Makerere University, Uganda. Sponsoring Agency: Andrew. W. Mellon Foundation, 2019-2023.

6. Rajarshi Ghose - Primary Investigator (with Abhijit Bhattacharya and Tapan Paul), “Archives of Minority Pasts: Mapping Religion and Politics in modern Bengal” (MEAP-4- 0096), awarded by Modern Endangered Archives Program at University of California, Los Angeles Library (Los Angeles). Total Project Value: USD 50000

7. Rajarshi Ghose - Co-Investigator (with Abhijit Bhattacharya and Tapan Paul), “Pedagogy and scribal culture in pre-colonial Bengal: Digitization of 2500 manuscripts from Nabadwip Sadharan Granthagar”, awarded by South Asia Materials Project, Center for Research Libraries (Chicago). Total Project Value: USD 10731

8. Rajarshi Ghose - Co-Investigator (with Abhijit Bhattacharya and Tapan Paul), “Digitization of the Jatindramohan Bhattacharjee Collection” project, awarded by the University of Pennsylvania Library (Philadelphia). Total Project Value: USD 30000

9. Rajarshi Ghose - Co-investigator (with Professor Mahmood Mamdani, Columbia University as the Principal Investigator), “Decolonization, the Disciplines and the University” project, awarded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (New York).

10. Saibal Kar - National Human Rights Commission, Study on Functioning of AHTUs (Rs. 14 Lakhs)

11. Saibal Kar - ULBs in West Bengal: Finance, Jobs and Service Delivery (Rs. 10Lakhs)

12. Vibhuti Nayak - Socio-Psychological Study of Scheduled Tribe Adolescents and Youth (Aged 14-23) in Communication, Hesitation in Schools/Colleges and Extra Curricular Activities: A Comparative Study of Rural and Urban Scheduled Tribe Children and Adolescents sponsored by Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Ranchi.

13. Vibhuti Nayak - Ethnographic Study of Castes of Jharkhand sponsored by Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Ranchi.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES OF FACULTY MEMBERS

Much of the vitality of the Centre's academic life is supported and sustained by the research of its faculty members. This has been a distinguishing feature of the Centre's academic life since its inception and has been instrumental in its exceptional inputs to the various disciplines it represents. The Centre runs a regular faculty series seminar and reading group that encourages lively and periodic intellectual exchanges among faculty members. It encourages faculty members to collaborate with other institutions in India and overseas to organize joint seminars and workshops. It allows faculty to share their research interests and expertise and undertake teaching and supervision in other institutions in India and overseas. Additionally, the faculty assumes important administrative responsibilities in connection with academic programmes and research activities in the Centre.

The following section details the current research and teaching activities as well as individual research projects and administrative responsibilities undertaken by the faculty. Details of research interest and academic publications of the CSSSC's faculty, including those of recently appointed faculty members, may also be found at the CSSSC's website.

TRINA NILEENA BANERJEE

[ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, CULTURAL STUDIES]

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3. Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Completed Research

1. Completed essay for the **Palgrave Handbook on Theatre Censorship**, edited by **Graham Saunders and Anne Etienne**. Essay titled “‘Kallol’ and the Incarceration of Utpal Dutt: State Repression, Censorship and the Struggle for ‘National’ History”, forthcoming in 2023.

2. Completed a second paper as part of a larger project on scenography in Bengali theatre. The broader project, which I plan as a book, is tentatively titled “The Art of Staging: Spectacle, Realism and the Visual Arts on the Calcutta Proscenium”.

The completed paper deals with the 1960s and is titled “Staging Revolution: Utpal Dutt’s Kallol (1965) and the Question of ‘Spectacular’ Aesthetics in Calcutta’s Leftist Theatre Practice”.

This section of the paper is slated for the publication of a volume titled *In Search of the Left through Theatre, Activism and Auto/ Biography* (edited by Bishnupriya Dutt and Silvija Jestrovic) to be published by **Manchester University Press** as part of its series **Theatre: Theory, Practice, Performance**. This volume is part of a project called “Cultures of the Left” jointly conducted by SAA, JNU and the University of Warwick. Forthcoming in 2023.

3. Completed essay titled “New Masculinities and Authoritarian Aesthetics in Contemporary Bombay Cinema” to be published in a volume on “Indian Cinema and Human Rights” edited by **Ruchira Goswami** (National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata) and **Professor Adam David Dubin** (New York University, Madrid Campus). Final draft with citations due in April 2023.
4. Essay titled “Scenes from the Famine: Chittaprasad, the IPTA and the Art of Visual Reportage” initially planned for an edited volume and presented at a conference in Guwahati this year. Aiming to submit to a Performance Studies journal.
5. Completed and submitted a manuscript for a short monograph titled *Embodying Suffering: Political Performance and Gender in Contemporary Manipur* (40,000 words) for MAKAIAS. Uncertain about publication prospects.

Completed Earlier and Forthcoming

1. Bengali essay on exile, citizenship and women’s experience in the films of Ritwik Ghatak titled “Ghataker ‘Subarnarekha’: Drishyo ar Shabder Sanghate Nari, Desh O Simanto”, for Tiritiyo Parisar, edited by Shenjuti Dutta. Forthcoming 2023.
2. Completed essay titled “Loneliness, Belatedness and Care: Arriving Late Where You No Longer Are” to be published in an edited volume on care-work, ageing and social reproduction. The working title of the volume, to be published by Routledge, is *Cultures of Ageing and Agism*. Edited by Paromita Chakravarti and Kaustav Bakshi. Forthcoming 2023.
3. Completed three entries for the *Cambridge International Encyclopaedia on Theatre* on the Indian theatre directors Heisnam Kanhailal, Ratan Thiyam and Bibhash Chakrabarty. Forthcoming 2023-2024.
4. “Text and Presence: Thinking about ‘Liveness’ in Performance Studies”, in *The 60th Anniversary Volume on Literature & the Other Arts*, to be published by the Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University. Forthcoming 2023.
5. Essay titled “‘Dangerous Play’ - Masculinity and Punishment in Anurag Kashyap’s No Smoking: Exploring Spectacles of Sexuality and Surveillance in Modern India”. Attempting a journal publication.

Forthcoming Research Plans

COMMISSIONED WORK-IN-PROGRESS:

- Working on an essay tentatively titled “Bhabatosh Sutar’s *Swikal*: Public Ritual as a Site of the Avant-Garde” with **Sukanta Majumdar** for a volume on the avant-garde in India, edited by **Brinda Bose** for **Routledge**.
- Essay on Amitesh Grover’s site-specific performance *The Money Opera* for the **Projects/Processes Volume** to be published by the **Serendipity Arts Foundation** in 2023.

- Essay on Amitesh Grover's work in volume titled *Performing the Radical/Radicalizing Performance: India since the 1990s* edited by **Ashis Sengupta** to be published by **Methuen Drama** as part of the series **"Agitations"** [Methuen Drama Agitations: Text, Politics and Performances: Bloomsbury Publishing (IN)]
- Invited to submit a proposal for translations of actress autobiographies by **Penguin Random House**. Working on the proposal to be submitted by April.
- A review of *Critical Perspectives on Contemporary Plays by Women: The Early Twenty-first Century* edited by Penny Farfan and Lesley Ferris (Michigan, 2021) for *Theatre Journal*, an American journal of Theatre & Performance Studies published by **Johns Hopkins University Press**.
- Curating and editing a dossier titled "Negotiating Urban Spaces: Access, Care and Confinement in Contemporary Gendered Performance" for **Theatre Research International** scheduled tentatively for **October 2023** issue (**TRI 48.3**) with **Indu Jain** with submissions from Turkey, Hungary, New York, Austria, South Africa and India.
- Essay titled "The Price of Performance: The Actress as Professional in the Bengali Group Theatre (1950-1980)" for an edited volume titled *Re-Membering Twentieth Century Bengal: History, Politics, Aesthetics*, edited by **Sandeep Banerjee, Subho Basu and Atreyee Majumdar**. Forthcoming.
- Essay on the *history of the development of Performance Studies* as a disciplinary field in India tentatively aimed for the **CSSSC edited volume** planned for next year.

FURTHER RESEARCH PLANS

- A book on the relationship between left politics and stage design/scenography in Bengali theatre between 1940 and 1970. At the early stages of archival research, with two papers having been completed.
- Working on proposal for a brief book on Sabitri Heisnam to be submitted for consideration to publishers, along with co-author Haripriya Soibam.
- Working on a proposal for a short monograph on political street theatre in Kolkata to be submitted for consideration to series editors in the UK.
- Working on a proposal for a brief monograph on digital theatre in India and the work of Amitesh Grover and Anuja Ghosalkar to be submitted for consideration to series editors in the UK.

Visiting Appointments: NA

Honorary Positions

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

- Member of Editorial Board of **Studies in Theatre and Performance (UK)**, journal published by **Taylor and Francis** (October 2020 onwards).

- Member of the Editorial Board of **Theatre Research International**, published by **Cambridge University Press** (December 2021 onwards).
- Member of Editorial Review Board of *Take One*, journal of the **Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute** (April 2021 onwards).

JURY

- Jury member for the **Theatre and Performance Research Association's** (TAPRA, UK) annual postgraduate essay-writing competition (April 2022).

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

Book Discussions

1. A panel on monograph *Performing Silence: Women in the Group Theatre Movement in Bengal* (OUP, 2021) at the **Department of Sociology, Presidency University** on the 25th of April 2022. Discussants: **Prof. Anirban Das and Prof. Paramita Chakravarti**.
2. An online panel on *Performing Silence* organised by the **School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University**, discussants: **Prof. Soumyabrata Chowdhury (JNU)** and **Dr. Mallarika Sinha Roy (JNU)**, 17th of May 2022.
3. An online panel organised by the **Jindal Global Law School**, discussant: **Dr. Gargi Bharadwaj**, 16th of May 2022. Introduced by Dr. Oishik Sircar.
4. Lecture on *Performing Silence* delivered at the **National School of Drama, New Delhi** on the 14th of May 2022.
5. Podcast on the book at the New Books Network with Dr. Rituparna Patgiri:
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/trina-nileena-banerjee-performing-silence-women-in-the-group-theatre-movement-in-bengal-oxford-up-2021> (9th June, 2022).
7. Delivered a talk on *Performing Silence* at the Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College as part of the monthly research colloquium, titled: "*Performing Silence: Feminist History and the Field of Performance Studies*", 2nd August 2022.
8. Bengali podcast on "Women in the Group Theatre Movement in Bengal" by *The Coffeehouse Experience* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T53FQ-m74Xg&t=1101s> released in January 2023.

Other Talks and Seminars

1. Presented a paper on 21st June 2022 titled "Women out of Nowhere: Embodied Memory as Dissensus" at a **panel curated by the Political Performances Working Group** on "Public Protest and Performance" at the **International Federation of Theatre Research's** annual conference held at **Reykjavik, Iceland** between 20th and 24th of June 2022.

2. “Performing Place”: A discussion between Sreshta Rit Premnath and Trina Nileena Banerjee at **Experimenter Gallery**, Kolkata.
3. Paper titled “Scenes from the Famine: Chittaprasad, the IPTA and the Art of Visual Reportage” at a conference titled “The British Empire and Colonial Famines: History, Culture, Critique” held at the **Indian Institute of Information Technology, Guwahati** and funded by the **Royal Society of Edinburgh Research Network, Scotland**.
4. Delivered online talk titled “Gender, Performance and Feminist Historiography” at a workshop on gender organised by the **Women’s Studies Centre** at **Dr. Meghnad Saha College, Itahar** on the 23rd of February 2023.
5. Participated in a panel on Bengali volume *Naribader Nana Path*, edited by **Ritu Sen Chaudhuri (Ananda Publishers)** held at Jadavpur University on the 27th of February 2023. The other speakers were Prof. Ratnabali Chatterjee and Dr. Hardik Brata Biswas.

External Teaching Assignments: NA

Modules Taught for **PhD coursework** at the **Centre for Studies in Social Sciences** (2022-2023):

1. Coordinated and taught a section of the course on “**Feminism and the Social Sciences**” (2022-23).
2. Taught the section on “**Culture**” [‘The Frankfurt School’ and ‘Anthropology and Culture’] for the compulsory course on “**Vocabulary of the Social Sciences**” (2021).

Research Supervision: Ph.D / M.Phil

M.Phil

1. Atufah Nishat - Gender, Identity, Performance and Citizenship in Muslim Women’s Protests against the CAA/NRC (Ongoing).

RAC

1. Rishit Neogi - “Approaching Indigenous Theories of Gender: A Psychoanalytic Criticism of Baul Mystic Poetry and Songs”

Ph.D

1. Turna Das - “Bangla Natoker Itihash Rachana, Ouponibeshikotar Prekshit o Kichhu Proshno” (submitted, awaiting viva).
2. Monikinkini Basu - “Performing Bodies: The Use and Abuse of the Male Body and Disability in Mainstream Hindi Film Posters”.
3. Angana Dasgupta - “A Study of Possession: Locating Ritual Performances of Bengal in its Material Negotiations”.
4. Ayatree Saha - “To Sleep or Not to Sleep: Studying the Sociality of Sleep in Kolkata”

Appointed as member of the Graduate Faculty at the Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies, University of Toronto as a “Status Only” member, in keeping with my role as supervisor to doctoral candidate Debleena Tripathi. Tripathi’s doctoral project is titled “Effects and Affects of ‘Independent’ Theatre in Kolkata: A Practice-Research Inquiry”.

Administrative Responsibility

- Seminar Committee (Member)
- M.Phil Coordination Committee (Coordinator)
- Archives Committee (Member)
- Joint Ph.D Coordinator with Dr. Anirban Das

Publications

Articles in books

1. Essay Titled “Acts of Power: Performing Memory Against Legality” on the work of Budhan Theatre and Abhishek Majumdar’s play *Eidgaah ke Jinnat* published by the Serendipity Arts Foundation in their volume *Projects/Processes 2022* published in May 2022. Also previously published online at: https://serendipityarts.org/wp-content/uploads/securepdfs/2021/06/Projects-_-Processes-_-Acts-of-Power-by-Trina-Nileena-Banerjee..pdf.

Reviews and other articles

2. “Obituary: Peter Brook, The Illusionist of Journeys” in *India Today*, 8th July 2022. [<https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/up-front/story/20220718-obituary-peter-brook-the-illusionist-of-of-journeys-1973418-2022-07-08>].
3. An interview-based essay on Amitesh Grover’s online installation performance titled “The Last Poet” (2020) for Serendipity Arts Foundation’s *Imaginable Worlds Anthology* to be published in collaboration with the Chicago Smart Museum of Art. Forthcoming 2022. Edited by Nandita Jaishankar Allana and Arushi Vats. The piece is titled “Assembling in Isolation: The Politics of Virtual Performance in Amitesh Grover’s *The Last Poet*. Published December 2022.
4. Review of Mary John and Meena Gopal’s *Women in the Worlds of Labour: Interdisciplinary and Intersectional Perspectives* (Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2021) in *The Book Review* (March 2023, Volume 47, Number 3).

ROSINKA CHAUDHURI

[PROFESSOR, CULTURAL STUDIES & DIRECTOR]

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Academic Activity of Faculty Members

On-going Research

- Work on the book project, *Young Bengal and the Making of the Modern Indian*, is almost complete and the manuscript is expected to be submitted by May 2023.
- Research on a paper for a volume titled *The Hindoo/Presidency College: A Global History* (Principal Investigators: Dr Rochona Majumdar (University of Chicago), Upal Chakrabarti (Presidency University) and Sukanya Sarbadhikari (Presidency University)) funded by the University of Chicago Center, New Delhi, is ongoing. A conference was held on 5-6 December, 2022 and papers are being readied for publication.
- Chaired committee of editors and edited and introduced the *MiSR Cultural Studies Volume 6* of selected papers from the Mellon Cultural Studies Institute, Kampala.

- Editing of and Introduction to a volume of Bengali essays on Raja Rammohun Roy titled *Kāl O Kālāntarer Pathik* is in progress and scheduled to be completed and published by Bangla Academy by May 2023.
- An English volume of essays on Rammohun Roy is in the process of being edited jointly with Tanika Sarkar and Dipesh Chakrabarty. An international conference was held on May 27-28, 2022 at the CSSSC at which national and international scholars participated. They will now submit their papers and the volume will have to be readied for publication.
- Editing *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Romanticism in Britain and Asia* by Bloomsbury UK alongside Alex Watson (Meiji University, Tokyo) and Peter Kitson (University of East Anglia, UK). The process of selecting contributors and writing to them has been completed and abstracts have been received over the course of March 2022.
- Co-editing *50 Years of the CSSSC* with Trina Nilina Banerjee for publication.

Completed Research

- A chapter titled 'Between Sound and Image: The Intoxication of Speech and the Voice of a Poem in Early Nineteenth-Century India' submitted in February 2023 to *The Cambridge Companion to the Poem* ed. Sean Pryor, University of New South Wales, Sydney.
- Translations of three poems by Iswar Gupta (1811-1859) were co-translated, submitted, and proof read with Arvind Krishna Mehrotra for *Poetry* magazine Chicago.
- Chair of Editorial Committee and Editor of *MiSR Review* (Volume 6: Cultural Studies) for the Mellon Project on *Decolonization, the Disciplines, and the University* May-Sept 2022, submitted for publication, forthcoming.

Visiting Appointments [If you have been appointed for a while at any other University or teaching institute as Visiting Fellow etc.] - None

Seminars, Workshops, Conferences

1. 'Translating Tagore', panel discussion at Jaipur Literature Festival, January 21, 2023.
2. 'First Formulations of Modern Indian Secularism: Early Years at the Hindu College -paper given at two-day workshop on the global history of the Hindoo/ Presidency College on Dec 6-8, 2022. The workshop consisted of fourteen participants from academic institutions in India and the United States.
3. Introduction to the Third Annual Buddhadeva Bose Lecture by Poet and Critic Prof. Arvind Krishna Mehrotra, 30 November, 2022.
4. 'Radhanath Sikdar: The Lost Story of a Mathematician's Fight for Justice in Colonial India' Colloquium talk on 18 November, 2022 at the Harish Chandra Research Institute (HRI), Allahabad.

5. 'Anti-Colonial, Postcolonial, Decolonial: Pedagogic and Creative Critiques' at the Workshop of the Mellon Foundation Project on Decolonization, the Disciplines and the University, 19 October, 2022 at the Jadunath Bhavan Museum and Resource Centre, Kolkata.
6. Keynote lecture titled 'Equality, Law, and the 'just rights of the Natives of India', Dehradun 1843' on 7 September, 2022 at the *Society of Legal Scholars' Annual Conference*, 6-9 September 2022 hosted by King's College, London.
7. Talk titled 'Never Universal: The Singularity of Literary Production' at conference on *(World) Literature and the Problem of the Universal: Philosophical and Philological Approaches* organized by the Nobel Symposium, Stockholm, on 17 August 2022 in the First Session on 'History and Literature'.
8. Talk titled 'Rammohun Roy: A Mere Landlord?' at conference on *The Many Worlds of Rammohun Roy: A 250th Birth Anniversary Conference*, 27-28 May, 2022.
9. Presentation on panel titled 'Thematic Explorations: Translations' at the CHCI Annual Conference titled *Face to Face: Forms of the Humanities*, May 21 2022, Duke University.

Teaching Assignments

External (at any other university) - None

Internal - Co-taught two CSSSC M.Phil. courses: 'Introduction to Modern Social Thought' and 'Research Methods'.

Research Supervision [M.Phil and Ph.D]

Ph.D

Ongoing

1. Arghya Ganguly - "David Foster Wallace's Funhouse called Loneliness"
2. Pooja Sanyal - "Marxism and Modernism in Bengali Literature till Independence"
3. Anirban Mondal - "*Tiktiki: Bangla Goyenda Sahitye Samaj Itihas (1899-1991)*"
4. Pritha Chatterjee - "Inheriting Modernity from a 'Disinherited Community': The East Indians of Early Nineteenth-Century Calcutta"
5. Reshma Khatoon - "Re-thinking Print Modernity in Early Nineteenth-century Calcutta"

Submitted

1. Rita Chatterjee - "Travel Narratives by Englishwomen visiting India in the Nineteenth Century: the search for the subject"

Administrative Responsibility

- Director and Ex Officio Member of all sub-committees at the CSSSC
- Chairperson of the Eastern Regional Centre of the ICSSR.

Publications

Journal Publication

1. Three poems by Ishwar Gupta co-translated with Arvind Krishna Mehrotra for *Poetry* (Chicago), published 2 May 2022.

Articles in Books

1. 'Beyond the Sanskrit Words: Eliot and the Colonial Construction of Poetic Modernism' in Steven Matthews ed., *The Waste Land After 100 Years* (Cambridge: D.S. Brewer, 2022) pp. 47-71.

Book Reviews

1. Book Review of *Our Santiniketan* by Mahasweta Devi, trans. Radha Chakravarty (Seagull Books) in the *Times Literary Supplement* on 13 March, 2023.

2. Book Review of *Vernacular English: Reading the anglophone in postcolonial India* (Princeton University Press) by Akshya Saxena in the *Times Literary Supplement* on 15 July, 2022.

Honorary Positions

- Board member of the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes (CHCI) International Advisory Board.

- Invited on the Committee of the Humanities Administration Network of the CHCI in November 2022.

- Invited on the Selection Committee of the CHCI's Global Humanities Institutes funded by the Mellon Foundation August 2022.

- Member of the International Comparative Literature Association (ICLA) Research Development Committee.

- Member of Editorial Board, *Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies* (Routledge)

- Advisory Board Member to *Racism by Context*, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

- Member of SCR, St Hugh's College, Oxford University.

CHINTAGUNTA SATISH KUMAR

[ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SOCIOLOGY]

1. Completed Research Projects funded by external agency

None

2. On-Going Research Projects funded by external agency

None

3. Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Research

Completed Research

1. (final stages) The Real Estate State-landed capitalism in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
2. (final stages) The political economy of agrarian change and caste: A case study of Godavari delta.
3. Methodological Reflexivities. .
4. Book proposal on Caste, Mobilization Processes: A case study of Kapus in Andhra Pradesh submitted to Orient Blackswan.

Forthcoming Research Plans

1. By-Pass Urbanism in Kolkata. This paper project engages with the changing nature of socio-spatial account of EM Bypass after independence, more particularly after 1990s. This paper critically evaluates questions such as, the existing literature pertaining to urbanisation within the purview of sociology, what role does the state played in unpacking the category of urbanization vis-à-vis with communities in and around? How agriculture, industry and real estate are entangled with each other, in other words the circulation of labour, caste and capital on this stretch.
2. Locating the Caste in the History of Sociology in Bengal. This paper is premised on the hypothesis that the absence of caste question in the Bengal is the result of the absence of sociologists in public space. Dwelling onto it more, questions such as the sociologists and their concerns at that time, during the early independence. More particularly whether these concerns are in anyway connected to the caste question, if, in which way, if not why? etc would be addressed. This work will be primarily be done by reading both primary and secondary literature pertaining to four sociologists- RK Mukherjee, DN Majumdar, BN Sarkar and NK Bose.

Visiting Appointments

None

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

1. Invited to present a paper titled “The Real Estate: The Landed Capitalism in Amaravati, AP-Few Notes and Observations”, at Political Science Department, Presidency University, Kolkata on 30.11.22.
2. Invited to present a paper titled “The Real Estate State: The Landed Capitalism in Amaravati, AP, at NIAS on 14.11.2022.
3. Invited to give a keynote speech titled “Dr Ambedkar’s Thoughts on Democracy” at the Dr. Ambedkar Anniversary organised by Sikkim Government Law College on 17th April 2022.

External Teaching Assignments

None

Research Supervision: Ph.D / M.Phil

Ph.D

1. Athira Dhara, 2021 (ongoing) - Caste and Gender-Bharanipattu in Kerala (tentative title)
2. Sukruta Alluri, 2020 (ongoing) - Alienation-from Hegel to Marx (tentative title)
3. Abhay Kumar Roy, 2019 (ongoing) - Appropriating Agency through Retelling: A Study of the Select Contemporary Retellings of the *Mahabharata* (tentative title)

MPhil

1. Sneha Chowdhury, 2022 (ongoing) - Migration and Memory-Namashudras in West Bengal (tentative title)

Administrative Responsibility

Campus Committee

Library Committee

Services Rules Committee

Publications

MPhil programme sub committee

Equal Opportunity Office Preparatory Committee

Publications

1. Expansion of Telugu cinema into other language markets:

<https://www.andhrajyothy.com/telugunews/telugu-cinema-jaitrayatra-ngts-editorial-182204170123119> , 17.04.22.

2. Is Dalit Movement in the Right Track? <https://m.andhrajyothy.com/amp/telugunews/is-the-dalit-movement-on-the-right-track-ngts-editorial-1822090602025985>

3. Caste and Constitutional Equality <https://www.andhrajyothy.com/2022/editorial/constitution-of-india-equality-caste-970740.html>

4. How to read kantara movie?

<https://magazine.sarangabooks.com/%e0%b0%95%e0%b0%be%e0%b0%82%e0%b0%a4%e0%b0%be%e0%b0%b0%e0%b0%be-%e0%b0%b8%e0%b0%bf%e0%b0%a8%e0%b0%bf%e0%b0%ae%e0%b0%be%e0%b0%a8%e0%b0%bf-%e0%b0%8e%e0%b0%b2%e0%b0%be-%e0%b0%9a%e0%b0%a6%e0%b0%b5/>

DEBDATTA CHOWDHURY

[ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, GENDER STUDIES]

1. Completed Research Projects funded by external agency

NA

2. On-Going Research Projects funded by external agency

ICSSR-ERC funded project titled 'Women-led Community-Level Legal Advocacy Mechanisms in India: A Model for Feminist Jurisprudence', March 2023-February 2024

3. Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Research

Completed Research: Gendering higher education in the context of gender sensitization mechanisms and practices in Indian Higher Education Institutions. The objective of the research was to understand how the concept of gender sensitisation works in HEIs, in the context of the POSH laws in Workplaces and in HEIs, the Vishakha Guidelines, the Verma Committee Report, and the mandatory institution of ICCs in HEIs. It located the foundational idea behind Indian education policies within the larger framework of a global approach to gender sensitization of education. It took into account the relevant reports and studies of HEIs in India within the context of gendering higher education and linked them with conversations/interviews taken with persons associated in some capacity with HEIs in Kolkata and surrounding areas. The research attempted to establish that a flawed educational philosophy is ill-equipped to address the realities of a very-gendered education system that India runs. Research findings were published as a book chapter (details provided under publication).

Forthcoming Research Plans: A critical engagement with women-initiated Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms and grassroots level spaces for legal advocacy as models for understanding feminist interventions in legal jurisprudence in India. The primary sites of study are para-state and non-state community-level mechanisms as Nari Adalats, Women's Shalishi, Women's Jamaat, Women Gram Sabhas which, together with state-initiated mechanisms like Mahila Samakhya, Family Courts, Women's Cells, will be contextualised within the larger trajectory of women's political activism and legal scholarship in India. Women-initiated para-legal grassroots mechanisms will be studied as a model for feminist governance, while also be problematized as sites which reflect the complex location of women at the crossroad of individual liberty, human rights, and community rights.

Visiting Appointments: None

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

1. 'Feminist Ethnography: A Vision, A Process', National Online Symposium on Ethnography as a Method: New Perspectives', part of research project 'Religion and Caste in an Industrial Town: An Ethnographic Study of Asansol' under UGC-STRIDE Project Component-1, Kazi Nazrul University, 17 December 2022
2. 'Shimanter Mohilader Jibon O Jeebika' (Life and Livelihood Concerns of Women in the borderlands), Webinar organized by Political Science Study Circle, Kolkata, 27 June 2022.

External Teaching Assignments: None

Research Supervision: Ph.D. / M.Phil

M.Phil (ongoing): 1; Ph.D (ongoing): 4

Administrative Responsibility

Seminar Convenor, Campus Committee

Publications

1. 'Partitioned Past, Bordered Present: The Need for Dialogue between Partition Studies and Border Studies', in Gorky Chakraborty and Supurna Banerjee (Eds). *Negotiating Borders and Borderlands: The Indian Experience*, Orient BlackSwan, 2023.
2. 'Making Higher Education Institutions Gender-Sensitive: Visions and Voices from the Indian Education System', in Anna CohenMiller, Tamsin Hinton-Smith, Fawzia Haeri Mazanderani, Nupur Samuel (Eds.) *Leading Change in Gender and Diversity in Higher Education: From Margins to Mainstream*, Routledge, 2023.
3. 'Contesting Common Sense: Smuggling Across the India-Bangladesh Border', Mahmoud Keshavarz and Shahram Khosravi (Eds.). *Seeing like a Smuggler: Ethnographic, Ethical and Material Perspectives*. Pluto Books, 2022.
4. 'Bengal Partitioned, Bengal Claimed: Ethno-Religious Politics across the Bengal Border', in Anindita Ghoshal (Ed.) *Revisiting Partition: Contestation, Narratives and Memories*. Primus, 2022.

5. (Forthcoming) Partition's Women: Inherited Memories of Remarkable Lives and Times, in Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Jayanta Sengupta, Rituparna Roy (Eds.) *The Long History of Partition in Bengal: Event, Memory, and Identity*. Routledge, 2023.

ANIRBAN DAS

[ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, CULTURAL STUDIES]

On-going Research Projects funded by External Agency

Part of the team coordinating the project, *Decolonization, the Disciplines and the University*, funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation.

Completed Research

Forthcoming

- *Feminist Inscriptions: Response beyond Reaction*, a co-edited (along with Ritu Sen Chaudhuri) book – final manuscript submitted last year to State University of New York Press. Both the review reports are positive and currently the authors are making corrections to be incorporated.
- Submitted, “Introduction” (co-authored) in *Feminist Inscriptions: Response beyond Reaction*, submitted to State University of New York Press edited by Anirban Das and Ritu Sen Chaudhuri.
- Submitted, “Feminist Politics, Theory and the Question of the Outside: Reflections” in *Feminist Inscriptions: Response beyond Reaction*, submitted to State University of New York Press edited by Anirban Das and Ritu Sen Chaudhuri.
- Submitted to the publisher, A co-edited book *Theorizing Practice, Practising Theory* eds., Anirban Das, Birgit M. Kaiser, Kathrin Thiele. The review of the proposal is very positive.

On-going Research

- Working, as part of the Mellon project, on the works of Debiprasad Chattopadhyay (1918-1993). Chattopadhyay, a professor in philosophy in a college in the city of Kolkata, and later working with national research institutions like the Indian Council for Historical Research and the Indian Council for Philosophical Research, had an intimate association with the leftist cultural and intellectual movements. He had been a polymath of sorts, writing on sexuality, almost singlehandedly editing the journal *Indian Studies Past and Present*, writing regularly for children (both fiction and non-fiction) in periodicals, and trying to produce a pre-history and a history of ‘Science in India’. Most importantly, he worked on the Charvaka- Lokayata system of philosophy in India. He read into orthodox texts of philosophy certain elements of a materialist philosophy. Chattopadhyay uses the category materialism in a particular Marxist sense. He relates this to the notion of science and scientific thinking. Thus, he is simultaneously in search of ‘scientific elements’ and ‘materialist elements’ in Indic thinking. He studies the dominant strands of philosophy and certain other forms of thought in the Sanskrit tradition to bring out these elements. In

my work, I stress the many meanings of the decolonial emerging from such an enterprise. The two questions through which I move are the following –

Is the enunciation of Lokayata through *nastika*, materialism and science a colonial move of reading Indian texts through the lens of the west? Is such an enunciation a decolonial move against the orientalist construction of spiritual India?

- Co-editing a Bangla collection of essays in honour of Raghav Bandyopadhyay, named *Bratyojaadukotha*.

- The second edition of *Banglay Binirman/Abinirman* (2007) is about to be published. The book was reprinted in 2008 and been out of print for a few years.

- Working on a book, *Thinking with Others: Feminisms, Ethics and the Literary* consisting of essays mostly published previously in journals and edited volumes.

- Working on a book on abortion and feminist ethics. Two of the intended chapters have already been published in edited volumes. Currently writing a chapter on the biopolitical processes at work in the construction of the foetus and on the general import on feminist ethics.

- Working on a book on science and scientism in the postcolonial context. This will use materials I have already published and a large amount of new writing. Some of these have already been presented in conferences and are now in the process of writing in the form of papers.

- Working on the following Articles –

"Embodied Knowledges: An Intimate Critique of Positional Objectivity and Standpoint". This paper tries to clear the epistemological ground for my notion of embodied knowledges with critical engagement with the notion of 'positional objectivity' (posited by Amartya Sen) on the one hand and with that of 'situated knowledge' (a feminist epistemological position) on the other.

- "The Many Ways of Thinking the 'Non-Human'". The act of thinking beyond the human has been operative in many ways in recent humanities and social sciences. Two of the most important strands, each of which affects the other in constitutive ways, come respectively from 'science studies' and from 'theory' in a general sense. This paper tries to trace the differences in the dynamic of thinking associated with these two vantage points.

- "The Science Question in Poststructuralism: Ethics and Politics of the Real". The paper deals with the paradox in the pursuit of science that tries to bring together a form of empiricism with reason. It tries to analyze a fundamental opposition between the inductive mode of reasoning active in empiricism and the irrefutable logic of deductions of Reason. In doing this, the paper has to address the question of how faith and (scientific) knowledge remain intertwined. Questions of the originary technicity of being human and

its relations to the generality of the structure of writing and the trace-structure have to be addressed in the process.

- “Unhinging the State and the Nation: (Im)Possibilities”.

Visiting Appointments and Other Affiliations

- Affiliated Researcher at the Research Institute for Cultural Inquiry (ICON) of the Faculty of Humanities at the Utrecht University (15th May 2020 to 14th May 2022).

- Associate member of *Terra Critica*, an international interdisciplinary network for the critical humanities.

Seminars, Workshops, Conferences:

1. Talked as a discussant of the book *Performing Silence: Women in the Group Theatre Movement in Bengal* by Trina Nileena Banerjee at the book talks-discussions series at the Department of Sociology, Presidency University on April 25, 2022.

2. Moderated and Spoke in a plenary meeting on Theory/Practice on June 9 2022, at an International Conference on *Critical Transformations: Terra Critica 2.0*, June 8-10 2022 at Utrecht University.[Web participation in a Hybrid mode event]

3. Presented a Position Paper on June 10 2022 at an International Conference on *Critical Transformations: Terra Critica 2.0*, June 8-10 2022 at Utrecht University.[Web participation in a Hybrid mode event]

4. Delivered two lectures at the Department of Sociology, West Bengal State University on 9th September 2022 and 14th September 2022.

5. Co-coordinator (along with Professor Birgit M. Kaiser and Professor Kathrin Thiele, both from the University of Utrecht) of a series of online workshops on “Theorizing Practice/ Practising Theory” on behalf of Terra Critica, an international network of Critical Humanities. These workshops, consisting of three clusters of participants, continued from November 2021. The workshops were concluded in October 2022 and a proposal for a book submitted to the publisher in December 2022.

6. Presented a paper on “Double Binds of Decolonization: Materialism, Science and the *Nastika* Tradition” in the *Workshop of the Mellon Foundation Project on Decolonization, the Disciplines and the University* organized by CSSSC on 19th October 2022.

7. Delivered special Lectures on *Deconstruction and Feminism* at the Department of Sociology, West Bengal State University, on January 11, 2023.

8. Delivered 2 lectures in the Faculty Improvement Programs conducted by the UGC Human Resource Development Centre, University of Calcutta on the following date – 2 lectures on November 1, 2022

9. Will present a paper on “Poetics and Politics of Othering: The Work of Literature” on 27th March 2023, in an International Conference on *Literature and Aesthetics: Poetics of the Affective* organized by Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature and Department of English, University of Calcutta (April 27-28, 2023).

Teaching Assignments

Ph.D course work at the CSSSC

- Feminism and the Social Sciences
- Research Methods in Social Sciences
- Introduction to Modern Social Thought

Research Supervision

M.Phil

Currently supervising the M.Phil dissertations of the following students.

Current students –

1. Rishit Neogy
2. SumantaTanti

Completed M.Phil Dissertation and viva –

1. Souvik Das.

Ph.D

In the year 2022-23, 2 Ph.D students have submitted the Ph.D dissertation to Jadavpur University –

1. Arunima Chakraborty - *Love, Lack and Sex Work: Explorations in Psychoanalysis*
2. Debraj Bhattacharya – *Lekhar Kaaj: Sromosomoyer A(no)bhigyota o Likhoner Kotha*

Current students –

1. Biboswan Bose - *Conceptualizing Comics: Studies on the Nature of Spatiality.*
2. Aishani Roy - *The Erotic Object: Self and Thingness in Literature.*
3. Subhro Saha - *Reading Caste*, co-supervision with Birgit M. Kaiser at Utrecht University
4. Rohitashwa Sarkar -
5. Puja Senmajumdar -

Administrative Responsibility

Member of following sub-committees –

M.Phil

Library

Financial Advisory

JBMRC

Convenor and member –

Ph.D

Publications committee

Publications

1. *Shareerneetikatha*, a Bangla monograph, published by Trito Parisar, Kolkata: 2023.

ISBN 978-81-956036-3-3.

2. “Discipliner Sanghatiaar Bibhajito Chinta (Pratham Parba)” a Dialogue, Anirban Das and Ritu Sen Chaudhuri, in *Merujeen*, A Digital Magazine published from Kolkata, 2023.

PRANAB KUMAR DAS

[ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, ECONOMICS]

Completed Research Projects funded by external agency

Nil

On-Going Research Projects funded by external agency

Nil

Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Completed Research

1. Optimal Fiscal and Central Banking Policy in a Finite Horizon Macroeconomic Model

The study aims at devising fiscal and banking policy for achieving certain goals in a finite horizon macroeconomic model for India. The objectives include controlling inflation, reduction in the unemployment rate, and attaining a specific target for the level of GDP, say 5 trillion or a target rate of GDP growth of 10%. Some of the variables which policy makers regulate include repo rate, government expenditure and public investment. The optimization problem is solved through a dynamic programming algorithm where policy variables act as controls.

Specifically in the Indian context the optimal policy paths obtained depict that the target of achieving \$5 trillion economy in a five year time could be met at the cost of unrealistic values of the policy parameters. Also, when the policy variables are constrained to take values in realistic ranges, achieving this target would lead to economic stability in intermediate period.

The first draft was presented at the Symposium on Stochastic Control and Application on the occasion of the superannuation of Prof. Mrinal K. Ghosh of IISc, July 25, 2022 by my co-author.

2. Estimation of Panel DYMIMIC Model – Theory and Application

This is a generalised method for estimation of a DYMIMIC Model with an application to the informal sector of India. We worked on a DYMIMIC Model for the estimation of the informal sector in India. This was submitted to a leading journal of the field. After two revisions the paper was rejected. Then after consulting with my co-authors it was decided that we would work for a generalised method of estimation for panel DYMIMIC Model which is not available in the literature. This

will be useful for validating results from economic theory in a cross country scenario or for the sectors of an economy.

3. Optimal public Policy in a Pandemic – The question of Lives versus Livelihood.

Was submitted to Economics and Biology. After first referee report with some comments received and have been asked to revise accordingly and resubmit.

Forthcoming Research Plans

1. An extension of our macroeconomic policy model for finite horizon for some other emerging market economies which are included in G-20. This will be useful for robustness check for our model.
2. A comparative study of various methods of identifying finance constraints faced by firms vis-a-vis my earlier work using stochastic frontier analysis.
3. An analysis of evolution of capital structure of Indian firms since the economic reforms were initiated in 1990s.

Visiting Appointments

Nil

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

1. Presented a paper entitled *Finance, growth and inequality: Does source of finance matter?* at the 4th Annual Economics Conference organised by the Amrut School of Management, Ahmedabad University, Ahmedabad held during Jan 6-7, 2023.

External Teaching Assignments

Research Supervision: Ph.D / M.Phil

1. Saptarshi Mitra - working on “Finance-growth nexus”. Due to be submitted soon.
2. Krishnendu Maji - working on “Inflationary Dynamics in Emerging Market Economies”.
3. Archita Mukherji - working on “Demographic Transition, Labour Supply Decisions and Growth in India”.

Administrative Responsibility

Member of the following sub-committees

- Computer Sub-committee
- Service Rules Sub-committee
- Financial Advisory Committee
- PhD Research Committee

Publications

1. The British Stock Market, currencies, brexit, and media sentiments: A big data analysis (with Gopal K. Basak, Sugata Marjit, Debashis Mukherjee, Lei Yang), *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*, 64, 101861, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.najef.2022.101861>, (2023).

PRACHI DESHPANDE

[ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, HISTORY]

Completed Research Projects funded by external agency

1. OH-31 Grant from ICSSR for a seminar and web-resource on the Hitesh Ranjan Sanyal archive. March 2022.

On-Going Research Projects funded by external agency

1. INVESTIGATOR, on **Decolonization, Disciplines, and the University**. Principal Investigator: Dr. MAHMOOD MAMDANI, Makerere Institute of Social Research, Makerere University, Uganda. Sponsoring Agency: Andrew. W. Mellon Foundation, 2019-2023.

Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Research

- “Remaking Marathi: Language History and V. L. Bhave’s *Maharashtra Saraswat*, forthcoming, April 2023, in the *Oxford Handbook of Modern Indian Literatures*, eds. Ulka Anjaria and Anjali Nerlekar. FORTHCOMING APRIL 2023

This is an essay on *Maharashtra Saraswat* (1894) by Vinayak Lakshman Bhave, the first comprehensive history of Marathi literature. In this chapter, I revisit the making of Bhave’s pioneering history and narrativization of the Marathi literary corpus for literary debates and analysis over the twentieth century, and the making of Marathi literary modernism. I examine Bhave’s engagement with the idea of literariness through the category *Saraswat* and how it enabled an expansive, chronological archiving of Marathi literature. In addition, I show how his framing of Marathi’s evolutionary history, and the overarching themes of authenticity and rootedness in particular, are key to understanding the endurance of these concerns in the contemporary Marathi literary and political sphere.

- Book-length work on Durga Bhagwat (1910-2000), folklorist, scholar of language, popular culture and creative writer, responsible for a vast number of translations from Pali, English and Sanskrit into Marathi. ONGOING.

In 2022 I did several rounds of archival research and interviews for this book project. Over the last two years I have narrowed her down as a figure through whom I could interrogate the Marathi twentieth history, as it were, and debates within history, language, sociology, anthropology, folklore and religious studies in western India. I have collected correspondence and records of Bhagwat’s associates and professional life. I have drafted “Disciplinary Riddles: Durga Bhagwat

and an outline of Indian Folklore,” an essay interrogating Bhagwat’s position within the university and the disciplinary history of anthropology and folklore in 20th century India, and without. For the biography, however, I have yet to locate Bhagwat’s research diaries, which are in the possession of one of her biographers, and her correspondence with a fellow student while on fieldwork in Central India over the 1930s. My work plans in 2023 involve mainly recovering this material for the biography, and finishing the essay.

- Co-editor of *Cultural History of South Asia, Vol. IV*, with Nandini Chatterjee, for Bloomsbury Academic. Writing the Introduction

- Chapter for *Cultural History of South Asia, Vol. V*, for Bloomsbury Academic on “Languages, Literatures and Performance in Colonial India.”

- Potential book on a death in Arcot in the early 19th century?

I spoke about this last year, and I’m still in the stage where I’m trying out the style of a narrative popular history and exploring whether this project is doable. In 2023 I hope to make a decision one way or another.

- Annales Maths paper

This paper examines a range of mathematical texts from nineteenth-century western and southern India in the Marathi and Tamil languages. These materials were generated in the course of pedagogy, scribal, and artisanal work. They include elementary arithmetic primers, number tables, accountancy manuals for use in revenue administration and commerce, texts compiling the nature of practices involving artisans such as sculptors and carpenters, and collections of arithmetic problems. Some are in manuscript, and some are printed and lithographed texts. In some elementary arithmetic is intertwined with the basics of the alphabet and grammar. We try to historicize the local worlds of practice in which they were circulated and transmitted, as well as the grounds for comparison that may emerge between these contexts. The category of ‘practice’ is intended to flesh out the ways in which numbers and measurements, in particular, were engaged in pedagogy and artisanal work. The measuring of land, labour, taxes, and produce from grain to gold is key to social relations, and we explore how such mathematical texts help illuminate measuring as a politically mediated activity, and the ways in which local caste contexts, but also language and vocabulary, structured these practices and practitioners. One of the features we hope to highlight is the deep imbrication of language skills and mathematical skills in pedagogy and practice.

Visiting Appointments

None.

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences/Podcasts

1. Paper in an online workshop on “Crossing Histories of Writing in the Portuguese Colonial Empire” organized by Angela Xavier at the University of Lisbon, 29 April 2022.
2. Discussion with *Pustakgappa*, an online Marathi series on literature, politics, and culture, on Historiography <https://www.youtube.com/live/mnF3ao5qDTY> 29 May 2022.
3. Discussion with *Pustakgappa*, an online Marathi series on literature, politics, and culture, on the food chain, natural farming, and environmental politics <https://www.youtube.com/live/Lc4Xb09BPGA> 25 September 2022.
4. Organized a workshop of the CSSSC group of the Mellon project on Decolonization, Disciplines and the University, and presented a paper “Disciplinary Riddles: Durga Bhagwat and an outline of Indian Folklore,” October 19, 2022.
5. Organized a day-long symposium, “Regional Structures and Religious Histories in India: New Directions in Architectural, Social, and Cultural History” as part of the OH-31 Hitesranjan Sanyal Publications Project, on 19 November 2022

External Teaching Assignments

None.

Research Supervision: Ph.D / M.Phil

1. Amit Bindal (Ph.D) - “Law, Myth and Modernity: A Study in Legal Epistemology”
GOT DEGREE
2. Ammel Sharon (Ph.D) - “Literature as Recovery: The Public Life of Text Criticism in Kannada”
3. Divya Komala (Ph.D)
4. Aparna Mondal (Ph.D)
5. Abhirup Maity (Ph.D)

Administrative Responsibility

Jadunath Bhavan Museum and Resource Centre - Convener

Archives committee

Campus committee

Library committee

Publications

1. Monograph: *Scripts of Power: Writing, Language Practices, and Cultural History in Western India*, Permanent Black, 2023.
2. Chapter, “मराठ्यांचा इतिहास: प्रतिमा आणि राष्ट्रवाद” in स्वातंत्र्याची पंचहत्तरी, a volume of essays on 75 Years of Indian Independence, edited by Datta Desai and published by Manovikas Publications.
3. Chapter: “Languages, Regions, and Linguistic States,” in the two-volume *New Cambridge History of India*, edited by Mrinalini Sinha, Prasannan Parthasarathy and David Gilmartin, Cambridge University Press. FORTHCOMING late 2023.

RAJARSHI GHOSE

[ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, HISTORY]

Completed Research Projects funded by external agency

1. Co-investigator (with Abhijit Bhattacharya), “Pre-modern Visions, Modern Frames: Digitization and Conservation of Manuscripts and Books in Bardhaman and Nadia Districts, West Bengal (EAP1031)” funded by Endangered Archives Programme of the British Library (London)

On-Going Research Projects funded by external agency

1. Primary Investigator (with Abhijit Bhattacharya and Tapan Paul), “Archives of Minority Pasts: Mapping Religion and Politics in modern Bengal” (MEAP-4- 0096), awarded by Modern Endangered Archives Program at University of California, Los Angeles Library (Los Angeles). Total Project Value: USD 50000

2. Co-Investigator (with Abhijit Bhattacharya and Tapan Paul), “Pedagogy and scribal culture in pre-colonial Bengal: Digitization of 2500 manuscripts from Nabadwip Sadharan Granthagar”, awarded by South Asia Materials Project, Center for Research Libraries (Chicago). Total Project Value: USD 10731

3. Co-Investigator (with Abhijit Bhattacharya and Tapan Paul), “Digitization of the Jatindramohan Bhattacharjee Collection” project, awarded by the University of Pennsylvania Library (Philadelphia). Total Project Value: USD 30000

4. Co-investigator (with Professor Mahmood Mamdani, Columbia University as the Principal Investigator), “Decolonization, the Disciplines and the University” project, awarded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (New York)

Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Completed Research

- Monograph: Ghose, Rajarshi. *Empire of Islam: Karamat Ali Jawnpuri and Religious Revival in British India, c.1800-1873* (contracted with Oxford University Press India)
- Article: Ghose, Rajarshi. “Two Mosques and the Imam al-Hind: Abul Kalam Azad, the practice of Islamic Law, and politics of decolonization”. (Submitted)
- Article: Ghose, Rajarshi (with Dr. Utsa Ray, Jadavpur University). “Caste Question in East Pakistan and Bangladesh: Ethnography, citizenship, and the politics of development” (Submitted)

Forthcoming Research Plans

- Article: Ghose, Rajarshi. “Political Imaginaries and the Writing of the Past: Shibli Numani (1857-1914) and historiography in British India” (In progress)

- Article: Ghose, Rajarshi. “Religious Renewal in Colonial Bengal: Early hagiographies of Shah Abu Bakr Siddiqi of Furfura”. (In progress)

- Monograph: Ghose, Rajarshi. *Cultures of History in Pakistan (1947-71)*

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

1. Presented paper titled “Practice of History in Pakistan, circa 1947-71” at “Workshop of the Mellon Foundation Project on Decolonization, the Disciplines and the University” workshop organized by Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta on October 19, 2022 at Jadunath Bhavan Museum and Resource Centre.
2. Presented paper titled “Studying polyglot courts and manuscript cultures of early modern Bengal in the wake of the digital revolution” at “Studying History: Perspectives and Sources” weeklong online workshop organized by Department of History, Jadavpur University on 25 February, 2023.

External Assignments

- Member, Board of Advisors, West Bengal Human Development Report 2023 project, Pratichi (India) Trust (Kolkata). Project awarded by Department of Planning, Government of West Bengal
- Member (Faculty Representative), Executive Committee, South Asia Materials Project, Centre for Research Libraries (Chicago)

Research Supervision: Ph.D

1. Sujoy Das – “Oupanibeshik Banglay Hindu jatiyatabad o jatpater rajniti: Digindranarayan Bhattacharyer rajniti o samajbhabanar paryalochona” (On- going)
2. Rajarshi Dasgupta – “Nation, Empire, and Religion: Political and Social Thought of Bipin Chandra Pal (1858-1932)” (On-going)
3. Shamayeeta Ghosh – “Forging Objects, Crafting Communities: Dokra Artisans in Contemporary West Bengal” (On-going)
4. Labani Jangi – “Parijayan, abartan, porinam: samakalin Paschim Banger parijayi shramiker jibon-biswa” (On-going)

5. Madhubanti Chanda – “Iconographies of Piety: Studying the Aesthetics, Literature and Print History of Sileti Nagari Texts (1880-1940)”

Administrative Responsibility

- Convener, Archive Sub-committee
- Member, Library Sub-committee
- Member, Publications Sub-committee
- Member, JBMRC Sub-committee
- Member, CSSSC Golden Jubilee Celebrations Sub-committee

MAIDUL ISLAM

[ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, POLITICAL SCIENCE]

Completed Research Projects funded by external agency

Nil

On-Going Research Projects funded by external agency

1. Part of the Institutional project on *Decolonization, Disciplines, and the University* funded by Andrew Mellon Foundation.

Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Completed Research

1. [Forthcoming] 'Representation of Bengali Muslims in Bangla Films in Contemporary West Bengal', in Mosarrap Hossain Khan and Mursed Alam (eds.), *Mapping Muslim Life in West Bengal: History, Politics and Culture* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press).
2. [Forthcoming] 'Authoritarianism and Majoritarian Religious Nationalism in Contemporary India', *Journal of World Affairs*.

Forthcoming Research Plans

- Ernesto Laclau and Paradox of Populism in Ideology Studies (academic paper)
- Land Acquisition and Combined Accumulation of Capital (academic paper)
- *Political Bengal: Populism in Power and Opposition* (academic book)
- *Rashtro O Niti* (Bangla book on State and Policy)
- *Raj O Niti* (Bangla book of collection of essays)
- *Decolonization and Discipline: A Brief History of Indian Political Science* (academic book)

Visiting Appointments

Guest Faculty, National Institute of Technology, Durgapur.

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

1. 'Democracy, Dissent and Disagreement: A Friendly Discussion', Institute for Social and Economic Change (28 February 2023).

2. 'Indian Muslims in Post-Liberalization India', Department of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University (28 January 2023).
3. 'Populism and Populist Politics in India', Department of Political Science, University of Allahabad (24 January 2023).
4. '75 Years of India's Democracy: Obstacles and Opportunities', Department of Political Science, Matiaburj College and Bengal Institute of Political Studies' (06 December 2022).
5. 'Experience of Democracy and Federalism in India', Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University (28 November 2022).
6. 'Democracy: Theory and Practice', *In-Service Training/Orientation Programme for School Teachers*' Sponsored by MoE, Govt, of India under RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan), (12 November 2022).
7. 'What is Indian in Indian Political Science'? Workshop on *Decolonization, the Disciplines, and the University* sponsored by Andrew Mellon Foundation, JBMRC-CSSSC (19 October 2022).
8. 'Politics of Cultural Diversity in Contemporary India', in Two Days National Seminar on *Cultural Diversity of India: A Multidimensional Approach* organised by the Department of Political Science, Karimpur Pannadevi College (9-10 September 2022).

External Teaching Assignments

Compulsory Paper (XXC01) "The Constitution of India and Civic Norms" for First year BTech students at the National Institute of Technology, Durgapur (May-June 2022)

Internal Teaching Assignment – M.Phil courses taught at CSSSC

Research Methods in Social Sciences [Semester 1]

Research Supervision: Ph.D / M.Phil

Ph.D

1. Ahana Chakrabarti - "Understanding the 'Political': Citizenship Discourse in India" (Tentative Title)
2. Ayan Das - "Populism and Governance: A Study of West Bengal Politics, 1991-2016"

3. Dwaipayan Banerjee - "Towards Independence: Understanding Working Class Movement in an Era of Globalisation"
4. Tista Khatun - "Rajnoitik Angike Rokeya Chorcha" (Tentative Title)

M.Phil

1. Azizur Rahman - "Trinamool Congress and its Policies: Impact on West Bengal politics from 2011-2021" (Tentative Title)

Administrative Responsibility

- Member, PhD Sub-Committee
- Member, Library Committee
- Member, Service Rules Committee

Publications

Journal Articles

1. (2022) 'Bollywood and conspiracy theories', *Seminar*, No. 759 (November Issue: The Past as Present); pp. 66-69.
2. (2022) 'Communists and the Fulfilment of Secular Promises in West Bengal', *IIC Quarterly*, Vol. 48, Nos. 3-4 (Winter 2021-Spring 2022). pp. 187-196.

Book Chapters

1. (2022) 'Muslims, Neoliberalism and Contemporary Politics: Conversation with Maidul Islam' in Shray Mehta and Ravi Kumar (eds.), *The New Republic: Populism, Power and the Trajectories of Indian Democracy* (New Delhi: Aakar Books), pp. 59-86.
2. (2022) 'LETS and the Possibilities of a Twenty-First-Century Alternative Economic System' in Rohit Varman and Devi Vijay (eds.), *Organizing Resistance and Imagining Alternatives in India* (New Delhi: Cambridge University Press), pp. 43-66.
3. (2022) 'Triple Talaq Bill and Reforming the Muslim Personal Law in India' in Hilal Ahmed, R.K. Mishra and K.N. Jehangir (eds.), *Rethinking Muslim Personal Law: Issues, Debates and Reforms* (London: Routledge), pp. 110-119.

Newspapers, Magazines, Blogs and Online Portals

1. (2023) (2023) 'Shashok, Birodhi Ebong E Muhurte Chobbisher Chalchitro', *Ei Samay*, March 20.
2. (2022) 'Shamyobader Bhoot O Ekti Biswa Football Ekadosh', *Ei Samay*, December 16.

JYOTSNA JALAN

[PROFESSOR, ECONOMICS]

Completed Research Projects funded by external agency

NONE

On-Going Research Projects funded by external agency

NONE

Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Completed Research

NONE

Forthcoming Research Plans

- Ongoing research: Impact of Participatory Theatre on Social Outcomes (with Sattwik Santra)
- Using quantitative methods to evaluate Focus Group Discussions (with Sattwik Santra): working fund to be provided by *Jana Sanskriti*
- Inequality between and within groups in India: A Historical Perspective (with Sattwik Santra and Arijit Sen, Indian Institute of management, Calcutta)

Research Proposals

- Submitted a research proposal to UN Trust Fund to implement and evaluate a project on Early Child Marriage (if we get the UNTF then it will be hosted in *Jana Sanskriti* but we will design the interventions and do the evaluation of the project: 3years for which we funding has been incorporated)

Centre's faculty involvement: Souvik Mukherjee, Sattwik Santra & Jyotsna Jalan

- Work with 3IE on their various engagements in West Bengal across several areas of interest.

Centre's other faculty involvement: Undecided, will depend on the project

Visiting Appointments

NONE

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

1. 8th Annual SERI Workshop (22-23 July, 2022) held at the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad
2. Annual National Conference, CTRPFP (30-31 August, 2022)

3. 11th Workshop on Public Finance and Taxation (10th – 11th December 2022) (virtual), CTRPPF
4. Jadavpur University: 30th Annual Conference of the Department of Economics (27 – 29 December 2022), Jadavpur University

External Teaching Assignments

NONE

Research Supervision: Ph.D / M.Phil

NONE

Administrative Responsibility

Project Director, CTRPPF

Governing body of National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP)

Publications

1. “Role of participatory theater in empowering women: Evidence from West Bengal, India” 4th Issue of IGIDR’s ECOPRI\$M
2. Refereeing/Expert jobs: Water Resources & Economics, Organization and Markets in Emerging Economies, The Centre of Excellence for Development Impact and Learning (CEDIL), Azim Premji University Research Project on Gender, Shiv Nadar University (Faculty Selection Expert)
3. Editorial Board of Journals: Journal of Quantitative Economics, Organization and Markets in Emerging Economies

SAIBAL KAR

[RESERVE BANK OF INDIA ENDOWMENT PROFESSOR OF INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS]

Completed Research Projects funded by external agency

1. Evaluation of Duare Sarkar, Government of West Bengal (Rs. 7 Lakhs)

On-going Research Projects funded by external agency

1. National Human Rights Commission, Study on Functioning of AHTUs (Rs. 14 Lakhs)
2. ULBs in West Bengal: Finance, Jobs and Service Delivery (Rs. 10 Lakhs)

Academic Activity of Faculty Members

Completed Research, On-going Research

- Human Capital and Self-Employment in India: An Empirical Analysis for Different Cohorts (with Nabamita Dutta and Shaswata Ray), IZA DP No. 15825, Bonn. December 2022. *Submitted for Publication.*
- Trade within OECD Countries and Skill Premia (with Shaswata Ray), *submitted for publication.*
- Identifying Surface Accessibility through Vibration Classification: A Novel Utility Kernel Approach (with Snehanshu Saha and others), *revise-resubmit*, Pervasive and Mobile Computing, Elsevier. IF: 3.9
- Unemployment, Labor Force Participation and Post-Independence India *[submitted for publication].*
- Trade in Intermediates, Industrial Threshold and Emission in South Asia *[submitted for publication].*
- Pollution Treaties, Bilateral Carbon Trade and Welfare *[submitted for publication].*
- Informal Sector in India and Adoption of Digital Technologies (with Nabamita Dutta and Supratik Guha), *[revise-resubmit].*
- Inflation, Capital Relocation and Real Wage of the Poor (with Sugata Marjit), *[ongoing].*
- Do National Policies Matter for Export Quality? Cross-Country Evidence (with Rajat Acharyya and Shrimoyee Ganguly), *[ongoing].*
- Validity of the Ricardian Equivalence Principle: A VAR Analysis for the Indian Economy (with Md. Moazzam, ongoing)
- Environmental Policies and Women: Does Corruption Ruin Outcomes? (with Nabamita Dutta, *revise-resubmit, Economics of Governance.*)

Visiting Appointments

- Department of Economics, Calcutta University
- Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics, Bonn

Seminars, Workshops, Conferences

1. *Does Skill Emigration Hurt Unskilled Workers? Theory and Cross-Country Evidence*, Cornell University Conference, 100 Years of Economic Development, September 15- 17, 2022.
2. BITS-Pilani, Goa Invited Colloquium, Economic Shocks and Return Migration of Labor, November 26, 2022.
3. BITS-Pilani, Goa Invited Lecture - Human Capital and Self-Employment in India: An Empirical Analysis for Different Cohorts, November 25, 2022.
4. North Bengal University, Political Science Department (Invited Conference Paper), *Resources, Economic Prosperity and International Conflicts* – January 9-10, 2023.
5. Sidho-Kanho-Birsa University, Purulia, Trade within OECD Countries and Skill Premia, Invited Lecture, December 06, 2022.
6. Jadavpur University Annual Development Economics Conference: *Does Skill Emigration Hurt Unskilled Workers? Theory and Cross-Country Evidence*. Invited Lead Presenter. January 29, 2023.
7. Invited Talk: Industrial Clusters and Spatial Development, Diamond Harbour Women's University, WB. June 29, 2022
8. Invited Speaker for Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, "Tax Evasion and Provision of Public Goods: Wage and Welfare Implications" at Direct Tax Commissioner's Office, Kolkata, June 10, 2022.
9. Invited speaker: Industrial Clusters: Networks, Regulatory Choices and Distribution, Bankim Sardar College and Surendranath College for Women, May 2022.
10. Many Chairs, etc.

Teaching Assignments

1. Calcutta University Economics Department
2. CSSSC, Ph.D program

Research Supervision [M. Phil and Ph.D]

Ph.D

1. Supratik Guha - "*Production Fragmentation, International Trade and Environment*". (ongoing)
2. Iman Pal - "*Contagion of Crisis: Three Essays*" (*viva to be held*).
3. Md. Moazzam - Public Debt and Exchange Rate Volatility (CU), (submitted).

M.Phil

None

Administrative Responsibility


Director (Hon.), ICSSR-ERC;

Convenor, Financial Advisory Committee; CSSSC

Publications

Research Papers and Articles in Journals

1. *Oil Price Shock and Informal Workers in Dual Labor Markets* (with Sarbajit Chaudhuri), **Bulletin of Economic Research**, Wiley, *January 2023*. **IF: 0.888**

2. *CARE-Share: A Cooperative and Adaptive Ride Strategy for Distributed Taxi Ride Sharing*, (with Snehanshu Saha, Vaskar Raycaudhuri and others), **IEEE-Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems**,  **IEEE**, vol 23, issue 7, 7028-7044. ISSN: 1524-9050. **Impact Factor: 6.319**. Scopus. *July 2022*.

3. *Does Minimum Wage affect Informal Jobs across States in India?* (with Yashika Khattar), **Economic and Political Weekly**, **February 18, 2023** vol. LVIII no. 7, 13-18.

4. *Innovation and Perceived Corruption: A Firm Level Analysis for India* (with Hamid Beladi and Nabamita Dutta) **Business and Politics**, vol. 24, issue 2, pp.151-170. **June 2022**. Cambridge University Press, **Impact Factor: 1.733**

5. *An Analysis of Rural Shocks in India during the Pandemic* (with Nabamita Dutta), **Economic and Political Weekly**, **July 16, 2022** vol. LVII no 29, p.18-21.

6. *Pollution Treaties, Bilateral Carbon Trade and Welfare* (with Sarmistha Banerjee), in: *International Trade, Economic Development and National Welfare: A General Equilibrium Approach - Essays in Memory of Sarbajit Chaudhuri*, (Eds.) Kausik Gupta and Jayanta Dwivedi, Routledge, **Forthcoming, 2023**.Chapter: 11.

7. *Women's Rights and Financial Development* (Note, with Nabamita Dutta), **Economics Bulletin**, forthcoming, **2023**. **Impact Factor: 0.64**

Other Publications

1. *Financial Crises and How to Deal With it: 2022 Nobel Prize in Economics*, February 2023, *The Management Accountant*, vol 58. no 2. p. 52-54.

INDRAJIT MALLICK

[ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, ECONOMICS]

Completed Research Projects funded by external agency

N.A.

On-Going Research Projects funded by external agency

N.A.

Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Completed Research

- Money in a Theory of Banking and Finance
- Markets and Organizations in Economic Development
- Understanding Contract law
- Exercises in Economic Growth
- Coordination Games
- Public Finance
- Social Welfare Strategies and Economic Development
- Money, Credit and Commerce

Forthcoming Research Plans

- Understanding Financial Systems
- Jurisprudence
- Constitutional Law
- Business Cycles
- Macroeconomic Management
- Rural Development and Urbanization
- Value and Games

Visiting Appointments

N.A.

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

1. World Bank Annual Development Conference 2022

External Teaching Assignments

N.A.

Research Supervision: Ph.D / M.Phil

N.A.

Administrative Responsibility

- Member of Library Committee

Publications**Articles**

1. Markets and Organizations in Economic Development (Economic Growth eJournal, October 2022)
2. Exercises in Economic Growth (Macroeconomics: Aggregative Models eJournal, Vol 15, Issue 43, July 2022)

SOUVIK MUKHERJEE

[ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, CULTURAL STUDIES]

Completed Research Projects funded by external agency

None

On-Going Research Projects funded by external agency

None

Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Completed Research

Book project completed

Monograph *Videogames in the Indian Subcontinent* published by Bloomsbury Academic in September 2022.

Forthcoming Research Plans

- Ongoing book project under contract with De Gruyter.

Indian Boardgames, Colonial Avatars: Transculturation, Colonialism and Boardgames. Manuscript due in 2023.

- Submitted project plan to SERB for a research project on videogame design in Indian contexts.

- Writing a chapter on *lila* and western concepts of games and play for an edited collection.

- Writing a chapter on the boardgame *Settlers of Catan* and colonialism for an edited collection

Submitted the following book chapters (under peer-review)

1. Mukherjee, S. (forthcoming) 'Playing the *Shikari*: Empire, Ecology and Videogames' in *Ecogames* ed. Joost Raessens (Green Media Series, Amsterdam University Press).

2. Mukherjee, S. (forthcoming) 'Postcolonial Videogame Paratexts: Replaying the Minor and the Subaltern from the Fringes' in *Companion to Literary Media* ed. Astrid Ensslin (Routledge)

Mukherjee, S. (forthcoming) The Videogame Version of the Indian Subcontinent: The Exotic and the Colonized for *Videogames in Asia* eds. Christopher Patterson and Tara Fickle (to be published by NYU Press)

3. Mukherjee, S. (forthcoming) 'Digital Games and/as Literature' in the DH Textbook Project ed. Dhanashree Thorat. Centre for Digital Humanities, Pune.

4. Mukherjee, S. (forthcoming) 'Ludonarrative Postcolonialism: Re-playing the Colonial Discourse' in *Global Perspectives on Digital Literature* ed. Torsa Ghoshal (Routledge).

5. Mukherjee, S. (forthcoming) 'Playing Indian Literature' *Oxford Handbook of Indian Literature*, eds. Anjali Nerlekar and Ulka Anjaria.

Submitted the following journal articles (under peer-review)

1. Mukherjee, S. (forthcoming) – final proofs read) 'Pathfinding Affect: Reading Maps, Bodies and the Affective in Colonial Videogames', *Parallax* 28.4: Gaming with Affect and Trauma. ed. Laurent Milesi
2. Mukherjee, S. (final review) 'The Romantic Cemetery', *Romanticism on the Net*. ed. Julia Carlson.
3. Mukherjee, S. (forthcoming, under peer review) 'Coded Colonialism and Ludic Empires (Extended): DLCs and Strategy Games', *ROMChip*

Visiting Appointments

2022: Nomination as HEVGA (Higher Education in Video Game Association) fellow

2023 onwards: Digital Games Research Association (DiGRA), elected executive board member

2023: Editorial board member for the *Journal of Interactive Narratives*

2020 - ongoing: Affiliated Senior Researcher, Centre of Excellence, Games Studies, Tampere University, Finland.

2019 - ongoing: Associate Editor, *Simulation and Gaming*.

Board Member, Digital Games Research Association (DiGRA) 2023- ongoing and Member, DiGRA Diversity Group.

2019- 2023 Board Member, Games and Literary Theory Conference.

2019 - ongoing Review board member, *Game Studies*

Editorial board member, *Journal of Gaming and Virtual Worlds*

Editorial board member, *Journal of Simulation/ Gaming for Education and Development*

Editorial board member, *Games and Play* book series, Amsterdam University Press

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

Invited Lectures

- February 2023, Institute of Engineering and Management, Kolkata. Panel on 'Media Storytelling in a Digital World'.

- January 2023, E-Literature: Explorations in Literary Creativity, Dept. of English, Jamia Millia Islamia University. Keynote: 'Unelited: Electronic Literature in India'

- December 2022, Lecture 'Indian Art, Ludic Surfaces: From Cloth 'Boards' to Videogame Screens', Macromedia University, Germany.
- May 2022, Keynote at the GameBooks Spring Seminar, Tampere University, Finland. Title: 'Reading Games and Playing Books: The Indic and the Ludic'
- May 2022, Talk at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland. Title: 'Videogames and Postcolonialism'
- May 2022, Talk at the University of Oslo, Norway. Title: 'No Cyclones in *Age of Empires*: Videogames, Colonialism and the Environment'
- April 2022, Joint discussion with Xenia Zeiler at the University of Helsinki on Indian videogames.
- April 2022, Keynote at the History of Games seminar, University of Turku and the Tampere Pelimuseo. Title: 'Indian Boardgames, Colonial Avatars: Transculturation, Colonialism and Boardgames'.

Conference Presentations

July 2022, DiGRA 2022, Jagiellonian University, Krakow.

- Imperialism and Reverse Colonization in Mass Effect: Andromeda: A Reappraisal
- Blue Avatars, White Avatars: Decolonizing the Avatar Concept in Videogames in the 'State of the Avatar' workshop chaired by Daniel Vella and Ea Christina Willumsen
- Remediating Orientalism and Patriarchy in Games from the Global South: The Case of Raji: An Ancient Epic (with Poonam Chowdhury)
- Tales of a Sleeping Giant: Early History of Videogames in India (1990s to 2015) in the 'Gaming the Sleeping Giant' panel organised by DiGRA India
- May 2022, MeVi conference, Finland, 'No Cyclone in Age of Empires' (panel with Marko Siitonen, Tero Pasonen and Jaakko Suominen)

External Teaching Assignments

External PhD examiner for Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

Research Supervision: Ph.D / M.Phil

- Completed the supervision of one MPhil student and currently supervising another.
- Supervising 4 PhD students on topics such as Beckett studies, videogame studies and social media in politics.
- Acting as external RAC member for one external PhD student's thesis on videogames and storytelling at St. Xavier's University, Kolkata.

Administrative Responsibility

- Convener, Website and IT committee
- Member, Internal Complaints Committee
- Member, COGSASH (Committee on Gender Sensitisation against Sexual Harassment)
- Member, Archives Committee
- Member, JBMRC (Jadunath Bhavan Museum and Research Centre) Committee
- Member, Publications Committee

Publications

Monograph - Videogames in the Indian Subcontinent: Development, Culture(s) and Representation, Bloomsbury Academic, 2022.

Book chapters

1. Mukherjee, S. (2023) 'Confronting the 'Global', Exploring the 'Local': *Digital Apprehensions of Poetics and Indian Literature(s)*. Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi and Michigan State University. (Routledge India)
2. Mukherjee, S. (2022) 'Teaching Shakespeare in the Indian (Google) Classroom: The Digital Promise and the Digital Divide' in *Digital Shakespeares from the Global South* ed. Amrita Sen.

Journal Articles

Jayemanne, Darshana, Cameron Kunzelman, Souvik Mukherjee, and Michael Lutz. "'You can use counterfactuality to challenge empire': Souvik Mukherjee on speculation, postcolonialism and games." *Science Fiction Film and Television* 14, no. 2 (2021): 243-250. muse.jhu.edu/article/795498.

PODCASTS

Reimagining Value Action Lab (2022) The empire plays back: Postcolonial countergaming - With Souvik Mukherjee <https://soundcloud.com/reimaginevalue/mukherjee>

KUMARI VIBHUTI NAYAK

[ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, SOCIO-CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY]

Completed Research Projects funded by external agency

NA

On-Going Research Projects funded by external agency

1. Socio-Psychological Study of Scheduled Tribe Adolescents and Youth (Aged 14-23) in Communication, Hesitation in Schools/Colleges and Extra Curricular Activities: A Comparative Study of Rural and Urban Scheduled Tribe Children and Adolescents sponsored by Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Ranchi.
2. Ethnographic Study of Castes of Jharkhand sponsored by Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Ranchi.

Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Ongoing Research

- Mapping tribal identity: In context to demand of *Sarna* as religious code in Jharkhand, India (targeted in The Oriental Anthropologists)
- Challenges and opportunities for migrated youth in Bihar to access education

Forthcoming Research Plans

- Book Review- Sachdeva, M. P. (Ed) *Anthropology of Health and Wellbeing: Essay in Honour of Professor P.C. Joshi*. Concept Publishing Company (P) Ltd. *Man and Life*, A Journal of the Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology [forthcoming]
- Book chapter titled 'Discrimination and violence: A qualitative study of tribal women in the urban premise of Jharkhand' for edited book *Tribal Law, Policy and Justice*, NLUJA, Assam [forthcoming]

Conference proceeding papers

- *Change in gender relations: Facilitating gender-based violence within tribal communities* (SPAST and CRC Press partnered Proceeding Series: Science, Technology and Society for Sustainability) [co-authored with Shamsher Alam] [forthcoming]
- *Exploring health information seeking behaviour among young Oraon women in Jharkhand* (SPAST and CRC Press partnered Proceeding Series: Science, Technology and Society for Sustainability) [co-authored with Shamsher Alam] [forthcoming]

- 'Sarna Adivasi' Religious code: Contextualizing religious identity of tribals in India (SPAST and CRC Press partnered Proceeding Series: Science, Technology and Society for Sustainability) [co-authored with Shamsher Alam] [forthcoming]

Visiting Appointments

NA

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

1. Guest Speaker for MIT-World Peace University's National Conference on 'Indian Management Thought and Ethos' during November 19-20, 2022, at Kothrud Campus Pune.

External Teaching Assignments

NA

Research Supervision: Ph.D / M.Phil

M.Phil student – Mahuya Sarkar – Folk medicine in South Dinajpur

Ph.D student – Sumana Basumata – Tribal Education Curriculum Analysis (tentative)

Administrative Responsibility

- Convener of Equal Opportunity Preparatory committee
- Member of Library Committee
- Member of Campus Committee

Publications

1. Nayak, K.V. and Alam, S. 2022. The Digital Divide, Gender and Education Challenges for Tribal Youth in Rural Jharkhand During Covid-19 *DECISION*, Springer Nature [DOI: 10.1007/s40622-022-00315-y]

PRIYA SANGAMESWARAN

[ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEVELOPMENT STUDIES]

Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Ongoing Research

- Article on alternative to urban property, drawing mainly on litigation following the repeal of the ULCRA in Maharashtra and subsequent policy decisions.
- Article on chemical zone in Thane – for special section on ‘Materializing Land’ in *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*.

Forthcoming Research Plans

- ‘Between a Creek and Forests: Re-imagining the Space of Thane City’ - Abstract accepted for Workshop on ‘(Re)constituting a South Asian Environmental Humanities’ (Krea University & ICAS:MP)
- Continuing archival work on Thane (land acquisition for industries in the 1960-65 period, and the 1916 city survey and attempts to formalize land tenures after that).
- Start on papers related to land acquisition for industries and land markets in mid- twentieth century in the outskirts of the then Thane city.
- Start on Thane book project.

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

- Lecture on “Commons, Sustainability and Equity: Some Issues in Conception and Measurement” on 1 December 2022 in 6th Social Sciences Winter School at Pondicherry: Rethinking Inequalities held at Pondicherry University.
- Lecture titled ‘Viewing Nature through an Economic Lens: Some conceptual issues’. Purnamashi Bandhyopadhyay Memorial Lecture delivered as part of Golden Jubilee celebrations of Department of Economics (2022-23), Rabindra Bharati University on March 21, 2023.

External Teaching Assignments

Online lecture on *First Steps in the Research Process* as part of course on ‘Seminar and Technical Writing’ for students of Master of Planning (Urban and Regional Planning) at the School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal on 6 May, 2022

Research Supervision: Ph.D / M.Phil

Ph.D (submitted)

1. Aritra Bhattacharya – “Ideologies and Spaces of Cultural Resistance: Caste-class Politics in Post-1970s Maharashtra”.
2. Koyel Lahiri (jointly with Dwaipayan Bhattacharyya) – “Experience, Aspirations and Organisation: Politics of Informal Workers in Post-1990s India”.

Ph.D (ongoing)

1. Debadrita Mandal – “‘Wild’ Animals in the City: Open Spaces, Urbanization and Human-Nature Relationships”.
2. Shruti Sharma – “Producing for Play: Spaces, Social Relations and Materialities of Sports Goods Production in India”
3. Lasang Lepcha – “Tracing the Culture of New Forms of Entrepreneurial Activities in Darjeeling Hills” (tentative title)

M.Phil (ongoing)

1. Abhinav Dutta (2020 batch) – working on select aspects of real estate sector in Garia and adjoining areas.

Examiner/Academic affiliation outside CSSSC

- External examiner for the PhD dissertation of Abhinav Sharma at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay in 2022 (Title - *‘Managing’ Electricity: Artefacts, People and Practices in Bhopal’s Electricity Infrastructure*).
- Member of Research Advisory Committee of MPhil student Bornita Mondal at Rabindra Bharati University (2021) [ongoing].
- External supervisor for MA dissertation of Deeya Banerjee, a student of MA in Sustainable Development Practice at TERI School of Advanced Studies, Delhi [ongoing].

Administrative Responsibility

Member of Campus Committee, Computer and Website Committee, Service Rules Committee, MPhil Sub-Committee, PhD Sub-Committee, Equal Opportunity Office Preparatory Committee, and Committee on Gender Sensitization against Sexual Harassment.

Publications

1. *Contending Claims and Uses of Land: Unpacking the Trajectory of a Mortgage in Thane*. The Indian Economic & Social History Review, 59(4: 507-533), 2022.
2. Review of Deepti Acharya's 'Water and Public Policy in India: Politics, Rights, and Governance' in Water Alternatives, 2022: <http://www.water-alternatives.org/index.php/boh/item/294-indiapol>

SATTWIK SANTRA

[ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, CTRPFP]

Completed Research Projects funded by external agency

NA

On-Going Research Projects funded by external agency

1. Processing of questionnaires of all Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samitis, Zila Parishad and Urban local bodies along with suggestive index for the Fifth State Finance Commission, West Bengal.

Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Completed Research

- Estimating the efficiency of GST in West Bengal: a counterfactual approach based on consumption expenditures

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

- Co-coordinated the training workshop of tax officials on 10th and 11th December, 2022

External Teaching Assignments

- Game theory at West Bengal State University, March – June, 2022
- Econometrics using R at West Bengal State University, September – December, 2022
- Introduction to Econometrics at Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, September – December, 2022
- International Trade at the Indian Statistical Institute, September – December, 2022

Research Supervision: Ph.D / M.Phil

NA

Administrative Responsibility

- Convener of campus committee
- Co-convener of Seminar committee
- Member of Computer Committee

ASHA SINGH

[ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, GENDER STUDIES]

Completed Research

- Hindi's Shadow: Bhojpuri and Census in Bihar paper submitted to Hetukar Jha Memorial Volume to be published by Routledge.
- Singh, Asha (Forthcoming). 'Krishak Samaj ke Bhojpuri Lokgeet aur Stree Vimarsh' in Stree Abhyas, Stree Sakshamikaran. Publisher: Tarabai Shinde Stree Abhyas Kendra, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada Vidyapeeth, Aurangabad.
- Singh, Asha (Forthcoming). 'Bhojpuri Lokgeeton mein Anupasthit Dampatya ka Nirwaah: Gender aadharit Bhumikaon ka Maukhik Punar-utpaadan' in Lingbhaav Charchavishwa. Publisher: Tarabai Shinde Stree Abhyas Kendra, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada Vidyapeeth, Aurangabad.

Forthcoming Research Plans

- On Bhojpuri's Folklorization: This paper will be a contribution to the proposed Golden Jubilee Volume of CSSSC. This paper would take us through the process of 'folklorization' of Bhojpuri that ran parallel to its census classification as a dialect/mother tongue variety of Hindi. Recovered and codified as a linguistic lore, Bhojpuri along with several dialects were placed within the discipline of folklore. The ideological underpinnings of this discipline played an important role in conceptualizing Bhojpuri. The paper will discuss some of these aspects by critically analyzing the works of Bhojpuri folklorists among others. Bihar Rashtrabhasha Parishad, Bhojpuri Academy Patna will be analyzed as institutional and discursive spaces which played a key role in the Folklorization of Bhojpuri.

- Fieldwork in Eastern Uttar Pradesh (Bhojpuri speaking region of UP):

In May 2022, I visited two villages : Jindopur in Azamgarh district and Babatpur in Banaras as part of my plan to expand my inquiry from women's songs to women's reading and writing practices and how they articulate their experiences of formal education or 'padhai- likhai'. (I am currently transcribing my recordings and planning a few telephonic follow-up interviews.

It is my intention to capture the educational experiences of Bhojpuri women who were first-generation school-goers from lower-to-middle castes enlisted as OBCs. It should be noted that the Bhojpuri region (of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh) witnessed a significant increase in the number of first generation women literates from among the OBCs in the past few decades owing to certain socio-political shifts (Mandal mobilisation being one of them). The women whom I interviewed in Jindopur and Babatpur, nearly twenty of them, were in their twenties or early thirties; mostly married with fewer children than their unlettered mothers. Thus, formal schooling as a significant process and experience among these women has a continuous history only from the 1990s. (1990 ke

baad pichhdi jaati ki padhi likhi mahilaon ki ek peedhi taiyar huyee hai). Unlike their mothers and grandmothers, the first-generation literates don't have songs for every occasion nor do they sing as frequently. Further, unlike previous generations, these women try to switch from Bhojpuri to Hindi and are embroiled in persistent struggles to speak 'proper' Hindi, especially when they meet an educated outsider. Stories of aspirations and disappointments are shaped by their experience of formal education. (For example, koi shahari padha likha vyakti mil jaaye to usase ye jaanane ki koshish karti hai ki unko kaun si naukri lag sakti hai, ya unhen kaun si parikhshayen deni chahiye (agar unki umra 30 se neeche hai) taaki unhen koi sarkaari naukri lag jaaye.)

Since I could only interview women of a particular caste in my previous field engagement, this year I have made some connections in Jogia Janubi Patti, a village in Deoria district which is numerically dominated by Koeris. I will be conducting fieldwork in April 2023.

It is my larger aim to piece together a gendered sociological account of education in the Bhojpuri-speaking region with the help of long, in-depth conversations with women. I wish to understand how 'education' has engendered the lives of backward caste women in recent times and how women conceive change in their individual and collective lives through education. I hope to translate these efforts into academic papers and eventually into a readable, engaging book in Hindi.

Teaching Assignments

- Co-ordinated and co taught Research Methods in Social Sciences at PhD coursework CSSSC.
- Co taught Feminism and Social Sciences at PhD coursework at CSSSC

Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

1. Jan 2023, 'The What and Why of Bhojpuri Women's Songs on Migration' delivered in an international conference Affectivities of Migration at Manipal Centre for Humanities, MAHE, Karnataka. (Keynote address)
2. July 2022, 'How we raise our boys' a workshop conducted by The Gender Lab Mumbai at Center For Development Studies & Activities, Pune (Resource person)
3. June 2022, 'Theorising anti-castiesm' an International Conference organized by the Department of English, Presidency University. Chaired the session: Dalit Feminism, Brahmanical Patriarchy (III).
4. April 2022, 'Folksongs as Epistemic Resource: Possibilities and Challenges', delivered at the Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad. (Special lecture)

Research Supervision: Ph.D / M.Phil

1. Supervising Ph.D scholar Shamayita Sen's research titled (tentatively): Identity Struggle and Community formation: A Study of Kudmi Mahatos in Jhargram (CSSSC)
2. Supervising Ph.D scholar Rohini Sharma title yet to be finalized (CSSSC)
3. Supervising Ph.D scholar Sangam Ghatani's research titled Gorkha Dalits: Mapping a New Social

Movement at Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC, ongoing)

1. Supervising PhD scholar Srijita Naskar's research titled *Feminism, Ecology and Caste: A Study of Bengali Dalit Women's Literature* at Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC, ongoing)
 2. Supervising MPhil scholar Sambit Sardar, tentatively titled *Famine and Communal Politics: Revisiting Bengal Famine of 1942-1943* (CSSSC, ongoing)
- Research Advisory Committee Member for PhD scholar Mrinalini Subba, *Navigating Statelessness: A Study of Bangladeshi Women in Kolkata*. (CSSSC, ongoing)
 - Research Advisory Committee Member for PhD scholar Sunanda Roy., *Rape: Rethinking Desire and Violence* (CSSSC, ongoing)
 - Research Advisory Committee Member for PhD scholar Mahima Yadav, *The Language of Researchers: Tracing the doctoral journey of Hindi-medium Researchers'* (Delhi University, ongoing)

Academic outreach

- May 2022, Evaluated a PhD thesis titled "Constituting 'Standard Public' and 'Alternative Public': A Study of the Discourse around Language and Identity in Selected Bundeli Texts" submitted at Centre for Comparative Literature, University of Hyderabad (UoH)
- Oct 2022, Reviewed a paper for National Journal of Education of Banaras Hindu University (BHU)

Administrative Responsibility

- Chairperson and Member COGSASH
- M.Phil committee member, CSSSC
- Library committee member, CSSSC
- Anti-ragging committee member, CSSSC
- Member of Publication Committee
- Member of PhD admission panel for the batch of 2022
- Editorial board member of the *All About Ambedkar: A Journal on Theory and Praxis* (an open access peer-reviewed online English-language journal) ISSN 2582-9785
- Editorial board member of *The Perspective: A Journal of Social Science and Humanities* (an open access peer-reviewed online Bi-lingual journal) ISSN: 2582-6964

Publications

1. *Jawan Beetal Baa, Uhe Geetwa mein chhapal ba: Bhojpuri Women and Articulations on Migration*. Hosted by [GENDER.ED](#) at the University of Edinburgh, the [Gendered Violence Research Network](#) at the University of New South Wales and the Centre for Publishing at [Dr B R Ambedkar University Delhi](#). (published on Dec 10, 2022)

2. 'People's Movement, Decentralisation and Rural Bihar' Review of Last Among Equals: Power, Caste and Politics in Bihar's Villages by M R Sharan, Chennai: Context (2021) in the journal Economic and Political Weekly (VolLVII No 49, pp. 26), (published on Dec 3, 2022)
3. *JE Sanjana and the Caste Question. Nidan: International Journal for Indian Studies*, 7(1), 103-114. (with Nidhin Donald) (published on July 1, 2022) <https://doi.org/10.36886/nidan.2022.7.1.10>
4. Beyond the Paternity of Caste: The Dalit Christian/Dalit Muslim Challenge to the Rule Book in the journal Economic and Political Weekly Vol. 58, Issue No. 9 (with Nidhin Donald) (published on 04 Mar, 2023)

TEACHING PROGRAMMES AT THE CSSSC

M.PHIL IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

[Conducted by Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC) and affiliated to Jadavpur University, Kolkata]

The Centre runs a two-year M.Phil programme in Social Sciences that enjoys formal affiliation with Jadavpur University, Kolkata. It is one of its kind in the country as it is a multidisciplinary programme that provides students with a selected introduction to key theories and debates across different disciplines in the social sciences. The objective is to equip young researchers with a general grasp of the main intellectual concerns of social science research and a strong grounding in interdisciplinary methods.

The M.Phil programme has two parts: one-year teaching-course (semesters I and II) and one-year research-work for the writing of dissertation (semesters III and IV). In the first year, students are required to study four courses (one compulsory and three optional) and sit for an M.Phil Qualifying Examination. Only after a candidate clears the Qualifying Examination is s/he allowed to pursue with dissertation. In the second year, students are required to make three presentations in the presence of faculty members, presenting their work-in-progress.

Report for period from April 2022 to March 2023

In the M.Phil in Social Sciences 2022 session, fifteen (15) students commenced their research work and presented their 1st presentation on 1st and 2nd June 2022. Further, the students presented their M.Phil. pre submission presentation on 2nd, 3rd and 4th November 2022.

MPHIL IN SOCIAL SCIENCES 2020-22

(Research Year)

SEMESTER IV: PRE-SUBMISSION PRESENTATION

November 2022

Sl. No.	Candidate	Presentation Title	Supervisor
1.	Abhinav Dutta	TBA	Priya Sangameswaran
2.	Achintya Debnath	নবদ্বীপস্থিত ধামেশ্বর শ্রী শ্রী গৌরাঙ্গ মহাপ্রভুর সেবাধিকারি বিষ্ণুপ্রিয়াদেবীর পরিবারবর্গ ও তাঁদের ইতিহাস, ধর্ম, এবং বংশাবলী".	Rosinka Chaudhuri
3.	Ahvana Paul	LAYERS OF MEMORY IN COLONIAL CALCUTTA: UNCOVERING THE LEGACY OF TIPU SULTAN'S FAMILY	Prachi Deshpande
4.	Atufah Nishat	Performing Resistance: Understanding Muslim Women's Participation in the anti-CAA NRC Protest in Park Circus, Kolkata.	Trina Nileena Banerjee
5.	Avishek Mondal	আধুনিক যুগের আর্ধ প্ৰত্নতত্ত্বের যর খ বকৌলহসি বজে উ যন গর কপ্ৰকৌ	Debdatta Chowdhury
6.	Azizur Rahaman		

THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Since its inception, the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, has accepted scholars wishing to pursue their Ph.Ds with specific faculty advisors. As the Centre could not offer any degree, the faculty of the Centre could only co-supervise a student who had to be registered with a university. Since 2010, the Centre launched its own Programme offering Ph.D in Social Sciences affiliated to Jadavpur University.

Applicants may now choose from any of the following areas of work: Cultural Studies, Development Studies and Environmental Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Sociology / Social Anthropology and Women Studies. Selected candidates take course-work (if necessary) and conduct research under the supervision of a member of the CSSSC faculty.

The Centre currently has **78** students enrolled in its Ph.D. Programme of whom **6** are receiving Junior Research Fellowship and **9** are receiving Senior Research Fellowship from the UGC.

Ph. D. Course Work: - 1st Semester Examination, 2023 held on 27th March 2023. Sixteen (16) scholars took the examination and all sixteen (16) passed.

Ph.D. Pre-submission seminars presentation by the following Ph.D. scholars

1. Ms. Koyel Lahiri dated 30.01.2023
2. Ms. Richa Gupta dated 06.06.2022
3. Ms. Arunima Chakraborty date 13.12.2022
4. Ms. Rita Chatterjee dated 06.06.2022
5. Mr. Aritra Bhattacharyadated 06.06.2022
6. Ms. Sampurna Chakrabortydated 05.05.2022
7. Mr. Debraj Dasguptadated 13.12.2022

Ph.D. thesis submitted by the following scholars

1. Mr. Aritra Bhattacharya dated 11.07.2022
2. Ms. Koyel Lahiri dated 30.01.2023
3. Ms. Richa Gupta dated 15.07.2022
4. Mr. Ritam Sengupta dated 05.05.2022
5. Ms. Senjuti Chakraborti dated 15.07.2022
6. Ms Arunima Chakraborty dated 30.12.2022
7. Ms. Rita Chatterjee dated 29.08.2022
8. Ms. Sampurna Chakraborty dated 28.06.2022
9. Ms. Sharmistha Ghosh dated 24.05.2022
10. Mr. Debraj Dasgupta dated 17.02.2023

Ph.D. degree awarded on 24 December 2022

1. Ms. Anvesha Paul (Das)
2. Mr. Praskanva Sinharay
3. Ms. Ritam Sengupta
4. Ms. Sweta Lahiri
5. Rimpa Ghosh

Library/Computing and Related Facilities for Students

The Library

The library of the Centre remains open to all students in the Doctoral and M.Phil programmes on all working days of the Centre from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Each student is subjected to the general rules and procedures of readership in the library. The scholars have to pay a refundable library deposit fee of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only).

Computing facilities

The students of M.Phil and the Ph.D programme enjoy access to subscribed electronic databases of CSSSC.

Two rooms are designated for the students of the M.Phil and Ph.D programmes.

CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, CALCUTTA

Annual Ph.D. Presentation 2022-23

DAY 1: 22nd, 23rd & 24th February 2023

BATCH 2019

Sl. No.	Name	Name of Supervisor	Title of Presentation	Confirmed PhD Title
1	Aishani Roy	Anirban Das	The Erotic Object: Death, Dying, and Erotogenicity in Bangla Fiction.	The Erotic Object: Self and Thingness in Literature
2	Ammel Sharon <i>(Online)</i>	Prachi Deshpande	Thesis Introduction: Medieval Irruptions	Literature as Recovery: The Public Life of Text Criticism in Kannada
3	Archita Mukherjee	Pranab Kumar Das	Where are potential savings kept? An investigation of savings culture in Indian households	Demographic Transition, Wealth Accumulation, and Growth: Theory and Evidence
4	Aratrika Roy Chowdhury	Tushar K. Nandi	The MFA & the Female Labour force participation in India	Institutions, Assortative Mating and Female Labour Force Participation in India
5	Anirban Mondal <i>(1st presentation)</i>	Rosinka Chaudhuri	দ রগো থকে গ়োনেদ	বংল গ়োনেদস হ্ তযুপন বিশে কএবং উত্তর-পূপন বিশে কিইত্ব স্ব স — ১৮৯১-১৯৯১
6	Ruchira Goswami	Karthick Ram Manoharan	Gender Based Violence and Legal Reforms: Mapping intersections among women's movements, queer and disability rights movements in India.	Women's Movements, Gender Based Violence and Legal Refoms in India: Mapping the Trajectory in the last two decades
7	Chaitanya Majumdar	Manabi Majumdar	সী ম ন্তঅরী ত গুর ↑ ষ্ট্রয়ন র পতঃ প্ রুঙ্করমহট	সী ম ন্তজনজী বন এবং আরখ র জনৈ ত কিপরসিরে গর্ত পক্ষত :নদী য় ওমূর্শদি ব দরে পক্ষপট
8	Debashis Sarkar	Manabi Majumdar	দেশেত্ত গপূরররীচ্যেগে নরু থমগাজে রপ র ব্রতশী লর জনৈ ত কিপদক্ষপ: মত দরশাত অনুসন্ধান	যগে নরু থমগাজ: র জনৈ ত কিদরশাত রব ব্রত (১৯৩৭-১৯৬৮)
9	Pooja Sanyal <i>(Online)</i>	Rosinka Chaudhuri	The Creation of the Bengali Modernist Ethos: Buddhadeva Bose and Rabindranath (through the lens of <i>Tithidor [When the Time is Right]</i> and Jibanananda Das's Urban Sensibilities	Marxism and Modernism: Exploring Bengali Literature from 1930–50

Sl. No.	Name	Name of Supervisor	Title of Presentation	Confirmed PhD Title
10	Abhay Kumar Roy	Sathish Chennur	Understanding the <i>Mahabharata</i> during India's Struggle for Independence: The Case of the <i>Bhagavad Gita</i> .	Contemporary Retellings of the <i>Mahabharata</i> : Questions of Politics and Agency
11	Mrinalini Subba <i>(1st presentation)</i>	Debdatta Chowdhury	Work Report and Outline of Thesis Chapters	Navigating Statelessness: A Study on Bangladeshi Women in Kolkata.
12	Srija Naskar <i>(1st presentation)</i>	Asha Singh	Eco-aesthetics and Dalit literature	Feminism, Ecology and Caste: A Study of Bengali Dalit Women's Writings (1960-2020)
13	Debadrita Mondal <i>(1st presentation)</i>	Priya Sangameswaran	TBA	'Wild' Animals in the City: Open Spaces, Urbanization and Human-Nature Relationships
14	Pintu Das <i>(Batch: 2017)</i>	Manabi Majumdar	দুঃস্বপ্নগুরু অক্ষয়ী ত্রিপুরার বিরাজঃ আইল পর ব্রীচী থলপ্পাতে ম্ কক (একট বস্তু জেমি বস)	সুন্দরবনে রনতুন কৃষ বিস্ময় ভূ নদীর সিরসে ব কী চন্দ্র

For each Ph.D. Scholar: Presentation: 25 minutes, Discussion: 20 minutes

CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, CALCUTTA
Ph.D. Programme 2022

2022 Doctoral Students under the supervision of faculty members of CSSSC

Sl. no	Name	Date of Registration	Fellowships ICSSR	JRF	Supervisor	Subject Expert	Area of Research
	Arju khatun	April 2022	NA	MANF-SRF	Dr. Debdatta Chowdhury	Dr. Rajarshi Ghose	Inter-religious love in colonial Bengal: Bangla literature and identitarian politics (1857-1947)
	Ayatree Saha	April 2022	NA	NET-SRF	Dr. Trina Nileena Banerjee	Dr. Anirban Das	Ritual possession in Bengal: Disentangling Knots- Embodiment, Space and Personhood
	Suniti Hemrom	April 2022	NA	NET-SRF	Prof. Saibal Kar	Dr. Debdatta Chowdhury & Dr. Anindya Basu	Geography of Quarry, Occupational diversification and Industrial Cluster in Eastern India
	Abhirup Maity	September 2022	NA	NA	Prachi Deshpande	Not formed	The Playful Mahatma: A detailed study of M.K. Gandhi's relationship with Game
	Aditi Mondal	September 2022	NA	NA	Debdatta Chowdhury	Not formed	Baul from Akhra to the Mainstream: Re-Presentation of the Folk Songs of Bengal into Urban Space
	Aparna Halder	September 2022	NA	NA	Prachi Deshpande	Not formed	Bazar and Countryside: Culture and Colonialism in south West Bengal, 1813-1947
	Divya Komala	September 2022	NA	NA	Prachi Deshpande	Not formed	Reimagining Linguistic Assertion in Karnataka

							1890-1956
	Haimanti Mukhoti	September 2022	NA	NA	Trina Nileena Banerjee	Not formed	Locating the locals of Bengali theatre: a history of theatre traditions of Jalpaiguri
	Kaushik Mukherjee	September 2022	NA	NA	Rosinka Chaudhuri	Not formed	Reading slow cinema in Indian context
	Masuma Khatun	September 2022	NA	NET-JRF	Pranab Kumar Das	Not formed	Science Fiction in India/India in Science Fiction: A Study of Selected Indian Science Fiction Novels through Postcolonial lens
	Medhashri Mahanty	September 2022	NA	NA	Rosinka Chaudhuri	Not formed	The Making of Modern Apocalypse: Sex, Frolic and Fissures in Urban Hinduism in Late 19th century Bengal
	Piuli Basu	September 2022	NA	NA	Souvik Mukherjee	Not formed	Embodying Dissent - Shaheen Bagh and the Shift from Streets to Screens
	Rohini Sharma	September 2022	NA	NA	Asha Singh	Not formed	Gender responsive police services and gender-based violence against women and girls: Case study of West Bengal and Sikkim
	Sabnaji Parvin	September 2022	NA	NA	Trina Nileena Banerjee	Not formed	Quest for Indian Feminist Theatre and Dramaturgy: A Study of the Select Plays of Mahasweta Devi and Poile Sengupta
	Shamayita Sen	September 2022	NA	NA	Asha Singh	Not formed	Shifting categories and Reconstituting Identities in West Bengal: The Case of Kudmi Mahato Community (1970-Present)
	Sneha Bhattacharyya	September 2022	NA	NA	Trina Nileena Banerjee	Not formed	Ethnographic study on Chhau practitioners of Purulia: Exploring the Identity constructions in Contemporary socio-political backdrop
	Somashree Biswas	September 2022	NA	NA	Maidul Islam	Not formed	Dynamics of Dalit-Muslim Discourse: Relevance of Jogendranath Mandal's Political Ideology in Contemporary Indian Politics
	Souvik Das	September 2022	NA	NA	Anirban Das	Not formed	The Formation Of The 'Individual' In An 'Automatic Society': Studying Technology

							From An Ontological And Historical Perspective
	Sumana Basumata	September 2022	NA	NA	Vibhuti Nayak	Not formed	Tribal Education and its Challenges: A critical study of the Curriculum Practices in West Bengal

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2021 Doctoral Students under the supervision of faculty members of CSSSC

Sl. no	Name	Date of Registration	Fellow-ships ICSSR	JRF	Supervisor	Subject Expert	Area of Research
1	Ahana Chakrabarti	September 2021	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Maidul Islam	Dr. Ch. Satish, CSSSC	Understanding the 'political': Citizenship Discourse in India
2	Arkabrata Chaudhury	September 2021		N.A.	Dr. Souvik Mukherjee	Dr. Priya Sangameswaran, CSSSC	Ludic Cities: Exploring Urban Spaces in Video Games
3	Athira A	September 2021	N.A.	NET-JRF	Dr. Ch. Satish	Dr. Prachi Deshpande, CSSSC	A Discourse On Sin And Grace; An Understanding Of Bharanippattu And The Voice Of Subaltern
4	Lasang Lepcha	September 2021	N.A.	NET-JRF	Dr. Priya Sangameswaran	Dr. Ch. Satish, CSSSC	Tracing the Culture of New Forms of Entrepreneurial Activities in Darjeeling Hills
5	Pritha Chatterjee	September 2021	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	Dr. Rajarshi Ghose, CSSSC	Inheriting Modernity from a 'Disinherited Community': The East-Indians of the Early 19 th Century Calcutta
6	Rohitashwa Sarkar	September 2021	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Anirban Das		Univocity, Multiplicity, Unity: The debate between Badiou and Deleuze
7	Shamayeeta Ghosh	September 2021	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Rajarshi Ghose	Dr Sukanya Sarbadhikar, Presidency University	Community, Craft and Labour: Dhokra artisans of West Bengal
8	Syamantak	September	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Saibal	Dr. PK Das,	Female Labour Force

	Chattopadhyay	r 2021			Kar	CSSSC	Participation in India: An Enquiry from Varied Perspectives
9	Arkaneel Khan	September 2021	N.A.	NET-JRF	Dr. Souvik Mukherjee	Dr. Ch. Satish	Digital humanities and caste
10	Sangam Ghatani	September 2021	N.A.		Dr. Asha Singh	Dr. Madhura Damle, Presidency University	'Gorkha Dalits' in North-East India: Mapping a 'New' Social Movement
11	Sujoy Das	September 2021	N.A.	NET-NFSC	Dr. Rajarshi Ghose	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri, CSSSC	Hinduterrajniti samaj sanskarerprokalpDigindranarayan Bhattacharyya o taarsamakalinBangala 1915 khrishtabda - 1947 khrishtabda
12	Sunanda Roy	September 2021	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Debdatta Chowdhury	Dr. Asha Singh, CSSSC	Broad Research Area: Cultural Studies/Gender Studies/Gender and Jurisprudence
13	Reshma Khatoun	September 2021	N.A.	NET-MAN F	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	Prof. Sumit Chakrabarti, Presidency University.	Eurasian poets and the making of cultural sphere in early 19 th Century Calcutta.
14	Tista Khatun	September 2021	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Maidul Islam	Dr. Debdatta Chowdhury	Muslim Women and their Contribution to Societal Progress in Nineteenth Century
15	Nabanita Paul	September 2021	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Dickens Leonard	Dr. Debdatta Chowdhury	The Political Imaginings of the Post-partition Generation of Writers in the North-east India: The Idea of the Nation-state and its Alternative
16	Sunil Basak	September 2021	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Dickens Leonard M.	Dr. Ch. Satish, CSSSC	Displaced: Struggling for Resettlement and Identity in Post-Partitioned Bengal
17	Rajarshi Dasgupta	September 2021	N.A.	NET-JRF	Dr. Rajarshi Ghose	Dr. Prachi Deshpande, CSSSC	Searching for Secularism: An Enquiry into the Prevalence of Secular Sensibilities in the Socio-Political Realm of Late Colonial Bengal
18	*Angana Dasgupta	September 2021	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Trina Nileena Banerjee	Dr. Anirban Das	A STUDY OF POSSESSION – Locating Ritual Performances of Bengal In Its Material Negotiations

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2020 Doctoral Students under the supervision of faculty members of CSSSC

Sl. no	Name	Date of Registration	Fellowships ICSSR	JRF	Supervisor	Subject Expert	Area of Research
1	Puja Sen Majumdar	June 2020	N.A.	UGC-NET-SRF	Dr. Anirban Das	***	Between Individual And Collective: Thiking Politics Of Community Through Sexual Difference And Finitude
2	Shruti Sharma	June 2020	N.A.	UGC-NET-SRF	Dr. Priya Sangameswaran	Prof. Supriya Chaudhuri	Producing for the Game of Cricket: Social Relations and Spatial Geographies
3	Sukruta Alluri	July 2020	N.A.	UGC-NET-SRF	Dr. Sathish Chennur	***	The Pain of the Negative': A Studyof Alienation's Return to Hegel

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Ph.D. Programme 2019

2019 Doctoral Students under the supervision of faculty members of CSSSC

Sl. no	Name	Date of Registration	Fellow-ships ICSSR	JRF	Supervisor	Subject Expert	Area of Research
1	Abhay Kumar Roy	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Sathish Chennur	Dr. Anirban Das	Appropriating Agency through Retelling: A Study of the Selected Contemporary Retellings of the Mahabharata
2	Aishani Roy	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Anirban Das	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	'The Erotic Object : An Enquiry into Self and Thingness'
3	Ammel Sharon	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Prachi Deshpande	Dr. Rajarshi Ghose	Community-Formation in the Bhakti Archive: A Manuscript History of the Kannada Śūnyasampādane.
4	Anirban Mondal	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	Dr. Anirban Das	<i>TiktikiBangle goyendasabitvasamajitibas 1891-1991</i>
5	Aratrika Roy Chowdhury	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Tushar K. Nandi	Professor Saibal Kar	Demographic Dividend in India- A boon or a disaster for the Labor market in India!
6	Archita Mukherjee	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Pranab Kumar Das	Professor Saibal Kar	Demographic and Economic Change
7	Chaitanya Majumdar	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Professor Manabi Majumdar	Dr. Debdatta Chowdhury	Border Identities, 'Illegal' Settlements & Everyday Sustainance: A Socio-Economic Study of West Bengal's Border Regions.
8	Debadrita Mandal	March 2019	N.A.	UGC NFSC	Dr. Priya Sangameswaran	Dr. Prachi Deshpande	A Historical and Critical Overview of the Changing Man-Nature, Wildlife Relationship in the Context of India's Forests and Policies: Colonial to Present.
9	Debashis Sarkar	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Professor Manabi Majumdar	Dr. Rajarshi Ghose	Jogendranath Mandal: Political Philosophy and Diversity of Life (1937-1968)
10	Mrinalini Subba	March 2019	N.A.	UGC NET JRF	Dr. Debdatta Chowdhury	Dr. Asha Singh	The survivors of transnational trafficking waiting for their repatriation in the juvenile homes of West Bengal.
11	Nasima Islam	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Tapati Guha-Thakurta	Dr. Trina N. Banerjee	Territories, borders and bare lives: Postcolonial state viz-a-viz

							the precarity of identities and citizenship
12	Pooja Sanyal	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	Dr. Anirban Das	Marxism and Modernism: Exploring Bengali Literature from 1930–50
13	Rabbani Alam	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Debdatta Chowdhury	Dr. Maidul Islam	Problems of Chitmahal Peoples Prior and after Merged
14	Ruchira Goswami	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Karthick Ram Manoharan	Dr. Debdatta Chowdhury	Women's Movements, Gender Based Violence and Legal Reforms in India: Mapping the Trajectory in the Last Two Decades
15	Srija Naskar	March 2019	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Asha Singh	Dr. Debdatta Chowdhury	Locating Dalit women in globalised media newsrooms: Theorising the interaction of caste and gender (1990-2018)

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Ph.D. Programme 2017

2017 Doctoral Students under the supervision of faculty members of CSSSC

Sl. no	Name	Date of Registration	Fellowships ICSSR	JRF	Supervisor	Subject Expert	Confirmed Ph.D. Research Title
1.	Archita Pramanik	July 2017	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Saibal Kar	Dr. Tushar Kanti Nandi	Essays on Education, Occupational Choice and Risk
2.	Ayan Das	July 2017	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Maidul Islam	Prof. Manabi Majumdar	Populism and Governance: A Study of West Bengal Politics from 1991- 2016
3.	Biboswan Bose	July 2017	October 2017	N.A.	Dr. Anirban Das	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	Conceptualizing Comics: Studies on the Nature of Spatiality
4.	Dwaipayan Banerjee	July 2017	October 2017	N.A.	Dr. Maidul Islam	Dr. Priya Sangameswaran	Contrasting modes of working class movements in India since 1980
5.	Krishnendu Maji	July 2017	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Pranab Kumar Das,	Prof. Sugata Marjit,	Monetary Policy and Inflationary Dynamics: Theory and Evidence
6.	Labani Jangi	July 2017	N.A.	MANF JRF April 2016	Dr. Rajarshi Ghose	Dr. Saibal Kar	পরিচালনা, আবর্তন, পরিণাম :সমকালীনপশ্চিমবঙ্গেরপরিযায়ীশ্রমিকেরজীবন-বিশ্ব
7.	Pintu Das	July 2017	N.A.	RGNF SRF 1 st July 2017	Prof. Manabi Majumdar,	Dr. Priya Sangameswaran	সুন্দরবন, রনুজ কৃষিক্ষেত্র : ভূমিরসংসর্গে কৈশিক ?
8.	Suryaprakash Misra (<i>Degree Awarded</i>)	July 2017	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Sugata Marjit,	Dr. Saibal Kar	Three Essays on Credit Markets and Industrial Organisation

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Ph.D. Programme 2016

2016 Doctoral Students under the supervision of faculty members of CSSSC

Sl. no	Name	Date of Registration	Fellowships ICSSR	JRF	Supervisor/s	Confirmed Ph.D. Research Title
1.	Sharmistha Ghosh	March 2016	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Manabi Majumdar	Power Within: Exploring Changing Gender Roles and Power Dynamic in the Bangladeshi Household
2.	Debraj Dasgupta	March 2016	1 st April 2016	N.A.	Dr. Anirban Das	<i>Lekharkaaj: Sromsamayeranyaavijnata o likhoner katha</i>
3.	Arghya Ganguly	March 2016	1 st April 2016	N.A.	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	David Foster Wallace and Karl Ove Knausgaard: the Funhouse called Loneliness and Failure
4.	Supratik Guha	March 2016	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Saibal Kar	Capital Inflow, Production Fragmentation and Environment
5.	Iman Pal	March 2016	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Saibal Kar	Contagion of Crisis, International Trade and Welfare
6.	Saptarshi Mitra	March 2016	1 st April 2016	N.A.	Dr. Pranab Kumar Das	A critical inquiry into 'finance-growth' nexus.
7.	Moumita Bala	March 2016	1 st April 2016	N.A.	Prof. Saibal Kar	Network Structure of Industries and Energy Sector Firms in West Bengal
8.	Rimpa Ghosh	March 2016	1 st April 2016	N.A.	Dr. Trina Nileena Banerjee	Gendered Informality: Life, Work and the Politics of Livelihood in Kolkata's Street Economy.
9.	Atanu Sarkar	March 2016	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Souvik Mukherjee	Beckett per forms: language, visuals, pause and performance

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2014 (2nd Phase) Doctoral Students under the supervision of faculty members of CSSSC

Sl. no	Name	Date of Registration	Fellowships ICSSR	JRF	Supervisor/s	Area of Research
1.	Amit Bindal	March 2015	NA	NA	Dr. Prachi Deshpande	Law, Myth and Modernity: A Study in Legal Epistemology
2.	Monikinkini Basu	March 2015	NA	NA	Dr. Trina Nileena Banerjee	Men Meet Market: Bollywood, Public(ity) and the Male Body.
3.	Rajiv Roy	March 2015	NA	NA	Dr. Dickens Leonard M.	Postmodernity and the Idea of God: Replacing Tagore and Eliot.
4.	Rita Chatterjee	March 2015	NA	NA	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	Mapping Spaces and Borders: Indian Travel Narratives by British Women(1770-1850).
6.	Sampurna Chakraborty	March 2015	NA	NA	Prof. Tapati Guha-Thakurta	Art History and Art Pedagogy: A Study on Art Schools and Museums in Colonial and Post Colonial India
7.	Turna Das	March 2015	NA	NET - SRF	Dr. Trina Nileena Banerjee And Prof. Sudipto Chatterjee	<i>AalokbriterOndoreBabire: Pnachti Theatre Jeeban</i>
8.	Tusar Kanti Samanta	March 2015	NA	NA	Dr. P.K. Das	Individual Choice, Demographic Transition and Growth: Theory and Evidence

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2014 Doctoral Students under the supervision of faculty members of CSSSC

Sl. no	Name	Date of Registration	Fellowships ICSSR	JRF	Supervisor/s	Area of Research
1.	Rohan Basu	August 2015	01.09 2014	NA	Dr. Kiran Keshavamurthy	Of Innocence and Other Monsters: Love and Violence in Contemporary Bollywood
2.	Arunima Chakraborty	August 2015	01.09 2014	NA	Dr. Anirban Das	In search of the 'great outdoors': Explorations in Speculative Realism and Materialism.
3.	Arkadeb Banerjee	August 2015	01.09 2014	NA	Dr. Prachi Deshpande	History of Early Twentieth-Century Calcutta: Changes, Ruptures, Contestations
4.	Krishti Kumar	August 2015	01.09 2014	NA	Prof. Tapati Guha Thakurta	Neighbourhoods, Houses, Terraces: A History of Everyday Spaces in 20th century Calcutta.
5.	Dipparan Jana <i>(Degree Awarded)</i>	August 2015	NA	NA	Prof. Saibal Kar	Crime, Institutions and Welfare - Three Essays
6.	Sweta Lahiri	August 2015	01.09 2014	NA	Dr. Tushar K. Nandi	Three essays on the labour market outcomes of youth

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Sl. no	Name	Date of Registration	Fellowships ICSSR	JRF	Supervisor/s	Area of Research
1.	Anwasha Das	November 2013	08.11.2014	N.A.	Dr. Rahul Mukhopadhyay & Prof. Manabi Majumdar	Exploring social networks of roaming working children: A case study of Metropolitan cities of India
02	Koyel Lahiri	November 2013	08.11.2014	N.A.	Dr. Priya Sangameswaran And Dr. Dwaipayan Bhattacharyya	Forms of organizing and use of resources: An investigation of too contemporary urban Labour movements
03	PraskanvaSinharay	November 2013	08.11.2014	N.A.	Dr. Dwaipayan Bhattacharyya And Prof. Manabi Majumdar	The making of Dalit identity in West Bengal: Possibilities and challenges
04	Richa Gupta	November 2013	08.11.2014	N.A.	Prof. Manas Ray	Affects of Spatial Organisation in 20 th Century Dystopian Work
05.	Ritam Sengupta	November 2013	08.11.2014	N.A.	Dr. Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay	Mapping matters of telecommunications and sociality in post colonial India
06.	Rupsa Ray	November 2013	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay	Social History of Western classical music in India: Western classical music in Goa and Sillong: Exploring the indigenous
07.	Debabrata Sardar	November 2013	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Kiran Keshavamurthy	Destabilizing patriarchal forces: A Search for new female identity in the short stories of Sashi Deshpande

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Sl. no	Name	Date of Registration	Fellowships ICSSR	JRF	Supervisor/s	Area of Research
1.	Somraj Basu <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	December 2012	1 st Nov 2012	N.A.	Prof. Manabi Majumdar	Configurations of a Diasporic Identity: Following Tibetan Medical Institution Building in India through Ethnographic Study of Two Sites
02	S. Santhosh Kumar <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	December 2012	1 st Nov 2012	N.A.	Prof. Tapati Guha Thakurta	Interrogating Art Pedagogy in India
03	Soumi Chatterjee	December 2012	1 st Nov 2012	N.A.	Dr. Manas Ray	<i>Bhaskar Chakraborti o Tusar Roy er kobita e adbumikenisangatarbinyas</i>
04	Debajyoti Mondal <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	December 2012	N.A.	NET-JRF 1 st Nov 2012	Dr. Manas Ray	Problems of Subjectivity in Syeed Waliullah's Works
05.	Kaustubh Ray <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	November 2012	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Manas Ray & A.S. Mathew (IIM, Kozhikode)	Understanding the Politics of 'Other' in the context of Construction of the Body in Animation: Case studies of Cotemporary Indian Animation Filmmakers
06.	Ayan Kumar Banerjee <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	December 2012	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Saibal Kar	Livestock Sector of West Bengal – An Alternative Engine of Agricultural Growth
07.	Devleena Majumdar <i>(Ph.D. Degree awarded)</i>	December 2012	1 st Nov 2012	N.A.	Prof. Sugata Marjit and Prof. Saibal Kar	Effectiveness of Tariff in reducing pollution emission – Case study of India and China
08.	Gunja Baranwal <i>(Ph.D. Degree awarded)</i>	December 2012	N.A.	NET-SRF 1 st Nov 2012	Dr. Pranab Kumar Das & Prof. Sugata Marjit	Crowding In and crowding Out Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on India's Services sector
09	Parjanya Sen <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	December 2012	1 st Nov 2012	N.A.	Prof. Tapati Guha Thakurta	Monuments and Islamic Pasts of Bengal: The 'lived' histories of Architectural Sites

10.	Sanghita Sanyal <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	November 2012	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	Exploring the Representations of the Bengali Women in the Text of Rabindranath Tagore
11.	Dhritiman Chakraborty <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	November 2012	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Dwaipayan Bhattacharyya	Exploring the Emerging Terrain of Postcolonial political
12.	Santanu Sengupta <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	December 2012	1 st Nov 2012	N.A.	Prof. Lakshmi Subramanian	The Empire's Network: Armenians and the history of the British imperialism in the Indian Ocean Arena (1780-1900)
14	Kaustubh Das <i>((Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	December 2012	N.A.	NET-JRF 1 st Nov 2012	Prof. Lakshmi Subramanian & Madhu Khanna	The modern History of Yoga: Religious Studies, Theosophy and Parapsychology
15	Zaid Al Baset <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	December 2012	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Rajarshi Ghose	Law and the Queer Counter Publics
16	Aritra Bhattacharya	November 2012	1 st Nov 2012	N.A.	Dr. Priya Sangameswaran	Performance, Ideology and Resistance
17	Saswati Saha <i>((Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	December 2012	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	Translation and readership: Mapping the production and consumption of translated texts in nineteenth century Bengal
18	Niranjan Jaladas <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	November 2012	1 st Nov 2012	N.A.	Dr. Priya Sangameswaran	Post colonial Ecological Settlement of the Refugee and Marine Resources Exploitation in West Bengal: An Anthro – Historical Analysis

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2011 Doctoral Students under the supervision of faculty members of CSSSC

Sl. no	Name	Date of Registration	Fellowships ICSSR	JRF	Supervisor/s	Area of Research
1	Ariktam Chatterjee <i>(Ph.D. Degree awarded)</i>	September 2011	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	History of Bible Translation in Bengali: 1800 to the Present
2	Kallol Roy <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	September 2011	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Tapati Guha-Thakurta	Rabindranath Tagore and the Problem of Narration in Indian Art History: Paintings, Museums and Markets
3	Sagnik Atarathi <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	September 2011	01.09.2011	N.A.	Prof. Lakshmi Subramanian	Towards An Alternative History: Bengal And Its Musical Publics: 1940-70

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2010 Doctoral Students under the supervision of faculty members of CSSSC

Sl. no	Name	Date of Registration	Fellowships ICSSR	JRF	Supervisor/s	Area of Research
1	Agniv Ghosh <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	February 2011	28.01.2011	N.A.	Prof. Sibaji Bandyopadhyay	<i>manasamiksno bisbhatakeradhunikbangalir manas dwandva</i>
2	Madhumita Saha <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	February 2011	28.01.2011	N.A.	Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri	Shakespeare in 19th – Century Bengal
3	Swati Chatterjee <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	February 2011	28.01.2011	N.A.	Dr. Bodhisattva Kar	City Sensed: Body, Space and Power in Colonial Calcutta
4	Prithwiraj Biswas <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	February 2011	03.05.2011 (Teacher's Fellowship)	N.A.	Prof. Tapati Guha Thakurta	Advertising, manufactures and commodity culture in Colonial Bengal c. 1880-1920
5	Sayantani Sur <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	February 2011	01.03.2011	N.A.	Prof. Manabi Majumdar	Sexualities Subjectivities and the Gender Politics of Contraception in India: 1930 – 1977
6.	Anirban Bhattacharjee <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	February 2011	N.A.	NET SRF 1 st Feb 2011	Prof. Sibaji Bandyopadhyay	Interrogating Mimamsa Philosophy and ritualism in perspective of contemporary socio-cultural thought
7.	Ankur Tamuli Phukan <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	February 2011	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Bodhisattva Kar	Making of a national festival: Bihu in colonial and Post – colonial Assam
8	Samrat Sengupta <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	January 2011	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Anirban Das	Performing Revolution: Ethics of Post Colonial resistances in Bengal Narrative
9	Sreemoyee Ghosh <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	February 2011	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Manabi Majumdar	Organized Informality: The Case of Industrial Informal Women Workers in Durgapur

10	Sourav Kar Gupta <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	February 2011	N.A.	N.A.	Dr. Anirban Das	Precarious Objectifications: Ethics of Representation and the figure of the Woman
11	Meghna Dutta <i>(Ph.D. Degree Awarded)</i>	February 2011	N.A.	N.A.	Prof. Sugata Marjit & Prof. Saibal Kar	Trade FDI and Organizations of Production: A Contemporary perspective

**LIST OF WEBINARS/WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE/WEB LECTURES/FILM
SCREENING HELD AT CSSSC FROM 01/04/2022 TO 31/03/2023**

Faculty Seminar			
	Speaker	Title	Date
	Dr. Souvik Mukherjee, Assistant Professor in Cultural Studies, The Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta	Indian Boardgames, Colonial Avatars: Transculturation, Colonialism and Boardgames	Wednesday, 10 th August 2022; Time: 3 – 5 pm
R C Dutt Lectures			
	Speaker	Title	Date
	Professor Tirthankar Roy, The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK	Tropical Development: The environmental origins of world inequality	30 th and 31 st August, 2022, at 3 - 5pm each day
Sakharam Ganesh Deuskar lectures			
	Speaker	Title	Date
	Sundar Sarukkai	“Human-Centric Epistemologies and the Resistance to the Cognitive Empire” “Producing Epistemologies of the South: Sensing the Social “	19 th to 20 th April, 2022
The Third Annual Buddhadeva Bose Lecture			
	Speaker	Title	Date
	Arvind Krishna Mehrotra, Poet, Translator, Writer, Critic	True Confessions of a Literary Translator	Wednesday 30 th November 2022, Time 6pm
General Seminar			
	Speaker	Title	Date
	Prof. Manas Ray, Former Professor of Cultural Studies, The Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.	“Meditating the Bubble Spaces of Living in Precarious Times”	Wednesday 6 th April 2022; Time: 3 – 5 pm
	Barbara Harris-White, Emeritus Professor and Fellow, Wolfson College, University of Oxford.	Constructing Regions Within and Across States: The Role of Economic and Social Structure	Wednesday, 4 May 2022; Time: 3:30pm
	Uponita Mukherjee, Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and	Priyanath’s Darogar Daptar: Criminal Detection from the Bureau to Begali Readers	Wednesday 8 th June 2022; Time: 3 – 5 pm

	Legal Theory, Frankfurt		
	Dr. Prasanta Chakravarty, Associate Professor of English, University of Delhi	Hunting Contra Lynching: Ideas of Chase in Niccolo Machiavelli	Friday 8 July 2022; Time: 3 – 5 pm
	Dr. Oishik Sircar, Associate Professor, Jindal Globe Law School	Violent Modernities: Cultural Lives of Law in the New India	Monday 25 th July 2022; Time: 3 – 5 pm
	G. Aloysius, Independent Scholar	Nation Conceived: An Exploration	Thursday 8 th September 2022; Time: 3 – 5 pm
	Tapati Guha-Thakurta, Former Director and Honorary Professor, CSSSC	Can a festival of a Goddess be ‘Secular’ ?	Friday, 23 rd September 2022; Time: 3 – 5 pm
	Dr. Asima Jena, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Hyderabad	Land and Labour Question: A Critical Note on the Community Mobilization of Qeers	Thursday 27 th October 2022, Time: 3pm
	Dr. Kedar Kulkarni, Assistant Professor of Literacy and Cultural Studies, FLAME University Pune	Genre, History and Transfer	Wednesday 2 nd November 2022, Time: 3pm
	Dr. Susmita Das, Independent Researcher.	Waging Wars : Advertising in a Planned Economy	Wednesday 9 th November 2022, Time: 3pm
	Dr Nuno Grancho, Architectural Historian and Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellow at the Centre for Privacy Studies, University of Copenhagen	Danish Colonial cities in East India Tranquebar and Serampore, compared through time.	Tuesday 31 st January 2023, Time: 3pm
	Dr. Souradeep Sen, Assistant Professor , Political Science, University of North Bengal	Does Deterrance Matter Anymore ?	Thursday 16 th February 2023, Time: 3pm
	Dr. Jef Pierce, South Asian Studies, Librarian, University of Pennsylvania.	From Sakti to Stri	Friday 17 th February 2023, Time 3 PM
	Corinne Lefevre, CASAH, CNRS-EHESS	Consolidating empire: Power and elites in Jahangir’s India (1605-1627)	Wednesday 1 st March 2023, Time 3 PM
	Kalaiyaran A, Assistant Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies	Changing Contours of Indian federalism	Friday 10 th March 2023, Time 3 PM
	Prof. Ive Marx, University of Antwerp.	Minimum income protection in the rich world: Where does it stand and how can it be improved ?	Thursday 16 th March 2023, Time 3 PM
	Arnab Chatterjee, Former Fellow, IAS Shimla	Tagore, Vivekananda, Gandhi and their Jurisprudence : The search for our legal-philosophical Modernity	Friday 17 th March 2023, Time 3 PM

Lectures and Workshop at JBMRC

Speaker	Title	Date
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	Gautam Bhadra, Varuni Bhatia, Manu Devadevan, Parul Pandya-Dhar, Sukanya Sarbadhikary, Pushkar Sohoni	Religious Structures and Regional Traditions in India: New Directions in Architectural, Social and Cultural History	Saturday 19 th November 2022, Time 10am to 6pm
	Pika Ghosh, Amit Guha and Tapati Guha-Thakurta	Bengal's Religious Architecture: Documentation, Archiving, and Scholarly Legacies	Thursday 1 st December 2022, Time 7pm
11th Anjan Ghosh Memorial Conference			
	Speaker	Title	Date
	Prof. Sudipta Kaviraj, Professor of Indian Politics and Intellectual History, Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies, Columbia University, New York	"On the Search for Paradise"	Thursday 10 th November 2022, Time 5pm, JBMRC
Economics Study-Group Seminar			
	Speaker	Title	Date
	Mriduchhanda Chattopadhyay, Eastern Regional Center, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Kolkata	"Personality Traits, Economic Preferences, and the Individual Support of Climate Policy Measures: An Empirical Study for Japan"	Friday, 22 nd April 2022, Time: 3 - 5pm
	Chaitali Sinha, ICSSR Post-Doctoral Fellow, ISI, Kolkata, India Techno India University, Salt Lake, Kolkata, India Former Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, School of Environment, Education and Development, University of Manchester, Manchester, United Kingdom	Institutional Quality and US-FDI Outflows: Do Political Regime Matter?	Friday, 3 rd June 2022, Time: 3 - 5pm
	Abhradeep Karmakar PhD. Candidate, Department of Economics, University of New Mexico.	Health Benefits of the Right to Education Act (2009) in India	Wednesday 29 th June 2022, Time 3 to 5pm
	Prasenjit Banerjee, University of Manchester	Promise, social image, and voluntary contribution to an environmental good	Wednesday 14 th December 2022, Time 3 to 5pm
	Subhasish Dugar, University of Urah	Lying for Votes	Thursday 30 th March 2023, Time 3 to 5pm
FILM SHOW			
	Speaker	Title	Date

	Debalina, Independent Filmmaker and cinematographer	Gay India Matrimony	Wednesday 29 th March 2023, Time 3 to 5pm
JBMRC			
	Speaker and Title		Date
	“talk with Anoushka Kurien in conversation with Paramita Saha”		November 2022 to February 2023
	Prof. Ruth Harris, Senior Research Fellow at AII Souls’ College and Professor of Modern History At the University of Oxford. How did Vivekananda become the ‘Guru to the World’		Friday Feb 3, 2023, at 5 pm IST
Third Tarun Chandra Dutt Memorial Lecture			
	Speaker	Title	Date
	Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, former Chief Secretary, West Bengal	“ The Mind of the Bureaucrat ”	Tuesday 28 th February 2023, at 5pm, at JBMRC
Second Tarun Chandra Dutt Memorial Lecture			
	Speaker	Title	Date
	Prof. Anup Kumar Sinha, Retd. Professor of Economics, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta	“Sustainable Development: An Impossibility “	Monday 11 th April 2022, at 5pm, at JBMRC
Workshops, Conferences and Training Programmes			
	Speaker	Title	Date
Training Workshop on Public Finance & Taxation	N Ramalingam, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, India	“Scrutiny and audit strategies under GST”	10 th and 11 th December 2022
	Bhanu Gupta, Ashoka University, India	Tax me if you can: Lessons in tax enforcement from around the world	
	Rinita Das, Saint Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India	The Indian Legal Regime Prohibiting ‘Hawala’ With Special Reference to The PMLA: An Overview	
	Suruchi Agrawal, Vimal and Seksaria Chartered Accountants, India	Recent Amendments in GST,	
	Suruchi Agrawal , NIPFP, India	In search of a solution to tax digital economy	
	Sacchidananda Mukherjee, NIPFP, India	Revenue Implications of GST Rates Restructuring in India: An Analysis	

International Conferences			
	Speaker	Title	Date
	Prof. Alexandra Delano Alonso Prof. Benjamin Nienass Prof. Udaya Kumar Prof. Miriam Ticktin Prof. Deepak Unnikrishnan	Response , Repair,Transformation	12 th to 14 th December 2022, JBMRC

ARCHIVE AND LIBRARY

Hitesranjan Sanyal Memorial Archives

The archives of the CSSSC, this year, achieved an important landmark of thirty years in service of open access and pedagogy. Since 2016 it is functioning from two locations, from the main campus of the office at Baishnabghata Patuli Township and from the Jadunath Bhavan. As a result, the same number of archive staff are continue working from both locations but main focus of the main campus is collection development and project management and user access is provided from both locations.

Research projects funded by outside agencies: Report for the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023:

Completed:

The Endangered Archives Programme of the British Library funded project "Pre-modern Visions and Modern Frames: Digitisation and conservation of manuscripts and books in Bardhaman and Nadia districts" (project code EAP1031) has almost completed. The project added copies of *Jangipur Sambad* a regional newspaper from the district of Murshidabad that started publishing by Saratchandra Pandit (Dadathakur), several manuscripts and pamphlets and books in Bengali, Bhojpuri, Hindi, Odia, Nepalese and Urdu languages to the open access archive. The archive is expected to be live by the middle of 2023.

Abhijit Bhattacharya and Dr. Rajarshi Ghosh are working as investigators of the project with active support of Mr. Tapan Paul, Mr. Gopal Adak and Mr. Sourav Mandal.

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- 2. University of Pennsylvania – CSSSC collaboration for reformatting of the collection of manuscripts and prints from the Jatindra Mohan Sangrahashala of the National Council of Education Bengal:** Jatindramohan Sangrahasala, one of the most important collection of manuscripts and prints from the Sylhet – Kachhar region, collected by

Professor Bhattacharya and transferred to the NCE – Bengal. The collection needed urgent attention for digital retrieval, both for long-term preservation and dissemination. The CSSSC and NCE-Bengal signed an MoU for the purpose and the University of Pennsylvania Libraries and the South Asia Center of the University of Pennsylvania supported the project both financially and for digital preservation. The project expected to digitize around 6000 Bengali and Sanskrit manuscripts and around 4000 volumes of printed newspapers and periodicals.

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Collaborations

South Asia Material Project (SAMP)

The CSSSC continues to be members of South Asia Material Project one of the most effective long-term collaboration of the institution. In the recent run of change in SAMP leadership, Dr. Rajarshi Ghose continuing as the faculty representative to the SAMP Executive Committee to serve a two-year term from 2022 – 2024. Abhijit Bhattacharya elected to the SAMP Executive Committee for 2023 – 2025 and elected as Chair of the SAMP for a 2+1 year term.

South Asia Open Archives (SAOA)

The CSSSC is also a member of the SAOA, working closely with SAMP but with an aim of open access. As a contributing member of SAOA, CSSSC too started making its archives through the JSTOR open access platform and two major newspapers are already curated on that platform and

several other documents to be uploaded on the platform in coming years. Abhijit Bhattacharya representing CSSSC to SAOA and presently serving a three-year term as the SAOA Executive Committee member for 2021-24, also he is the Chair of the Funding Working Group of the SAOA.

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CSSSC Library

The Library continues to serve the scholastic community as avidly as ever. Scarcity of fund could not restrain the Library to introduce new edge technology to meet the demands of the changing scenario of library services. There is a noticeable change in the information seeking behaviour of library users because of the pandemic. The Library is able to cope up with the new challenges with a zeal to provide effective information service. This made Centre's Library a leader in the field of social sciences information service. The Library uses KOHA software to host its catalogue online that runs on the basis of a **self-implemented, real-time processing system**.

Books

During the financial year 2022-23, the Library purchased 119 new titles and received 338 titles as gift. Most of these books were donated by the faculty members, visitors, and projects. Prof. Partha Chatterjee had donated his book collection to CSSSC Library.

Periodicals and Newspapers

The Library subscribes to about **18** Indian print journals and **4** online resource-bases along with **12** leading newspapers of the country. On this note, the Library is thankful to ICSSR-NASSDOC consortium for creating an online resource access portal for the ICSSR institutions <https://nassdoceresources.remotexs.in>. This remote access portal enabled the scholastic community to get off-campus access of all the e-resource on 24x7 basis.

Membership

Apart from the regular students, staff and the faculty; **17** non-borrowing members were added to the existing client-base and **16** members were provided temporary reading facilities for 10 days to 3 months. The Library also provides information service to affiliated “international” scholars of the Centre.

Footfall

As per records, **399** users have consulted the Library resources excluding the faculty and other staff members of the Centre.

Library at Jadunath Bhavan

Since reopened on 10th August 2016, the library at Jadunath Bhavan has started serving the users from the very next day. JBMRC Library has a rich collection of books and reading materials mostly donated by eminent scholars from all over the world.

JBMRC Library has more than 20,000 books and periodicals not only in English but in many other Indian languages such as Bengali, Oriya, Assamese, etc. The JBMRC Library has a good collection of printed materials published in French, Urdu and Tibetan, and many other famous languages.

Footfall

JBMRC Library not only serves the institutional scholars but non-institutional users also get access to the resources of this Library. Apart from Centre’s academic and non-academic staff, more than hundred users have availed reading room facilities and accessed JBMRC Library resources.

Ongoing Activities for Modernization

A set up for fumigation of books and documents was created at JBMRC with financial assistance of Prof. D.C.V. Mallik. Expert advice was provided by Victoria Memorial Hall’s restoration team and Dr. Sumita Seal of West Bengal State Archive.

Dr. Rajarshi Ghose, from his Mellon Project's research grant, had procured a high-end desktop computer for JBMRC Library. That computer started working as the new Koha server of JBMRC library. Mellon Project had also supported backlog processing of JBMRC library. Three of the major scholar collections – (1) Hitesranjan Sanyal collection donated by Monoswita Sanyal, (2) Naresh Guha collection, and (3) Tapan Mitra collection – were processed.

The online public access catalogue (OPAC) of JBMRC Library is made accessible off-campus under jbmrclibrary.cssscal.org during working hours and creation of records for the electronic catalogue is in progress.

Processing of Bengali book of Ashok Mitra collection was complete and the books were arranged in the wooden book cases of ground floor library room.

Achievements of Individual Library Staff

1. Singh, Rupinder and Srivastava, Prachi. 'Drupal: A Practical Approach' in *Libraries and Open Science: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities*. (Chapter 28). ESS Publications. (June 2022) ISBN: 9789392594588

Activities of the Library

1. The Library organized an online training programme on CMIE ProwessIQ Workshop on 10th August 2022 and 20th December 2022 through ICSSR-NASSDOC consortia.

A small group of about eight master degree students of Assam Agricultural University visited CSSSC Library on 10th February 2022 along with their professor.

ANNUAL REPORT CTRPFP: 2022-2023

The Centre for Training and Research in Public Finance and Policy (CTRFPF) was set up as a long-term research unit in the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta in 2011. This is a Ministry of Finance, Government of India initiative to promote research and training in public finance, public economics and public policy. CTRFPF's objective is to establish itself as an authoritative research unit on public finances, tax and welfare policy, tax law, education, inequality and poverty, pensions, productivity and innovation, consumer behavior and the evaluation of policies designed to promote development in poorer countries.

Faculty Recruitment:

None

Publications: "Role of participatory theater in empowering women: Evidence from West Bengal, India" 4th Issue of IGIDR's ECOPRI\$M (Jyotsna Jalan)

Work in Progress:

1. *Discretionary welfare benefits, personal connections, and religion: Evidence from West Bengal* with Vivekananda Mukherjee and Saheli Bose (Revise and resubmit- Journal of South Asian Development).
2. *Mandated Increases in Maternity Leave and the Motherhood Penalty: New Evidence from India* with Saheli Bose and Somdeep Chatterjee (Submitted).
3. *Culture caste and drinking water* with Thomas Stratmann and Saheli Bose.
4. *Education and intergenerational occupation mobility in rural India* (first draft ready) by Saheli Bose.

Conference presentations and Seminar Presentations:

1. 11th Workshop on Public Finance and Taxation (virtual), CTRFPF, 10th – 11th December 2022 (Jyotsna Jalan, Sattwik Santra)
2. 30th Annual Conference of the Department of Economics held at Jadavpur University 27 – 29 December 2022, by Jyotsna Jalan
3. AKAM Regional Panel: Contemporary Issues in the Indian Economy, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, Institute of Economic Growth and Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, 18th February, 2023 by Saheli Bose

4. 4th Ahmedabad Economics Conference, Ahmedabad University on 6 - 7th January 2023 by Saheli Bose.
5. Contemporary Issues in Development Economics, Jadavpur University, 27-29 December, 2022 by Saheli Bose.
6. XVII International Conference on Public Policy and Management organized by Centre for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, India, 22-24 August 2022 by Saheli Bose.
7. Silvaplana Political Economy Workshop, 24-28 July 2022 by Saheli Bose.

CTRFPF Working Paper Series:

None

A. Research projects:

- List of Ongoing Projects

1. Processing of Questionnaires for Fifth State Finance Commission, West Bengal.

- List of Completed Projects

None

B. Grants: List of Grants provided to faculty/ Research Scholar

Sivapalan Political Economy Workshop held at Pontreina, Switzerland (Saheli Bose)

Annual Economic Conference held in Ahmedabad University (Saheli Bose)

Activities:

Seminars/ Economics Study Group:

4th April, 2022 at 3 PM

Title: “Agro-Knowledge, Crop Diversification and Productivity: - Experience from ‘Feed the Future’ in Nepal”

Speaker: Soumyajit Chakraborty (CTRFPF, CSSSC, Calcutta)

22nd April 2022 at 3 PM

Title: “Personality Traits, Economic Preferences, and the Individual Support of Climate Policy Measures: An Empirical Study for Japan.”

Speaker: Mriduchhanda Chattopadhyay (Eastern Regional Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Kolkata)

3rd June,2022 at 3 PM

Title: “Institutional Quality and US-FDI Outflows: Do Political Regime Matter?”

Speaker: Chaitali Sinha (ISI, Kolkata)

29th June 2022 at 3 P.M.

Title: Health Benefits of the Right to Education Act (2009) in India

Speaker: Abhradeep Karmakar (PhD. Candidate, Department of Economics, University of New Mexico)

14th December, 2022 (Wednesday) at 3 P.M.

Speaker: Prasenjit Banerjee (University of Manchester)

Title: Promise, social image, and voluntary contribution to an environmental good

Conferences:

Annual National Conference and R.C. Dutta Lecture Series 2022 on: Held on 30th August to 31st August,2022. Invited speakers for the Conference were

Tirthankar Roy: Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics.

Kunal Dasgupta: Associate Professor of Economics, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore.

Bhanu Gupta: Assistant Professor of Economics, Asoka University, Haryana

Divya Pandey: Economist, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Kolkata

Rajat Acharyya: Professor of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Debayan Pakrashi: Associate Professor of Economics, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata

Training Workshop Organized by CTRPFP

10th and 11th December 2022: Training Workshop on Public Finance and Taxation (Online).

Resource Persons:

Inauguration by Prof. Debasis Sengupta, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal and Prof. Bimal Kumar Roy, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal

Dr. N. Ramalingam, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Dr. Bhanu Gupta, Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana

Prof. Rinita Das, St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata, West Bengal

Dr. Suranjali Tandon, NIPFP, New Delhi, Delhi

Ms. Suruchi Agrawal, Vimal and Seksaria Chartered Accountants, Kolkata, West Bengal

Dr. Sacchidananda Mukherjee, NIPFP, New Delhi, Delhi

Dr. Sattwik Santra (CTRPFP/CSSSC) Co-ordinator of Training Workshop, Kolkata, West Bengal

West Bengal: 14 Participants from Kolkata.

Bihar: 4 Participants from Bihar

Jharkhand: 1 Participants from Jharkhand

Tripura: 1 Participants from Tripura

Participants

The participants were officials from different departments of Directorate of Commercial Taxes from the following states:

Faculty & Personnel

Professor Jyotsna Jalan (Project Director, CTRPFP & Professor of Economics, CSSSC)

Dr. Sattwik Santra (Co- director, Assistant Professor of Economics, CTRPFP)

Dr. Saheli Bose (Post-doctoral fellow)

Administrative Staff & Research Assistants

Ms. Jharna Panda (Program Co-ordinator)

Mr. Arjab Bose (Research Assistant, CTRPFP)

Ms. Archita Mukharjee (Research Assistant, CTRPFP)

Mr. Saikat Das (Assistant & Computer Trainee)

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JADUNATH BHAVAN MUSEUM AND RESOURCE CENTRE (JBMRC)

Significant activities have taken place at the JBMRC in the last academic year, with a major project to create a web-resource, several seminars and annual lectures, and the creation of creative merchandize to strengthen its financial resources. The auditorium has been rented out for several events to various organizations and institutions, and has generated some revenue. The auditorium continues to be a favoured hub for academic and cultural events in the south of the city. Scholars visit the archive and library regularly. The room on the ground floor that used to house Jadunath Sarkar's library has been filled with cupboards and library books, and tables and chairs for reading. Below are the important events that were held over the course of the academic year 2022-23:

1. On April 13, 2022, the 2nd Tarun Chandra Dutt memorial lecture was delivered by Prof. Anup Sinha, retd faculty of Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata on the topic "Sustainable Development: An Impossibility?" This memorial lecture had not been held for two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and it was held a bit later in the year in order to facilitate a well-attended, in-person lecture.
2. On 27-28 May, 2022, an international conference in collaboration with the University of Chicago, titled "The Many Worlds of Rammohun Roy" was held at the JBMRC, to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the social reformer and thinker. Participants were from all around the world and included Dipesh Chakrabarty, Tanika Sarkar, Milinda Banerjee, Rajarshi Ghose, Rosinka Chaudhuri, Brian Hatcher, Kunal Chakrabarty, Partha Chatterjee, Gautam Bhadra, Tapati Guha-Thakurta, Rahul Govind, Thomas Newbold, Sukanya Sarbadhikary, Nazmul Sultan, and Sudipta Sen.
3. With a grant under the ICSSR's OH-31 grants programme, the JBMRC built a website, <http://religiousarchitecturebengal.cssscal.org> between June and November 2022. This is a state-of-the-art web-resource of Dr. Hitesranjan Sanyal's archive of nearly three thousand photographs of Bengal's temples, which his family donated to the CSSSC after his death. This website was designed by Sujaan Mukherjee. Two research assistants, Atmajit Mukherjee and Chayana Mondal, worked with the archivist Kamalika Mukherjee to create extensive metadata on each of the photographs and the features of the temples, to enable scholars using the website to search by various keywords.
4. This web-resource was inaugurated on 19th November 2022. On this occasion, a day-long seminar on "Religious Structures & Regional Traditions in India: New Directions in Architectural, Social, and Cultural History," was held at the JBMRC auditorium. Scholars working on the art, architectural and religious history of different regions in India presented papers in the seminar, and

a detailed walk-through of the website was also conducted. Speakers included Gautam Bhadra, Varuni Bhatia, Manu Devadevan, Parul Pandya-Dhar, Sukanya Sarbadhikary, Pushkar Sohoni, Sujaan Mukherjee, Kamalika Mukherjee, and Prachi Deshpande.

5. On 28th November 2022, Arvind Krishna Mehrotra, poet, translator, writer and critic delivered the Third Annual Buddhadev Bose Lecture, titled “True Confessions of a Literary Translator.

6. On 1 December, 2022, A webinar was held on “Bengal’s Religious Architecture: Documentation, Archival and Scholarly Legacies,” featuring a discussion between Dr. Pika Ghosh, visiting associate professor at Haverford College, USA, and Amit Guha, an independent researcher associated with the Bengal Heritage Foundation, UK, moderated by Prof. Tapati Guha-Thakurta, Honorary Professor, CSSSC.

7. On 11 January 2023, Prof. Partha Chatterjee, Honorary Professor, CSSSC, read from his new play *Bener Meye*, based on the 1919 novel by Haraprasad Sastri, at the JBMRC auditorium.

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9. On 6 April, 2023, Shri Arun K. Grover, Honorary Professor, Punjab Engineering College, delivered a lecture on “The Scientific Heritage of North West of India.”

10. The JBMRC released an Exhibition Book for the *Twin Sisters with Cameras* exhibition for sale, that had been held at its premises from 24 February 2022 to 31 March 2022 of the photographic oeuvre of the twin sisters, Debalina Mazumder (1919 -2012) and Manobina Roy (1919 - 2001). This book was designed by Sujaan Mukherjee, with inputs from Kamalika Mukherjee and Anuja Mukherjee.

11. An Archive Occasional Paper, No. 9 in the series, titled Hitesranjan Sanyal and the Histories of Bengal: An Intellectual Biography by Debjani Chakrabarty, was printed in June 2022 and put up for sale. Previously this had only been available in PDF format.

12. A set of postcards and a notebook featuring photographs from the Hitesranjan Sanyal photographic archive were also produced for sale as part of the Bengal Temples project.

13. The JBMRC released a desk calendar for 2023. As is the practice every year, we featured images from the CSSSC Archive. This year’s theme for the desk calendar is Kolkata's Durga Puja, which recently entered the UNESCO's list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The project preparing the dossier for the UNESCO application was based at the JBMRC in 2018-19, and a large archive of photographs, oral histories, publicity materials, media reports and research notes on the contemporary Durga Puja of Kolkata is housed here. Using images from this archive, this calendar celebrates the distinct artistic wave of “art” or “theme” Pujas that have created a new

genre of public art in Kolkata. The repertoire of Durga imagery showcases this changing artistic history from 2002-2022. The images and surrounding installations for every month of the year take us to everyday sites in different Puja locations across Kolkata, charting new maps of festival touring and art-viewing in the city.

14. Beautiful sets of postcards and an elegant notebook featuring photographs from the Hitesranjan Sanyal collection, designed by Sujaan Mukherjee, were also printed and made available for sale.

All in all, the JBMRC had a very active and eventful year.