

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic Qualifications

- Currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the Centre for Political Studies, JNU under Dr. Rajarshi Dasgupta titled “*Contested Identities: A Study of Adivasi-Bodo Conflict in Assam*”.
- M.Phil. awarded in Political Science (2013-2016) with the dissertation titled “*Peal of a Spring Thunder: Adivasis in the Naxalbari Movement of West Bengal*” under the guidance of Prof. Rajarshi Dasgupta.
- M.A Political Science from Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (2011-2013)
- B.A.(Hons.) Political Science from Miranda House College, University of Delhi in 2011.

Work Experience

- Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) in Political Science Department (Sept.-Oct. 2015) at Miranda House, University of Delhi.
- Assistant Professor (Guest lecturer) in Political Science Department (Sept.-Nov. 2015) at PGDAV College, University of Delhi.
- Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) in Political Science Department (Jan.-May 2016) at Gargi College, University of Delhi.
- Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) in Political Science Department (July-Dec. 2016) at Gargi College, University of Delhi.
- Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) in Political Science Department (Jan-Mar. 2017) at Hindu College, University of Delhi.
- Assistant Professor (Ad-Hoc) in Political Science Department (Sept.-Dec. 2017) at Nirmala College, University of Ranchi.
- Assistant Professor (Guest Lecturer) in Political Science Department (Aug-Nov. 2019) at Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi.
- Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc) in Political Science Department (January 2020-till date) at Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi.

Research Experience

- Research Assistant (Education), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India. Prime Ministerial High-level Committee- Xaxa Committee- for Tribal Socio-Economic Development under the chairmanship of Dr. Virginius Xaxa (Member, National Advisory Council, Government of India). December 2013-May 2014
 - a) Placed at Ministry for Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhavan, Delhi.
 - b) Formulated documents and statistical data from various departments/ministries of the government on the government thinking, policies, and activities on the subject of tribal education and related subjects.
 - c) Collection of government data and non-government sources to scrutinize government performance.
 - d) Classified and analyzed from the abstracted data.
 - e) Assisted Dr. Joseph Bara, Member, Xaxa Committee, Government of India, in the writing and preparation of the report.
- Research Assistant- ICSSR - sponsored National project on 'Educational status of the Scheduled Tribes in Jharkhand and Bihar'. Project Director-Dr. Joseph Bara. 1st May 2014- 31st September 2014.

Publications

- World Focus: Indo-Centric Foreign Affairs Journal, New Delhi.
"Reflecting on the dynamic geopolitics of Northeast India: A Contemporary Perspective"- February 2016 Issue.
Publication- ISSN number- 2230-8458
U.S Library of Congress Number- 80910345
- World Focus Journal-Publication
World Focus-Journal Publication: March 2016 Issue.
Subject- ***"ASEAN in Modi's Foreign Policy: Present and Future Tenses in the 'Look East Policy'"***
ISSN Number: 2230-8458
U.S Library of Congress Number- 80910345
- World Focus Journal-Publication
World Focus Journal - Publication, Issue: April 2016.
Topic: ***India -ASEAN Foreign Trade Agreement: The Way Ahead*** ISSN- 2230-8458
U.S Library of Congress No: 80910345

- World Focus Journal-Publication
World Focus Journal –Publication, Issue: April 2018.
Topic: *‘Navigating Through troubled Waters of South China Sea: A Perspective’*
ISSN-2230-8458
U.S. Library of Congress No. 80910345
- World Focus Journal-Publication
World Focus Journal -Publication, Issue: July 2018.
Topic: *‘Who Decides the World Geopolitics? Towards New Perspectives’*
ISSN-2230-8458
EISSN- 2581-5083
U.S Library of Congress No- 80910345
- Summerhill: IAS Review- Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla
Title- *Peal of a Spring Thunder: Adivasis Narratives of Naxalbari Movement in North Bengal, 1967-72*. Volume XXVI, Number 2, Winter 2020.
- Published book Chapter
Chapter title- *Reflecting on the Constitutional Dynamics of Real Versus Virtual Affirmative Action: Scheduling the Adivasis in Assam*. pp. 121-137. Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
Book Title- Indigenous Ethnographies of North East India: A Study from Emic Perspective. Dr. Somenath Bhattacharya and Dr. Anup Kumar Dey(ed.), 2021.
- Forthcoming chapter publication in the book- Femindigenity: A Feminist Enquiry into Tribal and Adivasi Womanhood.
Chapter Title- *“Political discourse on Adivasi Women in Naxalbari Movement, 1967-72”*. Publication by Adivaani, Kolkata.

Internship

- Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre (DMWSC), Siliguri, West Bengal. Duration-May 09 - July 09, 2009.
 - a) Promoted the organization among local youth and other local organizations.
 - b) Organized an eye camp in Panighatta Tea Estate, in collaboration with LIONS EYE CLUB, Siliguri.
 - c) Attended a training programme on focus group discussion (FGD), as part of a project, which is being, is being implemented by DMWSC in collaboration with CHILD IN NEED INSTITUTE (CINI), Siliguri.
 - d) Assisted the field workers to perform the FGD in their community

- Swechha, (We for Change), New Delhi. (We for Change) Duration- May 09 - July 09, 2009.
 - a) Placed at the KILKARI HOME, Kashmere gate, for the “Dil se campaign”.
 - b) Trained to facilitate life skills sessions to young underprivileged children.
- Child In Need Institute (CINI), Siliguri, West Bengal. Duration-May 10 – June 10, 2010.
- Centre for Policy Analysis - A think Tank based in Delhi. Director- Seema Mustafa. October 13th -14th November 2014.

Seminars and Conferences

- Methodologies of Social Sciences, **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**
PRESENTATION - *De-centralization of Panchayati Raj system in India. Case Study of Udaipur district: Blocks covered -Badgaon, Gogunda (2013)*
- Centre For Policy Analysis, New Delhi.
ARTICLE- *“The present Maoist scenario in India: Challenges and Perspective”*.
(December 2014)
- **National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi**; in Collaboration with UNICEF, Jharkhand; ICSSR, New Delhi
Paper Presentation - *“Addressing the Context and Complexities of Tribal Education in Jharkhand”* (September 2015)
- **Department of Anthropology, University of Assam, Diphu, Karbi Anglong, India**
Presentation topic: *“Reflecting on the Constitutional Dynamics of Real versus Virtual Affirmative Action: Scheduling the Adivasis in Assam”*
National Seminar on- Indigenous Ethnography, Emic Perspective and National Cultural Heritage: Focusing North East India - 6th -7th January 2016
- **Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ), Ranchi, Jharkhand, India.**
Centre for International Relations, School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Paper Presented -National Seminar on *“India’s Soft Power and Cultural Diplomacy”* - 11-12 April 2016.
- **Lund University, Sweden**
Research paper presented in an International Conference on - Modern Matters: Negotiating the Future in Everyday Life in South Asia” held on 20 – 22 September 2016 at Lund University, Sweden.
Title of the Paper: *Modern Rebellions of the Primitives: Examining Tribal Narratives of Naxalbari Movement in West Bengal, 1967-72.*
- **Department of English- Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi**
Paper presented at a National Conference on “Tribes in Transition-2: Reaffirming Indigenous Identity through Narrative” held on 27-28 February 2017.
Title of the paper- *Perspectives from the Margins: Examining Adivasi narratives of the Naxalbari Movement, 1967-72.*

- **British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) U.K**
Research Paper presented at an Annual International Conference organized by British Association for South Asian Studies, held at **University of Exeter, England** from 18th April to 20th April 2018.
Title of the Paper: *Perspectives from the Periphery: Examining Adivasi Narratives of the Naxalbari movement in West Bengal, 1967-72.*
- **Ambedkar University, New Delhi**
International Conference- Northeast India and Southeast Asia:
Exploring Continuities' Ambedkar University Delhi, New Delhi, 25-26 October 2018.'
Who are the 'sons of the soil'?
Examining Adivasis amidst the tribes in Assam.
Presented on 25.10.18.
- **Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Patna**
International Conference- The Migrant and the State: From Colonialism to Neo-Liberalism, TISS Patna, Bihar. 29th November 2018-1 st December 2018.
Paper Presented on 1 st December 2018.

Workshops

- Columbia University, New York. (Indigenous Studies Summer Program organized by Centre for Ethnicity and Race (CSER), Columbia University) May 26, 2015-June 6, 2015
 - a) Lectures on Indigenous policy formation, theoretical debates- discussions.
 - b) Contemporary issues on First Nations, indigenous peoples' rights- lecture series by UN representatives for the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)
and visit/lecture sessions at UN Headquarters, New York- Mr. John Henriksen, Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Prof. Elsa Stamatopolou (Columbia University), Prof. Stuart Rockefeller, Prof. Pamela Calla (New York University), Ms. Nicola Brandt (Human Rights Specialist, UN), Mr. Arturo Requesens (UN).
 - c) Participants Panel and discussion after each day, on various issues concerning Indigenous Issues.
Visit to St. Regis Mohawk State of Akwesasne- A native American region, USA. This tour was taken as a case study of the natives in America, from the perspective of their Right to Self-Determination.
- Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi - A workshop on Ethnographic studies. Duration - 11th-13th May.
Lecture series by the Faculty, Department of Anthropology, DU. The main concerns being:
 - a) Identifying the problem/topic/case for study.

- b) Methods and Methodology applied for Ethnographic research.
- c) Writing an effective research thesis based on the findings, and ethnographic methods
- Centre for Comparative Politics and Political Theory, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
Workshop on Theory in Political Economy: A Focus on Das Kapital Volume I, 16-20 January 2017.
- Online Teaching
Faculty Development Program in Online Teaching conducted by JMC Delhi. 24-25th July 2020.

Awards and Recognitions

- University Grants Commission (UGC)
Awarded Net Eligibility Test-June 2014, conducted annually for the post of Assistant Professor.
Awarded Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) for Doctoral Studies- 1st April 2016.
- Jawaharlal Nehru University
 1. Awarded 'Nirman Foundation' Scholarship, 2011-13
 2. Merit-based scholarship awarded to only 5 students in a batch of 80
- Miranda House
 - Elected as the President of Political Science Department, 2010- 11
 - Editor, Vox Populi, Department Magazine of Political Science Department, 2009-11
 - Organized, Ecclesia, annual Political Science department fest, 2010-11
 - Active member, Anukriti, Dramatics Society, 2008-10
 - Secured 2 nd position in National Street Play Competition conducted by Ministry of Consumer Affairs, 2009
 - Secured 2 nd position in National Skit Play Competition on Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas, conducted by Ministry of Renewable Energy, 2008