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Education

PhD, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 2023.

MPhil, Jadavpur University, 2014.

MA, Jadavpur University, 2011. (1st Class, 3rd Position)

BA, Jadavpur University, 2009. (1st Class, 3rd Position)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Politics and international fandom in a fringe nation: *La Albiceleste*, Maradona, and Marxist Kolkata, *Sport in Society*, Taylor and Francis Journals, Volume 20, Issue 5-6 (2017).
DOI: [10.1080/17430437.2016.1158482](https://doi.org/10.1080/17430437.2016.1158482)
2. Interrogating ‘parriah arrack’: Anxieties over health, race and drinking in early colonial Calcutta. *Social History of Medicine*, Oxford University Press (reviewed and recommended for publication).

3. 'Opium, indeed, a great evil': The Royal Commission on Opium and anxieties concerning the drug in late nineteenth century Bengal, *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, Taylor and Francis Journals(under review).

Book Review

1. Soccernomics: Why Transfers Fail, Why Spain rule the World and other curious Football Phenomena Explained, *Soccer and Society*, Taylor and Francis Journals, Volume 15 Issue 4, 2014

Research Experiences

1. Research Fellow, Digital Humanities Project on 'Famine and Dearth in India and Britain, 1550-1800', funded by the Arts and Humanities Council, UK.

Location: University of Exeter, UK and Jadavpur University, Kolkata

2014-2017.

2. Research Assistant, Digital Humanities Project on Narratives of Migration and Exchanges: The Scottish Cemetery in Kolkata

Location: Presidency University, Kolkata

2015-2016.

3. Team Historian, South Bengal Heritage Survey
Collaborative project between the West Bengal State Heritage Commission and INTACH, Kolkata.

Location: West Bengal, India.

2010-2011.

Conference Presentations

1. Venue: Oxford University, UK.
Event: Conference on Medical Identities in Global History, March 2022

Paper presented: Interrogating “Pariah Arrack”: Inquiries on the perils of locally distilled liquor by the Fort William Medical Board in Calcutta in 1817.
2. Venue: Leeds Trinity University, UK.
Event: Visualising Cultures: Media, Religion and Technology organized by British Association for the Study of Religions, September 2019.

Paper presented: *Modyopan Bishoyok Bichar*: Interrogating Drinking as a ritual practice in 19th Century Bengal.
3. Venue: University of Chicago, USA.
Event: Sixteenth Annual South Asia Graduate Student Conference, March 2019.

Paper presented: “Speaking to the Thousands”: Popular campaigns against the drink in 19th Century Calcutta.
4. Venue: Goldsmith’s College, London, UK.
Event: Society of Social History of Medicine Colloquium on The Body in Colonial India, July 2018.

Paper presented: “The Curse of the Bottle”: Intemperance and concerns over physical frailty in 19th Century Bengal.
5. Venue: University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK.
Event: Radical Temperance: Social change and drink, from Teetotalism to Dry January.

Paper presented: Anxiety over the drink: Public petitions against intemperance in late 19th Century Calcutta.

6. Venue: Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
Event: Workshop on Digital Archiving and Text Computing, November 2016

Paper presented: Famine in England and India: A database and website.

7. Venue: Presidency University, Kolkata.
Event: Workshop on Second Cities of Empire: Calcutta/Glasgow and the Legacy of the Scottish Enlightenment, February 2016.

Paper presented: Exploring the Digital Archives of the Scottish Cemetery in Kolkata.

8. Venue: Oxford University, UK.
Event: Workshop on Food Security and the Environment in India and Britain: Historical and Cultural Perspectives.

Paper presented: *Amar Muluk Tumi Lutila Bare Bare*: Scarcity, Crisis, and the Annual Maratha Raids in Bengal, 1741-1751.

9. Venue: Presidency University, Kolkata.
Event: Conference on Socio-Political Cultures of Football: Home and Away, January 2015.

Paper presented: European Clubs of the Maidan: A forgotten phase of Calcutta Football.

10. Venue: Oxford University, UK.
Conference: International Conference on the FIFA World Cup and the Nation, organized by Taylor and Francis Group, July 2014

Paper presented: La Albiceleste, Maradona and Kolkata: The Politics of International Fandom in a Fringe Nation.

11. Venue: Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

Event: Physical Cultures and Beyond organized by School of Cultural Texts and Records, February 2014.

Paper presented: Bengali Babus on the Flying Trapeze: Circus and Cultures of the Body in Colonial Bengal.

12. Venue: Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Event: 1st International Seminar of International Association of Asian Heritage, April 2011.

Paper presented: Divinity within Domesticity: Chala Temples of Birbhum District.

Invited Talk

1. SOAS, University of London, 2023

Paper presented: “Indeed, a great evil”: Opium and the anxieties within Bengali society in the late nineteenth-century.

2. Jadavpur University, Kolkata, SYLFF Lecture Series 2018.

Paper presented: *Bornibare Gulikhor Basona Hoyeche More*: The case of Opium consumption in Colonial Bengal.

Non peer-reviewed publications.

1. Satyajit Ray's visit to the India Office Library to conduct archival research for Shatranj ke Khilari or 'The Chess Players' in 1976, *British Library South Asia Blog*, June 2022.

2. How Satyajit Ray achieved historical accuracy in his first Hindi film ‘Shatranj ke Khilari, *scroll.in*, June 2022.
3. Madame Tussaud’s Early Indian Connections, *Live History India*, October 2019.
4. How the hot-air balloon transformed Bengali character in the 19th century, *scroll.in*, April 2015.
5. School of Oriental and African Studies O London Missionary Society-r Songroho, *Harappa*, September 2023.
6. *Chutir Sulabh*: Prothom Bangla Sharadpatra, *Harappa*, October 2022.
7. Unish Shotoker Mudran Sanskriti O Bangalir Nesha, *Harappa*, February 2022.
8. Onyo Boimela, *Daakbangla.com*, March 2022.
9. Chobir Bhetore Chobi, *Daakbangla.com*, December 2021.

Other professional activities.

Peer reviewed journal manuscripts for,

1. *Sport in Society*, published by Taylor and Francis Journals.
2. *Presidency History Review*, published by the Presidency University History Department.

Co-Curricular Activities (Selected)

1. Criciq National Champion 2014, Cricket Quiz organized by Espncricinfo

2. National Champion-Quiz, National Youth Fest 2013, organized by Association of Indian Universities
3. National Finalist, Espn-Star Sports Champions of the World quiz on World Cup Cricket, 2009
4. National Finalist, Espn School Quiz, 2004
5. Champion-Quiz, Integration organized by ISI, Kolkata, 2011
6. Champion-Quiz, Outlawed organized by NUJS, Kolkata, 2013
7. Champion-Quiz, Carpe Diem organized by IIM, Calcutta, 2013
8. Champion-Quiz, Mary Bucknell Trophy organized by IIT-Kharagpur, 2010

Public Engagements.

1. Invited talk on the historical evolution of print and book illustrations in Bengal on behalf of the *Delhi Art Gallery* at the Uttarpara Joykrishna Library, November 2022.
2. Designed and lead heritage walk on the Colonial Pasts of the Dalhousie Square in Kolkata for the *Seek Sherpa*.
3. Designed and lead heritage walk on print culture and social reform in 19th Century in Kolkata for the *Immersive Trails*.