

CURRICULUM VITAE
SUJATA MUKHERJEE

PRESENT POSITION

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies(a joint initiative of Institute of Development Studies and University of Calcutta)

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Date of Birth : 3 JUNE 1960

Father's Name : Prof. Karunamoy Mukherjee

Nationality : Indian

EDUCATION

1992 Ph.D in History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata-700032

1981-82 M.A. in Modern History, (Stood 3rd in 1st Class, secured 63.1%) Jadavpur University, Kolkata

1979-B.A. with Honours in History, (56.7%) Jadavpur University

1976- Higher Secondary from Visva Bharati (Stood 1st in 1st Division, Secured 78.3%)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2004-present: Professor, Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata

Teaching the following courses:

Ph.D Course work-Research Methodology

Gender, Nationalism

M.Phil- (a)Annales School

Postmodernism and History(c)Tools of Research,

(d) Socio-cultural awakening in South Asia: Thoughts of Gandhi, Tagore.(e) History of Science, technology and medicine in colonial India.

Post graduate courses- History of Bengal(1757-1947)

History of Science, Technology and Medicine in Modern India

History of Modern France

Taught M.Phil –Human Development Studies-2006-07,2007-8-Gender and Development

1996-2004: Reader, Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata

Taught the following post graduate courses:

History of Bengal(1757-1857)

European Political Thought from Machiavelli to Hobbes

History of France (1871-1945)

1993-1996: Lecturer, Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta

Taught the following post graduate courses:

History of Bengal(1800-1857)

European Political Thought from Machiavelli to Hobbes

History of Germany(1871-1945)

Taught an undergraduate course: Society and Economy in Medieval Europe

1984-1993: Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in History, Bangabasi College, affiliated to the University of Calcutta (Lecturer: March 1984 to May, 1992, Senior Lecturer: May, 1992 to March 1993)

Taught the following undergraduate courses:

Modern Indian History

History of Modern Europe(1789-1914)

1985-1986; 1990-93 Part Time Lecturer at Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta

Taught the following courses:

- (i) Undergraduate: Ancient Indian History
- (ii) Postgraduate: European Political Thought

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN INDIA AND ABROAD

Pursuing postdoctoral research since 1995 on different aspects of history of Science, health care, medicine in the context of colonial and postcolonial India.

Published several research papers on history of environment, health care and medicine in different journals, books.

Completed U.G.C. minor research project on public health care measures in colonial Bengal (1914-1947).

Awarded a Wellcome Trust Postdoctoral Travel Grant and visited U.K. (London) during July-August 1997 for post-doctoral research (History of Medicine in Colonial India) in different Libraries and Institutions in U.K. (London). Worked in different libraries, and Archives including India Office Library, Library of the Wellcome Institute, and Contemporary Medical Archives Centre of the Wellcome Trust. .

MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT- Currently engaged in U.G.C. sanctioned Major Research Project titled "Gandhi's Constructive Programme: Ideology and Practice-Bengal Presidency" since February, 2009

SELECTED CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS at NATIONAL LEVEL

1. 1996 "Popular Sects and Elite Culture in 19th century Bengal: Some Aspects of Interaction and Assimilation" at the 57th Session of the Indian History Congress held in Madras.

2. 1997 "Public Health Care Measures in Colonial Bengal and the Famine of 1943" at 56th session of the Indian Historical Records Commission held in Jabalpur.

3. 2001 "Health Care for women and Children in colonial Bengal", at the History Congress Panel on History of Medicine and Health in India at the *61st session of the Indian History Congress held in Calcutta in January* .

4. 2002 "Indian Women and Western Medicine in Colonial India " at a UGC-sponsored National Seminar on "Recent Perspectives of History " , organized by the Mahishadal Raj College, Midnapur (West Bengal) during 13th and 14th February,

5. 2002 "Women, Medicine, Empire; Maternal and Infant Health in Colonial India" at the first Biennial conference of the Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies (IAAPS) held in Calcutta during March 1, 2, 3

6. 2002 "Women and Health Care in 19th and 20th century India" at a National Seminar on Women Studies organised by the Rabindra Bharati University in September

7. 2002 "Philanthropy, patronage and health care in British India" at a National Seminar organised by The Corpus Research Institute , Jadavpur University, Calcutta in November.

8. 2005 "The Educational thoughts of Rabindranath Tagore" at the U.G.C. sponsored national seminar organised by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University

9. 2006 "Women Revolutionaries of Early 20th Century Bengal" at the U.G.C. sponsored national seminar organised by the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University

10. 2006 "Women and Medicine in Colonial India: A Case Study of Three Women Doctors" at the 66th session of the Indian History Congress held in Visva Bharati, Santiniketan.

11. 2007 "Sri Aurobindo, Mahatma Gandhi and India's Freedom Struggle: From Swadeshi to Non-Cooperation" at a National Seminar organised by the Centre for Sri Aurobindo Studies, Jadavpur University and Darshan Samai Trust, Kolkata.

12.2007 "The Brahmo Movement in 19th century Bengal" at a seminar organised by Tagore Museum, Rabindra Bharati University at Jorasanko campus, Kolkata

13.2008 "Unani Medicine and Syncretic Medical Culture in Medieval India" in a National workshop sponsored by ICHR and organized by Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University.

14.2008 " Haimavati Sen: The Story of a Lady Doctor" at a national seminar on "Writing Social History" organized by Department of History, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, March.

15.2008 "Environmentalism of Rabindranath Tagore" at a national seminar organized by Burdwan University, March

16.2008 "Significance and Achievements of Swadeshi Movement in Bengal" at Lady Brabourne College, in February.

17.2008 "Gandhian Satyagraha" at Narasinha Dutt College, affiliated to Calcutta University on 25 March.

18.2008 "Victorian Women and Health Care for Indian Women in 19th Century Bengal" at a National Seminar organized by Maharani Kasiswari College, affiliated to the Calcutta University, on 16 April.

19.2009 Attended the National Level silver jubilee conference of Paschimbanga Itihas Sangsad and presented a paper entitled Methodology in History of Colonial Medicine in a collaborative seminar organized by History Department, and Itihas Sangsad at Rabindra Bharati University in January.

20.2009- Presented a paper on "Institutionalisation of Western Science and Indian response in Early Nineteenth Century Bengal" at a National Seminar organized by Jadavpur University on Situating Science on 30 March

21.2009-Delivered a talk on Methodologies of Research as resource person at a workshop organized by Rabindra Bharati University on Revisiting Research Methodologies in March

22.9-11 October,2009-Presented a paper titled "Women's Issues in Literature in Late Colonial Bengal: Contextualising Rabindranath Tagore's Short Stories" at the 46th Annual Conference of Institute of Historical Studies held at L.J.N.J. Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Mumbai

23.20-21 February,2010-Presented a paper "Indigenous Medicine in Colonial Bengal: A Study in Historiography" at a National Seminar on "India's Indigenous Medical Systems" organized by the Department of History, Visva-Bharati.

24.4th-5th March,2010-Participated at a National Seminar organized by Department of History, Jadavpur University on "Science, Technology and Society". Chaired two sessions and presented a paper titled "Gender and Health Education"

25.1 October, 2010-Presented a paper titled "Gandhi's Constructive Programme, India's Struggle for Freedom and the Gandhians in Bengal: A Reappraisal" at a National Seminar organized by Loreto College, Kolkata.

26.2 October, 2010- Presented a paper titled 'Gandhi and Hind Swaraj' at a National Seminar organized by Presidency University, Kolkata.

27.10 November, 2010-Presented a paper on "Rabindranath, Gandhi, and India's Freedom Struggle" at a National Seminar organized by Peary Mohan College, Uttarpara in collaboration with Gandhi Museum, Barrackpore.

28.16 January, 2011-Presented a paper titled "Famine and Women's Health in Late Colonial India: A Case Study of "Pancaser manvantar"(Or the Famine of 1943) in Bengal" at a National Seminar on 'Underdevelopment and Development: Challenge and Response' organized by Dept. of History, Visva-Bharati.

29.25 February, 2011-Presented a Paper entitled The Bengal Famine of 1943-44, Epidemics and Mortality at the Seminar on 'Rethinking Bengal; Structure, Agency and Paradigm' organized by the Department of History , the University of Burdwan

30.7 March, Presented a paper on "The Autobiography of a Bengali Woman Doctor" at a National Seminar organized by the Centre for Women Studies, University of Burdwan

31.11 March, 2011-Presented a paper on *Rabindranath o paribesh sanrakshan* ('Rabindranath and the preservation of nature')at a national seminar on "Rabindranath:In the light of the present' organized by the K.K. Das College, in collaboration with the *Bangiya Sahitya Parishad*

32.21 March, 2011-Participated and made a presentation on Recent Trends in writing the History of Medicine of India at a Discussion Meeting organized by the University of Calcutta.

SELECTED CONFERENCE/CONGRESS/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS at INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

1.20-26 July 1997-Attended the XXth International Congress of History of Science held at Liege, Belgium and presented a paper entitled "Public health Care Policies in British India".

2.2006-"Environmental Thoughts and Malaria in Colonial Bengal: A Study in Social Response' at the international conference on "Epidemics in South Asian History" organised jointly by the Burdwan University and the Wellcome Trust for History of Medicine, London.

3.2008-Attended the 20th Conference of the International Association of Historians of Asia(IAHA) and presented a paper entitled "Medical Education for female Doctors in Colonial India" held in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in November.

4.24-26th February,2010- Chaired a session and Presented a paper titled "Environment, Health and Colonial Topographical Surveys of Early Nineteenth Century India: Case Studies of Assam and Bengal" at an International Seminar on "Environmental History and Politics with Special Reference to North-East India" organized by Department of History, Assam University, Shilchar in collaboration with Association of South Asian Environmental Historians.

5.2010-"In Pursuit of a Different Society: M.K.Gandhi's Thoughts on Environment" at an International Workshop on environmental history organised by the Department of History, Jadavpur University in March.

6."Western Medicine and Indigenous Response in 19th century India" at the XXIII International Congress of History of Science and Technology held at Budapest, Hungary-28July-2August, 2009(synopsis accepted)

7."Ecological visions and experiments of a poet and his foreign friends in colonial South Asia: Rabindranath Tagore(1861-1941), L.K.Elmhirst and Patrick Geddes"-at the First World Congress of Environmental History held in Copenhagen, August4-8,2009(synopsis accepted)

Memorial Lecture

31 October, 2009-Delivered Prof. H. L. Gupta Memorial Lecture, 2008-2009, at The Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata, on "Women, Imperialism, and Medicine"

Books

Life and Ideas of Bijoykrishna Goswami (1841-1899), Calcutta, 1999 (Co-author)

Gandhian Views On Education (ed.)-Rabindra Bharati university, Kolkata, 2010

Book chapters

1."The Santal Rebellion (1855-56): In the Santal World-View", in C. Palit ed., *Revolt Studies*, One, Calcutta, 1987.

2. "Malaria and Morbidity in Bengal" in Ranjit Kumar Roy ed. *Imperial Embrace*, Calcutta, 1993

3."The Profile of a Reformer: Bijoy Krishna Goswami and His Brahmo Message", in R. Ray ed., *Retrieving Bengal's Past*, Calcutta, 1995.

4. "Standard of Living of Small Farmers in Colonial Bengal (1928-47)", in C. Palit ed., *Politics, Economy and Protest in Colonial India*, Calcutta, 1997.

5."Disciplining the Body? Health Care for Women and Children in Early Twentieth Century Bengal", in Deepak Kumar ed., *Disease and Medicine in India: A Historical Overview*, New Delhi, 2001.

6. Entries on Calcutta Medical College, Kadambini Ganguly, Ronald Ross, Nilratan Sarkar, Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine, Public health, Ayurvedic Medicine in *Banglapedia, The National Encyclopedia of Bangladesh* (Online version available)
7. "Patronage, Philanthropy, Western Medicine: Gender and Health in Nineteenth Century India" in C.Palit and A.Dutta (eds.), *History of medicine in India; the Medical Encounter*, Delhi, 2005
8. Swadeshi Siksha Andolan o Rabindranather Sikkhachintar Kromobikash (in Bengali), D.Ghosh (ed.), Satobarsher Aloy Bangavanga, Calcutta, 2005
- "Ouponibeshik Bharatbarshe Pashchatyo Chikitsabijnan ebong Mohilasamaj" (in Bengali), in S.Bhowmik (ed.), *Samprotik Itihascharcha*, Calcutta, 2005.
9. "Sri Aurobindo, Mahatma Gandhi and India's Freedom Struggle: From Swadeshi to Non-Cooperation" in Indrani Sanyal and Krishna Roy (ed), *Sri Aurobindo and His Contemporary Thinkers*, New Delhi, 2007
10. Contributed a chapter entitled "Gandhian Satyagraha; Experiments in South Africa" in *The Essence of Gandhi's Philosophy: Its significance and Relevance in Present Times*, Kolkata, 2008
11. Contributed a chapter entitled "Imperialism, Medicine and Women's health in Nineteenth Century India" in *Science and Society in India, c.1750-2000*, Arun Bandyopadhyay (Ed), Manohar, New Delhi, 2010.
12. Contributed a chapter entitled "Colonial rule and Female Practitioners of Indigenous Medicine in Bengal" in *Reflections in History: Essays in Honour of Professor Amalendu De*, Keka Dutta Roy and Chitta Ranjan Misra (eds.), Kolkata, 2009.
13. Entries on Santiniketan and Sriniketan- To be published in the Dictionary of Historic Personalities and Historic Places, Jadavpur University
21. Contributed a chapter entitled Ayurvedic Movement in a forthcoming volume.

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS/CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- ."Economics of Subsistence Agriculture and Growth of Sharecropping in Bengal", *The Quarterly Review of Historical Studies*, Vol. XXIX, 1989, No.1
- "Depression and Land Transfer", *Journal of History*, Jadavpur University, Vol. V, 1984
- "Some Contemporary Socio-economic Perceptions and Operational Aspects of the Bengal Agricultural Debtors' Act, 1935", *The Economic Studies*, Silver Jubilee Number, Vol. XXV., No. 1 and 2, July-Dec, 1984.
- Popular Sects and Elite Culture in 19th century Bengal: Some Aspects of Interaction and Assimilation", *Proceedings of the IHC*, 57th Session, Calcutta, 1997.
- "Women, Medicine and Empire: Female Practitioners and Patterns of Health Care in Colonial Bengal", *Modern Historical Studies*, Journal of the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Vol. 1, No. 2, 2001
- "Disease, Medicine and Public Health Care Policies in Colonial Bengal", Occasional paper, History Department, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta.
- "Women and Medicine in Colonial India: A Case Study of three Women Doctors", in *Indian History Congress Proceedings*, 66th Session, 2006.
- "Unani Medicine and Syncretic Medical Culture in Pre-colonial and Colonial India", in *History*, The Journal of the Department of History, Bardhaman University, Vol.V111, No.1, 2006
- "Environmental Thoughts and Malaria in Colonial Bengal: A Study in Social Response" in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLIII Nos.12 and 13 March 22-April 4, 2008.
- "Western Medicine, Women's Education and Female Doctors in Colonial Bengal" in *Rabindra Bharati Patrika*, Vol.11, 2008
- "Indian Patronage and Medical Education in Colonial India" in *Modern Historical Studies*, Journal of the Department of History, , Vol.6, 2009 Rabindra Bharati University
- Contributed Editor's Introduction** in *Gandhian Views on Education*, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, 2010.
- Editorial Note in *Modern Historical Studies*, Vol 6, 2009, Journal of Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University
- Also edited (co-editor) and contributed essay in *Smaranika Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad Golden Jubilee Celebration Volume*, Dept.of History, RBU, Kolkata; January 2009.

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Three scholars supervised awarded Ph.D degrees

(a) Supervised Ph.D. research of one research scholar who submitted his thesis entitled "Spread and Impact of Western Education in 19th century Rural Bengal" which won the award of Ph.D. degree (Arts) of the Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta, in May, 2000.

(b) supervised Ph.D. research of one research scholar on "Subarnabaniks of Calcutta" – awarded degree in May, 2007

(c) Supervised Ph.D. work of one scholar on Growth of Hindu Mahasabha-degree awarded in April, 2009

One Scholar has submitted dissertation on "Women's Magazines in Bengal(1905-1986)"

Presently supervising Ph. D works of the following candidates

(1) Chaitali Das on "The Changing Man: Gandhi and His Times- A Historiographical Study, 1922-1942"

(2) Amrita Biswas- Title of Thesis: Health care for women in colonial Bengal(1835-1947)

(3) Subhrangshu Roy- on Socio-Cultural History of Women's Soccer in India: Case Studies of Bengal, Goa and Manipur.

(4) Sukanya Sarkar; The Environmental Thoughts of Gandhi, Rabindranath and Binoba Bhabhe.

Supervised M. Phil dissertations of eight students of whom five have been awarded degree and three have just submitted dissertations.

SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2002-2006: Head, Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University

2 MAY, 2008-2010, Head, department of History, Rabindra Bharati University

2000-2002: Joint Director, Centre for Gandhian Studies, Rabindra Bharati University

2002-present: Director, Centre for Gandhian Studies, Rabindra Bharati

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

May, 2008-Present, Editor, Modern Historical Studies, Journal of the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University

2000-April, 2008 Member of the Editorial Board of Modern Historical Studies, Journal of the Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University

1993-present-Member, Board of Studies, Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University

1998-present-Member, Faculty Council (Arts), Rabindra Bharati University

2000-present- Member, Higher Degree Committee, History Department, Rabindra Bharati University

2007-present- Member, Tagore Museum Committee, Rabindra Bharati University

2008, March-present, Member, International Association for South Asian Environmental Historians

2009, January-present, Member, Editorial Board, 90 Minutes, Journal of Valerian Soccer Foundation

2008-Present-Member, Editorial Advisory Committee for Dictionary of Historic Places of Bengal: 1757-1947 approved and funded by the State Level Committee for the Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the First Indian War of Independence.

Life Member-Paschimbanga Itihas Sansad

Life Member-Indian History Congress

RADIO BROADCAST

Delivered radio talk on Rabindranath and Gandhi in November, 2010.

VISITING PROFESSOR

Jan-Feb, 2010-Served in Jawaharlal Nehru University (Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Studies) as Visiting Professor

March, 2010-Served as Visiting Professor in History Department, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan.

March, 2011-Served as Visiting Professor at the University of Burdwan.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Journal and Book editing

Edited *Modern Historical Studies*, Journal of Department of History, Rabindra Bharati University, vol.6, 2009

Co-Edited-*Smaranika* : Paschimbanga Itihas Sangsad Golden Jubilee Celebration Volume, Dept. of History, R.B.U., January, 2009

Resource person at UGC sponsored Refresher courses

Delivered lectures as Resource person at UGC sponsored Refresher courses at different Universities including Calcutta University, Jadavpur University, Bardhaman University, Mizoram University between 2004-2010.

She is also associated with different Universities in different capacities including member of Board of Studies, member of Ph. D. Committee, etc.

Adjudicator of PhD and M.Phil thesis of Other Universities

Associated with examination of M. Phil and Ph.D thesis of Jawaharlal Nehru University, Calcutta University, Jadavpur University, Burdwan University, Vidyasagar University. Kalyani University, Visva-Bharati, Assam University.