

Curriculum Vitae of Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury

Personal Details

Name: Dr. Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury

Designation: Professor

Department: Political Science

Faculty: Arts

University: Rabindra Bharati University

Former Positions held:

Vice Chancellor, Rabindra Bharati University (July 24, 2012 – March 1, 2023)

Reader, Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University (2000-2006)

Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University (1996-2000)

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University (1993-1996)

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Panskura Banamali College, Purba Medinipur (1990-1993)

Teaching Experience (in number of years): 35 years

Visiting fellow/ Professorships (National & International):

- Visiting Fellow, IWM (Institute für die Wissenschaft vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria, October 2023)
- Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, Panjab University, Chandigarh, February 2018
- Visiting Fellow, Peace Research Institute, Oslo, June 2012
- Visiting Fellow, Brunel Law School, Brunel University, Uxbridge, UK, May 2009
- Visiting Residential Fellow, South Asia Forum for Human Rights, August-September 1999
- Fellow, Salzburg Programme, July 1996

Educational Qualifications:

M.A. (International Relations), Ph.D. (Political Science)

Areas of Interest/Specialisation:

- International Relations
- South and Central Asian politics
- Indian foreign policy and relations
- Refugee and migration studies
- Sociology of Labour



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Google scholar citations: 316, h-index 9, i-10 index 8

Select Publications (2016-2025)

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

- (i) *Sites of Statelessness: Laws, Cities, Seas*, (Albany: State University of New York 2024) (co-editor)
- (ii) *The Rohingya in South Asia: The People without A State*, (Abingdon: Routledge 2018) (co-editor)

B. Select Article(s)/ Book Chapter(s): (2016-2025)

- (i) "On the Edge of Law and Society: Stateless People in a Westphalina Order", in Paula Banerjee (ed.), *On the Margins of Protection: Challenging the Discourse of the Refugee Crisis*, (Hyderabad: Orient Black Swan 2025) [ISBN 978-93-5442-589-9]
- (ii) "Chronicles of Urban Justice: A Conversation", Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, 2024
- (iii) "Platformed Precarity: A Tale of Two Cities in India", *Policies and Practices*, No. 152, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, 2023
- (iv) "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, pp. [ISBN 9780367772932]
- (v) "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]
- (vi) "Afghanistan: Niskorshi Arthoniti Bonam Manob-Biporjoy" (in Bengali) (Afghanistan: Extractive Economy versus Human Disaster), *Anushtup*, Vol. LVI, No. 1, 2021, pp. 647-57
- (vii) "Dispossession, Un-freedom, Precarity: Negotiating Citizenship Laws in Postcolonial South Asia". *South Atlantic Quarterly* 1 January 2021; 120 (1): 209–219
- (viii) "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)

Article(s) in Newspaper/ Magazine (2016- 2025)

- (i) “Nepal Ebaarkonpathe?” (in Bengali) (Whither Nepal?), *Anandabazar Patrika*, September 16, 2025
- (ii) “Is Systematic Voter Exclusion Moving Eastward to Bengal?”, *The Wire*, August 21, 2025
- (iii) “Syria: AchomkaPoriborton” (in Bengali) (Syria: Sudden Change), *Anandabazar Patrika*, December 18, 2024
- (iv) “DrohokaaleNotun Bangladesh”, (in Bengali), (Bangladesh in times of rebellion) *Anandabazar Patrika*, August 10, 2024
- (v) “Juddho! Juddho! Juddho!” (in Bengali) (War! War! War!), *Monbhasi*, Vol. 4, No. 1, June 2024
- (vi) “How can a State make People Stateless?” *Setopati* (Nepal’s digital newspaper), March 25, 2024
- (vii) “How India’s Economy and Hindutva Rise Together”, *The Wire*, August 23, 2023
- (viii) “Dinbodoler Swapno Chhinta” (in Bengali) (Dream of a New Era Hijacked: Kazakhstan), January 21, 2022
- (ix) “Aro Udbastu, Onahar, Manab-BiporjoyeNimojjito Afghanistan” (in Bengali) (More Refugees, Starvation, Human Disaster in Afghanistan) *Anandabazar Patrika*, August 18, 2021
- (x) “Bharate Eshe Labh Hobe Naa, BujheGiyechen Trump” (in Bengali) (Trump has understood that his India Trip will be Futile) *Anandabazar Patrika*, February 22, 2021

Papers Presented in National/ International Seminars/Conferences:(2016-2025):

- (i) Delivered Keynote Address on “Human Rights of Refugees” in an international conference on *Migrant Asia: Migrants in the Making of Asia*, organised jointly by the European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR) and the Centre for Gender and Forced Displacement (CGFD) at the Asian Institute of Technology, AIT, Bangkok, Thailand on April 24, 2025
- (ii) Presented a paper on “Interrogating the Carto-Nation” in an international seminar on *Mapping cartography of Nationalism* organised by the Department of English, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on March 13, 2024
- (iii) Presented a paper on “The Anatomy of A Crisis: Refugees from Bengal in the Andaman Islands” in a workshop on *Crisis, Conjuncture and Biopolitics from Below* organised by Institute of Studies Advanced D’ aix-Marseille Universit  in collaboration with Ecoles des Hautes en Sciences Sociales, Universit  a Marseille, France, on June 19, 2023.

- (iv) 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.

Invited Speaker / Resource Person / Chaired Sessions in National/ International Seminars/ Conferences/ Conventions/ Workshops/FDPs etc. (Selected : 2016-2025)

- (i) Chaired the inaugural session of the Tenth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop on *Cities, Migrants and Insecurities*, organised by the Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with EMMIR (European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations) and Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Toronto on November 18, 2025
- (ii) Delivered a Lecture on “Migrants, Insecurities and Sanctuary Cities” in the Tenth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop on *Cities, Migrants and Insecurities*, organised by the Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with EMMIR (European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations) and Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Toronto on November 21, 2025
- (iii) Delivered a lecture on “Habitations of Indian Democracy since Decolonisation” in an online certificate course on *Knowing India: Academic Social Responsibility and the Humanities*, [SPARC Project (Scheme for the Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration), undertaken by the Centre for Translation of Indian Literatures (CENTIL) in association with the Humanities in India Partnership Programme, University of East Anglia] organised jointly by the Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, Kolkata and University of East Anglia, UK on November 7, 2025
- (iv) Presented a paper (co-author) on “State of Migrant Labour in the BRICS Countries” in an international workshop on Towards a Policy Framing Agenda of the Global South: BRICS and the Challenges of Geopolitics of the Globalised World, organised by the Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung-South Asia in Kolkata, India on November 4, 2025
- (v) Delivered lecture for EMMIR (European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations) students at Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on October 16, 2025

- (vi) Chaired the valedictory session of an international conference on Justice, Security and Vulnerable Populations of South Asia organised by the Nepal Institute of Peace in Kathmandu, Nepal on October 12, 2025
- (vii) Chaired the inaugural session of an international conference on Justice, Security and Vulnerable Populations of South Asia organised by the Nepal Institute of Peace in Kathmandu, Nepal on October 11, 2025
- (viii) Chaired the Rajasri Basu Memorial Lecture organised jointly by the Women's Studies Research Centre and Department of Political Science , Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on September 9, 2025
- (ix) Delivered a lecture on "Geopolitical Reconfigurations and Contestations in the Context of Changing Global Political Economy" in the 18th Faculty Induction Programme, organised by the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on July 28, 2025
- (x) Delivered a lecture in a state-level workshop on *Research Methodology in Humanities and Social Sciences*, organised by the Paschim Banga Itihas Sansad at Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on July 27, 2025
- (xi) Chaired a seminar on Contemporary Environmental Challenges organised by the Departmental of Environmental Studies, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on March 20, 2025
- (xii) Delivered a lecture on "Indian Foreign Policy's Challenges" in a seminar on Changing World Order: India's Challenges and Opportunities organised by the Department of Political Science, Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on March 19, 2025
- (xiii) Delivered a lecture on "Democracy in South Asia and the Directions of Political Future" in an international seminar on *Democracy in South Asia*, organised by the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata on March 18, 2025
- (xiv) Delivered a lecture on "BanglarNagarayan O Sromo byabostharBiborton: Onyo Ek Kolkatar Kahini" (in Bengali) (Urbanisation in Bengal and the Evolution of Labour: A Story of Another Kolkata) in the workshop on *Banglake Jaano*, organised jointly by the Institute of Language Studies and Research (ILSR), Government of West Bengal and Calcutta Research Group in Kolkata on March 18, 2025
- (xv) Delivered an online lecture on "Platform Economy Labour" in an international course on *Making and Unmaking of Cities*, organised

- by the Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) on March 1, 2025
- (xvi) Participated in a Roundtable Discussion on *Democracy in South Asia*, organised by Bangla Worldwide in Kolkata on February 8, 2025
 - (xvii) Delivered a Public Lecture on “The Postcolonial City and New Labour”, organised by St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata and Calcutta Research Group on January 31, 2025
 - (xviii) Delivered a lecture in a Roundtable on Politics in South Asia at the Adamas University on January 30, 2025
 - (xix) Chaired the Jayanta Dasgupta Memorial lecture organised by the Calcutta Research Group in the Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata on January 29, 2025
 - (xx) Delivered a lecture on “Bangladesh at A Crossroads” in a seminar on the *Future of Bangladesh*, organised jointly by the Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata (IDSK) and the Alumni Association, Department of Economics, University of Calcutta on January 25, 2025
 - (xxi) Chaired a lecture organised by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata in collaboration with Calcutta Research Group on December 20, 2024
 - (xxii) Chaired a session on “Disaster, Displacement and Law” at an international workshop on *Global Protection of Refugees and Climate-induced Migrants* organised by Calcutta Research Group, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Migration and Asylum Project on February 21, 2024
 - (xxiii) Delivered a lecture on “Impact of Rabindranath Tagore’s First Visit to China on India-China Relations” at an international seminar organised by Tongji University, Shanghai on April 15, 2024
 - (xxiv) Delivered a lecture on “100th anniversary of Tagore’s visit to China” at an international seminar organised by the Shenzhen University, Shenzhen on April 13, 2024
 - (xxv) Delivered a lecture on “The 100th year of Tagore’s Visit to China” at an international seminar organised by the Peking University, Beijing on April 12, 2024
 - (xxvi) Delivered a lecture on “The Significance of Rabindranath Tagore’s visit to China in 1924”, at an international seminar organised by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing on April 11, 2024
 - (xxvii) 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

- (xxviii) 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.
- (xxix) Participated in a 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.
- (xxx) 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.
- (xxxi) 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.
- (xxxii) 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.
- (xxxiii) Was a Tutor of Module on *Globalisation and Migrant Economy with Special Focus on Labour and Platform Economy* in the Seventh International Annual Winter Workshop held in November 2022 at Kolkata.
- (xxxiv) 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.

No. of Ph.D. Guidance (2016- 2025)

Awarded: 11

Ongoing: 7

No. of M.Phil. Guidance: 5

Responsibilities and Experiences in Academic Administration:

A. Within the Campus:

- (i) Vice Chancellor, RBU (July 24, 2012 – March 1, 2023)
- (ii) Head, Department of Political Science (July 2025 till date), (May 2010-2012), (May 2000 – May 2002)
- (iii) Head of the Department, Department of Human Rights and Human Development, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta, from July 1, 2009 – July 23, 2012

B. Beyond Campus:

- (i) President, Calcutta Research Group, September 2023 till date
- (ii) President, Governing Body, Panskura Banamali College (Autonomous)
- (iii) President, Institute for Development Studies, Kolkata (IDSK), September 2020 – September 2025)
- (iv) Honorary Director, Calcutta Research Group, 2021-23
- (v) Former Member, Governing Body of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandir, Belur Math, Howrah
- (vi) Former Member, Governing Body, Medinipur Autonomous College

Other Academic Activities (if any):

- a. Member, Board of Directors, India-Bangladesh Foundation (since 2014-2016) set up through Memorandum of Understanding signed in February 2013 between Government of India and Government of Bangladesh