

Curriculum Vitae of Dr. AJANTA BISWAS

Personal Details

Name: Dr. AJANTA BISWAS

Designation: Professor

Department: Department of History

Faculty: Faculty of Arts

University: Rabindra Bharati University



Former Positions held: Associate Professor, Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University.

Teaching Experience (in number of years): 20 Years.

Visiting fellow/ Professorships (National & International):

Educational Qualifications: Ph.D. in History, University of Calcutta.

Areas of Interest/Specialisation: Contemporary India, Socio-Political History of 19th and 20th Century Bengal, Gender Studies, History of Science and Medicine.

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1. Publications (give details in APA/ MLA style)

A. Book(s)/ Edited book(s)/ Monographs:

- Biswas, A. (2020). *From Hegemony to Decline: The Congress Politics in Undivided Bengal and West Bengal 1937-1967*. Kolkata: Progressive Publishers.
- Biswas, A. (Ed.). (2022). *A Collective Consciousness: Mass Awakening and Mass Resistance in Historical Perspective*. Kolkata: Progressive Publishers.

B. Journal edited:

- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board, *Modern Historical Studies*, A Peer-Reviewed Journal of the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, ISSN 0972-6756.

C. Article(s)/ Book Chapter(s):

English Article(s)

- Biswas, A. (2005). The Secondary Identity: Sakham Ganesh Deuskar and the Swadeshi Movement in Bengal. *Social Scientist*, 33(3-4), 66-73.
- Biswas, A. (2008). The Communist Challenge in Indonesia: From a Historical Hindsight. *Asian Studies*, XXVI(1), 38-47.
- Biswas, A. (2010-2011). Recent Trends in Urban History: A Study of the Eighteenth Century Murshidabad. *Modern Historical Studies* (A Refereed Journal of the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University), 7, 62-67.
- Biswas, A. (2016). Post Colonial Popular Protest: A Case Study of the Movement against Bengal Bihar Merger Proposal. *Modern Historical Studies* (A Refereed Journal of the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University), 11, 45-52.
- Biswas, A. (2018). A Study of the Political Changes in undivided Bengal and West Bengal (1937-1967). *International Journal of Advanced Research (IJAR)*, 6(9), 201-205.
- Biswas, A. (2018). Bengali Society and Its Conjugal Life in Late Colonial Period. *The Research Journal of Social Sciences*, X(VI), 383-390. (Jointly Written)
- Biswas, A. (2018). People's Uprisings against the Food Policy in West Bengal (1959 and 1966): A Reappraisal. *Modern Historical Studies* (A Refereed Journal of the Department of History), Rabindra Bharati University, 12, 1-15.
- Biswas, A. (2019). Bengal's Day of Challenge, Persistence and Sacrifice: A Brief Historical Study. *Manan* (A Multi-Disciplinary & Peer-Reviewed Journal), 9(1), 361-367.
- Biswas, A. (2019-2020). Supremacy or Decline: Histories and Literature on Congress Politics in Bengal (1937-1977). *Modern Historical Studies* (A Refereed Journal of the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University), 13-14, 11-21.
- Biswas, A. (2020). Jamini Sen: An Early Medical Practitioner's Journey. *Bengal: Past & Present* (Journal of the Calcutta Historical Society), 139, 70-85. (Jointly Written)

- Biswas, A. (2021). Books for Bullets: A Story of Resistance. *RBU Journal of Library & Information Science*, 1-6.
- Biswas, A. (2021). Significance of the Basics: Charlie Chaplin and the Culinary World. *Ebong Prantik* (An International Peer-Reviewed Multi-Disciplinary Journal), 8(17), 720-728. (Jointly Written)
- Biswas, A. (2022). Decoding Honour: In the name of Honour-Mukhtar Mai, the voice of Dissent. *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, 73-94. (Jointly Written)

Bengali Article(s)

- Biswas, A. (2017). BhasaBhittik Rajya Punorgathon Ebong Bangla Bihar Sanjuktikaraner Udyog O Parinati. *Nandan*, 52, 38-44.
- Biswas, A. (2018). Congress Rajnitir Rupantar: Oupanebashik Bangla O Uttar Oupanebashik Paschim Banga. *ITIKOTHA*, VI(2), 128-148.
- Biswas, A. (2018). Itihase Nagarayan: Rup-Rupantor. *Ebong Prantik*, 5(2), 113-125.
- Biswas, A. (2018). Jatiyo SangramerItihase Desher Kotha: Punorpath. *AntorjaticPathsala*, VII(2), 66-76.
- Biswas, A. (2019). UnobingshoShatake Banglar Dharmochinter Swarup: Prasango Ramakrishna Vivekanand Bhabandolon. *Rabindra Bharati Patrika*, 22(Rabindra Janmotsab), 89-100.
- Biswas, A. (2020). 1960-erDashoke Paschimbanger Pradesh Congress er Antardando: Birodhitar Samaj-Oykko. *Antarmukh*, 132-146.
- Biswas, A. (2020). Rastra Birodhi Janogon: Bharat Charo Andolon Ebong Bhinna Rajnitir Oyekko Prasango. *Antarmukh*, 9(3), 47-61.
- Biswas, A. (2021). Swadhinata Uttar Paschimbange Sharnarathi Andolon O Rajnoitik Patparibartan: Ekti Oitihasek Mulayan (1947-1967). *Rabindra Bharati Patrika*, 89-100.
- Biswas, A. (2022). Fire Dekha: Abibhakta Banglar Pradeshik Rajniti O Deshbhag (1946-1947). *Itikotha*, 153-173.
- Biswas, A. Banga Vanger Prathamdin. *Itihas Anusandhan*, 21, 460-463.
- Biswas, A. Bangladesher Muktiyuddho Chalakalin Paschimbange Swaranathider Abostha: Ekti Oitihasek Parjalochona. *Rabindra Bharati Patrika*, 68-80. (Jointly Written)

Book Chapter(s)

- Biswas, A. (2013). Dhaniakhali & Kanchanpalli or Kanchrapara. In R. Chakrabarti (Ed.), *Dictionary of Historical Places Bengal, 1757-1947* (pp. 180-181 & 331-332). New Delhi: Primus Books.

D. Translations work(s):

E. Article(s) in Newspaper/ Magazine:

- Biswas, A. (2020, March 7). Science of breaking glass ceiling. *Times of India*, p. 8. (Women's Day Special)
- Biswas, A. (2023, March 10). Taar Namei Nakhtrer Naam. *Anandabazar Patrika*.

F. Exhibition Catalogue(s)/ Exhibition review(s):

G. Script/ Adaptation work/Director's note/ Drama Pamphlet:

2. Papers Presented in National/ International Seminars/Conferences:

- Presented a Paper entitled "*The Spark that a Pen Ignited: Contribution of Desher Katha in the Nationalist Movement – An Appraisal*" in a Two Day UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar and Workshop on "Revisiting the Struggle for Indian Independence and its Historiography" organised by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, held on 2nd & 3rd March, 2023.
- Presented a paper entitled '*Demolished or Divided: Histories on the Great Calcutta Killings of 1946*' in the two-day International Seminar on "Situating Memories: Political Violence in Colonial and Post Colonial India" sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research and the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 28-29 March, 2019.
- Presented a paper entitled "*Anti Imperialist Movement in 1942: Role of the Bengal Provincial Congress*" in the two-day-long International Seminar on "Revisiting 1942" organized by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 20th and 21st March, 2018.
- Presented a paper entitled "*Adhunik Nagar O Nagarik Itihascharchar Kichu Dik: Ekti Oitihasek Bislesan*" on 25th January, 2018 in the Modern India Section in the XXXIV Annual Conference of Paschimbanga Itihas

Samsad held from 24th to 26th January, 2018 at School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University.

- Presented a paper entitled "*Transition in Congress Politics: The Perpetual Change in undivided Bengal and West Bengal*" in Section III: Modern India in the 78th Session of the Indian History Congress held at Jadavpur University on 28-30 December 2017
- Presented a paper entitled "*Paschimbanglar Pradesh Congress e Ginger Gosthir Utthan: Ekti Oitihashik Parjalochona*" in the Modern India section in the xxxii Annual Conference of Paschimbhanga ItihasSamsad held from 24th to 26th January, 2016 at Derozio Memorial College, Rajarhat-Gopalpur, North 24 Paraganas.
- Presented paper entitled "*Desher Katha: A bridge between literature and history*" in the 4th International Congress of Bengal Studies, held during 12th- 13th December 2015, in the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan.
- Presented a paper entitled "*Ideologies of Ambedkar through his writings*" in the two-day UGC sponsored National level seminar on 'Jawaharlal Nehru and B.R. Ambedkar in Light of 125th Birth Anniversary: Convergence, Conflict and Charisma' organized by the Department of History in collaboration with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University, held on 26-27 March 2015.
- Presented a paper entitled "*Identical Crisis in Provincial Congress Politics of West Bengal, 1947-1967*" in the UGC sponsored Two-day International Seminar organized by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University on 5th and 6th March 2012.
- Presented a paper entitled "*The Partition of Bengal: A Study of Politics of Bengal Provincial Congress (1945-1947)*" in UGC sponsored National Seminar organized by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University on 2nd and 3rd March 2011.
- Presented a paper entitled "*Post Colonial Factionalism in Congress politics: A Case Study of West Bengal, 1947-1967*" in UGC sponsored National Seminar organized by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University on 9th March 2010.

- Presented a paper entitled “1947 – in Historical Perspective” in UGC-sponsored National Seminar organized by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University on 24th February 2006.

3. Invited Speaker / Resource Person / Chaired Sessions in National/ International Seminars/ Conferences/ Conventions/ Workshops/ FDPs etc.:

- Acted as a Session Chairman for a technical session in the Second Annual International Conference on *State, Society & Culture in India Through the Ages*, organised by the Garia Society for Studies of Marginal People (GSSMP) in collaboration with the Department of History, Aliah University, on 27th and 28th January, 2024, at Aliah University.
- Acted as a Session Chairman in one of the panels in the One-Day Internal Conference on *Society & Culture of Bengal Through the Ages* organised by the Garia Society for Studies of Marginal People (GSSMP) in collaboration with the Department of History, Gobardanga Hindu College, on 5th May, 2023, at Gobardanga Hindu College, Khantura, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India.
- Chaired Student Session in the Two-Day-long International Seminar on “New Paradigm of Social and Cultural History; Colonial and Post-Colonial India” organised by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, on 30th and 31st January 2024.
- Acted as a Resource Person in a two-day International Webinar on Bengal-Paradigms and Perspectives in History organised by Gour Mohan Sachin Mandal Mahavidyalaya, Department of History, in collaboration with IQAC from 29th September to 30th September, 2020. Presented a paper on “Provincial Politics in Bengal from 1937 to 1947: A Study” in this seminar on 29th September 2020.
- Acted as a Chairperson in a two-day International Webinar on Bengal-Paradigms and Perspectives in History organised by Gour Mohan Sachin Mandal Mahavidyalaya, Department of History, in collaboration with IQAC on 30th September, 2020.
- Guest of Honour Speech on ‘Women Empowerment’ at Aditya Birla Vani Bharati, Higher Secondary English Medium School on 26th January, 2020.

- Chaired a Research Scholars Session in the two-day International Seminar on “Situating Memories: Political Violence in Colonial and Post Colonial India” sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research and the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 28-29 March, 2019.
- Chaired a session of the IQAC-sponsored International Seminar on “The Bangladesh Liberation War: A Retrospect” organised by the Department of History, Raja Rammohun Roy Mahavidyalaya, Radhanagar, Hooghly, West Bengal, India on 11th May, 2018.

4. Organised Seminar/ Conferences/ Exhibitions/ Workshops/FIP/ FDPs etc.:

- Joint Co-ordinator of the Two-Day long International Seminar on “New Paradigm of Social and Cultural History; Colonial and Post-Colonial India” organised by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, on 30th and 31st January 2024.
- Joint Co-ordinator of the two-day International Seminar on “Situating Memories: Political Violence in Colonial and Post Colonial India” sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research and the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 28-29 March, 2019.
- Joint Coordinator of the two-day-long International Seminar on “Revisiting 1942” organized by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 20th and 21st March, 2018.
- Joint Coordinator of the two-day UGC sponsored International Seminar on “Partition and its Aftermath: In Retrospect” organized by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 21st and 22nd March, 2017.
- Organised a UGC sponsored National Seminar in the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, on “Colonial and Post-Colonial Eastern India: New Perspectives” held on 2nd and 3rd March 2011.
- Member of the organisation team in “Capacity building of women managers in higher education” organised by Rabindra Bharati University in January 2008.

5. Participated in Seminars/ Conferences/ Exhibitions/ Workshops:

- Participated in the UGC-Sponsored Workshop on MOOCs, E-Content Development and Open Education Resources organised by University Grants Commission Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), University of Calcutta, from 19th March 2019 to 25th March 2019.
- Participated in the UGC - Sponsored Short Term Course in Digital India organised by UGC Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), University of Calcutta, from 21st December 2018 to 27th December 2018.
- Participated in the Two-Week Course on Feminist Research Methodology organized by the Women's Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University, with support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research- Eastern Regional Centre (ICSSR-ERC), spanning 2nd April, 2018 to 13th April, 2018 at the Jorasanko Campus of the University.
- Participated in the workshop on 'Research Methodology for Indological Studies' held from September 19-26, 2016, at the Asiatic Society, Kolkata
- Participated in the two-day workshop on 'Research Methodology of Ancient Indian History Writing: Epigraphy as a Tool and Source' held under the auspices of The Asiatic Society and in collaboration with UGC DSA Programme, Dept of History, Jadavpur University during 14th -15th September, 2016.
- Participated in the day-long workshop on 'Perceiving and Pursuing Indian Environmental History: Recent Trends and Trajectories', reflecting on the existing literature, research methodologies, and future possible lines of inquiry, organized by the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata on June 5th, 2015.
- Participated in the week-long workshop on 'Quantitative Methods for Researchers in Social Sciences' organized by the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata during October 27-31, 2014.
- Participated in the UGC sponsored Refresher Course in History conducted by the Academic Staff College, University of Calcutta, and Department of History during the period of December 27th, 2012, to January 16th, 2013, University of Calcutta, and obtained Grade A.

- Participated in the UGC sponsored Refresher Course in History conducted by the Academic Staff College, University of Calcutta, and Department of History, University of Calcutta during the period of January 28, 2009, to February 18, 2009, and obtained Grade A.
- Participated in the ICHR-sponsored Three-Day National Level Workshop on ‘Mughal India’ organized by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, held on 29-31 March 2008.
- Participated in the UGC sponsored Orientation Program (OP71) organised by the Academic Staff College, University of Calcutta, from July 18 to August 14, 2007, and obtained Grade A.

6. Programmes/ Performances (online or offline) Participated/ Organised:

7. Artist Camp / Artist Residences Participated/ Organised:

8. No. of Research Project(s): Completed: 02 (Two) Ongoing:01 (One)

9. Mention the Details of Research Project(s):

- Completed University Research Project (URP) entitled “Retrieving the Lost Glory of Ayurveda: A Historical Analysis of Publications in Vernacular in Bengal During the Period from Late 19th Century to Early 20th Century,” approved by Rabindra Bharati University on March 14, 2022. (Duration One Year)
- Completed Research Project entitled “From Girlhood to Womanhood; Menarche: Taboos, Stigmas and Transcendence: A Case Study on North 24 Parganas” has been sanctioned by the Indian Council of Social Science Research –ERC on 17-01-2024 (Duration one year).
- Ongoing University Interdisciplinary Research Project (URIP) entitled “Paschimbanger Rajnoitik Ghatanapropahe Bangla Sambadpatrer Bhumika : Ekti Oitihāsik Parjalochona (1947 -1977)” has been sanctioned by Rabindra Bharati University on 30th April 2025.

10. No. of Ph.D. Guidance: Awarded: 08 (Eight) Ongoing: 04 (Four)

11. No. of M.Phil. Guidance: 20 (Twenty)

12.

Till date participated in Faculty Development Programs(FDP) (RC/ OP/ FIP/ Short Term Course) (online or offline) (Add rows below if required):

Sl. No.	Title or Theme of the FDP	Name of the Organizer	Place of the FDP	Start date (dd/mm/yyyy)	End date (dd/mm/yyyy)
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13. Responsibilities and Experiences in Academic Administration:

A. Within the Campus:

- Currently serving as Head of the Department in the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University.
- Member of the Post-Graduate Board of Studies in History, Rabindra Bharati University.
- Member of the Undergraduate Board of Studies in History, Rabindra Bharati University.

B. Beyond Campus:

- Member of the UG Board of Studies in the Department of History, West Bengal State University.
- Member of the UG Board of Studies in the Department of History, Diamond Harbour Women's University.
- Former Member of the Undergraduate Board of Study in History, University of Kalyani.

14. Achievements as Teacher / Performer:

- Supervised 08 Ph.D. Candidates.
- Supervised 20 M.Phil. Candidates.

15. Patents/ Awards/ Recognitions:

16. Other Academic Activities (if any):

- Recipient of the **Charles Wallace India Trust (UK)** short research grant in 2019.
- Received **UGC** sponsored **Foreign Travel Grant** from Rabindra Bharati University for attending the 4th International Congress of Bengal Studies, held

during 12th- 13th December 2015, at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan.

- Recipient of the **Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), Foreign Travel & Maintenance Grant (FTG)** for data collection abroad in 2007.