

Curriculum Vitae

Arindam Saha

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Research Areas & Specializations

World Literature Studies, Postcolonial Literature Studies.

Postcolonial development concerning issues of caste, class, and other forms of divisions in India

Currently Working On

The debate on the notion of World literature and the role of Postcolonial literature particularly focusing on the local narrative of Coal Mining Areas (Durgapur-Asansol) of West Bengal, India.

Academic Positions

Ph.D. Research Scholar (Pursuing)

January 2022 -

Department of English
School of Humanities
Pondicherry University
Pondicherry, Kalapet
Puducherry – 605014
India

Research Scholar (M.Phil.)

Dec 2019 – Dec 2021

Department of English
Kazi Nazrul University
Asansol, West Bengal
India, Postal Code: 713340

Guest Faculty

January 2019 – May 2019

Centre for Foreign Languages (English)
Central University of South Bihar
SH-7, Gaya Panchanpur Road
Karhara, Fatehpur
Gaya - 824236, Bihar, India

Research Associate

July 2016 – December 2018

ICSSR Major Research Project
on New Social Movements
(Politics, Media & Civil Society)
Kazi Nazrul University
Asansol, West Bengal
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Academic Link

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Education

Qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) **2018, 2020**

M.A in English Literature **2014**
Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, Purulia, West Bengal

B.A in English Honours at Vivekananda Mahavidyalaya
The University of Burdwan, Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal **2012**

International Travel Grants

Received a Travel-Bursary €500 from Association for Anglophone Postcolonial Studies (GAPS) for paper presentation on **Postcolonial Infrastructure** in an International Conference held on May 18-20 2023 at Konstanz University, Germany

Received a Travel-Grant \$1400 from Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for paper presentation on **Understanding Diverse and Inclusive Communities** in an International Conference held on 2018 at Queens College, City University of New York (CUNY), NY, USA.

Received a Travel-Grant \$1100 from Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for paper presentation on **Sustaining Diverse and Inclusive Communities** in an International Conference held on 2017 at Queens College, City University of New York (CUNY), NY, USA.

National Travel Grants

Received a Travel and Accommodation Grant from **M.S. Merian – R. Tagore International Centre of Advanced Studies 'Metamorphoses of the Political' (ICAS:MP)** to participate ICAS: MP Autumn School 2023 on **'Decolonization/Decolonial: Thinking across Disciplines and Geo-Histories'** will be held at the **Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS)**, Delhi from 11th to 21st September 2023.

Award for Pursuing PhD in India

Awarded UGC Junior Research Fellowship (RGNF) in English Literature 2020.

Publications

Journal Articles:

1. "Contextualizing Kazi Nazrul Islam's *Bartaman Visva Sahitya* in the 'World' of World Literature" in *Transcultural Journal for Humanities and Social Sciences* (TJHSS) Journal Volume 3, Issue 4 October 2022 Pages 36-43 Print ISSN 2636-4239 Online ISSN 2636-4247. DOI:[10.21608/TJHSS.2022.266933](https://doi.org/10.21608/TJHSS.2022.266933)
2. "Tribal Plight and Subaltern Resistance in Selected Writings of Mahasweta Devi" in *Cape Comorin: An International Multidisciplinary Double-Blind Peer-reviewed Research Journal* Special Issue, Volume II Issue VI November 2020, ISSN: 2582-1962.
<https://www.capecomorinjournal.org.in/Special-issue-view?Id=15>
3. "Contrapuntal Study of Human Values in U. R. Anantha Murthy's Jnanpith Award-Winning Novel, Samskara: A Rite for a Dead Man" in *Sahityasetu: A Peer-Reviewed Literary e-Journal*, ISSN: 2249-2372. [UGC CARE Listed Journal]
<http://www.sahityasetu.co.in/issue60/arindam.html>

Book Chapters:

1. Book Chapter on "Reading Muslims as Precariat(s) in Bengali Cinema and Indian Media: A Study of Goutam Ghose's *Moner Manush*" in the book *Muslims in Indian Cinema*, edited by Md Sarfaraj Nawab and Asrin Khatun, published by Author Press, 2022
2. Book Chapter on "Towards a Republic of Vernacular (World) Letters: On How to Planetarize World Literature" in the book *Vernacular Encounters: Politics and Possibilities* will be published by Aakar Books, 2023 (Forthcoming)

Reviewer in Editorial Board

One of the academic editors in Consortium: *An International Journal of Literary and Cultural Studies*
<https://consortiumjournal.com/academic.php>

Membership of Academic Bodies

1. Association for Anglophone Postcolonial Studies (GAPS)
<https://g-a-p-s.net/>
2. Postcolonial Studies Association of the Global South (PSAGS).
<https://psags.org/>
3. International Comparative Literature Association (ICLA)
<https://www.aic-icla.org/>
4. Goethe Society of India (GSI).
<https://goetheindia.wordpress.com/members/>

Organising Events

Organized Two Day International Seminar on **Popular Culture and Contemporary Literature** as a co-host at the Department of English, School of Humanities, Pondicherry University on 10th – 11th November 2022.

Organized PSAGS Members sponsored One Day online Annual Meet as a co-ordinator on **The Liberal Crisis: Conflicts, Precarities and Thoughts from the Global South** on 17th December 2020.

Organized PSAGS Members sponsored One Day Annual Conference and Meet as a co-ordinator on **Postcolonial Unreason: Nation, Calibanisation, Silences** at Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU), Kolkata, India in 2019.

Organised Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal sponsored Two Days' International Conference as a co-ordinator on, **Revisiting Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism: Intellectual and Social Mobilisations in Contemporary India** at Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, West Bengal, India in 2017.

Organised ICSSR sponsored One Day National Colloquium as a co-ordinator on, **New Social Movements, Media & Civil Society in Contemporary India: Paradigm Shifts in Public Protest and Political Mobilization** at Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, India in 2016.

Paper Presentations at Conferences/ Workshops (National / International)

Presented paper at International Conference on **Postcolonial Infrastructure** organized by the GAPS (Association of Anglophone Postcolonial Studies) at the University of Konstanz, Germany 17th – 20th May 2023.

Presented paper at International Workshop on **Comparing World Literatures in Postcolonial World** at the Department of Comparative Literature and the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and its Cultures, University of Hong Kong 15th – 17th October 2021.

Presented Paper in an online International Conference on **Language Ideologies and the 'Vernacular' in South Asian Colonial and Post-colonial Literature(s) and Public Spheres** organized by the Department of English, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi in collaboration with South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany 15th-17th March 2021.

Presented paper in an International Conference on **Indigenous Studies** organized by Cape Comorin Trust, India & Lavender Literary Club, India in collaboration with South Cross University, Australia; University of 17 Augustus 1945 Surabaya, Indonesia; Universitas Negeri Semarang, Indonesia; University of Philippines, Baguio, Philippines; Department of English, Bodoland University, Assam, India; White Memorial College of Arts and Science for Women, Panachamoodu, Kerala, India on 20th -22nd August 2020.

Presented research proposal in a six-day Workshop on **Research Methodology in Comparative Literary Studies** organized by The Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature, University of Calcutta 2nd-7th March 2020, West Bengal, India.

Presented paper on “Paradigm Shifts of Diversity from Real World to the Virtual World: Understanding Inclusive Communities and Their Political Representations in India” in International Conference on ***Understanding Diverse and Inclusive Communities*** Queens College, CUNY, New York, USA in 2018.

Presented paper on “Enfolding the Urban Precariat and the Neo-Margins of India: New Media and the Politics of Under-representations” – at International Conference on ***Sustaining Diverse and Inclusive Communities*** Queens College, CUNY, New York, USA in 2017.

Presented paper at the workshop (funded) at Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi, India on ***Mainstream and the Margins: Theory, Practice and Methods*** from 15th - 25th March 2017.

Presented paper on “Synchronising Polysemic Stakeholders of Indian Civil Society: Towards a Politics of New Social Movements in India”- in International Seminar on ***Cohesive Development: An Alternative Paradigm?*** 2017, A. N. Sinha Institute of Social Science, Patna, India

Presented paper on in Annual International Studies Convention on ***Power, Resistance and Justice in the International System: Perspectives from the South*** 2015, JNU, New Delhi, India.

Paper on “Re-reading Caste as Comparative Modes of Narration and Subjugation in a Post-globalised World” was accepted in ***Nachwuchsforum Postcolonial Narrations*** 2014 in Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany

Presented paper in an International Seminar on ***Human Values in Indian Perspective*** 2014, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, Purulia, India.

Conferences & Workshops Attended

Participated in a National Webinar Series on World Literature organized by Faculty of Arts, Communication and Indic Studies, Sri Sri University, Cuttack 3rd -16th August 2020.

Participated in an International Webinar on *Negotiating Postcolonial Spaces* organized by the Department of English, St. Joseph Evening College, Bengaluru and CHRIST Deemed to be University on 13th -17th July 2020.

Participated in an International Conference at Bidhan Chandra College, Asansol, India on “South Asian Literatures and Cultures” from 4th-5th January 2020

Participated in a course work (funded) at Centre for Social Sciences (CSS), Surat, India on a “Training Course on Research Methodology in Social Sciences” from 19th – 28th October 2018

Participated in GIAN Course (funded) at IIT Kharagpur, India on “*Technology, Urban Space and Culture: Emerging Paradigms for Global India*” from 8th -13th December 2017

Participated in the workshop at the Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata (IDSK). Kolkata, India on “*Urban Futures and Urban Utopia*”, on 25th July 2016.

Participated in the Indian Council for Philosophical Research (ICPR) sponsored Research workshop on “East-West Philosophical Dialogue” at IIT Kharagpur, India from 8th to 13th February 2016.

Participated in an International Conference at Kazi Nazrul University, West Bengal, India on “Negotiating Scottish Studies” in the Department of English in January 2016.