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Academic qualifications: M.A. Ph.D.

Present position: Professor, Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, India (since December 1, 2006)

President, Institute for Development Studies, Kolkata (IDSK)

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Areas of special interest

- South Asian and global politics
- Refugee and migration studies
- Epistemic justice
- Sociology of Labour
- Indian foreign policy and relations

Administrative experience

- Vice Chancellor, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, India, from July 24, 2012 – March 01, 2023
- Head, Department of Political Science, 2010-2012; 2000-2002

Awards/Fellowships

- Visiting Fellow, IWM (Institute für die Wissenschaft vom Menschen), Vienna, Austria, 2023
- Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 2018
- Visiting Fellow, Peace Research Institute, Oslo, 2012
- Visiting Fellow, Brunel Law School, 2010
- Fellow, Salzburg Programme, 1996

Teaching experience

- Professor in the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta since December 1, 2006 to till date
- Reader in the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta from November 16, 2000 – November 30, 2006
- Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta from September 19, 1998 to November 16, 2000
- Lecturer in the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta from June 30, 1993 to September 18, 1998
- Lecturer in the Department of Political Science, PanskuraBanamali College, Midnapore, West Bengal from September 19, 1990 to June 29, 1993

Other teaching assignments

- Taught a course on the “Global Protection of Refugees in South Asia” for the students of EMMIR (European Master in Migration and Intercultural Studies) in September 2023
- Tutor of Module on “Globalisation and Migrant Economy with Special Focus on Labour and Platform Economy” in the Seventh Annual International Winter Workshop on Global Protection of Migrants and Refugees held in November 2022 at Kolkata

Select publications

Books

- Co-edited *The Rohingya in South Asia: The People without A State*, (Abingdon: Routledge 2018)
- Co-edited *Rights after Globalization*, (New Delhi: Sage, 2011)
- Co-edited *Internal Displacement in South Asia: The Relevance of UN Guiding Principles*, (New Delhi: Sage 2005)

Articles

- “Governance of Migration in South Asia: The Need for a Decolonial Approach”, Chapter 4, in Tamar Mayer and Trinh Tran (eds.),

Displacement, Belonging, and Migrant Agency in the Face of Power (Abingdon: Routledge 2022), pp. 78-91, [ISBN 9780367772932]

- "The Test of Time: Reconceiving the Limitations of the 1951 Refugee Convention", in A. B. Ray Chaudhury (ed.), *Revisiting the 1951 Refugee Convention: Exploring Global Perspectives*, (New Delhi: ORF and Global Policy Journal 2022), pp. 13-18 [ISBN 978-93-90494-64-4]
- "Afghanistan: Niskorshi Arthoniti Bonam Manob Biporjoy" (in Bengali) (Afghanistan: Extractive Economy versus Human Disaster), *Anushtup*, Vol. LVI, No. 1, 2021, pp. 647-57
- "Dispossession, Un-freedom, Precarity: Negotiating Citizenship Laws in Postcolonial South Asia", *South Atlantic Quarterly*, January 2021; 120 (1): 209–219. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1215/00382876-8795866>
- "Statelessness, International Conventions and the Need for New Initiatives? Addressing the New Frontiers of Statelessness", *Migration and Governance V, Policies and Practices 102*, (Kolkata: Calcutta Research Group 2018)
- Co-edited a report entitled *Rohingyas: The Emergence of a Stateless Community*, (Kolkata: Calcutta Research Group, 2015)
- "Deciphering the Electoral Genome in India", in *Scienza & Politica*, VOL. 23, 2011

Participation in seminars/conferences

International level

- Delivered a lecture on "Crossing Boundaries of Epistemic Injustice in Refugee Studies" in an international seminar on Negotiating Lives in the Context of Borders, Citizenship and Forced Displacement in South Asia, organized by the Department of Political Science, Centre for Distance and Online Education, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, India on December 8, 2023
- Delivered keynote address on "Postcolonial Perspectives and Epistemic Justice in Refugee Studies" in an international Ph.D. Scholar Conference on Researching Sensitive Subjects and Fragile Lives: Amplifying Voices and Cultivating Epistemic Justice through Innovative Research Methods,

organised jointly by the Protracted Crisis Research Centre, University of the West of Scotland, the Global Refugee Health Research Network, University of Edinburgh, Northumbria University, Robert Gordon University, Edinburgh Napier University and Artistic Director at the Itinerants by on December 6, 2023

- Delivered a Special Lecture on “Platformed Precarity: A Tale of Two Cities in India” in the Eighth Annual International Conference entitled ‘War, Climate Disaster and Displacement: Call for New Protection Strategies’ organised at Kolkata, India by Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia and IWM (Institute für die Wissenschaft vom Menschen) Vienna, on November 18, 2023
- Participated in an international conference at Vienna on Keywords in Refugee and Migration Studies organized by IWM (Institute für die Wissenschaft vom Menschen), Vienna, Austria on October 13, 2023.
- Presented a paper on “The Anatomy of A Crisis: Refuges from Bengal in the Andaman Islands” in a workshop on ‘Crisis Conjuncture and Biopolitics from Below’ organized by Institute of Studies Advanced D’ Aix-Marseille Université in collaboration with Ecolesdes Hautesen Sciences Sociales, Université a Marseille, France, on June 19, 2023
- Presided over a seminar lecture at the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta, delivered by Jeremy Rinker, Director, School of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of North Carolina, Greensboro on March 11, 2023
- Moderated a lecture by Joyce C.H. Liu and Jonathan S. Parhusip on “A Critical Genealogy of the Forced Migratory Labour in the Asian Mediterranean Sea” on November 18, 2022 at Seventh International Critical Studies Conference on Migrant Asias: Refugees, Statelessness and Migrant Labour Regimes held at Kolkata
- Delivered a lecture (online) on “Coloniality of Migration: Link between Colonial Dispossession and Displacement, Inequality and Population Transfer” at the University of Applied Arts, Vienna on November 8, 2022
- Presented a paper on “Journey to Precarity and Unfreedom through Digitized Borders” in an international conference on Digitized

Migrants organized by Migration Research Centre at Koc University, Istanbul (MiREKoc) in collaboration with Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (Institute for Human Sciences), Vienna on September 16, 2022

State-level

- Delivered an invited lecture on “Neoliberalism and The Quest for Justice” in an international seminar on Dual Missions of Research and Teaching: a Holistic View of Higher Education organized by the Research Cell and IQAC of Serampore College on December 7, 2022