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Bangabasi College

University of Calcutta

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Research Interest

Human Rights, Gender Studies with special focus on Third Gender and Alternative Sexualities, Sustainable Development in South Asia using Qualitative Research Methodology.

Present Research Project: Awarded Major Research Project on '*Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development of the rural Artisans in West Bengal*', from Indian Council of Social Science Research(ICSSR, &MHRD, New Delhi), 2019- 21. Working as Project Director in this ongoing project.

Administrative Responsibility

National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) Coordinator, Bangabasi College, 2024 Head Of the Department, Political Science, Bangabasi College (2020-2024) Seminar Committee Convenor, Bangabasi College Executive Member of the Institute for Historical Studies

Education

Degree Year School/ College/ UniversityMarks/ class /position

Madhyamik	1986	St John's Die	ocesan	Ist Div.
Higher Secondary 1988		88 St John's Dioces	san Hs School	Ist Div.
BA	1991	Lady Brabourne Colle	ege, CU	2 nd class (Ranked top 10)
MA	1993	Calcutta University	2 nd cl Ranked	(3^{rd})
MPhil	1995	Calcutta University	2 nd cl Ranke	$d(3^{rd})$

PhD2004 Jadavpur University, Department of International Relations (Gender & Human Rights in South Asia)

Professional Qualification

Qualified State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) 1994

Teaching Experience: Joined Bangabasi College on Substantive Basis In 1996.

Courses Taught

Undergraduate Level: Indian Political Thought, &

Indian Political Theory

Taught at MPhil:Gender Studies and Human Rights.

PostgraduateLevel: Human Rights Theories,Gender, Issues in Contemporary Indian Politics and Social Justice

Research Area

Human Rights and Gender Studies

South Asian Gender, Culture and Development

Feminist Thinking in South Asia

Representation of Feminism and Human Rights in South Asian Literature and Popular Culture

Gender and Sustainable Development GoalsinSouth Asia

> Editorial Responsibilities

> 1Reviewer for Routledge, Taylor & Francis

- 2Member, Editorial Board for the journal, Journal of Historical Studies, which is published by the Institute of Historical Studies.
- > 3 Peer Reviewer for SAGE: Contemporary Voice of Dalit
- 4 Editor of Reading Materials on Human Rights to be published by Netaji Subhas Open University, 2024

Post-Graduation Experience

Empaneled Ph.D. Supervisor, in the Department of Human Rights, University of Calcutta

- Visiting Faculty in the Department of South &South East Asia, Calcutta University. (Gender Studies and Human Rights)2018-19 and empaneled PhD Supervisor in the Department of South &South East Asian Studies (2018-2020)
- Visiting Faculty, Preparation of Question Paper, Supervision in MPhil dissertation, in the Department of Human Rights, Ballygunge Science College, University OF Calcutta,2018.
 - Guest Faculty, M. Phil Course, 2009, Burdwan University
 - Guest Faculty, M.A. Special Paper Human Rights, 2007, Department of South and South East Asian Studies, Calcutta University.

Examiner for MA Part-II, 2012, Political Science Dissertation, Rabindra Bharati University.

Invited Lecture:As ResourcePerson, Keynote speaker and panelist (2016-2023) and recent presentations.

- 1 Invited Resource Person for delivering lecture on Constitutional Values and Human Rights, Techno International, 26.09.2024
- Invited as panelist in the Endowment Lecture organised by Corpus Research Institute on Nationalism and Internationalism, on September, 2024.

3Delivered a lecture on the need to build *Awareness for Transgender Rights and Activity*, organized by Phoenix Welfare Society, a gender sensitization programme for Kolkata Police on 12. 04.2023 at Alipore,Kolkata police headquarters.

4 Delivered a lecture on 2 days National Seminar on understanding *Transgender Rights, Social Inclusion and Equality* jointly organized by Surendra Nath college for Women and Vivekananda College for Women on 25.03.2023.

5 Present and interacted as a member on behalf of the Transgender Persons Development Board on the occasion of the Distribution Ceremony of Transgender Certificate and Identity Card by Honorable Minister Shashi Panja under the aegis of the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal at Rabindra Sadan on 1st March 2023.

6 Invited as Guest Speaker for the awareness Programme on the *LGBTQI community* media awareness programme hosted by TV9 at Media Siti, Salt Lake. The programme is organized and coordinated by eminent celebrity makeup artist Aniruddha Chaklader and eminent Indian film actor Arpita Chatterjee on 16th February 2023.

7Delivered a lecture on *Understanding Third Gender in India, Gender Sensitization programme* organized by Vidyasagar Metropolitan College on 6th February,2023. 8 Delivered a special lecture on Women's Studieson the event commemorating World Justice Day, at DD Bangla, Kolkata Doordarshan, on 22nd June 2022.

9Delivered prestigious HL Gupta Endowment Lecture on *Changing Lives of the Rural Artisans in West Bengal* at the premise of the Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata, 17.12.2022.

10 Delivered a prestigious lecture on *Gender and Inclusion*at the event commemorating 75^{tthe h} year of Indian independence, organized by the Institute of Historical Studies, at Loudon Street, Kolkata on 10th September 2022.

11 Delivered a lecture on one day State Level Seminar on *Gender Sensitization: Rights and Challenges* organized by Gokhale Memorial Girls'
College on 27th May 2022.

12 Delivered an online lecture on '*Rural Artisans of West Bengal*', organized by Kniids, Kolkata, sponsored by ICSSR-ERC on 2nd April 2022

13 Delivered a lecture on the occasion of celebrating 200 years Birth Centenary *of* Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagarat the Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata, in April 2022.

14 Delivered an invited online lecture on the occasion of celebrating the birthday of **Swami Vivekananda**, organized by Rashtrabigyyan Charchakendra on 12 January 2022.

15 Delivered online lecture on *Gender, Culture and Development* at Bijoy Krishna Girls College, Howrah, January 9th, 2021

16 Delivered invited lecture on *Rights of the Transgender Persons inIndia: A Human Rights Perspective*, organized by Rashtrabigyyan Charcha Kendra, on 19th December 2021.

17 Deliveredlectures on social media on the occasion of implication of results on student and in their admissions, organized by Sonar Tori, the only Bengali media channel in New Delhi, 2021.

18 Delivered lecture on '*The Incredible Journey of the Artisans of Nakshi Kantha in Rural Bengal: Challenges and Opportunities*', on the event of 53rd Annual Conference of Institute of Historical Studies held at Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, February 25-27,2020.

19 Presented a special invited lecture on *Gender Dynamics at Play* at Scottish Church College, Kolkata, 2018.

20 Invited Lecture: On International Women's Day 8th March 2018, By Central Reference Section, Government of India, A Subordinate Organisation Under Ministry of Culture.

21 Invited by Door darshan Kendra Kolkata, To Speak on International Women's Day, 8th March 2018.

22 Lecture: By Corpus Institute for Delivering Pushpalata EndowmentLecture On 24th December 2016 at Jadavpur University.

> Editorial Responsibilities

- I Present in the Editorial Board for the journal, Journal of Historical Studies, which is published by the Institute of Historical Studies.
- > 2 Peer Reviewer for SAGE: Contemporary Voice of Dalit

Books & Publications

Monograph: The Human Rights of The Third Gender in India: Beyond the Binary, Routledge, London, 2023

2) Gender and Human Rights in South Asia: Interrogating Social Cultural Practices in India and Bangladesh, Avenel Press 2020.

Editorial Works:

- a. Editor, *Indian Political Thought and Its Contemporary Relevance*(2016) Atlantic Publishers & Distributors (P) Ltd, New Delhi.
- b. Co Editor of a book on *Women's Empowerment: Challenges Ahead*; (2015) *Akshar Prakash ani*, Kolkata.

(OUTCOME OF UGC SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR)

Chapters in Edited Books:

- Sengupta, L 2023 'Changing Face of Rural Artisans in an Age of Globalisation: Looking at the Interface from Artisanship to the Entrepreneurship of the Kantha Artisans of Birbhum, West Bengal in Nanda, A and Datta Choudhury, T ed Sustainable Development, Taming, Consumption, Yearning for Inclusivity HP Hamilton Limited , London, United Kingdom
- Sengupta, L 2022 'Globalisation and Sustainable Development: A Case Study of the weavers of Baluchari Sarees in Bishnupur, West Bengal,' in Laskar, Nazmul Hussain edited 'Contemporary India : Society, Economy and Polity, Authors Press, New Delhi.
- Sengupta, L 2022 contributed the 'Foreword', of the book 'Queer Identity and Culture in Indian writings in English', Upanayan Publications, New Delhi
- Sengupta, L 2022 'Breaking the Barriers: Exploring the Changing Landscape of the third gender movement in contemporary India', in Kothari ed South Asia: Issues, Challenges and Prospects, Atlantic Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi.
- Datta, S ed (2019) 'Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development: A Case Study of the rural artisans in Nanoor, Birbhum, West Bengal', in Rural Development in India problems and prospects Print Gallery, Kolkata
- Sengupta, S ed (2019) Tracing the Origin and Growth of the transgender movement in India: A case study from urban Kolkata in ed book Diverse Discourse, Ababil Books, Kolkata,
 - Sengupta L (2016), 'Revisiting Gandhi's Ideas of Indigenous Modernization in Postcolonial India', Dutta Madhumita edited – 2016, '*Nation Nationalism and Beyond'*, Avenel Press, Kolkata.
 - Sengupta. L, 'Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar (1820 -1891): A Social Reformer and a Humanitarian Activist', Indian Political Thought and Its Contemporary Relevance(2016) Atlantic Publishers & Distributors (P) Ltd, New Delhi, P 150 - 167
 - Sengupta. L, 'Jawaharlal Nehru: An Architect of Modern India (1889 1964) Indian Political Thought and Its Contemporary

Relevance(2016) Atlantic Publishers & Distributors (P) Ltd, New Delhi, P 362 – 382

- Sengupta. L, 'Women's Rights and Movement in India, Perspectives on Indian Government & Politics, Ed – Ranjana sarkar (Ghosh), Sudeshna Mitra, (2016) Published by Avenel Press, P 29 – 31
- Sengupta L., (2012), The Feminine in Tagore's Work A Human Rights Perspective in Basu Rajasri edited Women & Tagore: Recreating the Space in the New Millennium, New Delhi, Abhijit Publications.
- Sengupta L., (2010), The Emerging Contour of Indo-Bangladesh Relations: A Human Rights Perspective, in Kothari edited India's Foreign Policy in the New Millennium, Delhi, Academic Excellence.
- Sengupta L., (2009), Adam, Eve and "Others" Analyzingthe right to survive with dignity of the third sex in India, in Bagchi S. edited "Expanding Horizons of Human Rights, New Delhi, Atlantic Publishers.
- Paper on Kashmir and Human Rights in ed book *Kashmir Kon Pathe* (To be published) by Avenel Press

Articlespublished inJournals

- Sengupta, L, 2019, 'Intangible Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development: Looking into the lives of the rural artisans' of Baliguni and Naya Village, districts of Birbhum and West Midnapore, in The West Bengal Political Science Review Volume XXI,2019, West Bengal Political Science Association, Kolkata.
 - > 2From theMargins toThe Mainstream: Looking Into The Challenges And Possibilities Of Inclusion Of The Third Gender In Urban Kolkata, West Bengal Peer Reviewed Journal, Netaji Institute For Asian Studies, VolumeXXXVI, January 2018
 - O 3. India's Third Gender at Crossroads: A Human Rights Perspective published in the *Journal of Politics & Governance* Volume 3, No. 2/3 April-September 2014 ISSN: 2278-473X.

- 4. Sengupta L., (2011), Feminism in India: Reorienting Identity in Lines of Humanity, Bangabasi Academic Journal, Vol.VII – VIII, 2009-10 & 2010-11, pp. 57-69, ISSN: 22490655.
- 5. Manobikata O Manabadhikar: Prasanga Brihanalla, Sahitya Kahan, 'Utsav Sankhya'.
- 6. Human Rights and the Indigenous people of India, West Bengal, Political Science: Review, Volume - III No. - 1 January -June 2000.
- 7. Human Rights: An overview, Samaj Tatwa (Bi lingual half yearly Journal Association for Social Studies Vol V Issues 1 & 2 combined June, Dec 1999).

Membership inResearch and Academic Institutes

- Member of the International Sociological Association (ISA), Europe
- Member of the Indian Association of Women's Studies, IAWS, New Delhi.
- Newly elected Member of The Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata
- Life Member of West Bengal Political Science Association, Kolkata
- Member, of Indian Association for Research in Asian and Pacific Studies, IAAPS, Department of South and South East Asian Studies, Calcutta University, Kolkata.
- Executive Member of Centre for **Research in Indo-Bangladesh Relations** (CRIBR, Kolkata)
- Life Member of Corpus Research Institute, Kolkata

CONFERENCES / SEMINARS ATTENDED (PLEASE REFER TO NEXT PAGE)

TITLE OF THE PAPER	SPONSORING AGENCY	TIME
(PAPERS PRESENTED) Attended Workshop on Research Methods in Social Sciences	Jadavpur Association of International Relations (JAIR)in collaboration with the SIRSS and UGC- Human Resource Development Centre (UGC- HRDC), North Bengal	April 3-12, 2021
Rural Artisans of West Bengal	53 rd Annual Conference of Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata and Vidyasagar University, Midnapore	25 -27 th February, 2020.
Globalization and its Impact on third gender in India	Presidency University, Kolkata	January, 2019
Gender Dysphoria and The Politics of Difference. Re (locating) marginalization of the trans persons in urban Kolkata.	International Sociological Association (ISA), World Sociological Congress, Toronto, Canada	15-21 JULY 2018.
Dynamics of Gender at Play: The Case of The Transgenders	Invited for A Special Lecture Organised by Scottish Church College, Kolkata	27 th August, 2018.

Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development :		
Gender Equality and	Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) Sponsoredand Organised by Naba Ballygunge Mahavidyalaya	1 st September ,2018
Empowerment of The Rural Artisans of West Bengal.	Presidency University, Bengaluru	6-7 September 2018.

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Human Rights of the Third	ICSSR Sponsored National	$16^{\text{th}} \& 17^{\text{th}}$ March,
gender in India	Seminar, Khejuri College,	2017
	Midnapur, West Bengal	
Ideas and Perspectives of	UGC Sponsored National	1 st and 2 nd March,
Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar in	Seminar, Vidyasagar	2017
21 st century	University, Midnapore	
Human Rights of the Rural	International Seminar on	$20^{\text{th}} \& 21^{\text{st}}$
Artisans of West Bengal	Heritage and History in	February, 2017
	South Asia organised by	,,,
	Presidency University and	
	School of Oriental and	
	African Studies (SOAS,	
	London)	
Organized an Interactive Seminar on the Inaugural Session of the Book on Indian Political Thought and its Contemporary Relevance	Joint Endeavour of the editor and the contributors of the book along with the cooperation of the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University	17 th June, 2016
Organized and Participated in	National Seminar,	4 th June 2016
the National Level Seminar on	Organized by Centre for	
Dilution of Nationalist	Research in Indo –	
PerceptionofIndianRevolutionariesofthe 20^{th}		
Century in Present day India	Bangladesh Relations in	
	Collaboration with the	
	Indian Council of	
	Historical Research (ICHR),	
	New Delhi	
Revisiting the Recent		11 th – 13 th August
Inclusiveness of the Women's	1 st World Asian Studies	2015
Rights in India and Bangladesh	Conference,2015.InternationalSeminar,	
– A Human Rights Perspectives	organized byThe Institute	
	of Knowledge Management	
	at Colombo, Sri Lanka	

Politics of Identity of the Role of Queer Theory	InternationalSeminar organized by The Forum on Contemporary Theory (Baroda) and the International Lincoln Centre for American Studies, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, USA.	December 21-25, 2014
Third Gender of India at Crossroads: A Human Rights Perspective	NationalSeminar organized by MDRF, Academy of Politics and Governance, New Delhi	3 rd August 2014
The Feminine in Tagore's Works: A Human Rights Perspective	International Conference on Women & Tagore: Recreating the Space in the New Millennium by Women's Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University, Jorasankho Thakur Bari, Kolkata	January 27 – 28 & 29, 2011
Paper presented on A Silenced Community? Eunuchs and their Identity in India.		February 18, 2010

Paper to be presented on Adam, Eve and "others" Interesting the right to survive with dignity of me third sex in India.	UGC Sponsored Seminar Bangabasi College	Held on September 18-19, 2007.
Paper presented in International Seminar on GENDER AND IDENTITY: Rethinking Human Rights of the Third Sex in India.	Third Biennial International Conference of Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies.	October 13 – 15, 2006.
New Dimension of Human Rights. In the 21 st . Century Paper presented on Re-thinking human rights in the perspective of Gender Relations, Eunuchs and their gender Identity.	Bangabasi Morning College	March 21-22, 2006
Values, Politics and Society.	Council for Political Studies in collaboration with Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture	February 10 – 11, 2006.
National Seminar on Identity and the pluralism project.	Department of Political Science	February 17, 2006
8 th . Annual Conference of Political Science	WestBengalPoliticalScience Association	December 17 – 18, 2005.
U.G.C. sponsored state level seminar on Science Philosophy Interface.	Bangabasi College, Kolkata.	March 5, 2005.
Contemporary Political Theory	Maharaja Manindra Chandra College	December 13, 2005.
U.G.C. Propose Model Act for the Universities.	Bangabasi Group of College & North Calcutta District Committee.	April 3, 2004.

	WBCOM	
IndianParliamentaryDemocracy in Transition.	Department of Political Science Organised by: Presidency College,	February 27, 2002.
ResearchTrendsinInternational Relations.	DSAProgrammes,DepartmentofInternationalRelations,JadavpurUniversity	January 31 & February 1, 2002.
Globalizing women	School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University.	February 27, 2001 - March 01, 2001.
Exploring the Human Rights Discourses	Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Vivekananda Vidyabhavan	December 21 & 22, 2001.
Indo-Bangladesh Relations – the New Millennium	Centre for Research in Indo Bangladesh Relations	December 7 & 8, 2000.
Paper presented in International Seminar on: 'The Recent plight of Minorities in Bangladesh – A post-Election Scenario'. Paper presented: State, Women and the Human Rights Question in Bangladesh – A Post-Election Scenario.		January 28, 2002.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PUBLISHED

1 Paper presented in Toronto, Canada organized by ISA, has been published in Gendered Asia: Special Issue, Published By Netaji Institute For Asian Studies Volume Xxxvi January 2018—December 2018-January 2019.

2 Paper presented on Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development sponsored by Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR)Sponsored and Organised by Naba Ballygunge Mahavidyalaya. Volume published in

Datta, S ed (2019) Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development: A Case Study of the rural artisans in Nanoor, Birbhum, West Bengal, Rural Development in India problems and prospects Print Gallery, Kolkata

3 NationalSeminarorganized by MDRF, Academy of Politics and Governance, New Delhi

Third Gender of India at Crossroads: A Human Rights Perspective published in India's Third Gender at Crossroads: A Human Rights Perspective published in the *Journal of Politics & Governance* Volume 3, No. 2/3 April-September 2014 ISSN: 2278-473X.

4 The Feminine in Tagore's Works: A Human Rights Perspective presented at the International Conference on Women & Tagore: Recreating the Space in the New Millennium by Women's Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University, Jorasankho Thakur Bari, Kolkata and published in Sengupta L., (2012), *The Feminine in Tagore's Work A Human Rights Perspective* in Basu Rajasri edited *Women & Tagore: Recreating the Space in the New Millennium*, New Delhi, Abhijit Publications.

Session chaired:

Indo Bangladesh Relations: Organized by Indian Association of Asian and Pacific Study (IAAPS, Department of South and South East Asian Studies, Calcutta University, 2019) Human Rights (UGC Sponsored seminar organized by Bijoy Krishna Girls College), 2018

AWARDS & GRANTS

- Recipient of Shastri Indo Canadian Institute Publication Grant,(SPG) 2019 for the monograph 'Beyond the Binary': Human rights of the third gender in India to be published by Francis Taylor, Routledge.
- 2. Received Full Travel Grant from University Grants Commission for presenting paper at Toronto, Canada organized by International Sociological Organization.

The paper titled Gender Dysphoria and the Politics of Difference: Re (locating) the Marginalization of the Trans persons in Urban Kolkata, India was presented at the XIX International Conference ISA World Congress of Sociology on Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses Responsibilities at Toronto, Canada from July 15-21,2018

3Obtained Certificate on Interactive E - Learning Module on Operationalizing the Right to Development in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, Jointly Conducted by The Office of The United Nations High Commissioner for Peace, And the United Nations, University's International Institute for Global Health. (January 10th-6th, 2018)

- 4 Received the best paper presentation award in the 1st World Asian Studies Conference, organized by The Institute of Knowledge Management at Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2015
- 5 Awarded First Prize in Second National Conference on Politics and Governance organized by Management Development Research Centre in New Delhi on 3rd August 2014. Paper submitted on India's Third Gender at Crossroads.

6 Awarded First Prize for Publication of *Prabandha on Manabadhikar*, *Prasanga Brihanalla*, in *Sahitya Kahan* a Bengali Literary journal in 2006. The *Prabandha* of the year was selected by eminent writer *Sri Jyotibhusan Chaki Mahasoy* and the Award was given by the noted academician Dr. Pabitra Sarkar in *Jibanananda Sabha Griha*, Bangla Academy, January 2006.

PROJECT WORKS

- 1. Recipient of **Major research project, IMPRESS**, From Indian Council of Social Science Research & Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), New Delhi 2019-2021
- 2. Completed a Minor project funded by Bangabasi College, in 2018 on Heritage and Sustainable Development.

Orientation /Refresher courses

- UGC Sponsored Twenty Second Academic Staff Orientation programme, University of Calcutta, January 14th-12th February 1998. Subject upgradation in political science
- 2 UGC sponsored first refresher course in International Relations, Jadavpur University, Feb 2nd to Feb 25th 1999. (Obtained grade A)
- 3 Refresher course on Nationalism, democracy and global futures from December 1 to December 22 ,2003., Jadavpur University (Obtained grade A)
- 4 Refresher Course in Sociology (Interdisciplinary) Emerging Issues in Sociological Discourse Today, Jadavpur University from 21. 11.2005 to 10. 12.
 2005 (Grade A)

Professional Society Activity

1 Presently Member of West Bengal Transgender Persons Development Board, (2020- 2023),WBTGDB.

2Defender of human rights: Pledge taken from National Human Rights Commission, India for Protecting and Promoting Human Rights.

Other NotableActivities

- Invited speaker on Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata And on Prasar Bharati. Observation International Women's Day, Human Rights Day. (2011-2019)
- ii. Pledged Citizen of National Human Rights Commission (2018)
- iii. Recipient of the President Medal, Government of India forrepresenting West Bengal on the Republic Day as part of Ananda Shankar Dance Troupe. -Year 1989.
- iv. Obtained Certificate on Microsoft Office from Webel