

Rahul Singh

PROFILE

My academic interests are in socio-anthropological areas of city planning, urban governance, water infrastructure, urban history, waste, urban environment, and caste. I have qualified WB SET and UGC-NET with a JRF. My doctoral dissertation is on the Sewerage and Drainage Infrastructure of Kolkata.

EXPERIENCE

- ASSISTANT PROFESSOR- ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) KOLKATA, JULY 2025- PRESENT
- GUEST LECTURER- PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY, AUGUST 2023- PRESENT
- GUEST LECTURER- JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY, AUGUST 2024- JANUARY 2025
- GUEST LECTURER- PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY, AUGUST- SEPTEMBER 2022

EDUCATION

PhD- Sociology, Presidency University, March 2023- present

UGC- NET, JRF, 2022 Sociology

WBCSC- SET, 2022 Sociology

Presidency University- M.A. Sociology (Hons.), 2022

St. Xavier's College, Kolkata – B.A. Sociology (Hons.), 2020

DPS, Newtown– ICSE 2014; ISC, 2016

DISSERTATIONS IN FULFILMENT OF

M.A. SOCIOLOGY (HONS.)- *MAPPING RAINFALL IN URBAN NEIGHBOURHOODS*

B.A. Sociology (Hons.)- *LOCATING NATURE IN CASE: A STUDY ON THE HINDU UPPER CASTES*

AWARDS

1. 1st Runners Up (\$200 Cash Prize), Best Student Paper Award for- Mapping Rainfall in Urban Neighbourhoods. At 'Staying Alive' Global South Graduate Student Conference 2023, George Mason University, USA. May 5, 2023.
2. JRF, UGC-NET. Feb 19, 2022.

PAPER PRESENTATION

1. January 16, 2024. *Trust and Belonging in an Urban Howrah Neighbourhood: A Post-Pandemic Study*. At *Ethnographies in the Post Pandemic*, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata.
2. May 4, 2023. *Mapping Rainfall in Urban Neighbourhoods*. At 'Staying Alive' Global South Graduate Student Conference 2023, George Mason University, USA.
3. April 22, 2022. *Immobility in the Pandemic: A Study of an Urban Howrah Neighbourhood*. At *Second City Anthropology Conference 2022*, University of Illinois, Chicago, USA
4. October 20, 2021 *Hazard in Risk Society: A Comparative Study on the Ecological Disaster of Chernobyl and Covid-19 Pandemic*. At *Multidimensional Risks in the XXI Century* organised by Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty, International Sociological Association (ISA), Università degli studi di Perugia, Italy.
5. September 3, 2021. *Social Dys-appearance and The Body in Pandemic: An Analysis* at *Bodies in the Pandemic Context* organised by RC 54- The Body in the Social Sciences, International Sociological Association (ISA), University of Brasilia.

TALKS, PANELS & DISCUSSIONS

March 21, 2025. Book Discussant of *Streets in Motion* by Ritajyoti Bandopadhyay with the author and Dr. Supriya Chaudhuri held at Presidency University, Kolkata.

September 20, 2024. Moderator of Paper Presentation at *Lifeworld'24; Spaces & Senses: The Idea of India* held at Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

PUBLICATION

ARTICLE:

1. 'Polycrisis and 'Unnatural Rain' in Urban Neighbourhoods of Bengal: The Twin Cities and Issues of Peripheral Centrality', *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 49 (2): 337-357 (2025) DOI:<https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-2427.13295>
2. 'Untouchability and the Caste System: Questioning Its Banality Socio-phenomenologically', [Journal of Indian Anthropological](#)

[Society](#), 58 (3): 283-296(2023) (UGC Care-accredited).(ISSN 0019-4387)

3. *Substances as Risk: A Comparative Study of Strontium-90 and SARS-CoV-2 Virus*. In "Multidimensional risk in the XXI Century" edited by Fabio D'Andrea and Maria G Galantino. 03/2023. Egea (Bocconi University): Milan. ISBN: 9788823886285
4. 'Rain and the city: Fluid geographies, climate change and urban spaces in West Bengal' - 09/08/2022 [The Sociological Review](#) ISSN 2754-1371
5. 'On the Politics of Friendship: Its Promise for Democracy' - 20/07/2022. [Applied Worldwide: Making Sociology Count](#)
6. 'Understanding Kinship and Childhood Through K-Drama' - 07/12/2021. [Doing Sociology](#)

BOOK REVIEW:

1. On 'Life in a Cambodian orphanage: A childhood journey for new opportunities' by Kathie Carpenter. 31/3/2023 **Children and Society**, 37 (3): 998-999 (Wiley) DOI- <https://doi.org/10.1111/chso.12726>
2. On 'Sustainable Work and the Environmental Crisis: The Link between Labour and Climate Change' by Chris Baldry and Jeff Hyman. 31/1/2023 **Work, Employment and Society** (Sage) DOI- <https://doi.org/10.1177/09500170221146925>
3. On 'Kid power, inequalities and intergenerational relations' by Clara Rübner Jørgensen and Michael Wyness. 1/12/2022 **Childhood Geographies** (Taylor & Francis) DOI- <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/showCitFormats?doi=10.1080/14733285.2022.2151151>
4. On 'Constructions of Childhood in India: Exploring the Personal and Sociocultural Contours' by Ravneet Kaur. 12/09/2022 [Doing Sociology](#)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Regularly writes about books for -**Hindustan Times, Scroll India, The Telegraph, The New Indian Express, Deccan Herald, The Hindu, Frontline, The Federal News.**

COURSES TAUGHT

- *Studying Kolkata: A City in Transition* (B.A. Sem 1)
- *Classical Sociological Thinkers* (B.A. Sem3);
- *Classical Sociological Thinkers* (M.A. Sem1)
- *Historiography* (B.A. MDC);
- *Classical Sociological Thinkers* (B.A. Sem1)
- *Indian Sociological Thinkers* (B.A. Sem 5);
- *Development & Policy* (B.A. MDC);
- *ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY* (B.A. SEM 5)
- *SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT* (B.A. SEM 3)

