

Bio-Data: SWATI GHOSH



1 Personal Profile

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2 Educational Qualifications

Name of the Degree	Name of the University	Year of Passing / Award	% of Marks	Main Discipline
Master's	University of Calcutta	1985	60.2	Economics
Ph. D.	University of Calcutta	2001		Economics
Title of the Ph.D.	Forms of Labour and Vulnerability of Informal Workers in Calcutta Metropolitan Area.			

Ph.D. (100 words) This is a study exploring the diverse nature of informal activities in an urban metropolitan context focusing on the forms of labour in sectors such as petty-production, construction, street-vending, transport, services and home based work. It highlights economic insecurity, lack of social protection, and absence of legal recognition that heightens the vulnerability of informal workers. Gender disparities, migration and poor working conditions are central themes, along with workers' coping mechanisms and survival strategies. The study examines the huge literature of several Third world countries and provides a comprehensive understanding of informal labour dynamics with structural factors contributing to workers' marginalization.

3 Research Papers/Books/Chapters

	Title of the Publication	Name of the Journal / Book / Publisher	Month, Year and Vol.	Scopus / UGC CARE Listed/ Referred Journal
a	The Gendered Proletariat: Sex Work, Worker's Movement and Agency	Oxford University Press, India	2017	Book (Single Author)
b	Therigatha: Pratham Manabir Swar	Signet Press, Kolkata ISBN: 978-93-5425-197-9	2024	Book (Single Author)
c	"Basa Bodol" in Maayeder Katha, Meyeder Katha	Akkhar Publications Kolkata ISBN:978-93-83161-32-4	2022	Book Chapter
c	"Simone de Beauvoir's The Second Sex: An Analytical Exposition", The Gendered India: Feminism and the Indian Gender Reality, (ed.)	Arnab Bhattacharya, Books Way, Kolkata	2012	Book chapter

d	“Labour Out-flow and Labour Rights”, in Sustainability of Rights after Globalisation, (eds.)	Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury and Ishita Dey, Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd.	2011	Book Chapter
e	“Of Woman Whoring: Motherhood and Domesticity” in Intimate Others: Marriage and Sexualities in India (eds.)	S. Sen, N. Dhawan, R. Biswas, Bhatkal and Sen. (Stree)	2010	Book Chapter
	“Elusive Choice and Agency: A Feminist Re-reading of the Sex Workers Manifesto” in <i>Beyond Prostitution: A Multi-dimensional Analysis of Sex Work in India</i>	Rohini Sahani, V. Kalyan Shankar, Hemant Apte, (eds.) Sage Publishing.	2008	Book Chapter
	“Con(fused) Identity of the Flying Prostitute” in Women Across Asia: Issues on Identities,	I. Mukherjee and L. Ghosh, (eds.) University of Calcutta.	2005.	Book Chapter
	'Liberalisation and Informal Sector: A Case Study of Footwear Manufacturing" in Indian Labour in the Post-Liberalisation Period	(ed.) Raj Kumar Sen, K.P. Bagchi and Company	2002.	Book Chapter
	"Distribution of Health and Educational Facilities in West-Bengal, 1951-1981" in <i>Urbanization Migration and Rural Change: A study of West Bengal</i> ,	Biplab Dasgupta, (ed.) A Mukherjee Private Limited,.	1988	Book Chapter
	“Surveillance in Decolonized Social Space: The Prostitutes of Bengal”	<i>Social Text</i> 83, Duke University Press, Summer 2005.	2005	International Journal
	"The Flying Prostitute: Identity of the Impossible Other"	<i>HECATE: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Women's Liberation</i> , Queensland, Australia.	2003	International Journal <i>HECATE: Conference Issue</i> , Vol. 29 no. 2, 2003, Australia
“The	Shadow Lines of Citizenship: Prostitute’s Struggle over Workers Rights”	<i>Identity Culture and Politics: An Afro-Asian Dialogue</i> , Vol. 5, No.1, CODESRIA/ICES.	2004	International Journal

4 Research Projects

Funding Institution	Name of Study	Duration
Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi in collaboration with Women's Studies Centre, RBU	<i>"Leveling the Playing Field: Women's</i>	May 2019-March 2020
Goldsmith's college, University of London, UK	<i>A Room of One's Own: Challenging Poor Women's Marginalisation in Urban Housing</i>	2019-2022
Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal	<i>A Study on Adolescent Health Care in West Bengal</i>	2009-2010
Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group	<i>Labour Migration away from West Bengal</i>	July to December 2009

5. Fellowships

Social Science Research Council, US,
(South Asia Program)

2003-04.

Social Science Research Council, US,
(South Asia Program)

2004-05

6. Ph.D. Guidance

8 Ph.D. scholars

Five awarded degree and three yet to submit

7. M.Phil. Guidance

11 M.Phil. scholars

All have been awarded degree

Name of the Full time teacher/	Title of the paper presented/ Participated as participant/ organiser	Title of the seminar/Conference/ Webinar	Invited/ organised by	Level (International/ National/State)& Date of the event
SWATI GHOSH	Minority Women's Marginalisation in Rajabazar Slum Area, Kolkata	A Room of One's Own: Challenging Poor Women's Marginalisation in Urban Housing Regimes in India	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, and Goldsmiths College, London University UK	International WINTER SCHOOL Jan 2-4, 2020
2.	Paper: Scattered Speculations on the Invisible Work of Women: Home and Home Based Work	<i>'Responding to Regional Disparities and Poverty- A focus on the Women Empowerment Perspective'</i>	Diamond Harbour Women's University, Kolkata and National Women's Commission, New Delhi.	National 6th March, 2020
3.	Paper: "Breaking the Glass Ceiling"	International Women's Day Celebration	Reserve Bank of India, in Regional Office Kolkata	National March 11, 2021
4.	Paper: "Across Border and Back: The identity of 'Shuttlecock' Woman"	Contemporary Research in Economics-- Five Day FDP	Amity School of Economics Amity University, Kolkata	State 18 th August, 2021
5.	Paper: Re-reading "'Towards Equality' "	Revisiting 'Towards Equality' After 50 Years"	Department of Economics, University of Calcutta and CWDS, New Delhi	State 19.06.2024
6.	Paper: Therigatha: Enunciation of the Buddhist Nuns	Readings in the Literary and the Philosophical	Meerujin and Goethe Institute, Kolkata	National 25.06.2024
			Total number = 6	

B. Invited online or offline Lectures/Chairing a session : LAST 5 Years

Sl. No.	Name of the Full	Title of the invited lecture/ session chaired	Level (International/	Invited/ Organized by
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	time teacher/ Accompan ist teacher		National/State/ University)& Date of the Event	
1.	SWATI GHOSH	Lecture: "Reimagining a gender equal society: Strategising the means"	National Online 22 January 2021.	HRDC- Utkal University, Odisha
2.		Lecture: "Embodied Work of Women: The Question of Agency"	National online 15th February 2023	HRDC- Utkal University, Odisha
3.		Lecture: Gender Equality or Equity? A Contemporary Issue	State 2.12.2022	Brahmananda Keshab Chandra College, Kolkata
4,		Session Chair: "Violence against Women: Family, Community and State"	State 21. 02. 2022	School of Women's Studies in colloaboration with UGC- HRDC, Jadavpur University
5.		Session Chair: Labour: Inequality and Distress	18,11. 2022	Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS) in collaboration with Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK)
6.		Session Chair: "Gender Equality is an economic issue",	state 18.03.2023	Bhairab Ganguly College, Kolkata
7.		Session Chair: "Reconciliation and Ir-reconciliation in South Asia: Lessons from Bangladesh	State 29.08.2023	Centre for Studies on Borders and Movements, (CSBM) Kolkata
8.		Lecture: (1) Migrant Labour of the Global South	International 26.09.2023	Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group supported by European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations
9.		Lecture: (2) Migrant Labour of the Global South	International 27.09.2023	Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group supported by European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations
10.		Session Chair: "Women and Work"	State 19.06.2024	Department of Economics, University of Calcutta and CWDS, New Delhi
11.		Lecture: "Care Workers: Rights and Vulnerabilities"	State 9th of March, 2024	St. Xavier's University Kolkata
12.		Session Chair: Women's Right is Human Right	State 9th of March, 2024	St. Xavier's University Kolkata
13.		Lecture: Gendered Proletariat	State 7th March 2024	Department of Human Rights and Human Development, RBU

14.		Session Chair: Violent Work and Building Resilience	National 12.03.2025	Indian Association of Women's Studies in collaboration with Institute of Development Studies Kolkata
15.		Lecture: Therigatha: Bouddha Meyeder Katha	State 20. 11. 2024	Department of Bengali, RBU

Exhibition/Workshops/ (online or offline)/ Participated/ Organised:					
Sl. No .	Name of the Full time teacher/ Accompanist teacher	Title or Theme of the Exhibitions Workshops/ FDP	Name of the Organizer	Place of /Exhibition/ Workshops/ Dates/ Year and Month	Level of Exhibition/ Workshop/ FDP: (International /National/State)
1.	SWATI GHOSH	Narrative trails from the locality: Rajabazar,Kolkata	WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTRE RBU & GOLD SMITH'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON UK	JORASANKO CAMPUS, RBU 21 JUNE 2024	INTERNATIONAL
2.	SWATI GHOSH	Narrative trails from the locality: Rajabazar,Kolkata	GOETHE INSTITUTE, KOLKATA	MAX MUELLER BHAVAN, KOLKATA 22 JUNE 2024	INTERNATIONAL

Other important academic achievements

Dean of Faculty of Arts: 16. 08. 2023 to 18.12.2024

Director of Women's Studies Centre, RBU: June 2016- November 2025

PhD Scholar: 5 awarded, 3 yet to submitted (8)

MPhil Scholar: 11 Awarded. (11)

Examination of PhD Theses of Other Universities:

a) Jadavpur University/CSSSC in 2022 , 2023, 2024, 2025

b) University of Calcutta in 2024, 2025,

- c) Visva Bharati in 2022
- d) Tripura Central University 2022
- e) Utkal University 2023

External Member of RAC/BOS/Academic Committee/Examination and Moderation Board

- a) University of Calcutta
- b) Tripura University
- c) Visva Bharati WSC
- d) Burdwan University
- e) Centre for Studies in Social Sciences Calcutta
- f) School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University.

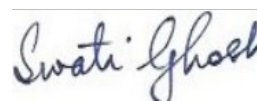
Internal Complaints Committee:

Chairperson, ICC, Rabindra Bharati University: 2015-2017
External Member, ICC, at CSSSC, Kolkata, 2012 – 2014.
External Member, ICC, Birla Institute of Technology, (Polytechnic) B.T. Road. Kolkata

Other Notable Activities:

- a) Consultation on 'Migration of Women Workers from South Asia to the Gulf' ; with V. V. Giri, National Labour Institute and UN-Women, 2011.
- b) Member of Regional Action Forum III, Advising on Policy Formulation on Safe Migration, UNDP-UNIFEM-SARIQ, August 2004-2006.
- c) Chairperson Internal Complaints Committee, RBU, April 2014-March 2017.
- d) Twice recipient of the South Asian Fellowship of Social Science Research Council (US).
- e) Worked in collaborative projects with Goldsmith's College, London, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, V.V. Giri Labour Institute, New Delhi, CEHAT, CWDS and Government of West Bengal.
- f) Member of the Regional Action Forum III, of SARI-Q, working on Safe Migration Policy.
- g) Part of KAF-CSDS study on Modern Youth: the Kolkata Chapter.
- h) Participated in international and national seminars, attended summer school at Amsterdam (SEPHIS), Afro Asian Dialogue (CODESRIA), and winter school in TISS.

Place: Kolkata
Date: 18. 08. 2025



Signature