

## *Curriculum vitae*

Atig Ghosh

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### Education

<b>Date</b>	<b>Discipline</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Institution</b>
2000	Arts	Higher Secondary (First Division: secured 66.8 per cent)	West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education, India.
2003	History (Honours)	Bachelor of Arts (secured 62.25 per cent and stood first in the first class)	Presidency College, Calcutta University, India.
2005	History	Master of Arts (secured 94.89 per cent)	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.
2005	Qualified the <b>National Eligibility Test</b> (NET) of the University Grants Commission, India, for lectureship in History.		
2006-2009	History	Doctoral Programme ( <b>Ph.D. granted on November 30, 2009</b> )	Centro de Estudios de Asia y África, El Colegio de México, México

## Ph.D. Details

Ph.D. degree granted in November 30, 2009, under the supervision of **Prof. Saurabh Dube**, Centro de Estudios de Asia y África, El Colegio de México. The Ph.D. Thesis— written both in Spanish and in English— was titled: “**Construcción colonial del *Mofussil*: la economía política y la cultura en la Bengala del siglo XIX**” (in Spanish); and “**The Colonial Making of the *Mofussil*: Political Economy and Culture in Nineteenth-Century Bengal**” (in English) The thesis and other relevant details are to be found at the university website of Centro de Estudios de Asia y África, El Colegio de México, Mexico City, D.F.

([http://repositorio.colmex.mx/catalog?f%5Bcreator\\_sim%5D%5B%5D=Ghosh%2C+Atig&f%5Bdirector\\_sim%5D%5B%5D=Dube%2C+Saurabh&locale=es](http://repositorio.colmex.mx/catalog?f%5Bcreator_sim%5D%5B%5D=Ghosh%2C+Atig&f%5Bdirector_sim%5D%5B%5D=Dube%2C+Saurabh&locale=es))

## Distinctions and Awards

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| 2002      | Raibahadur Debendra Chandra Ghosh Memorial Prize, for securing highest marks in History Honours in Part-I Examination                        |
| 2002      | Arijit Sengupta Memorial Scholarship, for securing highest marks in History Honours in Part-I Examination.                                   |
| 2003      | Order of Merit, University of Calcutta, for securing the first position in B.A. (Honours) Examination, in History                            |
| 2003      | Kuruvilla Zacharia Memorial Prize, for securing highest marks in History Honours.  |
| 2003      | Himani Devi Memorial Prize, for securing highest marks in History Honours.   |
| 2003      | Ajoy Banerjee Memorial Prize, for securing highest marks in History Honours.   |
| 2003      | Punyalekha Banerjee Memorial Prize, for securing highest marks in History Honours.   |
| 2003      | Academic Excellence Certificate, Jagannath Hall (Dhaka University), for standing first in first class, BA (Honours) Examination, in History. |
| 2003      | Kuruvilla Zacharia Memorial Prize, for securing highest marks in Part-II, Test Examination, of Presidency College, Calcutta.                 |
| 2006-2007 | External student doctoral scholarship of the External Affairs Ministry (SRE), México.  |
| 2007-2009 | Doctoral fellowship of El Colegio de México.   |

## **Languages**

Bengali      mother tongue

English

Spanish      Completed four basic courses at the Centro de Enseñanza Para Extranjeros (CEPE), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), México and wrote and defended the Ph.D. thesis in Spanish as well as in English

Hindi      Near-native fluency

Sanskrit      Basic skills

Latin      Basic skills

## Publications

- 2006 Review Article of Janaki Nair, *The Promise of the Metropolis: Bangalore's Twentieth Century*, Oxford UP: New Delhi, 2005, in *Global South*, Sephis e-magazine, 2:3, May.
- 2010 "The Bhopal Judgment" in *Global South*, Sephis e-magazine, 6:3, July.
- 2011 "The Mofussil and the Modern: The Discrete Charms of Kanganal Harinath" in Saurabh Dube (ed.), *Modern Makeovers: The Oxford Handbook of Modernity in South Asia*, Oxford university Press, New Delhi (ISBN-13: 978-0198074045)
- 2011 "Turning over a New Leaf: Inurbane Narratives in the Nineteenth-Century *Nakshas* of Calcutta", *Journal of History*, vol. 28 (Jadavpur University) (ISSN 0976-5476)
- 2011 "El *mofussil* y lo moderno: los indiscretos encantos de Kanganal Harinath" in Saurabh Dube and Ishita Banerjee (eds.), *Otras modernidades: historias, culturas, identidades*, El Colegio de México, México D.F. (ISBN: 978-607-462-300-0)
- 2013 *Branding the Migrant: Arguments of Rights, Welfare and Security*, (edited by Atig Ghosh) Frontpage, Calcutta (ISBN: 978-938-104-309-7)
- 2013 "Governing Conflict and Peace-building in India's Northeast & Bihar," Cultures of Governance and Conflict Resolution in Europe and India (CORE), Policy Brief-08, (ISBN 978-82-7288-524-2) accessible at: <http://file.prio.no/Publications/COREPolicyBrief-8-2013/#1/z>
- 2015 "Chhitmahal: The *de facto* Stateless of the Indo-Bangla Border," in *Policies & Practices 68: West Bengal-Bangladesh Borders: Humanitarian Issues*, January, pp. 1-16 (ISSN 2348-0297)
- 2016 (co-authored with Elena Stavrevska) "Government of Peace and Resistive Subjectivities: Autonomy, Ethnicity and Gender in Northeast India and Bosnia and Herzegovina," in Peter Burgess, Oliver Richmond and Ranabir Samaddar (eds.), *Governance and Conflict Resolution in Europe and India*, Manchester University Press (ISBN: 978-0-7190-9955-7)
- 2016 (co-edited with Paula Banerjee and Anasua Basu Ray Choudhury) *The State of Being Stateless: An Account of South Asia*, Orient BlackSwan (ISBN-10: 8125059687 / ISBN-13: 978-8125059684)  
➤ *Paperback edition published in 2018 (ISBN 978-93-5287-466-8)*
- 2016 "The Importance of Being Siliguri, or the Lack Thereof: Border-Effect and the 'Untimely' City in North Bengal" *Policies and Practices 83*, December (ISSN 2348 0297)
- 2017 Occasional Paper "Fluid Futures: Migrant Labour and Trafficked Lives in Millennial Siliguri" published by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Patna

- 2017 “The Postcolony and the ‘Racy’ Histories of Accumulation”, in Iman Kumar Mitra, Ranabir Samaddar and Samita Sen (eds.), *Accumulation in Postcolonial Capitalism*, Springer: Singapore (ISBN 978-981-10-1036-1)
- 2017 “লালমাটি: বামপন্থী সংগঠন ও গণ-আন্দোলনের আবহে বীরভূম” [Red Soil: Birbhum in the Context of Left Organization and Popular Movements], প্রাক্-শারদীয় অনুষ্ঠান [Pre-Puja *Anusthup*] (তিন দশকের গণ আন্দোলন ১৯৪৭-৭০: বিশেষ সংখ্যা) [Popular Movements over Three Decades, 1947-77: Special Issue] ৫১তম বর্ষ ৪র্থ সংখ্যা (Vol. LI No. 4), জুলাই [July] (ISSN 0974-2697)
- 2017 “People, Politics and Protests VII: The Radical Rural: Left Organization, Revolutionary Upsurge and Popular Movement in Midnapore and Birbhum, 1940s-1970s” (with Anwesha Sengupta), *Policies & Practices* Vol. 92, December (ISSN 2348 0297)
- 2017 “People, Politics and Protests VIII: Left Front Government in West Bengal (1971-1982): Considerations on ‘Passive Revolution’ & the Question of Caste in Bengal Politics”, *Policies & Practices*, Vol. 93, December (ISSN 2348 0297)
- 2018 “‘What, Drawn, and Talk of Peace! Security’: Development and the Autonomy Question in the Indian North-East” in Bipasha Raha & Subhayu Chattopadhyay (eds.), *Mapping the Path to Maturity: A Connected History of Bengal and the North-East*, Routledge: New Delhi: (ISBN 978-1-138-49094-9)
- 2018 “The Importance of Being Siliguri: Border Effect and the ‘Untimely’ City in North Bengal” in Brett Neilson, Ned Rossiter & Ranabir Samaddar (eds.), *Logistical Asia: The Labour of Making a World Region*, Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan (Print ISBN: 978-981-10-8332-7; Electronic ISBN: 978-981-10-8333-4)
- 2018 “The Naxalite Decade comes to a close, but the Land Question persists” in Ranabir Samaddar (ed.), *From Popular Movements to Rebellion: The Naxalite Decade*, New Delhi: Social Science Press (ISBN 978-93-83166-29-9)
- 2018 “The Prairie Fire Spreads II: Birbhum” in Ranabir Samaddar (ed.), *From Popular Movements to Rebellion: The Naxalite Decade*, New Delhi: Social Science Press (ISBN 978-93-83166-29-9)
- 2020 (co-edited with Samata Biswas) *Situating Social Media: Gender, Caste, Protest, Solidarity*, Women Unlimited: New Delhi, 2020 (ISBN 978-93-85606-27-4)

## Talks, Seminars, Conferences

- 2007 “Out of Place: Mapping the ‘Modern’ of the Nineteenth-Century *Mofussil* of Bengal.” Presented at the International Colloquium: ‘An Indian Modern: Politics, Culture, Political Cultures’, Centro de Estudios de Asia y África, El Colegio de México, 19 and 20 April.
- 2007 Presented paper on *Kangal Harinath* (in Bengali) at the *Aitibashik* Seminar organized by Centre for Studies in Social Sciences-Calcutta, India, 14 December.
- 2008 “Anxious Economies: Modern Forestry in Eastern India” presented at the International Colloquium: ‘The Other Side of Modern: Anthropologies, Politics, Histories’, Centro de Estudios de Asia y África, El Colegio de México, 28 and 29 August.
- 2009 “Turning a New Leaf: Inurbane Narratives in the Nineteenth-Century *Nakshās* of Calcutta” presented as participant in the SEPHIS sponsored Cultural Studies Workshop held at North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, India, February 1-6.
- 2009 “Framing Political and Economic Development of India, 1950-1998” presented at the Centre for International Relations, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, National Autonomous University of México (UNAM), May 18.
- 2010 “Dyeline: Recasting ‘Class Processes’ in the Narrative of the Indigo Disturbances” presented at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, August 27.
- 2011 “The Final Making of Colonial Jalpaiguri, 1865-1900” presented at the Fourth Critical Studies Conference: ‘Development, Logistics, and Governance’, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, September 8-10
- 2012 “Words of Law, Worlds of Loss: The Stateless People of the Indo-Bangladeshi Enclaves” presented at a two-day workshop on *Forced Migration, Statelessness and Issues of Citizenship in South Asia*, organized by the Academy of International Studies (AIS), Jamia Millia Islamia and Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, at Delhi, March 22-23
- 2012 “Digital Oversight: Monitoring Migrants Overtime” presented at a two-day workshop entitled *Digital Deliberations: Digitization of Identity and its Impact on Migrant Masses*, organized jointly by the Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore, and the Mahanirban Calcutta research Group, at Kolkata, June 29-30
- 2012 “The Long and Short History of Identification Technology” presented at West Bengal State University, North 24-Parganas, West Bengal, on November 23
- 2014 “Statelessness in the Enclaves on the Indo-Bangladesh borderlands” presented at the UGC CAS-SAP international conference on “State and Democracy in South Asia, at the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, on Feb28-Mar 01
- 2014 “Postcolony and the Racy Histories of Capital Accumulation” presented at the Fifth Critical Studies Conference on the theme “Accumulation under Postcolonial

- Capitalism” organized by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung and the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, Aug 21-23
- 2014 “Women in Peace: Men’s Voices” presented at the “International Conference on Gender, Empowerment and Conflict in South Asia”, organized by the Peace Research Institute Oslo and the Calcutta Research Group, Nov 06-08
- 2016 Principal Speaker for the Fourth Lecture on *Migration* organized jointly by the Department of History, Patna University, and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Patna, on October 15. The lecture was entitled “Fluid Futures: Migrant Labour and Trafficked Lives in Millennial Siliguri”
- 2016 Presented the paper entitled “‘It does not matter who among us will live to see India Free’: Afterlife of Subhas C. Bose and the Politics of Remembering” at the State-Level Seminar on the theme “Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose: Re-exploring his Thoughts and Involvement” organized by the Southfield College, Darjeeling, on November 16.
- 2017 Served as the Guest Faculty for the Module on “Migration in Modern History” of the Orientation Programme on Migration organized by the Centre for Development Practices and Research, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Patna, held from February 20-26 at Patna
- 2017 Presented the paper (jointly with Dr. Anwesha Sengupta of Institute of Development Studies-Kolkata) entitled “Popular Movements in the Districts of Bengal: Birbhum, Nadia and Midnapore, 1950s-1970s” at the Consultative Meeting for “Popular Movements in Bihar and Bengal” jointly organized by the Calcutta Research Group and the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung at Swabhum, Kolkata on March 6.
- 2017 Presented the paper entitled “First Five Years of Left Front Rule in West Bengal, 1977-1982” at the Consultative Meeting for “Popular Movements in Bihar and Bengal” jointly organized by the Calcutta Research Group and the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung at Swabhum, Kolkata on March 6.
- 2017 Presented a paper entitled “Popular Politics and Agrarian Movements in Colonial and Postcolonial Birbhum” at the International Conference on “Localities and Linkages: South Bengal in the Colonial Period” organized by the Department of History, Bankura University in collaboration with the *Indian Council of Historical Research* (ICHR), New Delhi, 18-19 April held at Bankura.
- 2017 Chaired the Panel on “Urban Community and Culture” at the International Conference on “Localities and Linkages: South Bengal in the Colonial Period” organized by the Department of History, Bankura University in collaboration with the *Indian Council of Historical Research* (ICHR), New Delhi, 18-19 April held at Bankura.
- 2017 Presented a paper titled “Turning over a New Leaf: Inurbane Narratives in the Nineteenth-Century *Nakshas* of Calcutta” at a National Seminar on “Politics of Difference and (Re)locating Marginality: Reflection in Indian Literature” organized by Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, on 10-11 November

- 2018 Presented a paper titled “‘An Abstract Law of Population Exists for Plants and Animals only’”: Negotiating the Principle of Reserve Army of Labour in the Postcolony’ at the International Conference on “Capital in the East: Marx’s *Capital* after 150 Years” organized by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, the University of Calcutta (Department of Economics), Jadavpur University, Presidency University, Calcutta Research Group, and Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata on 30-31 January at Kolkata
- 2018 Served as the Guest Faculty for the Module on “History and Migration in India” of the Second Orientation Programme on Migration organized by the Centre for Development Practices and Research, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Patna, held from 17-27 February at Patna
- 2018 Presented a paper titled “Metro-polarities: Siliguri in the Grip of Neoliberal Transformation” at an International Conference on *Infrastructure Across Frontiers: Logistics, Governance and Society* organised by Calcutta Research Group and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung between September 2-September 3 at Kolkata
- 2019 Delivered the Subhas Chandra Bose Lecture on 23 January at Singha-Sadana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan
- 2019 Presented a Paper titled “The ‘Newness’ of Global India: Knowledge for Development and Transnational Knowledge Professionals” in the two-day International Conference on ‘Concept & Canvas of Knowledge: Asian Studies from Pre-Modern to Modern Times’ held during 22-23 February 2 at the Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan
- 2019 Delivered a Lecture entitled “Rearticulating ‘Agrarian Populism’ in Postcolonial India: Considerations around D.N. Dhanagare’s *Populism and Power: Farmers’ Movement in Western India: 1980-2014* and Beyond” as part of the Friday Lecture Series of Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group on 18 July

### **Resource Person**

- 2019 Resource Person in Ten-Day Methodology Workshop on Development Policy Research (21-30 September) Department of Economics & Politics, under UGC-SAP (DRS-II), Visva-Bharati. Lectured on “Engaging Development: A Radical Historical Development”

## Work Experience

- Sep 2005      Rapporteur for the workshop on 'Food and Program Transition Management in CARE-supported ICDS Program' conducted by International Food Policy Research Institute, NASC Complex, New Delhi, India.
- Dec 2005      Rapporteur for the final session on 'Food and Program Transition Management in CARE-supported ICDS Program' conducted by International Food Policy Research Institute, NASC Complex, New Delhi, India.
- Aug-Nov 2008      Co-taught core course on Modern Indian History to the Masters Students of Centre for Asian and African Studies, El Colegio de México.
- 2008-2009      Research Assistant to Saurabh Dube as part of scheme of National System of Researchers (SNI), México.
- Jan-Apr 2009      Co-taught core course on Contemporary India to the Masters Students of Centre for Asian and African Studies, El Colegio de México.
- Aug-Nov 2009      Taught the course 'Critical Cultures' to the Masters students of Centre for Asian and African Studies, El Colegio de México.
- Jul 2010-  
Mar 2013      Assistant Editor, *The Bengal Post*
- Oct 2010-  
May 2013      External fellow at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, carrying out a research project titled 'Makings of Bengali Identity in the Nineteenth Century: A *Mofussil* Optic'.
- Sep 2011  
onwards      Research and Programme Associate, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (currently working on statelessness and the Indo-Bangladesh enclave population *and* Digitization and migrant identities in India, with special focus on UID)
- Dec 2011      Member of the faculty for the Ninth Annual Orientation Programme on Forced Migration, held by the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with the UNHCR, the Government of Finland, and the Brookings Institution, December 1-15.
- Nov 2011  
to May 2013      Part-time teacher of History (Masters) at the West Bengal State University, Barasat, North 24-Parganas, West Bengal, for two semesters
- Jul 2012  
onwards      Part-time teacher of History (Masters) at the Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- Sep-Oct 2012      Member of the faculty for the Tenth Annual Orientation Programme on Forced Migration, held by the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with the UNHCR, the Government of Finland, and the Brookings Institution, September 30-October 14.

- Jan 6-9, 2013      Rapporteur-in-charge of the Fourteenth Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM)
- May 2013      Managing Editor, *Avantika, The World of Performing Arts*
- November 2013 onwards**      **Assistant Professor of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan**
- June 2014 onwards**      **Member, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group** (a non-profit organisation)
- Aug 21-23, 2014      Convenor of the Fifth Critical Studies Conference on the theme 'Accumulation under Postcolonial Capitalism' organized by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung and the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, at Kolkata
- Jan-Jun, 2015      Honorary lecturer, Department of South and South-East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta

### **MPhil Supervision**

- **Arunangsha Maity** was awarded the **MPhil degree** for his dissertation entitled “The Growth and Decline of Salt in Colonial Midnapore, c. 1760-1860: From Social, Economic and Environmental Perspectives” in 2016
- **Mrinal Chandra Das** was awarded the **MPhil degree** for his dissertation entitled “Mohendranath Dutt (1869-1956): A Man and His Ideas” in 2018
- **Niranjan Das** (ongoing)

### **PhD Supervision**

- Durga Kumari Sahu (ongoing)
  - Kesobananda Choudhuri (ongoing)
  - Sayantika Chattoraj (ongoing)
  - Shibashis Chattopadhyay (ongoing)
  - Sudipta Mondal (ongoing)
  - Sumantra Chanda (ongoing)
-