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DESIGNATION AND AFFILIATION

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, **Visva Bharati (Central University)**, P.O. Santiniketan, District – Birbhum, Pin Code – 731235, West Bengal, INDIA

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

- **2003 ▪ PHD in Philosophy (JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA – 700032, WEST BENGAL, INDIA)** Title of Dissertation: **The Character of Progress and Creativity in Science and Technology: A Philosophical Enquiry**
Supervisor: (Retd.) **Professor Hiranmoy Banerjee**, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal, 700 032
- **1992 - 1994 ▪ MA (Masters of Arts) in Philosophy** [Visva Bharati (Central University) Santiniketan, West Bengal, India] (**First class first in the Faculty of Humanities**)
- **1989 – 1992 ▪ BA (Bachelor of Arts) Honours in Philosophy** [Visva Bharati (Central University) Santiniketan West Bengal, India] (**First class first in the Faculty of Humanities**)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR in PHILOSOPHY▪ 31st July 2011 - present**
Department of Philosophy and Religion ▪ Visva Bharati (Central University), Santiniketan, India
- **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (Grade II & III) in PHILOSOPHY▪ January 2005 - July 2011 (Date of Joining Visva Bharati: 16.01. 2005)** Department of Philosophy and Religion ▪ Visva Bharati (Central University), Santiniketan, India
- **SENIOR LECTURER in PHILOSOPHY▪ July 2003 - January 2005**
Desbandhu College for Girls (Affiliated to University of Calcutta), Rashbehari Avenue, Kolkata, West Bengal, Pin Code - 700026, India
- **Lecturer in PHILOSOPHY▪ July 1999 - July 2003 (Date of Joining: 31.07.1999)**
Desbandhu College for Girls (Affiliated to University of Calcutta), Rashbehari Avenue, Kolkata, West Bengal, Pin Code - 700026, India

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- **ICPR Research Project (2015 - 2019) : “The Epistemic Character of Material Culture”**
Fully funded by **Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi, India**
- **MHRD (GOVT OF INDIA) Project (2014-2015) “e- PG Pathshala: e-Content Creation for Post Graduate Students” : Content Writer in Philosophy (Paper: Philosophy of Science)**
Module Id 9.7: Induction as a Method of Deriving Scientific Knowledge and its Problems.
Module Id 9.39: Philosophy of Technology: Science and Society.

RESEARCH SCHOLARS UNDER SUPERVISION

- **MITHUN BHANGI**, Assistant Professor, NAYAGRAM PRM GOVT COLLEGE, BALIGERIA, JHARGRAM.
- **ABIDA SULTANA**, Assistant Professor, DUMDUM MOTIJHEEL COLLEGE, DUMDUM, KOLKATA
- **BASUNDHARA GANGULY**, Assistant Professor, SUBASH CHANDRA BOSE CENTENARY COLLEGE, LALBAGH, MURSHIDABAD
- **KAMALIKA ROY** (UGC JRF-NET)

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

- The **research presentation** entitled ‘**Karl Popper on Theory Creation**’ was voted as the **best philosophical presentation** during the multidisciplinary conference of the **International Journal of Arts and Sciences (IJAS)** held at campus of **Harvard University, Boston, USA** from **May 31 to June 03, 2010**.

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS in the last ten years (Peer-reviewed, book-chapter, conference-proceedings)

- (Forthcoming in 2021) ‘**Karl Popper on the Evolution of Consciousness**’ in ***Karl Popper’s Science and Philosophy***, Eds. Parusniková, Z & Merritt, D., **Springer Nature: Switzerland**.
- (2021) ‘**Prehistoric Stone Tools and their Epistemic Complexity**’ in ***Engineering and Philosophy: Reimagining Technology and Social Progress***, Eds. Pirtle, Z., Tomblin, D., & Madhavan, G., Chapter 5, 101-121, **Springer Nature: Switzerland (ISBN 978-3-030-70098-0)**
- (2018) ‘**How Stone Tools Shaped Us: Post-Phenomenology and Material Engagement Theory**’ in ***Philosophy and Technology***, DOI 10.1007/s13347-018-0310-x (**Springer, ISSN 2210-5433**)
- (2017) ‘**A Philosophical Study of Human-Artifact Interaction**’ in ***AI & Society : Journal of Knowledge, Culture and Communication***, 32 (02):267-274 (**Springer-Verlag, London, ISSN 1435-5655**)

- (2014) 'A Philosophical Inquiry into the Character of Material Artifacts' in *Philosophia Scientiae*, 18 (3): 153-166 (Special Issue Eds. Bour, P.E., Heinzmann, G., Hodges, W. and Schroeder-Heister, P) ISSN 1775-4283
- (2012) 'Popper's Contribution to the Philosophical Study of Artifacts' in the *Proceedings of the 23rd Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association (PSA)* held at San Diego, California, USA.
- (2011) 'Creativity and the Growth of Scientific Knowledge' in *Epistemology, Science and Cognition*, Eds. Basu, P. K. and Kulkarni, S. G, New Delhi: Decent Books, 284-306, ISBN 13: 978-81-86921-54-8
- (2010) 'Karl Popper on Theory Creation' in *International Journal of Arts and Sciences* 3(8): 377-392, CD ROM ISSN: 1944-6934

RELEVANT PRESENTATIONS at International Conferences/Webinars (in the last ten years)

- (27.03.2021) International Conference on the Work of Popper organized by Professor Jeremy Shearmur, Emeritus Fellow, School of Philosophy, The Australian National University, held on ZOOM. Title of the paper: "Karl Popper on the 'Other Hard Problem' of Consciousness"
- (22.08.2020) International Webinar on Education and Technology: Some Emerging Ethical Issues organized by Department of Philosophy, West Bengal State University, Barasat. Title of the paper: "Technology and Lifeworld: From Classroom Teaching to Digital Teaching"
- (05-09 August, 2019) 16th International Congress on Logic, Methodology, Philosophy of Science and Technology (CLMPST 16) held at Institute of Philosophy, University of Prague Czech Republic. Title of the paper: "Karl Popper, Prehistoric Technology and Cognitive Evolution"
- (23-24 February, 2019) Bi-annual Philosophy of Science Conference on The Philosophy of Techno-Science: Epistemological and Ethical Reflections held at Humanities and Social Science, IIT Ropar, Chandigarh. Title of the paper: "Early Modern Techno-science and the Invention of the Steam Engine"
- (11-13 July, 2018) International Conference on Human-Technology Relations: Post-phenomenology and Philosophy of Technology held at Design Lab, University of Twente, The Netherlands. Title of the paper: "A Post-phenomenological Review of Prehistoric Technology"

- **(05 - 07 July, 2018) Integrated History and Philosophy of Science (HPS 7) conference on ‘The Evolution of Knowledge’** held at the **Institute for Philosophy, Leibniz University, Hannover**.
Title of the paper: **“Prehistoric Stone Tool Technology and the Evolution of Cognitive Behaviour.”**
- **(30 May – 01 June, 2018) Forum of Philosophy of Engineering and Technology conference (fPET)** held at the **University of Maryland, College Park, USA**.
Title of the paper: **“Prehistoric Stone Artifacts and Epistemic Complexity.”**
- **(14-17 June, 2017) 20th International Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology (SPT 2017): THE GRAMMAR OF THINGS** held at the **Institute for Philosophy, Technical University (TU) Darmstadt, Germany**. Title of the paper: **“The Critical Function of Science in the Origins of the Steam Engine”**.
- **(05-07 July, 2016) Scientiae Oxford** held at **St Anne’s College, University of Oxford, UK**.
Title of the paper: **“The Interplay of Scientific and Technological Knowledge in the Origins of the Steam Engine”**
- **(03-08 August, 2015) 15th International Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science (CLMPS)** held at the **University of Helsinki, Finland**.
Title of the paper: **“A Re-Examination of the (Theoretical) Science-Technology Relationship”**
- **(04 – 06 July, 2013) 18th International Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology (SPT 18)** held at the **Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal**.
Title of the paper: **“On the Relation between Material Artifacts and Human Organism: Can Philosophy of Technology be useful for Cognitive Archaeology?”**
- **(14-16 March, 2013) Mid-West Workshop on Philosophy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (Philo STEM-5)** held at **Indiana University-Purdue University (IPFW), USA**.
Title of the paper: **“Karl Popper on ‘Feats of Engineering’: An Exposition and Critique”**
- **(19 - 26 July 2011) 14th International Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science (CLMPS)**, held at the **University of Nancy, France**.
Title of the paper: **“An Inquiry into the Character of Material Artifact”**

- **(26 – 29 May, 2011) 17th International Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology (SPT 17)** held at the **University of North Texas, Denton, USA.**

Title of the paper: **“Artifacts as Inmates of ‘World3’”**

- **(31 May-03 June 2010) International Journal of Arts and Sciences Conference (IJAS)**, held at the campus of **Harvard University, Boston, USA.**

Title of the paper: **“Karl Popper on Theory Creation”**

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **(September-October, 2018) Visiting Fellowship** (under the UGC CAS-V Programme in Philosophy) of the **Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 700032, India**
- **(April-May, 2011) Library and Writing Fellowship** of the **Centre for Contemporary Studies, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, 560 012, India**
- **(November-December, 2004) Merit Scholarship** of **Goethe Institute, the German Culture Centre, Kolkata** (aided by the Foreign Office of the **Federal Republic of Germany**) for **Advanced Course in German Language at Goethe Institute in Berlin, Germany.**
- **(1998-1999) Jawaharlal Nehru Scholarship** for **Doctoral Studies** from **Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, Teen Murti House, New Delhi, 110 011, India.**
- **(1992-1994) National Scholarship** sponsored by the **Human Resource Development, Department of Education, Government of India.**
- **(1990- 1991; 1991-1992) Merit Scholarship, Faculty of Humanities, Visva Bharati (Central University), Santiniketan, India.**
- **(1989-1990) Pre-Degree Merit Scholarship, Visva Bharati (Central University) Santiniketan, India.**

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- **(2004) Advanced Level German Language (Intensive) Course, Goethe Institute in Berlin, Germany (Note/Grade – Gut/Good)**
- **(2003) Intermediate Level German Language Course, Goethe Institute in Kolkata, West Bengal, India (Note/Grade – Sehr Gut/Excellent)**

- **(2002) Certificate Course in German Language, Goethe Institute in Kolkata, West Bengal, India (Note/Grade – Sehr Gut/Excellent)**