

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2018) Sociology, University of North Bengal, West Bengal, India

M.A (2012) Sociology, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India

B.A (2010) Sociology, University of Calcutta, West Bengal, India

Research Experience

Joined the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal, in 2012. After completing my Ph.D course work in December 2012, I started my Journey as a research scholar and completed my PhD in January in 2018.

Working in the field of Social Gerontology for 12 years.

Teaching Experience

Teaching experience: 9 years 4 months (September, 2015 to present)

Joined Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Government College, Rajarhat-New Town, Kolkata as an Assistant Professor on 1 September 2015.

At present working in Government General Gedree College, Chapra.

Research Interests

Social Gerontology, Family Studies, Aging, Intergenerational Relationship, Empathy.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Life of the Middleclass Aged in Kolkata. New Delhi: Kalpaz Publications, 2019. (ISBN: 9789353240554)

A. Peer Reviewed/ Refereed International Journals

1.'Isolation and Loneliness among the Aged in the Urban Middleclass Families', *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*(ISSN: 0019-4387), Vol. 45 No. 2, 2010: 153-178. (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION APPROVED)

2. 'Changing Family Relations in an Urban Setting: A Case Study of Middleclass Families in Salt Lake, Kolkata', *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*(ISSN: 0019-4387), Vol.49, 2014: 99-129 (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION APPROVED)

3. 'Fieldwork as Sociation: Some Methodological Issues', *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*, (ISSN: 0019-4387), Vol.49, Nos 2 & 3,2014: 435-455.

4.'Life of the Middleclass Aged in Old Age Homes', 2015, *The Indian Journal of Anthropology*, (ISSN 009-4387), Vol. 3, No.2, 2015: 119-146 (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION Approved). (link: www.incaa.net)

5.'Dispersal of Members and its Impact on the life of the Aged in Urban Middleclass Families',*The Indian Journal of Anthropology*, Vol. 3, No. 1, 2015: 53-72 (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION Approved) (ISSN 009-4387). (link: www.incaa.net)

**B.Peer
Reviewed/Refereed
National journals**

1.'Changing Social Relations in a Metropolis: The Perception of the Middleclass Aged',*Social Trends: Journal of the Department of North Bengal University*, Vol.3, March 2016: 86-104 (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION approved [Sl. No. 42176] refereed national journal, ISSN 2348-6538) (link www.socialtrendsnbu.in)

2. 'Vulnerability of the Aged and their Rights', *Social Trends: The Journal of the Department of Sociology of North Bengal University*, Vol. 4, March 2017: 113-145 (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION approved[Sl. No. 42176]refereed national journal, ISSN 2348-6538)(link www.socialtrendsnbu.in).

3.'Life of the Middleclass Aged in the Light of Changing Family Relations: A Study in Kolkata', *Social Trends: The Journal of the Department of Sociology of North Bengal University*, Vol 5, 31 March, 2018: 187-206 (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION approved[Sl. No. 42176]refereed national journal, ISSN 2348-6538). (link www.socialtrendsnbu.in).

4. 'Why the Middleclass Aged Choose to Move from Family to Old Age Homes?' *Tribal Tribune* (E Journal), Vol. 7, Issue. 4,

2016. ISSN: 2249-3433 (Peer-reviewed on-line journal. Link: <https://www.tribaltribune.com/>).

5. 'Self, Attachments and Detachments', *Social Trends: The Journal of the Department of Sociology of North Bengal University*, Vol 6, 31 March, 2019: 146-160 (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION approved[Sl. No. 42176]refereed national journal, ISSN 2348-6538). (link www.socialtrendsnbu.in).

6. 'The Significance of "Empathy" in Social Sciences', *Social Trends: The Journal of the Department of Sociology of North Bengal University*, Vol 7, 31 March, 2020: 168-180 (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION approved[Sl. No. 42176]refereed national journal, ISSN 2348-6538).

7. 'Empathy and Embeddedness in Social Science Research: The Contrasting Methods of Malinowski and Elwin', *Social Trends: The Journal of the Department of Sociology of North Bengal University*, Vol 8, 31 March, 2021: 147-168 (Peer-reviewed national journal, ISSN 2348-6538).

8. 'Empathy : A Rule of Social Relations', *Social Trends: The Journal of the Department of Sociology of North Bengal University*, Vol 9, 31 March, 2022: 90-106 (Peer-reviewed national journal, ISSN 2348-6538).

9. 'Living in Care Crisis: The Case of the Urban Middle Class Elderly in India', *Social Trends: The Journal of the Department of Sociology of North Bengal University*, Vol 10, 31st March 2023: 67-90 (Peer-reviewed national journal, ISSN 2348-6538).

C. Articles in popular journals

1. 'North Bengal University Campus: As I saw it' in the e-journal *Cultural Cartographies of Media* (September 9, 2013) published by the Geography Department, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University.
2. 'একটি বৃদ্ধাশ্রমে আবাসিকদের দৈনন্দিন জীবন ও কিছু প্রশ্ন', শূন্যপত্রিকা, কলকাতা, সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০১৭: ১৮-২৭

D. Book Chapters

1. 'Care Crises Facing the Urban Middle-class Elderly Women' in Sudarshana Sen edited book *Women in India*, Routledge, 2024. ISBN: 1040109586,9781040109588

2. Violence and Care crises Facing the Urban Elderly' in Dr.AmlanLahiri edited *Voices of Injustice: Interrogating Marginalization*, Levant Books, 2024, ISBN: 978-93-91741-53-2

PAPERS PRESENTED IN SEMINARS/CONFERENCE

E. Papers presented in International Seminars/Conferences

1. Presented paper on 'Life of the Middleclass Aged in Old Age Homes in Kolkata' in 1st International Gerontology Conference, organized by Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Ageing and Gerontology (CIRAG), The University of Burdwan, in collaboration with Swansea University, Swansea, Wales, UK and Bankura University, Bankura, West Bengal, India, on 23-24 January, 2016.
2. Presented Paper on 'Life of the Middleclass Aged in the Light of Family Relations: A Study in Kolkata at the 5th International Congress of Bengal Studies, held at Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh, on 25-28 January, 2018.
3. Presented paper on 'Life of the Middleclass Aged in Kolkata' in a one-day seminar on 30th January, 2018, in the Department of Sociology, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh.
4. Presented paper on 'Violence and Care Crisis Facing the Urban Elderly Citizens' in 'Two-Day International Seminar on Inequalities, Othering and Violence in Everyday Life at Cluny Women's College ,Kalimpong in association with IQAC of Cluny Women's College and in collaboration with RC 28 (Sociology of Everyday Life of the Indian Sociological Society) on 23rd and 24th November 2023.
5. Presented paper titled 'Living in Care Crisis: The Case of the Urban Middle Class Elderly in India ' in Sixth Biennial International Conference on Aging Well (ICAW 2024) organized by SCMS Group of Educational Institutions, Cochin, Kerala, India.

6. Presented paper titled Loneliness and Care Crisis Among the Middleclass Aged in Kolkata in The Asian Conference on Aging and Gerontology (AGen 2024) organized by International Academic Forum from March 25, 2024 to March 29, 2024 at Tokyo Japan.

**E. Papers
presented in
national level
Seminars**

1. Presented a paper on 'Loneliness among the Aged in Kolkata' in a workshop organized by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati on 22-23 January, 2013.
2. Presented a paper titled 'Dispersal in the Urban Middleclass Families and its Impact on Family Relations: The Views of the Aged in Kolkata' in Indian Anthropological Congress organized by Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA) in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 21-23 February, 2015.
3. Paper 'Movement from Family to Old Age Homes: Exploration of an Aspect of the Life of the Aged Urban Middleclass People in Kolkata' in 45th Annual Conference of the Indian Anthropological Society, held in Kolkata on 23-25 May, 2015.
4. Presented paper on 'Changing Social Relations in an Urban Setting: A Study of Salt Lake, Kolkata' in 41st All India Sociological Conference of Indian Sociological Society, held at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar Odisha on 27 -29 December, 2015.
5. Presented paper on 'Importance of Family Relations in the Everyday Life of the Urban Middleclass Aged' in 42nd All Indian Sociological Conference of Indian Sociological Society, held at Tezpur University, Assam (Research committee titled Sociology of Everyday Life) on 27- 30 December 2016.
6. Presented paper on 'Changing Life of the Aged in Metropolitan Kolkata' in 42nd All Indian Sociological Conference of Indian Sociological Society, held at Tezpur University, Assam (Research Committee on Sociology of Aging) on 27- 30 December 2016.

7. Presented paper on 'Importance of Family Relations in the Life of the Middleclass Aged Living in Old-Age Homes in Kolkata' in Indian Anthropology Congress organized by the Department of Anthropology, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, under the aegis of Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA) on 21- 23 February, 2017.
8. Presented paper on 'Methodological Elements in the Writings of Early Sociologists' at the workshop on Indian Sociological Tradition, organized by the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal, on 28-29 March 2017.
9. Presented paper on 'Living on the Margin: The Stories of Four Middleclass Married Women in Bengal' in the 44th All India Sociological Conference held in Mysore, Karnataka on 27th- 29th December 2018.
10. Presented a paper on 'Self, Attachments and Detachments' in the two-day national seminar on Self and the Lifeworld, organized by the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal , in collaboration with the Research Committee (RC) on Sociology of Everyday Life of the Indian Sociological Society, on 1-2 March 2019.
11. Presented a paper on "The Significance of Empathy in Everyday Life" at the 45th All India Sociological Conference held at Kerala University, Trivandrum, on 27-29 December 2019.
12. Presented a paper titled 'Empathy and Embeddedness in Social Science Research: The Contrasting Approaches of Malinowski and Elwin' in the National seminar on Ideology, Art and Science in Social Sciences, organized by the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal , on 6-7 March 2020.
13. Presented a paper titled 'Care Crisis Facing the Urban Middle-class Elderly Women in Everyday Life' in RC 28; Sociology of Everyday Life of the Indian Sociological Society as a part of the 47th Indian Sociological Conference held at Mumbai University, Mumbai on 8-10 December 2021.

14. Presented a paper titled 'Empathy: A Rule of Social Relations' in the two- day National Seminar on Exploring Aspects of Everyday Life held on 27th and 28th June 2022 at Institute of Development Studies Kolkata.

**F. Paper Presented in
Local/state level
Seminars**

1. Presented paper titled 'The Aged in India and their crisis in the making' was presented in 5th Annual Conference of the Sociological Association of West Bengal (SAWB), held in University of North Bengal on 12-13 March, 2013.

2. Presented paper titled 'Life of the Middleclass Aged in a Metropolis' in one day Research Scholars' Workshop held at Salesian College Siliguri Campus on 29th August 2015.

Sociology Courses

**Taught: Summer / Spring
Semester**

Sociology of India I (Core Course 2)

- a. India an object of Knowledge
- b. Indian Society: Concepts and Institutions

January to June

Sociological Thinkers I (Core Course 11)

The basic understanding of the theories of Karl Marx, Max Weber and Emile Durkheim

Fall / Winter Semester

July to December

A. Sociology of India II (Core Course 4) CBCS

Ideas on Indian Society: Ambedkar, Radhakamal Mukherjee, M.N Srinivas, G.S. Ghurye

1. **Family, and Marriage in India** (Core Course 9)
 - a) Changing structure and functions of Marriage and Family
 - b) Disintegration of Joint Family in India – Disintegration Debate
2. **Indian Sociological Traditions** (Discipline Specific Elective 6)
3. **Social Institutions and Practices** (Generic Elective 2)
 - a) Indian Village
 - b) Caste System in India

- c) Kinship in India
- 4. **Challenges to State and Society** (Generic Elective 2)
 - a) Communalism
 - b) Secularism

NEP (New Education Policy which was introduced in India in 2023)

Fall/Winter Semester (July to December)

B. Discipline Specific Course

1. **Introducing Sociology (Major)**
 - a) **Sociology and Common Sense, Sociological Imagination**
 - b) **Individual and Social Groups**
 - c) **Culture: Concepts and Meaning, Subculture, Counter Culture, Cultural Lag.**

2. **Sociological Perspectives**
Symbolic Interactionism
 - a) **Geroge Herbert Mead**
 - b) **Herbert Blumer**
 - c) **Erving Goffman**

3. **Introducing Sociology (Minor)**
 - a) **Definition and Scope of Sociology**
 - b) **Relationship with Anthropology and History**
 - c) **Socialization: Concept, Processes and Agencies, nature nurture debate**
 - d) **Social Stratification: Concepts, Forms, Social Mobility.**

Spring Semester (January to June)

Family and Kinship

The Characteristica of Tribal Communities in India

The Problems of Tribal Communities in India

**G.SEMINARS/
WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

1. Gender Sensitization Seminar cum Workshop, organized by St. Xavier's College Women's cell and National Service Scheme (NSS) in 2009.

2.UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION -CAS state-level seminar on 'Analytical Philosophy and Feminism' organized by the department of philosophy Jadavpur University, Kolkata, on 22 March, 2014.

3.National Seminar on Backwardness, Development and Communities in North Bengal, organized by Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal under the Special Assistance Programmes (SAP) of the UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION on 26 -27 March, 2015.

4.UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION sponsored National Seminar on Changing Scenario of Society and Culture in the Context of Globalization, organized by Department of Sociology, Birpara College, Alipurduar, West Bengal, on 27 -28 August, 2015.

5.Participated in the Workshop on Indian Sociological Tradition, organized by the Department of Sociology, North Bengal University on 28-29 March 2017,under SAP-DRS-II (UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION).

6.Participated in the Under Graduate Faculty Workshop on the Reformulation of the Under Graduate Syllabus organized by the Department of Sociology, West Bengal State University on 21st August 2017.

7.Organizing Committee member of National Symposium on Advances in Biology: Exploitation of Phyto-resources organized by Department of Botany, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Govt. College, Newtown, Kolkata on 23 November, 2017.

8. One Day Workshop on 'Choice Based Credit System: Embarking upon a New Journey' organized by I.Q.A.C ,Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Govt. College on 8th May, 2018.

9. Participated in a National Symposium on 'Eco-sustainability and Renewable Energy: Challenges, Prospects and Ethics' organized by Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Govt. College in collaboration with Power Grid Corporation of India Limited on 19th and 20th January, 2019.

10. Participated in a One-day workshop on 'Promotion Under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS)' organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahabidyalay on 29th June, 2019

11. Participated in UGBOS Workshop organized by the Undergraduate Board of Studies, Department of Sociology, West Bengal State University on 20th January 2020.

12. Participated in 7 days National Level Workshop on 'Emerging Trends in Ethical Discourse' organized by the Department of Philosophy WBSU in Collaboration with IQAC, WBSU from 18th March 2021 to 25th March 2021.

13. Participated in a 7-day workshop on "Methodological Significance of Social Science Theories, organized by Department of Sociology, North Bengal University, in collaboration with RC 28: Sociology of Everyday Life of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) and the UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION -HRDC, NBU, on 7-13 March 2022.

14. Participated in a one-day seminar on "Addressing the Future of Dementia, Care giving and Services" organized jointly by Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Kolkata Chapter, Department of Physiology, Psychology and CPEPA, University of Calcutta and ARDSI- Calcutta Chapter at MeghnadSaha Auditorium, Rajabajar Science College, CU on 14th September, 2023.

15. Participated in a one-day seminar on Brain Health is Brain Wealth on the occasion of celebrating World Alzheimer's Day, organized by Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society in India: Kolkata Chapter at Taj Vivanta, Kolkata on 24th September.

16. Participated in one-day workshop on the Implementation of the Undergraduate NEP Syllabus on the 6th of December, 2023 at West Bengal State University, Barasat, West Bengal.

H. SPECIAL LECTURES

1. Delivered a special lecture on 'Different Perspectives to the Study of Family' at Government General Degree College, Mangalkote, in association with IQAC, Govt. General Degree College Mangalkote, Purba Bardhaman on 21st June, 2021.

2. Delivered a special lecture on 'Modernism' at West Bengal State University on 27th December, 2021

3. Delivered a special lecture on 'Postmodernism' at West Bengal State University on 29th December, 2021.

4. Delivered a special lecture on 'McDonaldization' at West Bengal State University on 13th January, 2022.

5. Delivered lecture on 'Practicing Sociology' at Government General Degree College, Chapra on 2nd January, 2024.

I. Online Workshop and Certificate Courses

1. Successfully Completed an Online International Winter School Program held from 13th February, 2024 to 15th February 2024, organized by **IMPRI Impact and Policy Research Institute , New Delhi.**
2. Successfully completed an online certificate course titled Understanding Dementia , held from March to 24th April **organized by the University of Tasmania, Australia.**
3. Successfully completed an online certificate course titled 'Preventing Dementia' in May 2024 **organized by University of Tasmania, Australia.**
4. Successfully completed an online certificate course titled 'Living with Dementia: Impact on Individuals, Caregivers, Communities and Societies' in August 2024 **organized by Johns Hopkins School of Nursing Center for Innovative Care in Aging.**

5. Successfully completed an online certificate course titled ' **Bridging the Dementia Divide: Supporting People Living with Dementia** ' in September 8, 2024 organized by **University of Derby, England.**

J. AWARD

1. UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION Sponsored Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship from 2011 to 2012.

2. UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION Sponsored Swami Vivekanand Doctoral Fellowship in 2015.

Received Prof. Nirendra Chandra Choudhury Young Scholar Award 2019, from Indian Anthropological Society in recognition of research in the field of social gerontology.

K. Other Achievements

Qualified National Eligibility Test conducted by UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION with First Class degree in 2014.

L. MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIC BODIES

1. Life Member of Indian Sociological Society (ISS); LMI 3985
2. Member of West Bengal Sociological Association (SAWB)
3. Member of Research Committee on *Sociology of Everyday Life* of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS)
4. Member of Research Committee (12) on *Sociology of Health, Aging and Well-being* of Indian Sociological Society (ISS)

M. ORIENTATION PROGRAMME/ REFRESHER COURSE

1. Orientation Programme at the Human Resource Development Centre, University of North Bengal, held on 20th February to 19th March 2018

2. Refresher Course on *Society, Culture and Polity* in India at the Human Resource Development Centre, University of North Bengal, held on 3rd June 2019 to 19th June 2019.
3. Refresher Course on Feminism to Gender Neutrality: Discourse and Reality at the Human Development Centre, University of North Bengal, held from 27th July 2023 to 10th August 2023.

N. Experience of Field Work

1. Field work in Salt Lake City (from March 2013 to December 2013)
2. Field work in Old Age Homes
 - a. Worked at Nabanir (2010) an old age home in Chetla, Kolkata, India as part of my Undergraduate Dissertation.
 - b. Worked at Mukta Bihanga (2014) an old age home in Sonarpur, Kolkata as part of my Ph.D research.
 - c. Worked at Ananda Niketan (2014-2015) an old age home in Naktala, Kolkata as part of my Ph.D research .