Aritra Basu

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EXPERIENCE

1. Assistant Professor (English)

Rabindra Bharati University Centre for Distance and Online Education 11/2021 - Present Teaching postgraduates English Literature

2. Assistant Professor

J. D. Birla Institute 03/2021- 09/2021 Teaching undergraduates the intricacies of Business Communication

3. Assistant Professor (English)

Techno India University 10/2020- 3/2021 Teaching undergraduates the nuances of English Literature and Communication

4. <u>Team Associate</u>

Intersections: A Journal of Literary and Cultural Studies (*unpaid*) 08/2021-Present Assisting the editorial team with website maintenance, email check-ups and generic team coordination

5. Guest Lecturer (English)

• School of Open Learning, University of Delhi,

01/2020 - 06/2020 Taught English communication to undergraduate students

 <u>Kidderpore College, University of</u> <u>Calcutta</u> 07/2019-09/2019 Taught History of English Literature and

MONOGRAPH

• A Printed Mixtape: A Collection of Poems, published by *Muses Saga*.

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Trash of the Unconscious: Tracing the scribblings in select manuscripts of Rabindranath Tagore" in International Research Journal: Persons with Special Needs and Rehabilitation Management, published by Jadavpur University.
- "Is partial genocide acceptable? Ethics of genocide as an act of war in the Marvel <u>Cinematic Universe</u>" in *Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* published by *Scottish Church College*.
- (co-authored with Reeswav Chatterjee) "The Fallen Feudal: Disintegration of Feudal Patriarchy in the works of Satyajit Ray" in Journal of Comparative Indian Languages and Literatures, published by the University of Calcutta.
- "Langue across Languages: Translation as an act of blending/bending Global Modernity through the lens of Satyajit Ray" in Negotiations, published by The University of North Bengal.
- "<u>Humanly God or godly humans:</u> <u>Representation and anthropomorphism of</u> <u>mythical characters in Amish Tripathi's Shiva</u>

communication to undergraduate students

6. <u>Translator</u>

Ghosh Yoga

02/2019-06/2019

Translated a book on exercises from Bengali to English

7. Rapporteur

Centre for Women's Development Studies 12/2019- 02/2020 Transcribed more than 15 hours of seminar proceedings

8. Associate Faculty

Gyanodaya Learning Spectrum 08/2020 - 10/2020 Engaged in a learning environment which dealt with teaching school students the intricacies of English Literature and Langauge.

9. City Ambassador

Kommune

04/2019-09/2019

Managed and organised the events organised by Kommune in Kolkata and managed their social media accounts in this period.

EDUCATION

Master of Philosophy - University of Delhi English

09/2019-11/2021,71%

Title: Reading Riddles: Implications of translating riddles in Satyajit Ray's Feluda

Master of Arts - Jadavpur University

English

07/2017-06/2019, 9.19 CGPA (69.5%)

Bachelor of Arts - Ramakrishna Mission Residential College (University of Calcutta) English

06/2014-05/2017, 67.6%

<u>*Trilogy*</u>" in International Journal Online of Humanities.

- "Beyond the Machine: Cyber-humanism in the stories of Professor Shonku" in Asian Quarterly: An International Journal of Contemporary Issues
- "<u>A wake-up call: Exploring the Gramscian</u> notion of False Consciousness in the poems of Subhash Mukhopadhyay" in *Muse India*
- "<u>Hear, Hear, Hear: Possibilities, Scopes and</u> <u>the Spectrum of Audible Horror in Select</u> <u>Stories of Sunday Suspense</u>", in *Cafe Dissensus*.
- "<u>Till Death Do Us Part: Casteism, Economic</u> <u>Divide and Patriarchy in the Death Rituals of</u> <u>the Bengali Hindus</u>" in *All About Ambedkar: A Journal on Theory and Praxis.*
- [Book review] "Explorations in Cinema through Classical Indian theories" in Journal of Comparative Literature and Aesthetics
- [Book review] "<u>Art Cinema and India's</u> <u>Forgotten Future: Film and History in the</u> <u>Postcolony</u>" in *Journal of Comparative Literature and Aesthetics*
- [Play] "<u>A Final Showdown against Streaming</u> <u>Giants</u>" in *Revista Canaria de Estudio Ingleses* published by Universidad de La Laguna.

Forthcoming:

- [Book Chapter] "Is reading gendered? Analysing gender representation in Indian Hindu mythology" for *Mythological Literature in India*, published by Atlantic Books.
- [Book Chapter] "Heterogeneous Platter, Hybrid Presentations: Analysing the Elements of Posthumanism in select Works of Sukumar

UGC NET- English

December 2019

ISC, St. Jude's High School 84.5%, 2014

ICSE, St. Jude's High School 92.8%, 2012

LANGUAGES

- English- Native/Bilingual proficiency
- Bengali- Native/Bilingual proficiency
- Hindi- Professional working proficiency
- Spanish Elementary proficiency

MEMBERSHIPS

- 3-year member of Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies.
- Member of **Pacific Atlantic Modern** Languages Association, 2021-2022.
- Executive Committee Member at The Indian Society for the Promotion of English Language and Literature, West Bengal

SEMINARS/EVENTS CONVENED

- Special Lecture Series on <u>Modernism 1922</u> <u>2022: Hundred Years and Beyond</u>, organised by the Department of English, Rabindra Bharati University, Centre for Distance and Online Education.
- National Seminar on English Language <u>Teaching: Pedagogy and Practice</u>, organised by the Department of English, Rabindra Bharati University, Centre for Distance and Online Education.
- State Seminar on <u>International Mother</u> <u>Language Day</u>, organised by the Departments of English, Bengali and History, Rabindra Bharati University, Centre for Distance and Online Education.

Ray for Literature and the Posthuman: Critical Perspectives

- [Book Chapter] "Translation and Reception of Death of a Salesman in Bengali: A Case Study" in *Death of a Salesman: Worldview Critical Edition*.
- "Telling tall tales: The figure of the storyteller in select Bengali fiction" in *Sahitya*.
- [Edited Volume] Cultures of Popularity: Understanding Popular Culture in India, to be published as a special issue of *Journal of Comparative Literature and Aesthetics*

AWARDS

- Sudhangshu Shekhar Memorial Prize for securing First class (first) position in English Honours.
- Swami Aksharananda Award for his academic performance in English Honours.
- **Professor K. C. Ghosal memorial prize** for his all-round performance in the final year of English Honours

INVITED LECTURES/ TALKS

- "District Level Youth Parliament Competition" at Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur (Judge)
- "Just a Minute Competition" at J.D.Birla Institute (Judge).
- "<u>NET, SET and TET Examinations</u>" at Shri Shikshayatan College.
- "<u>How to Write CVs, Letters, Emails and</u> <u>Reports</u>", at a Five-day workshop organised by **JIS University**.
- "Sitcoms and OTTS: Visual Manifestations of Culture", organised by Tell Me Your Story Review.

WORKSHOPS

Participated in the following workshops:

- Vivel '<u>Ab Samjhauta Nehi; Know Your Rights</u>' Workshop organised jointly by **ITC** and **JD Birla Institute**.
- 'Role of Archives in History and the Social Sciences', jointly organised by *Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad* and the Department of History, *Jadavpur University.*
- 'Development of Action Plan for Blended Learning Practices in Higher Education' organised jointly by Netaji Subhas Open University and Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia.
- 'Promoting Research Excellence in Academics across West Bengal' organised by *West Bengal State Higher Education Council* in association with *Elsevier*.
- '<u>First Aid and Basic Life Support</u>' organised by Apollo Foundation and Billion Hearts Beating Foundation

FDPs

 'Language, Literature and Value-based Education: Current Trends', jointly organised by The University of Calcutta and Swami Vivekananda University. 13th-20th June 2022.

SKILLS

- Translation
- Academic Writing
- Research
- Editing
- Transcription
- Teamwork
- Public Speaking
- Event Management

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

- Translation Studies
- Theatre
- Indian Mythology
- Psychoanalysis

- "<u>NET, SET, Go! A Beginner's Guide to</u> <u>Teaching in Colleges</u>", organised by **Rotaract Club of Laketown Conquerors**.
- Visiting Faculty at the <u>Seven Day Workshop</u> for <u>Communicative English</u>, Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission, Berugram (J.C.B. Memorial High School).
- "<u>Career Paths for UG Students in English</u>", organised by **The Indian Society for the Promotion of English Language and Literature**, West Bengal.
- "<u>Nonsense Verse and Sukumar Ray: An Abol</u> <u>Tabol Adventure</u>" at Government General Degree College, Kharagpur II.
- "<u>The Relevance of Translating Detective</u> <u>Fiction: A Case Study of Feluda</u>" at the Golden Jubilee Lecture Series, **Maheshtala College**.
- Panel Discussion on "<u>The Relevance of Satyajit</u> <u>Ray</u>" at the Golden Jubilee Lecture Series, **Maheshtala College**.

SEMINARS/ CONFERENCES

Presented the following papers:

- "<u>First world repository, third world films:</u> <u>Implications of archiving Indian films in</u> <u>Western repositories</u>" at the From Cinema Culture to Cinema Memory conference organised by The University of Lancaster.
- "<u>The Distracted Ego: The Infant, the Image and</u> <u>Identification</u>" at the **Dust and Distraction Graduate Conference** organised by **Johns Hopkins University.**
- "Shakespeare and the Ethics of Psychoanalysis" at the 22nd British Graduate Shakespeare Conference organised by the University of Birmingham and the Shakespeare Institute.
- "<u>Two sides of the same coin: The TV Serial as a</u> <u>timely adaptation of the novel</u>" at the 118th Conference of the **Pacific Atlantic Modern**

- Literary Theory
- William Shakespeare

OTHER INTERESTS

- Social Media Management
- Audio Stories
- Music
- TV shows
- Video content creation

CERTIFICATES

- Summer School of Critical Theory and <u>Philosophy</u> conducted by the University of Wales and St. Berchman's College.
- <u>Citizen Historian</u> at the 1947 Partition Archive, a program run by **Stanford University Libraries**
- <u>A1 Spanish</u> from Indo-Hispanic Language Academy
- <u>A2 Spanish</u> from Indo-Hispanic Language Academy
- <u>Peer Reviewer</u> for the journal Language, Literature and Interdisciplinary Studies for their Summer 2020 issue.
- <u>Peer Reviewer</u> for the journal Language, Literature and Interdisciplinary Studies for their Spring 2022 issue
- Master of Ceremonies at an E-Seminar organised by iSPELL West Bengal.

REFERENCES

- Dr Haris Qadeer, Assistant Professor, University of Delhi Email: <u>harisq.du@gmail.com</u>
- Dr Soma Banerjee, Professor Rabindra Bharati University Email: <u>soma.banerjee.smiles@gmail.com</u>
- Satyaki Pal, Associate Professor,

Languages Association.

- 'Do only Cowards Die Multiple Deaths? Analysing the possibilities of Multiple Deaths in the Marvel Cinematic Universe' at an International Seminar organised by Midnapore College (Autonomous).
- "Kill and Tell: Role of the Omniscient Narrator in the Narratives of Goyendapith Laalbajar", at an International Seminar, organised by K.K.Das College, in collaboration with New Alipore College and Maheshtala College.
- "Passing the baton: Humanization and contemporization of myths in the Indian subcontinent" - at an International Conference organized by The Heritage College in collaboration with The Shakespeare Society of Eastern India.
- "Practising Pedagogies: Understanding the Qualms of Online Pedagogical Practices amidst a Pandemic" at an International Conference organised by Christ University and Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- "<u>No Margin for error: Translation as the Margin</u> in the Feluda narratives of Satyajit Ray" at the Of Centres and Margins: Origins, Conflicts and Issues International Seminar organised by Panchla Mahavidyalaya.
- "Bending the Norms: Possibilities of Disability in Avatar the Last Airbender", at a National Seminar organised by Zakir Hussain Delhi College (Evening), University of Delhi.
- "<u>A wake-up call: Exploring the Gramscian</u> notion of false consciousness in the poems of <u>Subhash Mukhopadhyay</u>" - at a national seminar conducted by the University of Calcutta.
- "Dual pedagogical space of the theatre and the classroom: A comparative study of two courses on theatre" for a UGC-sponsored seminar by the University of Calcutta.
- "<u>Tiger Tiger Burning Bright: Tiger as the</u> symbol of weakening Feudal Patriarchy in the

Ramakrishna Mission Residential College Email: <u>satyakipal1958@gmail.com</u>

• Dr Sunanda Mukherjee, Associate Professor, Kidderpore College Email: <u>sunanda.mukherjee@gmail.com</u> works of Satyajit Ray" - (jointly with Reeswav Chatterjee) at a students' seminar conducted by Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandir and Wild Life Trust of India.

- "<u>Ambiguities in typing Bengali: Obstacles to</u> <u>new Bengali Literature in the Digital Age</u>." - at an Inter-University Researcher's Conference organised by **Ramakrishna Mission Residential College**
- "Laughing one's way out: Analysing Humour as a defence mechanism in Situational <u>Comedies</u>" - at an Inter-University Researcher's Conference organised by Ramakrishna Mission Residential College.
- "<u>Translated Stage Adaptations</u>" at a Students' Seminar conducted by **Ramakrishna Mission Residential College**