

Curriculum Vitae

KUNAL DEBNATH, PhD

Assistant Professor of Political Science

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❖ Personal Information

Date of Birth : June 4, 1986.

❖ Contact Information

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❖ Qualifications

M.A. : 2008 from The University of Burdwan, Sub: Political Science with specialization in Political Sociology.

B.A. (Hons.) : 2006 from Rampurhat College, The University of Burdwan with Honours in Political Science

❖ Professional Qualifications

B.L.I.S. : 2011 from The University of Burdwan

B.Ed. : 2010 from The University of Burdwan

❖ Research

Awarded a PhD in Political Science by Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, in November 2022.

Title of the Thesis: “The Past Constituting the Present: A Comparative Study of the ‘Naths’ of West Bengal and Assam”.

❖ Areas of Interest

Political Theory, Political Sociology, Comparative Politics, State Politics in India.

❖ Language Known

Bengali (Mother tongue), English (Read, Write, and Speak), Hindi (Speak).

❖ Teaching Experiences

1. Institution : **Rabindra Bharati University**, Kolkata – 700050, India
Position : Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Tenure : From April 12, 2019 to Present.
Promoted to Assistant Professor (Stage – II) w.e.f. 04.08.2020.
2. Institution : **Kazi Nazrul University**, Asansol – 713340, WB., India
Position : Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
Tenure : From September 1, 2015 to April 11, 2019.
3. Institution : **Murshidabad Adarsha Mahavidyalaya** (Govt. Aided), WB.
Position : Assistant Professor of Political Science
Tenure : From August 4, 2014 to August 31, 2015.

4. Institution : **Majhira Noorani High Madrasah (H.S.)**, (Govt. Aided),
Murshidabad, WB.
Position : Assistant Teacher of Political Science
Tenure : From July 18, 2011 to August 3, 2014.
5. Institution : **Sofia Girls' College**, Nalhati, Birbhum, WB.
Position : Part-Time Lecturer, Dept. of Political Science
Tenure : From July 1, 2010 to July 16, 2011.

❖ **Administrative Experiences**

1. Coordinator, Department of Political Science, Kazi Nazrul University, from May 16, 2016 to May 4, 2018.
2. Superintendent of Boys' Hostel, Kazi Nazrul University from January 1, 2017 to April 8, 2019.
3. Member of the UGBoS and PGBoS in Political Science), Kazi Nazrul University, 2015-2019.
4. Member of the Syllabus Committee in Political Science (PG & UG), Kazi Nazrul University, 2016-2018.
5. Member of the Faculty Council of Post Graduate Studies in Arts, Kazi Nazrul University, from May 16, 2016 to May 4, 2018.
6. Member of the Board of Studies in Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University from 12 April, 2019 to present.

❖ **Select Publications**

Journal articles

1. "LGBT Identity: The Illustration of 'Othering' in India". *Sexuality, Gender, and Policy*, 1(1), 2017, pp. 89-100. Policy Studies Organization, US, and John Wiley & Sons, Inc. <https://doi.org/10.18278/sgp.1.1.6> (SCOPUS and UGC CARE II).
2. "LGBTQ Movement in India: A Post-Civil Society Resistance?". *The West Bengal Political Science Review*, XX, 2018, pp. 103-124.
3. "Ambedkar's Ideas of Nation-Building in India". *Studies in People's History*, 5(1), 2018, pp. 104-110. SAGE. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2348448918759875>. (SCOPUS, Web of Science, and UGC CARE II).
4. "Message of Sri Ramakrishna and Revisiting the Indian Society", *SSRN Electronic Journal*, 2018. <https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3823190>.
5. "Why State Intervention is required for Corporate Social Responsibility? An Indian Experience". *Amity Journal of Corporate Governance*, 4(1), 2019, pp. 28-42. (Co-authored).
6. "The Empirical Illusion and Reconsidering the Essence of 'the Political'". *The Indian Journal of Political Science*, 80 (3), 2019, pp. 375-382. (Co-authored). (UGC CARE I).
7. "Radical-Pragmatic Debate over Reservation: A Study of the Naths of West Bengal and Assam". *Explorations – E-journal of the Indian Sociological Society*, 4 (1), 2020, pp. 135-148. (UGC CARE I).

8. "Populist Mobilization, Role of Political Elites and Anti-Centre Leanings in Contemporary Tamil Politics in India", *SSRN Electronic Journal*, 2020. <https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3863839>.
9. "Revisiting Political Theory: Beyond Excessive Empiricism and Extreme Normativism". *International Journal of Research -GRANTHAALAYAH*, 9(3), 2021, pp. 47-55. <https://doi.org/10.29121/granthaalayah.v9.i3.2021.3743>. (Co-authored).
10. "Introspecting the Relation between Ethics and Politics: Key Concerns and Future Ahead". *Ebong Prantik*, 8 (17), 2021, pp. 710-719. (Co-authored).
11. "The Uyghurs of Xinjiang: Politics of Identity and Internal Colonialism", *Journal of Kolkata Society for Asian Studies*, 7(1), 2021, pp. 146-165 (Co-authored) (UGC CARE I),
12. "Reconsidering the Research Ethics in Social Sciences". *Academia Letters*, Article No. 1718, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.20935/AL1718>. (Co-authored).
13. "Populism in Electoral Politics: What We Learnt from the West Bengal Assembly Elections 2021", *Academia Letters*, Article No. 2855, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.20935/AL2855>. (Co-authored).
14. "The Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar: A Geo-Strategic Interpretation", *International Journal on Minority and Group Rights*, 29(5), 2022, pp. 825-848. Brill. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15718115-bja10075>. (Co-authored). (SCOPUS, Web of Science, and UGC CARE II).
15. "Reappraising B. R. Ambedkar's Thoughts of Inclusive Indian Nation", *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, 14(2), 2022, pp. 136-145. SAGE, <https://doi.org/10.1177/2455328X211025785>. (SCOPUS, Web of Science, UGC CARE II).
16. "Natural Resources and Ethnic Conflict: A Geo-strategic Understanding of the Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar", *Jadavpur Journal of International Relations*, 26(2), 2022, pp. 186-207. SAGE. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09735984221120309>. (Co-authored). (UGC CARE I).
17. "Conceptualizing the Perspectives to the Study of Caste and the Debates over Reservation in India: A Critical Enquiry", *Perspectives*, 1(1), 2022, pp. 31-37. <https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4152318>. (Co-authored).
18. "Book review: Sekhar Bandyopadhyay and Tanika Sarkar (Eds), *Caste in Bengal: Histories of Hierarchy, Exclusion, and Resistance*. Permanent Black, 2022, ₹1495, x+605 pp. ISBN: 9788178246512 (Hardback)", *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, 2022, SAGE. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2455328X221135243>.

Seminar Proceedings

1. "Plurality and National Integrity in India: Barriers and Remedies". In S. Kamaljee (Ed.) *National Integration* (Seminar Proceedings) (pp. 36-43). Ranchi, India: Institute for Social Development and Research, 2016.

Chapters in Books

1. "Rajnoitik Unnoyan". In S. Roy (Ed.), *Rajnoitik Samajtattwer Itibrittato: Tattwo O Proyog* (pp. 32-42). Burdwan, India: Avenel Press, 2017.
2. "Sri Aurobindo-er Rajnoitik, Darshonik O Adhyatmik Chinta" in A. Mitra (Ed.), *Bharatiyo Rashtrochinta: Kautilya Theke Amartya Sen*, pp. 209-222. Kolkata, India: Progressive Publishers, 2020.

3. “Chakma Refugee in Arunachal Pradesh: Their Inclusion and Setback”. In S. K. Das & N. Chowdhary (Eds.), *Refugee Crises and Third-world Economies: Policies and Perspectives* (137-148). Bingley, England: Emerald Publishing Limited, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1108/978-1-83982-190-520201015>. (Co-authored).

News Papers

1. “Biswayon: Sufal O Kufal” in *Uttar Banga Sambad*, Page – 7, May 25th, 2016.
2. An Interview published in News Paper: *Uttar Banga Sambad*, Page-7 on 1st March 2017.
3. “Marxio Rashtrattwo”, in *Uttar Banga Sambad*, Page – 7, December 6th, 2017.

❖ Invited Lectures as Resource Person

1. **‘Socialist Approach to the Study of Political Science’**, organized by the Department of Political Science, Pandaveswar College on 11th January, 2017.
2. **‘Politics of “Othering”: Contemporary Indian Feminism’**, organized by the Department of Political Science, Durgapur Government College on 25th January, 2017.
3. **‘Ambedkar and Nation-building in India’**, in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on ‘Relevance of D.R. Ambedkar’s Vision and Mission: Present Scenario’ organized by Abhedananda Mahavidyalaya, Sainthia, Birbhum on 11th March, 2017.
4. **‘Administrative Corruption in India: Problems and Proposed Remedies’** in Departmental Seminar on ‘Administrative Corruption: Reflection on Problems and Potential Solutions’, organized by the Department of Political Science, Krishnath College, Berhampore on 26th April, 2017.
5. **Lecture delivered in Personal Contact Programme (PCP)** in P.G. 1st year, Political Science as Resource Person in Directorate of Distance Education, The University of Burdwan on 15th May, 2017.
6. **‘Political Development or Politics of Development?’** in Departmental Seminar on ‘Modernization and Dependency: An Alternative Perspective to the Study of Developing Countries’, organized by the IQAC and Department of Political Science, Durgapur Government College on 1st September, 2017.
7. **‘Resurgence of Dravida Nadu! A Potential Challenge to the Indian Polity’** in National Seminar on Trends and Challenges in Indian Polity since 1990s, organized by Kazi Nazrul Islam Mahavidyalaya, Churulia, Paschim Bardhaman, on 12th April, 2018.
8. **‘What is Politics and the Political’** in a state Level Seminar organized by Plassey College, Nadia, 31st August, 2018.
9. **‘Theorizing the Postmodern: The New Ways of Interpreting the World’** in a State Level Seminar organized by R. B. C. Evening College, Naihati, N. 24 PGNS, on 31st August, 2018.
10. **‘Socio-Political Philosophy and Contemporary Contentions in Society’** in a State Level Seminar organized by R. B. C. Evening College, Naihati, N. 24 PGNS, on 7th September, 2018.
11. **‘Kautilya and His Seven Pillars of Statecraft’** in a State level Online Value-added Course organized jointly by the Department of Philosophy, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, West Bengal, on 25th and 26th June, 2020.
12. **‘Gandhian Narratives of Modernity and Present-Day World Situation’** in a State Level Webinar organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Chapra Bangalji Mahavidyalaya, Bangalji, Nadia, WB. on 15th August, 2020.

13. '***Social Exclusion of the Householder Naths of Bengal***' in an International Conference on Global Contribution of Nath Panth, organized by Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, UP, on 20th – 22nd March, 2021.
14. '***Subalternity, Exclusion, and the Marginalized Communities in India***' in a National Level Webinar organized by SALS, Department of Sociology, VET Institute of Arts and Science, Erode, Tamil Nadu, on 6th August 2021.
15. '***Research Ethics in Social Sciences and Writing Research Papers***' in a State-level Webinar organized by Political Science Study Circle, Kolkata, on 16th January, 2022.
16. '***Ambedkar's Ideas of Nation-building in India***' in a State-level Webinar on Relevance of Ambedkar's Ideas for Contemporary India, organized by Political Science Study Circle, Kolkata, on 20th April, 2022.
17. '***Kautilya and His Seven Pillars of Statecraft***' in a State level Online Value-added Course organized jointly by the Department of Philosophy and Centre for Studies in Ethics and Socio-political Philosophy, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, West Bengal, on 18th and 19th June, 2022.
18. '***Gandhi, the Critique of Modernity, and the 21st Century***' in ICSSR-ERC sponsored two-day International Level Conference on Debating Gandhi in 21st Century India, organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal, India on 10th and 11th November, 2022.

❖ Extended Lectures

1. Extended Lecture delivered on **Postmodern Philosophy** in Semester – IV, Department of Philosophy, Kazi Nazrul University, in the academic session 2017-18.
2. Extended Lecture delivered on **J.S. Mill's text 'On Liberty'** in Semester – III, Department of Philosophy, Kazi Nazrul University, in the academic session 2017-18.
3. Had been appointed to cover some portions of PG course in the Department of Women's Studies, The University of Burdwan as Guest Lecturer in the academic session 2018-19.

❖ Research Talk

1. "**Social Normativism and the Politics of Identity**", in 6th KNU Research Talk organized by the Kazi Nazrul University Research Talk Group on 22nd November, 2017.

❖ Organized Seminar/Conference/Workshop

1. Acted as **Convenor** in One-Day State Level Workshop on "**UG Syllabus in Political Science under CBCS Pattern**", organized by the Department of Political Science, KNU, on 28th August, 2017.
2. Acted as **Coordinator** in Two-Day National Level Seminar on "**Use of Scientific and Technical Terminology in Political Science**", sponsored by the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, MHRD, Government of India, organized by the Department of Political Science, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, on 3rd and 4th January, 2018.

❖ Paper Presented/Participated in Seminar/Conference/Workshop

1. Presented a paper on '***Subaltern Studies is a New Horizon in Political Science***' in 16th Annual Conference of the West Bengal Political Science Association at University of Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal, on 21st and 22nd March, 2015.
2. Presented a paper on '***LGBT Movement in India: An Outline***' in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Social Movements in India: Their Impact on Society and Polity', organized by Berhampore College, Murshidabad, W.B. on 2nd and 3rd May, 2015.

3. Presented a paper on '**Plurality and National Integrity in India: Barriers and Remedies**' in 7th National Seminar on 'National Integration: Barriers and Remedies' organized by Institute for Social Development and Research, Ranchi, Jharkhand on 4th – 6th April, 2015
4. Presented a paper on '**LGBT Rights: The Politics of Otherness in India**' in National Seminar on 'Recent Trends in Indian Politics' at the Department of Political Science, University of Gour Banga, Malda, W.B. on 22nd January, 2016.
5. Presented a paper on '**LGBT Identity: The Illustration of 'Othering' in India**' in ICSSR Funded National Seminar on 'Identity and Security in India in the Era of Globalization' organized by the Department of Political Science, The University of Burdwan, W.B. on 17th and 18th March, 2016.
6. Presented a paper on '**Good Governance: Theory and Practice in India**' in 9th International Seminar on 'Good Governance' organized by Institute for Social Development and Research, Ranchi, Jharkhand on 23rd – 25th April, 2016.
7. Presented a paper on "**'Othering' within the 'Other': A Subtle Politics in Society**" in International Seminar on 'Social Stratification and Political Transformation: Rethinking Indian Democracy' organized by the Department of Political Science, Bankura University in Collaboration with ICSSR, New Delhi, on 10th and 11th November, 2016.
8. Presented a paper on '**Social Exclusion in Undivided Bengal: A Case Study of the Yogi Community in the Late-Twelfth Century**' in International Seminar on 'Social Exclusion and Development' organized by Institute of Social Research and Applied Anthropology, Bidisha, Fulgeria, Pashchim Medinipur, West Bengal on 4th and 5th December, 2016.
9. Participated in a one-day **State Level UGC Sponsored Seminar** on 'Intellectual Freedom and the State' on 20th February, 2017, organized by the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.
10. Presented a paper on '**Democracy in India: A Competitive-Conflict Model of Democracy!**' in 18th Annual Conference of the West Bengal Political Science Association, jointly organized by the WBPSA and the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on 4th and 5th March, 2017.
11. Presented a paper on '**Human Rights and Politics of Identity: A Case of the Nath Community**' in Three-Day National Workshop cum Orientation Programme on 'Rethinking Marginality: Conjunctions and Contradictions', organized by Women's Studies Center, Department of Human Rights and Human Development and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University, supported by ICSSR-ERC on 29th to 31st March, 2017.
12. Presented a paper on '**Social Exclusion of the Nath Community: From Interdisciplinary Perspective**', in UGC Sponsored Seven-Day Research Workshop Programme (6th Phase) on "Breaking the Borders of Conventional Research: An Inter-disciplinary Approach", organized by Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, on 22nd to 28th May, 2017.
13. Presented a paper on '**Rethinking Marginality: From Binary to Multinary Point of View**', in Two-day International Seminar on "Challenges to Indian Polity: Concepts and Issues", organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Gour Banga, Malda, West Bengal on 20th and 21st July, 2017.
14. Presented a paper on '**West Bengal and Bangladesh: Cultural Unification vs. Nationalist Bifurcation**', in International Seminar on "Indo-Bangladesh Relations in the

- 21st Century”, organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal in collaboration with ICWA, ICSSR, and MAKAIAS on 8th to 10th November, 2017.
15. Participated as a **Discussant** in a daylong National Level Roundtable on “Etienne Balibar and Immanuel Wallerstein’s *Race, Nation, Class: Ambiguous Identities*”, jointly organized by the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, and Calcutta Research Group on 11th January, 2018.
 16. Presented a paper on **‘Message of Sri Ramakrishna and Revisiting Indian Society’**, in UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on “The Idea of India in the Mind of Bangalee Intellectuals”, organized by the Department of History, Bengali and Political Science, Serampore Girls College in collaboration with Corpus Research Institute and Savitri Girls’ College, on 30th and 31st January 2018.
 17. Presented a paper on **‘Social Normativism and Resistance: From Liberal to Postmodern Feminism’**, in International Seminar on “Women, Society and Politics: A Study on Indian and Bangladesh”, organized by MAKAIAS in collaboration with Karimpur Pannadevi College, Nadia, and association with Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh, on 24th and 25th April, 2018.
 18. Presented a paper on **‘Mapping B. R. Ambedkar’s Ideas of Inclusive Indian Nation’** in Two-day National Level Seminar on “Nationalist Discourse on Inclusion”, organized by Centre for the Gandhi and Peace Studies, School of Social Sciences, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, on 4th and 5th August, 2018.
 19. Participated in the Workshop on "Social Science Research: Methods and Problems", organised by Council for Political Studies and the Department of Political Science, Presidency University on 13th March, 2019.
 20. Presented a paper on **‘Caste, Marginalization, and the Naths of Bengal’** in ICSSR-ERC sponsored Two-day National Seminar on “Envisioning India in the Future World Order”, organized by the West Bengal Political Science Association in collaboration with St. Paul’s Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata on 30th and 31st March, 2019.
 21. Presented a paper on **‘Radical-Pragmatic Debate over Reservation: A Study of the Naths in West Bengal and Assam’** in Two-day National Seminar on “Revisiting Reservation Policy in India”, organized by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, on 29th and 30th November, 2019.
 22. Participated in a State-level Webinar on “Sammukh Samare Dragon-Oirabot: Bharot-Chin Samporker Bartaman Goti-prokriti”, organized by Department of Political Science & IQAC Maharani Kasiswari College, Kolkata, on 18th August, 2020.
 23. Participated in the Two-Day International Webinar on “Dissent and Democracy: Critical Perspectives”, organized by Rabindra Bharati University Teachers’ Association, held at Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, on the 8th and 9th November, 2021.
 24. Participated in the International Seminar on “75 Years of Indian Independence” organized by West Bengal Political Science Association in collaboration with Maharaja Manindra Chandra College, Kolkata, on 4th June, 2022.
 25. Presented a paper on **‘Apolitical Community and Elections: A Comparative Study of Nath Community in Assam and West Bengal’** in ICSSR sponsored two-day National Seminar on “Issues of Democracy and Governance in Elections at the State and National

Level in India”, organized by Madhya Pradesh Institute of Social Science Research (An Institute of ICSSR), Ujjain, on 28th and 29th July, 2022.

❖ **Affiliation to the Professional Bodies**

1. West Bengal Political Science Association (Life member).
2. Council for Political Studies, Kolkata (Life member).
3. Bengal Institute of Political Studies (Life member).

❖ **Web Links**

1. RBU Website : <https://rbu.ac.in/home/page/178>
2. Google Scholar : https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=_Gtx-CwAAAAJ&hl=en
3. ResearchGate : https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Kunal_Debnath3
4. Academia : <https://rbu.academia.edu/KunalDebnath>
5. ORCID : <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4448-0969>
6. Researcher ID : <https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/AAG-9033-2019>
7. SCOPUS : <https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?authorId=57225905734>
8. SSRN : https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=4269998