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Education and degree awarded:

2009 Ph.D in Sociology (Arts) on 10/11/2009 from the University of Burdwan, West Bengal, India as an ICSSR Doctoral Fellow attached with Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta.

Other Education and training

2004 Undertaken Research Training Programme (RTP) course (equivalent to M Phil) in the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC), West Bengal, India.

1992 M.Sc. in Anthropology (specialized in Socio-cultural Anthropology) from Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal, India.

Linguistic Skills

Mother tongue: **Bengali**

Other languages: **English and Hindi** - reading, writing, and speaking,

Current Position:

Working as a Senior Researcher in the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki, Finland (starting date 01/04/2018; end date end February, 2021). Affiliated with Helsinki Institute of Sustainability Science (HELSUS), Helsinki Institute of Urban and Regional Studies (URBARIA), and Helsinki Inequality Initiative (INEQ).

Fellowship and Awards:

- 2018 Awarded a Grant for a collaborative research project titled ‘Sustainable Livelihoods and the Politics at the Margins: Environmental Displacement in South Asia’ by the Academy of Finland.
- 2015 Awarded a book writing grant for the book manuscript titled, ‘Employment, Rights and Hegemony in Neo-liberal India’ by ERC, ICSSR.
- 2009 Awarded a Post Doctoral Fellowship in the University of Copenhagen for a collaborative research programme entitled *Nation in Motion: Globalization, Development and Governance in India* by the Danish Agency for Science and Higher Education, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2008 Awarded a Guest PhD Fellowship in Roskilde University, Denmark for three months
- 2005 Awarded the ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship in Political Sociology at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta
- 1992 Awarded a Gold Medal for standing first in order of merit of M. Sc. in Anthropology in the Vidyasagar University, West Bengal.

Previous professional experiences:

- 2017 May onwards – March 2018 – worked as Senior Researcher in CSSSC, Calcutta
- 2016 September-2017 April - Worked as Senior Researcher in Pratichi Institute, Kolkata

2015-2016 Worked on a book manuscript with a book grant by the Eastern Regional Centre, ICSSR.

2014-2015 Worked as Guest Faculty in the Department of Sociology, University of Burdwan, and Rabindrabharati University

2013-2014 Worked as honorary consultant in various water related projects undertaken by 'The Researcher', a consultancy firm based in Kolkata.

2009-2012 Worked as Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Cross-cultural and regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

2009 1) Worked as a honorary consultant in various research projects.

2008-2009 Associated with CSSSC, Calcutta as ICSSR Doctoral Fellow

2006 Associated as honorary consultant with the project of Action Aid-CUTS International, namely "Understanding the Dynamics and Impact of Land Acquisition in Selected areas of West Bengal"

2005 - 2006 Associated as a honorary researcher in the multi-location study under IWMI-Tata Programme in the state of West Bengal on eight water-related themes.

2004–2005 Worked as a researcher in a project titled 'Primary Education and Decentralization' in Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, under the supervision of Prof. Manabi Majumdar.

1993 – 2002 Worked as social and political activist and tried to organize the workers, the women, the peasants and the students on various pertinent issues. Worked as an editorial member of a couple of magazines and periodicals.

A List of Publications

Book

Forthcoming (2020) **Rural Politics in India: Political Stratification and Governance in West Bengal** (China edition, in Chinese translation),

Cambridge University Press and East China University of Science and Technology Press

- 2018 **Employment, Poverty and Rights in India**, UK: Routledge
- 2017 Jointly edited with Sreemoyee Ghosh, **In Pursuit of Inclusive Development: Essays** for Manabi Majumdar, Parabolic Publication, Kolkata.
- 2013 **Rural Politics in India: Political Stratification and Governance in West Bengal**, Cambridge University Press, New York (also Cambridge, UK)
- 2012 *Party, Panchayat O Gram-Rajniti: Pakhi Murmu ebong Anyora* (Party, Panchayat and Village Politics: Pakhi Murmu and Others), published by Purbalok Publication, Kolkata.
- 2012 Jointly authored with Partha Sarathi Banerjee, **Contemporary Politics in West Bengal: Glimpses from the Left Front Regime**, Purbalok Publication, Kolkata.
- 2005 Jointly authored with Partha Sarathi Banerjee in Bengali, *Grambanglar Rajneeti* (The Politics of Rural Bengal) basing on micro-studies of four villages in West Bengal, distributed by People's Book Society.

Articles/Book chapters

Under Review: A joint article with Sirpa Tenhunen and Mahammad Jasim Uddin, entitled 'After the Cyclone Aila: Climate Change and the Relational State in India and Bangladesh'.

Under Review: An article entitled 'Urban Restructuration, Domestic Work and the Place-making efforts of Migrants in India'.

- 2020 **'On the horns of a dilemma'! Climate Change, Forest Conservation and the Marginal People in Indian Sundarbans**, *Forum for Development Studies*, 47 (2): pp. 307-26.

- 2020 **‘Land, Caste and Class in rural West Bengal’**, in Deepak K. Mishra and Pradeep K. Nayak (eds), *Land and Livelihoods in Neoliberal India*, Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan. pp. 123-39.
- 2020 **‘Mobile Communication in India: Does the village life ‘overflow’ the banks of the form?’** Book Review: Sirpa Tenhunun. 2018. *A Village Goes Mobile: Telephony, Mediation and Social Change in rural India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press. *Burdwan Journal of Sociology*.
- 2018 **Politics at the Margin: A Tale of Two Villages** in Surinder Singh Jodhka (ed), *A Handbook of Rural India*, Orient BlackSwan and Economic and Political Weekly, Hyderabad
- 2017 **Caste, Identity and Power: Making and Unmaking of Caste Mobilization in contemporary West Bengal** in Surinder Singh Jodhka and James Manor (eds), ‘Contested Hierarchies, Persisting Inequalities: Caste and Power in 21st Century India’, Orient Black Swan, Delhi
- 2017 **‘Women in Gram Panchayat: Access, Attainment or Empowerment’**, in Dayabati Roy and Sreemoyee Ghosh (eds), *In Pursuit of Inclusive Development: Essays for Manabi Majumdar*, Purbalok Publication, Kolkata
- 2016 **‘Tribe, Political Party and Local Self-Government: An Ethnography on Santal in West Bengal’** in Bidhan Kanti Das and Raja Kanti Das (eds), *Re-examining Tribes in Context: Issues and Priorities*, Raw-at Publication, Delhi
- 2016 **Employment, Rights and Hegemony**, in *Seminar*, June
- 2014 **Women and Politics: A Discourse on Gender in contemporary rural West Bengal, an Indian state**. In Sirpa Tenhunnen and Klaus Cartooneed (Ed) ‘Contentious Connections: Social Imagination in Globalizing South Asia’, Cambridge Scholar Publishing Ltd, UK
- 2012 ***Decentralization reforms in Primary Education: Some Reflections on West Bengal***, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLVII, NO. 24.
- 2012 ***Caste and Power: An ethnography in West Bengal***, in *Modern Asian studies*, 46(4).

- 2010 *Women and the Public Sphere: West Bengal*, in Heidi Moksnes and Mia Melin (eds), *Power to the People? (Con-)Tested Civil Society in Search of Democracy*, Published by Uppsala University.
- 2009 *Panchayat Irrigation Management: A case Study of Institutional Reforms Programmes over Teesta Command in West Bengal*, jointly authored in *International Journal of Rural Management*, Volume 5, No 1
- 2008 *Whither the subaltern domain? An ethnographic enquiry*, in *Economic and political weekly*, June 7
- 2008 *Nandigram: Victory of the Subaltern*, in Gautam Roy (Ed), *Nandigram and Beyond*, Gangchil, Kolkata
- 2007 *Politics at the Margin: A Tale of two Villages*, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, August 11
- 2007 *Behind the Present Peasant Unrest in West Bengal*, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, June 2
- 2006 *Left Front's electoral victory in West Bengal: An Ethnographer's Account*, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, October

Articles/Book chapter in Bengali

- 2018 Naxalbari ebong protibader koyekti muhurta (Naxalbari and some moments of Protests) in *Panch Prajonmer Naxalbari*, edited by Nilanjan Dutta, Purbalok Publication: Kolkata
- 2015 Somajtottwo, Jatpat o shreni (Sociology, Caste and Class), *Sholoana* (January), Kolkata: ISSN – 2349-2481 Sholoana.
- 2014 Seemanter manush ebong kantatarer bera, *Sholoana* (July), Kolkata: ISSN – 2349-2481 Sholoana.
- 2014 Biswayan ebong uttar ouponibeshik rajniti (Globalization and Post Colonial Politics), *Sholoana* (January), Kolkata: ISSN – 2349-2481 Sholoana.
- 2009 Party, Panchayat O Ganatantra in *Deepan*, March

2007 Unnayan O Kshamatatantra (Development and Power), in Goutam Roy (Ed),
'Uchchhed banam Prathirodh', February.

Documentary Film making

2011 '**Hundred days**' a documentary film on implementation and impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in West Bengal.

2007 '**In the Name of Development**' a documentary film made on the land acquisition conflict in two districts of West Bengal.

2006 '**Right to Land**' a documentary film made on the land acquisition debate in Singur, Hooghly district of West Bengal.

Blog Writing

www.endissa.net/blog/

Previous Teaching Experiences

2020 Co-teaching (formulated) in a course entitled 'Anthropology of Climate Change' (for master students) in the department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki, Finland.

2019 and on Co-teaching in courses entitled 'Politics and Society' and 'Ethnographic Methodology' in the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki, Finland.

2018- 2019 Contributed as a guest lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University and taught topics like Sociological Thinkers, Sociological Theories.

2014-2015 Contributed as a guest lecturer in the Department of Sociology, University of Burdwan and Rabindrabharati University and taught various topics like caste and religion (Indian society and culture), migration, gender and state, rural sociology, cultural studies, medical anthropology.

- 2011 Contributed as a teacher to the spring course titled '*Gender and Women in the Global South*' in Linnaeus University, Sweden in the month of April 2011.
- 2010 Contributed as a teacher to the spring course titled '*Gender and Women in the Global South*' in Linnaeus University, Sweden in the month of April 2010.

Invited Lectures and Keynote

- 2019 Invited lecture titled 'A Search for Home: Environmental displacement, Work, and Women at the frontier of Kolkata' in the department of Anthropology, Leipzig University at Leipzig, Germany on 5th November.
- 2019 Invited lecture titled 'Domestic Help: Work, Relocation and the Politics of Place in an Indian Metropolitan City', in the department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki, Finland on 1 November.
- 2017 Invited lecture titled 'Women in Gram Panchayat: Gender and Social Transformation in Rural West Bengal' in a National Conference on the 25 years celebration of 73&74 Constitutional Amendment in University of Mumbai held on 2nd-3rd November.
- 2016 Keynote Speech titled 'Decentralization, Women and Gender in West Bengal, in an International Conference on 'Marginalization, Poverty and Decentralization', organized by Kerala Institute of Local Administration in Trissur, Kerala on 19-22 November.
- 2016 Keynote Speech titled 'Poverty, Power and Policy in India: The Question of Employment', in a conference on 'Poverty's Causes and Consequences in the Urban Developing World' organized by the Department of History and Ethnology of Jyväskylä University in Jyväskylä, Finland on 4th -6th.
- 2015 Invited lecture titled 'Employment, Rights and Hegemony in Neo-liberal India', in Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä, Finland on 12 August.

- 2015 Invited lecture titled 'Governing the Tribe: Culture, Conflict and Development', in an academic session on 'Predicaments of Tribal Communities in Contemporary India' organized by Anthropological Survey of India on occasion of the Congress of INCAA on 22 February.
- 2012 Invited lecture titled '*India's Changing Rural Space: A New Kind of Peasant Mobilization?*' in Anjan Ghosh Memorial Seminar organized by Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta on 5 October.
- 2010 Invited lecture on '*Women and land movement in India*' in the Forum of Gender Studies of Linnaeus University, Sweden on 14 September.

Workshop Organization

- 2011 Organized a workshop jointly on the theme '*Nordic Perspectives on South Asian Development*' in the Conference on 'The Future of Development Research: Exploring the Nordic Perspective(s)' held at Copenhagen Business school, Copenhagen, Denmark on 24-25 November.
- 2011 Organized a workshop jointly on the theme '*State, Society and Marginality*' in the ADI workshop held on 21-22 November in the University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2010 Copenhagen South Asia Workshop on '*Writing South Asia*' in Centre of Global South Asia held on 28 September.

Paper Presentation in Conferences and Workshops

- 2019 Presented a paper titled 'Projects and the Peasants: Industrialization, Research and Activism in India' in a session of the conference organized by the Finnish Anthropological Society, Finland on 29-30 August.
- 2019 Co-presented a paper titled 'Environmental Displacement, Work and Waiting in India' in a session of the conference organized by the Finnish Anthropological Society, Finland, on 29-30 August.

- 2019 Presented a paper titled 'A Search for Home: Women, Work and Urban Settlement in Kolkata' in a session of the conference organized by the Association for Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth held at 3-6 September.
- 2019 Presented a paper titled 'On the horns of a dilemma' ! Climate Change, Forest Conservation and the Marginal People in Indian Sundarbans in a session of the Joint Nordic Conference on Development Research held at Copenhagen on 27-28 June.
- 2017 Presented a paper titled 'Land, Caste and Class in West Bengal' in a National Seminar on Land Question in Neo-liberal era', organized by IIAS, Shimla at IIAS on 9th-11th October.
- 2016 Presented a paper titled 'Poverty, Decentralization and Women in West Bengal' in an International Conference on Marginalization, Poverty and Decentralization, organized by Working Group 05, ISA and KILA on November 19-22 at KILA, Trissur, Kerala.
- 2015 Presented a paper titled 'Employment, Rights and Transformations in Neoliberal India', in an International Conference (Fourth Annual NRAS) 'Transformations and Transitions of the Rural in India' hosted by the G B Pant Social Science Institute at Allahabad, December 18-20.
- 2014 Presented a paper titled '*Women in Gram Panchayat: Gender and Social Transformation in rural West Bengal*' in a workshop organized by Rabindrabharati University on 7 November.
- 2014 Presented a paper titled '*Governing the Rural: Panchayat, Community and Hierarchy in North Bengal*' in a National Seminar 'North Bengal: Issues in Social Development (March 25, 2014) organized by Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal.
- 2014 Presented a paper titled '*Tribe, Political Party and Local Self-Government: An Ethnography on Santal in West Bengal*' in a National Seminar

‘Conceptualizing and Contextualizing Tribe in Contemporary India’ organized by Institute of Development Studies Kolkata from 6-8 February.

- 2013 Presented a paper titled ‘*Employment Guarantee Act and Neo-liberal Governmentality in India*’ in a National Seminar on ‘Dynamics of development and Discontent’ organized by Tufanganj Mahavidyalaya, Coochbehar on 27Sep – 28 Sep.
- 2012 Presented a paper titled ‘*Women and the Public Sphere: A Discourse on Gender and Civil Society*’ in India’ in a Workshop titled ‘State Regulation and Social Capital: Comparative Approaches to India and Denmark’ at the Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies held at 7-8 December.
- 2011 Presented a paper titled ‘*Indian State and its Welfare Initiatives: Employment Guarantee Act in West Bengal*’ in a Workshop in the conference held at Copenhagen Business School, Denmark on 24.25 November.
- 2011 Presented a paper titled ‘*Panchayat, Party and Tribe in India: Some Reflections on Santals in Rural West Bengal*’ in a workshop of Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies in the University of Copenhagen, Denmark on 21-22 November.
- 2011 Presented a documentary film on MGNREGA titled, ‘*Hundred Days*’, in the Third Nordic Conference on South Asian Studies for young scholars held at Falsterbo in Sweden on 16-18 August, 2011.
- 2011 Presented a paper titled ‘*Decentralization Reforms in Primary Education: Some Reflections on West Bengal, India*’, organized by CISCA and held on 29-30 June, 2011 at the Aarhus University.
- 2010 Presented a paper titled *Governing the Poor: Reflections on Contemporary Politics in Rural India* in the ADI international Conference on ‘Asian Diversity in a Global Context’ held at Copenhagen University in Denmark from 11 November to 14 November.2010.
- 2010 Presented a paper titled ‘*Development, rural politics and neo-liberal state in India: a study on West Bengal*’ in the Second Nordic Conference on South

Asian Studies for Young Scholars held at Falsterbo in Sweden from 18 August to 20 August 2010.

- 2010 Presented a paper titled '*Women and Politics: A gender discourse on politics of West Bengal, an Indian state*' in the International Conference on 'Globalizing South Asia' organized by the Nordic association for South Asian Studies in the University of Helsinki, Finland from 27 May to 29 May.
- 2010 Presented a paper titled '*Women and the Public Sphere: A gender discourse on 'Civil Society' in West Bengal, an Indian state*' in the International Conference on 'Power to the People? (Con-)Tested Civil Society in Search of Democracy' organized by the Centre for Sustainable Development, Uppsala University, Sweden on 23-24 March, 2010.
- 2008 Presented a paper titled '*Women and land movement in the era of Globalization: An ethnography in West Bengal*' in the international Conference on 'Asian creativity, Culture and Technology in the 21st Century' organized by Nordic Institute of Asian Studies held at Trondheim in Norway from 12 November to 16 November.
- 2008 Presented a paper titled '*Caste and Power in West Bengal: An ethnography of two villages*' in a Workshop organized by the Department of Humanities, Oslo University, Norway held at Oslo on 8-9 November.
- 2008 Presented a paper on '*Women and land movement in the era of Globalization: An ethnography in West Bengal*' in the Department of Society and globalization, Roskilde University, Denmark on 30 October.

Recent Publication:

1. (2020) **‘On the horns of a dilemma’! Climate Change, Forest Conservation and the Marginal People in Indian Sundarbans**, *Forum for Development Studies*, 47 (2): pp. 307-26
2. (2020) **‘Land, Caste and Class in rural West Bengal’**, in Deepak K. Mishra and Pradeep K. Nayak (eds), *Land and Livelihoods in Neoliberal India*, Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan. pp. 123-39
3. (2018) **Employment, Poverty and Rights in India**, UK: Routledge
4. (2018) **Politics at the Margin: A Tale of Two Villages** in Surinder Singh Jodhka (ed), *A Handbook of Rural India*, Orient BlackSwan and Economic and Political Weekly, Hyderabad
5. (2017) **Caste, Identity and Power: Making and Unmaking of Caste Mobilization in contemporary West Bengal** in Surinder Singh Jodhka and James Manor (eds), *‘Contested Hierarchies, Persisting Inequalities: Caste and Power in 21st Century India’*, Orient Black Swan, Delhi

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