

CV and Publications

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Date of Birth: 1st January, 1973

Work Experience:

Junior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 27th July, 2005–27th November, 2008

Guest Lecturer, Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, September, 2008-March, 2009

Lecturer, A.B.N Seal College, University of North Bengal, Coochbehar, West Bengal, India, 1st April, 2009-4th September, 2009

Assistant Professor, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal, 4th September, 2009-Present

Examined Doctoral Dissertation, Gagan Kumar, *Small Wars in the 19th c.*, Center for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, May, 2011.

Examined M.Phil Dissertation of Chandra Lekha Singh, Annie Besant: Educational Ideas And Activities (1893-1913), Zakir Hussain, Centre For Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, March, 2015

Examined M.Phil. Dissertation of Satarupa Lahiri, *Lives and Experiences of Indian Soldiers During The First World War, 1914-1918*, Centre For Study In Social Sciences, Kolkata, June 2016

Examined M.Phil. Dissertation of Nandini Roy Choudhury, *Formation of Liminal Class through Surnames in Bengal: An Insight into the Non-Brahmin Educated Class in Late 19th Century Bengal*, Jadavpur University, June, 2018

Was Curator of British Library Endangered Archives Project on Rare manuscripts from Sundarban, West Bengal, June, 2014 to June, 2015

Reviewed submitted article in *Modern Asian Studies* titled 'Between labour and military history: War Veterans, Itinerant Labour and Subaltern Volunteer Corps', June, 2024.

Reviewed submitted article in *International Review Of Social History* titled 'Indian Sepoy Pioneers, Overseas, 1762-1830: Perception, Negotiation and Identity Formation', June 2023

Publications:

1. *In Defense of Honour and Justice: Sepoy Rebellions in the 19th Century*, Primus ,February,2015.(Book)
2. 'How Colonial Was the Post –Colonial Army?' in Kaushik Roy, ed., *Warfare and Politics in India: From Ancient to Modern Times*, Manohar, 2011
3. 'Maniram Dewan: Construction of a Patriot', in *Asiatic Society Journal*, Kolkata, Special Issue, 2009.
4. 'Discipline and Disobedience in the Bengal and Madras Armies 1806-1856' (with Kaushik Roy) in Kaushik Roy, ed., *War and Society in Colonial India*, Oxford University Press, 2006.
5. The Native Soldiers in the British Indian Army: Fighting Men, In Sabyasachi Bhattacharya Edited, *Towards A New History of Work*,Tulika, 2014
6. The Renaissance Man: 'A Proud Fighting Man' In Anuradha Chatterjee,Suparna Ghosh and Srijita Chakravarty edited *Rethinking the Renaissance*, Published Loreto College,2017.
7. A Case of Multiple existences: The loyal Bombay Purbaiya and his rebellious cousin in Bengal in William Pettigrew and Mahesh Gopalan Edited *The East India Company:1600-1857*,Routledge,2017

Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals:

- 1) In Quest of Identity: Sepoy Rebellions in the 19th Century' in Jadavpur *University Journal of History*, May, 2002.
- 2) 'The Rebel Army in 1857: At the Vanguard of the War of Independence or a Tyranny in Arms? in Economic and Political Weekly, Special Issue, 1857, 12th May, 2007. (This issue was subsequently reproduced as a book edited by Professor Sekhar Bandhyopadhyay and was published by Orient Longman in 2008)
- 3) 'The Marathas in 1803: Effete Power or Unlucky Losers' in *Indian Historical Review*, January, 2008.
- 4) Durgadas: 'The Psyche Of A Loyalist in 1857' in *Indian Literature* volume 53 No. 1 (249) (January-February 2009), pp. 200-208.
- 5) 'The Agrarian Question: Revisiting the Sepoy Peasant Nexus in 1857' in *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress Vol. 70, JSTOR*, 2009.
- 6) 'Representing the Rani' in *Seminar: The Monthly Symposium*, November, 2022.
- 7) 'Maniram Dewan: Birth of a Hero' in *Man and Society, A Journal of North East Studies, Vol XX*, 2022.
- 8) 'Visualising the Revolt of 1857: The British Perspective' in *CLIO: An Annual Interdisciplinary Journal of History, Vol.20 No.20*, January- December, 2020.

Languages:

Bengali, Assameese, English, Hindi

Awards:

1. National Eligibility Test, University Grants Commission, Junior Research Fellowship, 1999-2004
2. Charles Wallace Field Grant in 2003 for research work in the United Kingdom.
3. Charles Wallace Visiting Fellow in 2012 to 'The Institute For Advanced Studies In The Humanities and the Centre For South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh

Papers presented at International seminars

1. 'Small Mutinies in the Company: A prelude to 1857', ICHR, New Delhi, 2006
2. 'Mutiny at the Margins: The Indian Uprising of 1857', University of Edinburgh, UK, July, 2007
3. The Bengal Sepoy: A Proud Fighting Man, V.V Giri Labour Institute, Noida, 2012
4. 'A Case of Multiple Existences: The Loyal Bombay Purbaiya and his rebellious Bengal Cousin: Teen Murti, New Delhi' (Organised by University of Kent and ST. Stephens College, New Delhi, January, 2015
5. 'How Colonial was the Post Colonial Army?' Asian Historians Conference, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2008
6. 'Uniform as a Marker of Identity', Delhi University, 2007
7. The Bengal Sepoy and the Scottish Highlander: Comrade in Arms, Presented at the European Social Science History Conference, 30th March to 2nd April, 2016

Talks Presented Abroad:

1. 'The Bengal Sepoy and the Scottish Highlander: Comrade in Arms?': University of Edinburgh, 2012
2. How Colonial was the Post Colonial Indian Army: University of Edinburgh, 2012
3. 'Uniform and Sepoy Identity': University of Sussex, UK, 2003

Paper presented at National Conferences:

1. 'The Rebel Army in 1857: At the Vanguard of the Rebellion or a Tyranny of

Arms':Jadavpur University,Kolkata,2007

- 2'The Renaissance Man: A New Fighting Machine?', Loreto college Kolkata,2008.
3. 'Mutiny at the Margins: The Indian Uprising of 1857', Jamia Millia Islamia, 2007
4. 'Durgadas:A Tale of a Loyalist',Sahitya Academy, New Delhi ,India
5. 'The Regiment as a Colonial Relic', Malda College, Malda, 2010
- 6 'How Colonial were Colonial Traditions', Malda College, Malda, 2011
4. 'The Historiography of the revolt of 1857', Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, 2014
5. 'The Bengal Sepoy:A Proud Fighting Man', International Labour History Conference,V.V Labour Institute,Noida
6. 'The Martial Race Theory in Civilian Society',Burdwan University,2011

Invited Talks at Various National Institutions

- 1 '.In Defence of Honour and Justice: Sepoy Rebellions in the 19th Century', Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2006
2. 'Small Mutinies in the Colonial Armies: A Prelude to 1857?', Presidency College,Kolkata,2006.
- 3'.In Defence of Honour and Justice: Sepoy Rebellions in the 19th Century, Ambedkar University, Delhi, 2015'
- 4.The Politics Of Identity in the Colonial Armies,O.P Jindal University,April,2019

The list of papers presented at National Conferences and also of invited talks is not exhaustive.I have only listed some of the important papers and invited papers presented.

Courses taught:

1. Industrialization Of Great Britain And Europe ,1750-1900[Teaching as a M,A module course since 2009].
2. History of Modern India, [1757-1857], [Teaching as a M.A module course since 2009]
3. Contextualising the Colonial Armies:The Colonial Army and Indigenous Society(1757-1957).Teaching as a M.A module course since 2009
4. Rise of the Modern West (1453-1600), Part1, Teaching as a B.A module course since 2020.
5. History of Modern India, (1757-1857), Teaching as a B.A module course since 2009.
6. A critical survey of the Subaltern School, Annales School. Micro-History, Ph.D Course Work. Teaching since 2010.
7. Themes in Medieval India (1206-1707) Teaching as a B.A minor course since 2012.

8. Themes in Contemporary India, (1947-2001). Teaching as a B.A module minor course since 2012.
9. Themes in Contemporary World. Teaching as a B.A minor module course since 2016

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