

Brief CV

Dr. Amarendra Kumar

1. Name: Amarendra Kumar
2. Highest Qualification: Ph. D
3. Date of Birth: 17.09.1970
4. Post joined: Assistant Professor
5. Date of joining: 21.04.2011 (PB-3 of 6th CPC)
6. Promotion: 11.09.2013 (as Associate Professor)
7. Pay Scale: 13A (level)
8. Area of Expertise: Medieval Indian History, Maratha History
9. Interest: Military History, Naval History, Cartography
10. No. of Research Scholars: (a) Submitted: 02; Working: 04

11. Research Project:

- (a) One (Completed) Major Research Project in History, awarded by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi, on the topic “Contesting Claims, Conflicting Interests: The Marathas, Siddi of Janjira and the European Merchant-Warriors in the Konkan Littoral (1659-1759)”. [Fund Allocated: Rs. 10.6 lakh (approx.)]

12. Publications:

- (a) ‘The Idea of Navy and Naval Warfare under Shivaji’, in Kaushik Roy (ed.), *Warfare And Politics In South Asia From Ancient To Modern Times*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2011, pp.157-188; ISBN-978-81-7304-913-2. Web link: <https://www.worldcat.org/isbn/9788173049132>
- (b) ‘Contest for Authority over the Konkan Waters: The Maratha Response in the late Seventeenth & early Eighteenth century’, in *The Eighteenth Century in South Asia: New Terrains*, (ed.) Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty,

The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, 2012, pp. 209-235; ISBN 978-81-922195-7-8. Web link: <https://www.worldcat.org/isbn/9788192219578>

- (c) 'The Politics of Military Control in the West Coast: Marathas, Mughals and the Europeans, 1650-1750', in Kaushik Roy and Peter Lorge (eds.), *Chinese and Indian Warfare - From the Classical Age to 1870*, Routledge, London and New York, 2015, pp. 181-199; ISBN 978-0-415-50244-3. Web link: <https://www.worldcat.org/isbn/9780415502443>
- (d) The European Merchant-Warriors and the Marathas on the Konkan Coast: A Brief note on the Alliances and Naval Conflicts in Early 1^{8th} Century', in Mohammad Nazrul Bari and H. M. Mohammadullah (eds.), *Deccan: Culture, Heritage and Literature*, pp. 432-445, Manak Publications, 2017. ISBN-13:9789378314339. Web link: <https://www.worldcat.org/isbn/9789378314337>
- (e) "Keigwin's Bombay (1683-84) and the Maratha-Siddi Naval Conflict", in *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, 75th Session*, New Delhi, 2015, pp. 320-324; ISSN: 2249-1937. Web link: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/44158397>
- (f) "Aspects of Pre-Modern Cartography of the Konkan Coast, and the Causes of Success of the Maratha Naval Enterprise (1660-1750) in *Indian Cartographer* (Journal of the Indian National Cartographic Association), Vol. 36, Part-II, 2016, pp. 420-25, ISSN: 0972-8392. Web link: <https://portal.issn.org/resource/ISSN/0927-8392>
- (g) "Cartographic Practices under the Mughal Rule in India (1556-1707 A.D.)" in *Indian Cartographer* (Journal of the Indian National Cartographic Association), Vol. 37, 2018, pp. 11-15, ISSN: 0972-8392. Web link: <https://portal.issn.org/resource/ISSN/0927-8392>

13. Participation in Conference/Seminars Abroad:

- (a) Participated in Oxford Naval History Conference 2017 on "Economic Warfare and the Sea (1650-1950)" held at All Souls College, Oxford from 13-15th July 2017. Presented a paper titled 'Sovereignty and the Sea: A Note on the Contested Claims of the Marathas, Mughals and the Europeans on the Konkan Littoral (1650-1750)'.

- (b) Participated in Hakluyt Society Symposium on “Rethinking Power in Maritime Encounters, 1400-1900”, held at Leiden University, The Netherlands, from 05.09.2019 to 06.09.2019. Presented a paper titled “Negotiating ‘Territoriality of the Sea’: The Maratha Navy in the Era of Global Maritime Empires”.

14. Participation and presentation of papers in National/International Conferences:

- (a) Paper titled “The Military Ethics of the Sikhs and the Marathas, presented at one day National Seminar on “Tradition of Martyrdom in Sikhism: From the Guru to Komagataru” organized by the Centre for Guru Nanak Dev Studies, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, on 18 November 2015.
- (b) ‘The Village Servants in Pre-Colonial Maharashtra: A Brief Appraisal of the Caste Status and Functional Utility of Balutedars’ at a National Seminar on “Peasant, Tribe, Country and the Economy: Pre-Colonial to Modern Times” organized by the Dept. of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan (26-27 Sep. 2016)
- (c) Paper titled ‘Battle for Khanderi-Underi: An Episode in the History of the Maratha Navy (1679-80)’ presented at 78th Session of the Indian History Congress at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, from 28-30 Dec, 2017
- (d) Paper titled “Negotiating Seas: Parallel Processes of Traditional and Non-Traditional Knowledge Formation about Navigation in Western India”, presented at the International Conference on ‘Concept and Canvas of Knowledge: Asian Studies from Pre-Modern to Modern Times’, organised by the Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, on 22-23 February, 2019.
- (e) Presented a paper titled “Navy in Indian Warfare (300 BC-1800 AD)”, at International Conference on “Warfare in South Asia: From Ancient to Modern Times”, held at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, on 7-8 January, 2020.