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*Lecturer (Part-Time)*

Post Graduate Department of History, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous),  
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Post Graduate Department of History, Women's College, Calcutta,  
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**Publication:**

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➤ “Contributions of Hemlata Devi in the Realm of Women Education and Social Development of the Late 19th Century Bengal”, *The Quarterly Review of Historical Studies*, October, 2018 - March, 2019, ISSN 0033-5800, pp. 169-178. (peer reviewed)

➤ “Mapping the Illuminated Countryside: Rural Electrification in West Bengal”, in *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, 81st Session*, December 2022, Madras Christian College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Aligarh: Indian history Congress, 2023, ISSN: 2249-1937, pp. 1260-1268. (peer reviewed and UGC CARE approved)

- “Machines, the Unsettled Settlers and Labour Militancy in West Bengal”, in *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, 82nd Session*, December 2023, Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telengana, Aligarh: Indian History Congress, 2024, ISSN: 2249-1937 (forthcoming). (peer reviewed and UGC CARE approved)
- “Banalata Devi: An Exponent of Women’s Education and Welfare Activities”, *Modern Historical Studies*, Vol.15-16, 2020-21, ISSN 0972-6756 (peer-reviewed and UGC CARE approved)
- “Power, Darkness, and the Postcolonial City: Electricity, Crisis, and Social Life in West Bengal”, in Tista Das & Kaustubh Sengupta ed., *Challenges of Researching the Present: Themes, Methods, and Archives of Contemporary History*, New Delhi: Primus (proposed publishing house; PRIMUS, ISBN to be acquired]. (Peer reviewed)

**Seminars/ Conferences Attended:**

- Rural Electrification in South Asia: Glimpses from the Post-Colonial West Bengal Countryside, at the International Conference organized by the Indian Association for South Asian Studies, New Delhi & Department of History, Benaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India, 15-18 November, 2022.
- Mapping the Illuminated Countryside, at Indian History Congress (81st session), Madras Christian College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, 27-29 December, 2022.
- Towards Writing a Social and Intellectual History of Electrification in Post-Independent West Bengal: Lessons from ‘Contemporary History’, at the National Conference organized by the Centre for Contemporary History, Bankura University, West Bengal, India, 21-22 March, 2023.
- Electricity, Democracy and Development: A Global Intellectual History of India in the 1950s, at the Interdisciplinary Conference, From Colonial Modernity to Decolonisation: The British Empire and Beyond, organized by The University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand, 15-16 September, 2023.
- Machines, the Unsettled Settlers and Labour Militancy in West Bengal, at Indian History Congress (82nd session), Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telengana, India, 28-30 December, 2023.
- The City Under War/the City in Darkness: Socio-Psychological Insecurities and 1971 Indo-Pak War in Calcutta during the panel on “State, Militarization and Geo-politics:

Hyper-nationalist Conflict Zones in South and South-East Asia” at the international conference Historicities of Security and Peace, at Philipps University, Marburg, Germany, 9-11 October, 2024.

➤ Interrupted Electrification and Industrial Stagnation in West Bengal, at Indian History Congress (83rd session), Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India, 28-30 December, 2024.

➤ Emotion, Nostalgia, Fear, Anxiety among the Labouring Men: Calcutta’s Industrial Sectors in the 1960s and 1970s, at the Interdisciplinary Workshop, Rethinking the Emotions from a Historical Perspective, at Faculty of Humanities, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 4-5 September, 2025.

➤ An Erupted State: Decolonization and Industrial Militancy in Post-War India, 1960s-1970s, at the New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS), 2025 at Sunny Brockport, 3-4 October, 2025.

➤ Electric Modernities: Spatial Praxis and “the Right to the City” in postcolonial Calcutta (1960s-1980s), at the Urban History Panel, Indian History Congress (84<sup>th</sup> session), Brennen College, Dharmadam, Thalassery, Kannur, Kerala, India, 28-30 December, 2025

➤ Electrification as High Modernism: Authoritarian Entanglement in West Bengal, at the Indian History Congress (84<sup>th</sup> session), Brennen College, Dharmadam, Thalassery, Kannur, Kerala,, India, 28-30 December, 2025.

#### **Awards:**

➤ Dr. I.G. Khan Memorial Prize for the Best Paper on History of Science and Technology, for the presentation of my paper Machines, the Unsettled Settlers and Labour Militancy in West Bengal at Indian History Congress, 82nd Session, Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telengana, India, 28-30 December, 2023 (received at Indian History Congress, 83rd Session, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India, 28-30 December, 2024).

➤ Conference Grant, Collaborative Research Center/Transregio 138 Dynamics of Security, Philipps University, Marburg, Germany, for attending international conference Historicities of Security and Peace, 9-11 October, 2024.