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B.A. (Hons., Political Science), M.A (Sociology and Social Anthropology), M.Phil.(Himalayan Studies), Ph.D (Sociology).

Professor & Director

**About:**

Engaged in socially relevant cross-cultural research and practicing student friendly pedagogy in teaching for more than a decade. Skilled communicator, persuasive, adaptable, and self-motivated with high energy, initiative and focus. Fluent in English, Hindi, & Bengali. Can well read & speak (only minimally) Nepali. Explorer in South Asian Studies particularly its epistemological concerns as evinced through ethnicity, nationalism, language, labour, constitutionalism, protective discrimination, caste, class and Dalit questions throughout the Himalayas.

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Subject specialization: Nil**Areas of Research Interest:** Nil**No. of Ph.D. students:** (a) Supervised: 00 (b) Ongoing: 00**No. of M.Phil. students:** (a) Supervised: 00 (b) Ongoing: 00.**No. of Publications:** (a) Journal(s) : 33 (b) Books: 02 (c) Chapters in Edited volumes: 13 +01 (Forthcoming)

(d) Module writings for UGC courses: 02 (e) Book review: 01 (f) Popular writings: 12

(g) Translation: 01 (h) Occasional Paper: 01

Achievement & Awards:

- **2016-17.** Recipient of ICSSR and University of Lausanne funded Indo-Swiss Joint Research Project on "A Moral Economy of Labour? Tea Cooperatives in Eastern Himalayan and Sub-Himalayan Bengal Tea Zone"
- **2010-11.** Honorary Fellow of the Centre for Conflict Resolution & Human Security (CCRHS), New Delhi
- **2009.** Awarded best paper presenter award in the category of young anthropologists in the 4th Inter-Congress of the Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA) held in the University of Hyderabad in February
- **2003-2004.** Awarded Senior Research Fellowship by the University Grants Commission (UGC)
- **2001-2003.** Awarded Junior Research Fellowship by the University Grants Commission (UGC)
- **1998.** Awarded University Medal and Thakur Panchanan Burma Memorial Gold Medal for securing first class first position in M.A. Examination
- **1996.** Awarded University Medal for securing second class first position in B.A. (Hons.) Examination

Professional experiences:**Teaching Experience**

- **(2018 September continuing)** Appointed as Professor in the Centre for Himalayan Studies on September 6, 2018

- **(2004 July – 2018 September)** Appointed as Assistant Professor of Sociology on July 7, 2004 in the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal continued till September 5, 2004.
- **Courses taught at Post-Graduate level:** Political Sociology, Sociology of Change & Development, Ethnicity, Pluralism and Nationalism, Social Movements in India, Area Studies, Himalayan Studies, South Asia, Peace and Conflict Resolution.
- **Courses taught at Ph. D. Course Work Level:** Methodological issues in Himalayan Studies and epistemological questions in South Asian Studies

Research Grants/Projects

- **2017-18.** Research project entitled *Cooperatives run Tea Plantations and the Concerns of Labour: A Case Study of Tripura*, funds allocated (INR 50,000.00) by the University of North Bengal **[COMPLETED]**
- **2016-17.** Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme under ICSSR- University of Lausanne, Switzerland Scholars Exchange Grants Research began in August 2016 on “A Moral Economy of Labour? Tea Cooperatives in Eastern Himalayan and Sub-Himalayan Bengal Tea Zone” **[COMPLETED]**
- **2015-16.** Submitted the Report entitled “*Nepal Studies in India: A Survey of Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociological and Social Anthropological Literature*” prepared for the B P Koirala India-Nepal Foundation funded and Martin Chautari, Nepal executed Project on “*Fostering Academic and Policy Research Collaboration between India and Nepal and Related Activities*”. (Time allocated Eight Months, Funds allocated NRs 2,00,000.00) **[COMPLETED]**
- **2014-2015.** Research project entitled *Tribal Identity and Politics in the Darjeeling Hills: A Sociological Study*, funds allocated (INR 50,000.00) by the University of North Bengal **[COMPLETED]**
- **2010-2011.** Research project entitled *Ethnic Conflict and Conflict Resolution Initiatives: Darjeeling Hills in Perspective*, funds allocated (INR 1,00,000.00) by Centre for Conflict Resolution and Human Security, New Delhi **[COMPLETED]**
- **2009-2011.** Research project entitled *Migration and Ethnicity in Darjeeling Hills*, funds allocated (INR 45,000.00) by the UGC-SAP, Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal **[COMPLETED]**
- **2007-2009.** UGC Minor Research Project entitled *A Sociological Study on Gorkhaland Movement*, funds allocated (INR 1,00,000.00) by the University Grants Commission **[COMPLETED]**

Research Experience

- **Decemehr 2001 – July 2004.** Engaged with the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi as Research Fellow (UGC-JRF/ SRF)
- **March 2001 – August 2001.** Engaged with Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal as a Project Fellow in an ICSSR sponsored major research project on Urban Poor

Co-Curricular Activities

1. Each year (during 2004 – 2017) organised and accompanied PG students for field work in the interior villages of West Bengal, monitored them while doing field work and supervised dissertations.
2. Attended a Brainstorming Workshop in connection with a Project (BP Koirala India-Nepal Foundation funded and Martin Chautari executed) on “*Fostering Academic and Policy Research Collaboration between India and Nepal and Related Activities*” and was inducted in the project with the responsibility of preparing a commissioned research paper for the said project on the theme “Nepal Studies in India: A Survey of Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociological and Social Anthropological Literature”.
3. Taken classes for 1st and 3rd Semester PG Sociology in Gour Banga University, Malda, West Bengal, under extension lecture programme during 17-18 December, 2014.
4. Evaluated PG Sociology scripts of Sikkim Central University, Gangtok, Sikkim.
5. Acted as Question Setter of PG Sociology courses of Gour Banga University, Malda, West Bengal.
6. Associate Editor, *Social Trends: Journal of the Department of Sociology of North Bengal University* (ISSN 2348-6538)
7. Assistant Editor, *West Bengal Sociological Review*, the official journal of the Sociological Association of West Bengal (ISSN 2231-4695)
8. Took active part as Treasurer in organising the 5th Annual Conference of the Sociological Association of West Bengal (SAWB) in the University of North Bengal during 12-13 March, 2013.
9. Organised a National Seminar as Convener on “North Bengal: Issues of Development” funded by the UGC held on March 25, 2014 in the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal.
10. Organised One Day Research Scholars’ Workshop as Convener on 15th October 2015 in the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal.
11. Organised a National Seminar on *The Condition of Plantation Labour in North Bengal Tea Zone* (August 29, 2017) funded by the UGC SAP DRS II and the University of North Bengal.
12. Organised a Workshop funded by the ICSSR-ERC on the *Problems and Prospects of Tea Cooperatives in North Bengal* (August 30, 2017).
13. Organised a Workshop funded by the Himalayan Studies on the *Sevoke-Rangpo Railway and the Forest Village Dwellers: Concerns for Environment, Development and Livelihood in the Eastern Himalayas* (29 May, 2018)

14. Organised an International Workshop on "Himalayan Studies and Interdisciplinarity" during 11-12 December, 2018 at the Centre for Himalayan Studies, University of North Bengal

Extra Curricular Activities

1. Participated in fund raising drive for the recent (April 25 – May 12 2015) earth quake victims of Nepal and took initiative in the formation and activities of the NBU Solidarity for Earth Quake Victims of Nepal, a forum created by the research scholars and PG students of the University of North Bengal.
2. Participated and donated blood in the blood donation camp organised by the students of the Department of Mathematics, University of North Bengal on May 21, 2015.
3. Made freelance contribution in Newspapers (Opinion/ post editorials pieces published in Newspapers like *The Statesman*, *Sikkim Express*, *Rising Nepal*, *Himalayan Mirror*, *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, *Uttar Banga Sambad* etc.)
4. Executive Committee Member, Sociological Association of West Bengal (SAWB)
5. Life Member, the Indian Anthropological Society
6. Life Member, the Indian National Confederation and the Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA)

Faculty Recharge Programmes Attended

- **Refresher Course in Sociology (ID) February 17, 2016 – March 8, 2016** Human Resource Development Centre, University of North Bengal, Grade: A
- **Refresher Course in Women's Studies (22 August –11 September, 2012)** Academic Staff College, University of North Bengal, Grade: A
- **ATREE Certificate Course (9 – 16 MARCH 2011)** 'Perspectives on Environment and Development: Concepts and Debates'. The Academy for Conservation Science and Sustainability Studies, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Bangalore
- **Orientation Course (1 – 28 DECEMBER 2010)** Academic Staff College, University of North Bengal, Grade: A

List of Publications:

Books

- **2013.** GORKHALAND MOVEMENT: A STUDY ON ETHNIC CONFLICT AND STATE RESPONSE, Concept Publishing House, New Delhi, 2013 (ISBN 93-5125-007-5)
- **2013.** ETHNICITY IN INDIA: ISSUES IN COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND CONFLICT (Edited Volume) Co-edited with R.K. Bhadra & R. Mukhopadhyay, Levant Press: Kolkata, 2013 (ISBN 978-93-80663-48-7)

Occasional Paper

- 2012. Autonomy, Self-Rule and Community in Darjeeling Hills: A Review of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, Vol. VI, 2012, Department of Sociology: University of North Bengal

Journal Articles

1. **2019.** "Scholar Accessible: Rabindra Ray (1948-2019)", *Mainstream*, VOL LVII No 15 March 30, 2019, pp. 29-31. Available at: <http://www.mainstreamweekly.net/article8605.html>
2. **2017.** "From Class to Identity Politics: Plight of Plantation Labour in Terai", *Frontier*, 50(21): 9-12. (ISSN 0016-2094), Available at URL: <http://www.frontierweekly.com/articles/vol-50/50-21/50-21-Plight%20of%20Plantation%20Labour%20in%20Terai.html>
3. **2017.** "The influences of Indian Sociology in Nepal: Need for Regional Imagining", *Studies in Nepali History and Society (SINHAS)*, Volume 22, Number 1, pp. 119-156 (Co-authored)ISSN: 1025-5109
4. **2017.** "The Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal & the Himalaya," *HIMALAYA, the Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*, Vol. 37, No. 1: 141-144, Article 22. (ISSN 1935-2212). Available at: <http://digitalcommons.macalester.edu/himalaya/vol37/iss1/22> (co-authored)
5. **2017.** "Obituary: Sharit K Bhowmik (1948–2016)", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 52(4): 72-73. (ISSN 0012-9976). (Refereed)
6. **2016.** "Environment and Development: Critical Notes on Sustainable Development", *Kerala Sociologists*, 44 (2): 131-143. ISSN 0975-8933 (Peer Reviewed)
7. **2016.** "Curious Notes on Globalisation, Labour and National Society", *Frontier*, 49(9) Sep 4 - 10, Available at URL: <http://www.frontierweekly.com/articles/vol-49/49-9/49-9-Globalisation%20Labour%20and%20National%20Society.html> (ISSN 0016-2094)
8. **2016.** "How (Not) to Write Hill History: Gorkhaland and Telangana Are Not Similar", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 51(5): 94-95. (ISSN 0012-9976). (Refereed)
9. **2016.** "Review of "The Demands of Recognition: State Anthropology and Ethnopolitics in Darjeeling" by Townsend Middleton," *HIMALAYA, the Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*, 36(2): 151-153, Article 26. (ISSN 1935-2212).
10. **2015.** "Nepali Nation and Nationalism in Darjeeling: Kumar Pradhan in Perspective", *Studies in Nepali History and Society (SINHAS)*, 20(1): 31-68. ISSN: 1025-5109 (Peer Reviewed)
11. **2014.** "Gorkhaland and Beyond", (Web Exclusive Article), *Himal South Asian*, December 15, (ISSN 10129804) Stable URL: <http://himalmag.com/gorkhaland-beyond-indias-states-exception/> (Refereed)

12. **2014.** "Parliamentary Elections and Gorkhaland: Message from Darjeeling", *Mainstream*, vol. 52 (44): 25-26, 37 (ISSN 0542-1462)
13. **2014.** "Reflections on Parliamentary Elections and Gorkhaland Movement in Darjeeling Hills", *Journal of Politics and Governance*, 3(2-3): 21-34. (ISSN 2278-473X)
14. **2014.** "Obituary: Kumar Pradhan (1937–2013)", *Himalaya: Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies*, 34(1): 137-141 (ISSN 1935-2212). (Refereed)
15. **2014.** "Tribal detour in Darjeeling Hills", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 49 (32): 25-26. (ISSN 0012-9976). (Refereed)
16. **2013.** "Belongingness, Contestation and the Politics of Inclusion in the Darjeeling Hills: A Little Known Chapter of Gorkha Agitation", *The Himalayan Miscellany*, 24: 58-94. (ISSN 0970-4922)
17. **2013.** "Peace, Conflict and Conflict Resolution: Anthropological Reflections on Ethnic Conflicts in India", *The Indian Journal of Anthropology*, 1(1): 33-68. (ISSN 2320-3757) (Refereed)
18. **2013.** "Statehood Movement—A Political Process", *Frontier*, Dec 1 - 7, 2013, Frontier, Vol. 46, No. 21, Available at URL: <http://www.frontierweekly.com/archive/vol-number/vol/vol-46-2013-14/46-21/46-21-Statehood%20Movement.html> (ISSN 0016-2094)
19. **2012.** "Appraising the Potency of N. K. Bose's *Prabibrajaker Diary* as a Social History Text", *Man in India*, 92(3-4):427-432 (ISSN 0025-1569). (Refereed)
20. **2012.** "Social History of Migration in Darjeeling Hills" *Exploring History*, 3(1): 35-51. (ISSN – 2230-8490) (Refereed)
21. **2012.** "Gorkhaland Territorial Administration: An Overview" *Mainstream*, 50(22): 19-26. (ISSN 0542-1462)
22. **2012.** "Pedagogic State and the Ontology of Everyday Life: Explorations in Ethnography of State, Collective Identity and Selfhood among the Gorkhas of Darjeeling Hills", *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*, 47(1): 13-28 (ISSN 0019-4387) (Refereed)
23. **2012.** "Gorkha Ethnicity and Movement in Darjeeling Hills: Some Sociological Concerns", *West Bengal Sociological Review*, 3: 64-73 (ISSN 2231-4695) (Refereed).
24. **2010.** "Governance, Peace and Security: Plea for an Alternative Approach", *CCRHS Quarterly*, 1(3)
25. **2010.** "The Land Question and Ethnicity in the Darjeeling Hills", *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*, 25(2): 81-121 (ISSN 2151-4178) (Peer reviewed)
26. **2009.** "The Origin and Development of Caste System in the Light of Vedic, Brahmana and Sutra Literature", *Journal of Indian History*, 88(1-3): 11-22 (ISSN 0022-1775)
27. **2009.** "A Note on the Critical Dialogue on Ethnicity and Identity", *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*, 44(2): 211-220 (ISSN 0019-4387) (Refereed)
28. **2008.** "Recasting Tradition: Dress, Difference and Dissent in Darjeeling Hills", *Mainstream*, 47(1): 104-107 (ISSN 0542-1462)
29. **2008.** "Social Anthropology and Area Studies", *Area Studies: A Journal of International Studies & Analysis*, 2(1): 16-36 (ISSN 0975-6035) (Refereed)
30. **2008.** "Methodological Issues in Ethnic Movement Studies: Some Observations on Gorkhaland Movement in Darjeeling Hills", *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*, 43(1): 37-49 (ISSN 0019-4387) (**Refereed**)
31. **2006.** "In Search of 'Native Voice': The Deed of Cession and the Most Controversial Chapter in Darjeeling's History", (Co-authored) *The Quarterly Review of Historical Studies*, XLV (3&4): 32-48 (ISSN 0033-5800) (Refereed)
32. **2004.** "Dynamics of Tribal Society: A Case of the Oraons of North Bengal", *Bulletin of the Cultural Research Institute*, 22(1): 6-12 (ISSN 0011-2895)

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- **2018.** "The Promise of Class Analysis in Understanding Nepali National Identity in Darjeeling: An Engagement with Kumar Pradhan's Work and Thought" (Chapt. 8, pp. 177-194), in Townsend Middleton and Sara Shneiderman (eds.) *Darjeeling Reconsidered: Histories, Politics, Environments*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press (ISBN: 978-0-19-948355-6)
- **2018.** "The Future of Gorkha Ethnicity in India: An Anthropological Note" (Chapt. 24, pp. 237-244), in S. Gregory, Sarit K. Chaudhuri (eds.) *Cultures, Identities, Multiculturalism and Beyond*. Jaipur: Rawat publications.
- **2017.** "Challenging the Idea of Development through Development Discourses: Reflections on the Gorkhaland Movement", (Chapt. 10, pp. 210-220), in Anjan Chakrabarty, Rajarshi Chatterjee and Panchali Sengupta (eds.) *Interrogating Development: perspective on the Economy, Environment, Ethnicity and Gender*. Kolkata: Setu Prakashani. (ISBN 978-93-80677-94-1)
- **2017.** "Politics of Identity and Growing Tribalism in the Darjeeling Hills" (Chapt. 6, pp.59-70), in Bidhan Kanti Das & Rajat Kanti Das (eds.) *Rethinking Tribe in Indian Context: Realities, Issues & Challenges*. Jaipur & New Delhi: Rawat Publications. (ISBN 9788131608173)
- **2014** "Ethnic Conflict and State Response: Reflections on Gorkhaland Movement" (Chapt. 4, pp. 31-51), in M. Ghosh and S. Ghosh (eds.) *Questioning Identity: Response of the State and Community in Contemporary India*. Kolkata: K P Bagchi & Company. (ISBN 978-81-7074-348-4)
- **2013.** "Agrarian Reforms and the Precarious State of Affairs in the Darjeeling Hills" (Chapt. 2, pp. 65-86), in K. Suman Chandra, V. Suresh Babu & P. K. Nath (Eds.) *Agrarian Crisis in India*. New Delhi: Academic Foundation (ISBN 978-93-327-0032-1) Peer Reviewed
- **2013.** "Anthropology of Identity and Ethnicity in India" (Chapt. 7, pp. 124-147), in A. K. Danda, N. Hasnain & D.G. Danda (eds.) *Contested Identities in the Globalized World*. Jhargram: INCAA (ISBN 81-903866-8-9)
- **2012.** "Indian Nation-State, Developmentality and the 'margin': A Conceptual Note" (Chapt. 3, pp. 43-54), in Rajat Kanti Das & Dipak K Midya (Eds.) *Many Faces of Development*, Jhargram: INCAA (ISBN 81-903866-4-6)
- **2011.** "Colonial Social Formation and the Genesis of Separatism in Darjeeling Hills" (Chapt. 12, pp. 129-144), in Mamata Desai & S. Mitra (Eds.) *Cloud Stone And The Mind: The People and Environment of Darjeeling Hills*, Kolkata: K P Bagchi (ISBN 978-81-7074-328-6)

- **2008.** “Language and Ethnicity in Darjeeling Hills” (Chapt. 9, pp. 85-100), in Maitreyee Choudhury (Ed.) *Himalayan Studies in India*, New Delhi: Mittal Publications (ISBN 81-8324-196-4)
- **2007.** “Ethnic Movement and State Response: A Case of the Gorkhaland Movement in Darjeeling Hills” (Chapt. 21, pp. 311-323), in Buddhadeb Chaudhuri & S Chaudhuri (Eds.) *Anthropology and Human Rights in Contemporary Era* (Vol. 3), New Delhi: Inter-India Publications (ISBN 81-2100429-2)
- **2006.** “Formation of a British Hinterland: Darjeeling in Colonial Days” (Chapt. 13, pp. 231-245), in Karubaki Datta (Ed.) *Urbanisation in the Eastern Himalayas: Emergence and Issues*, New Delhi: Serials Publications (ISBN 81-8387-041-4)

Module Writings for UGC Courses

- **2016.** “Social Change and Social Movements”, (Co-authored), *e-PG-Pathshala*, Social Movement Paper (Sociology), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India. Available at: <http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/ahl.php?csmo=33>
- **2016.** “Leadership and Ideology in Social Movements”, (Co-authored), *e-PG-Pathshala*, Social Movement Paper (Sociology), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India. Available at: <http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/ahl.php?csmo=33>

Book Review

- **2016.** Review of "The Demands of Recognition: State Anthropology and Ethnopolitics in Darjeeling" by Townsend Middleton, HIMALAYA, the Journal of the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies: Vol. 36: No. 2, Article 26. Available at: <http://digitalcommons.maclester.edu/himalaya/vol36/iss2/26>

Popular Writing (Post-editorials in English/ Bengali News Papers)

- **2014.** “Kumar Pradhan on Religious Reform Movements in Darjeeling”, *Himalayan Mirror*, December 20.
- **2014.** “Kumar Pradhan and his quest for Indian Nepali Nation in Darjeeling”, *Echo of India*, December 20.
- **2014.** “Kumar Pradhan on Kirata and Mongoloid Predominance in Darjeeling”, *Sikkim Express*, Dec. 20.
- **2014.** “Gorkha Voting Pattern in Darjeeling”, *The Rising Nepal*, August 16.
- **2014.** “Gorkhaland Prasnei Pahare Vote Hai” (in Bengali), *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, July 15.
- **2014.** “Bhanubhakta and Nepali Nation in Darjeeling”, *Himalayan Mirror*, July 13.
- **2013.** “Remembering a Historian of Eastern Himalayas”, *Himalayan Mirror*, December 26.
- **2013.** “Peace Building in Post Conflict Darjeeling Hills”, *Sikkim Express*, December 9.
- **2013.** “Centre, State & Region”, *The Statesman*, November 4.
- **2012.** “Ashanta Dooars e Bahumtrik Sanskritik Bishistatai Satya” (Bengali), *Uttar Banga Sambad*, May 11.
- **2011.** “Gorkhaland: Avipret Kichu Prasanga” (in Bengali), *Uttar Banga Sambad*, September 11.
- **2008.** “Siligurir Antarvukti: Itihaser Aabiskaran O Bismaran”, (Bengali), *Uttar Banga Sambad*, June 20.

Translation

1. **2007.** Translated Akinobu Kawai’s article “Landlord and Imperial Rule: Change in Bengal Agrarian Society 1885-1940” into Bengali as “Jamidari Pratha O Samrajyabadi Sasan: Banglar Krishi Samajer Paribartan (1885 – 1902)” in Sinikichi Taniguchi, Masahiko Togawa, Tetsuya Nakatani (Eds.) *Grambangla: Itihas, Samaj O Arthaniti*, K P Bagchi & Company: Kolkata, pp. 31-76 (ISBN 81-7074-304-4).

Publications (Forthcoming)

Chapter in Edited Volumes

1. “Social Change and Social Movements: Issues of Leadership and Ideology” (Chapter 4) to be published in Biswajit Ghosh edited volume *Sociology of Social Movement*. New Delhi: Sage (tentatively in 2019)

Presentation in National/International Conferences

Oral Presentations

1. Presented a paper entitled “Regional Imagining and Fostering Academic Relationship between India and Nepal” Additional Discussion (Public Event) March 25, 2019 Organised by Martin Chautari, Kathmandu, Nepal.
2. Presented a paper entitled “Development and Democracy: Reflections on North Bengal” Inter University Seminar on Democratic Process and Inclusive Development in India (15 March 2019) Organised by Center for Development Studies, NBU & Department of Political Science, NBU
3. Presented a paper entitled “Labor Migration in the Tea Plantations: Colonial and Neo-Liberal Trajectories of Plantation Labor in the Dooars Tea Belt of West Bengal” International Conference on The Migrant and the State: From Colonialism to Neoliberalism Organized by: Tata Institute of Social

Sciences, Patna Centre and Labour Resources Department, Government of Bihar Nov. 29 – Dec. 1, 2018

4. **Presented a paper entitled “Do Ideas Really Travel? Dialogue between Indian and Nepali Sociology Beyond the Nationalist Frame”** Chautari Annual Conference – 2018, Organized by Martin Chautari, Thapathali, Kathmandu, Nepal 22–23 April 2018
5. **Presented a paper entitled “Mechanisation in the Tea Industry and the Concerns for Labour: An Experience of Jalpaiguri District, West Bengal”** Twelfth International Conference on Labour History on *The Future of Work in the Mirror of the Past* Association of Indian Labour Historian (AILH) and V.V. Giri National Labour Institute (VVGNI) 26-28 March 2018
6. **Presented a paper titled “Is Tribal Identity and Gorkha Identity Antagonistic? A Note on Darjeeling Hills Situation”** in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on Peace, Conflict and Development in the Himalayas: Process, Issues and Initiatives, Organized by Centre for Himalayan Studies, University of North Bengal, during February 15-16, 2018. Venue: Centre for Himalayan Studies.
7. **Presented a paper entitled “National Sociology, M. N. Srinivas and the Possibilities of South Asian Sociology”** Workshop on Indian Sociological Tradition: A Relook Department of Sociology [Under SAP-DRS-II] North Bengal University 28-29 March 2017
8. **Presented a paper entitled “Marginalising the Marginalised: Preliminary Notes on the Working Class of North Bengal Tea Plantations” (Co-authored)** National Seminar on Marginalized Communities in North Bengal and Sikkim Department of Sociology University of North Bengal 16th February 2017
9. **Presented a paper entitled “Border without the State: Locating Indo-Nepal Border culturally” (co-authored)** 5th conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network (ABRN) 12-14 December. 2016 Dynamic Borderlands: Livelihoods, Communities and Flows Social Science Baha, Nepal; ABRN; and the International Institute for Asian Studies, the Netherlands (Chairperson: Prof. Willem van Schendel).
10. **Presented a paper entitled “Linguistic Situation in Darjeeling-Sikkim Himalayas: Interstices between Identity, Difference and Belongingness”** The Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal & the Himalaya Social Science Baha, The Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies, Britain-Nepal Academic Council, Centre for Himalayan Studies-CNRS & Nepal Academic Network (Japan) July 27-29, 2016 Shankar Hotel, Lazimpat Kathmandu, Nepal
11. **Presented a paper entitled “Locating Nepal in Indian Sociology and Social Anthropology: Mapping the Research Highways from India to Nepal” (co-authored)** The Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal & the Himalaya Social Science Baha, The Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies, Britain-Nepal Academic Council, Centre for Himalayan Studies-CNRS & Nepal Academic Network (Japan) July 27-29, 2016 Shankar Hotel, Lazimpat Kathmandu, Nepal
12. **Presented a paper entitled “Globalization and Plantation Labour Changing Contours of Labour Relations in the Darjeeling Tea Belt” (co-authored)** International Centre for Development and Decent Work (ICDD), Germany funded Conference on Labour Markets in Eastern Himalayas and North East India: Changing Patterns and Emerging Issues April 29-30, 2016 Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Guwahati Campus) Guwahati
13. **Presented a paper entitled “The Class Question Among the Indian Nepalis: Darjeeling in Perspective” (Co-authored) Presented in absentia** Preconference at the Annual Madison South Asia Conference on Darjeeling Histories, Politics, and Environments October 22, 2015 The Centre for South Asia University of Wisconsin-Madison
14. **Plenary Speech delivered on the theme “Globalisation and Regionalism: Synergy and Contradictions”** National Conference on Interrogating Development: Regional and Sub-Regional Trends in India in the Era of Globalisation, 29-30 March 2015 St. Joseph’s College, North point Darjeeling, West Bengal
15. **“State-Society Relationship: Nepal A Historical Conspectus”** Lecture delivered in the UGC sponsored Refresher Course in History on 16 January 2015 Organised by the Department of History and the UGC Human Resource Development Centre, University of North Bengal.
16. **“State-Society Relationship: Darjeeling A Historical Conspectus”** Lecture delivered in the UGC sponsored Refresher Course in History on 17 January 2015 Organised by the Department of History and the UGC Human Resource Development Centre, University of North Bengal.
17. **“Ethno-political Dynamics of Elections and the Puzzles of Gorkha Ethnicity in the Darjeeling Hills”** Special Lecture delivered on 1 November, 2014 St. Xavier’s College Kolkata, West Bengal
18. **“Reflections on Parliamentary Elections and Gorkhaland Movement in Darjeeling Hills”** 2nd National Conference on Politics & Governance 3 August, 2014 MDRF Academy of Politics and Governance New Delhi
19. **“Tribe, Tribal Development and Tribalism: The Journey from Anthropology to Politics”** Special Lecture delivered on 7 March, 2014 Cluny Women’s College, Kalimpong, West Bengal
20. **“Do Elections Exacerbate or Accommodate Ethnic Conflicts? Reflections on Darjeeling Hills”** ICSSR (Eastern Region) & UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Post-Liberalisation Democratic Experience in India (27-28 February, 2014) Department of Political Science, University of North Bengal
21. **“Ethnic Revivalism, Politics of Identity and Growing Tribalism in Darjeeling Hills”** ICSSR, Anthropological Survey of India and Indian Anthropological Society sponsored three day National Seminar on Conceptualising and Contextualising Tribes in Contemporary India February 6-8, 2014 Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK), Calcutta
22. **“Development Philosophy in the East: Reflections on Bhutan”** UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Dynamics of Development and Discontent 27-28 September, 2013 Tufanganj Mahavidyalaya, Tufanganj, CoochBehar, West Bengal, INDIA
23. **“Ethnic Conflict and State Response: Reflections on Gorkhaland Movement”** UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on Questioning Identity: Response of the State & Community in Contemporary India August 23-24, 2013 Department of Political Science & Department of Sociology & The Jadavpur Association of International Relations Barrackpore Rastraguru Surendranath College Barrackpore, Kolkata – 700 120
24. **“Development Discourse, Ethnic Conflict and Conflict Resolution: Reflections on Gorkhaland Movement”** UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Society, Economy and Development: Issues & Challenges 19-20 March, 2013 Haldia Government College & Haldia Advance Research Foundation for Human Development Haldia, Purba Medinipur, West Bengal

25. **"The Future of Gorkha Ethnicity"** Indian Anthropological Congress – IAC 2013 14-16 February 2013 Department of Anthropology, Kannur University, Kerala, Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA), IGRMS, Bhopal & ICSSR Kannur University, Kerala
26. **"Migration of Nepalis in India: Issues of Citizenship & Justice"** The 14th Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) Swabhum, Kolkata 6-9 January, 2013 Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (MCRG)
27. **"Agrarian Reforms and the Precarious State of Affairs in the Darjeeling Hills: A Review"** National Seminar on Agrarian Crisis in India: The Way Out 5-7 November 2012 National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad
28. **"Gorkhaland, GTA and After"** Colloquium Speech (26 June 2012) Sociological Association of West Bengal (SAWB) Maulana Azad College, Kolkata
29. **"Ethnicity and Identity as Anthropological Perspective"** Round Table Speech Inter-Congress in Anthropology: 2012 (21 -23 February 2012) Department of Anthropology, Lucknow University, Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA), IGRMS Bhopal, ICSSR, Ethnographic & Folk Culture Society, Lucknow University of Lucknow, Lucknow
30. **"Are the Nepalis Indian? Re-reading Migrancy, Citizenry and Nationality Questions in Post-Colonial India"** 40th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology (16- 19 February 2012) CSDS, Delhi
31. **"Paradigms of Governance and Processes of Exclusion: State and Gorkha Ethnicity in Darjeeling Hills"** International Conference on Structures of Exclusion in South Asia (23 – 25 November 2011) Conference organized by the Indian Formation Society, University of Delhi
32. **"Autonomy, Self Rule and Community in Darjeeling Hills: A Review of GTA"** Special Lecture (17 August 2011) Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal
33. **"Diaries and Historical Research: Possibilities of using *Prabibrajaker Diary* as a Historical Source"** ICHR sponsored International Seminar on Memoirs and History: Exploring New Dimensions (May 2011) Department of History, University of North Bengal
34. **"Ethnic Conflict and Development in Darjeeling Hills: An Anthropological Perspective"** Inter-Congress in Anthropology (21 – 23 February 2011) Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA) Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata, IGRMS, Bhopal
35. **"Immigrants, Citizens and Justice: Predicament of the Nepalis in India"** International Conference on *Economics, Politics and Culture of South Asian Migration* (November 24-26, 2010) Indian Formation Society, University of Delhi, Delhi
36. **"Colonial Social Formation in Darjeeling Hills"** UGC-SAP sponsored National Seminar (29-30 March 2010) Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal
37. **"Post-colonial Indian Nation State, Development Practice and the 'margin': The Fissure within"** National Seminar organised by PG Department of History (16-17 January 2010) Malda College, Malda, West Bengal
38. **"Gorkhaland Movement: Some Sociological Concerns"** (12 DECEMBER 2009) Annual Conference of Sociological Association of West Bengal (SAWB) St. Xavier's College, Kolkata
39. **"Formation of Region and Regional Identity in Darjeeling Hills"** International Conference on Region Formation in Contemporary South Asia (NOVEMBER 25-27, 2009) University of Delhi, Delhi
40. **"Pedagogic State and the Ontology of Everyday Life: Explorations in Ethnography of State, Collective Identity and Selfhood among the Gorkhas of Darjeeling hills"** 4th Inter-Congress (21 – 23 FEBRUARY 2009) Department of Anthropology, Hyderabad University, Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA), IGRMS Bhopal, ICSSR 4th Inter-Congress, University of Hyderabad
41. **"Identity & Identity Politics in Darjeeling Hills"** Research Colloquium organised by Department of Sociology (21 DECEMBER 2006) Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
42. **"Emerging Identity Issues in Darjeeling Hills"** 38th Annual Conference of the Indian Anthropological Society (DECEMBER 2006) Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal
43. **"Tribal Identity in Darjeeling Hills"** National Conference on Identity and Nationality of Indian Nepalis: Issues & Perspectives (20-22 APRIL 2006) Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok, Sikkim
44. **"Kin-State Intervention in Ethnic Politics: Gorkhaland Movement in Perspective"** ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on Geo-Political Situation in the Eastern Himalayas with special reference to Security Issues (MARCH 2006) Centre for Himalayan Studies, University of North Bengal
45. **"Ethnicity and the State: A Case Study of Gorkhaland Movement in Darjeeling Hills"** IUAES Inter-Congress (December 12-15 2004) International Union of Anthropological & Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Department of Anthropology University of Calcutta
46. **"From Theory to Pragmatism: The Case of Gorkha Identity in Darjeeling Hills"** National Seminar on Ethnic Minorities, Terrorism and Indian Culture (8-10 October 2004) Department of Psychology Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi