

## CURRICULUM VITAE / BIO DATA

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Google Scholar - <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=0UBf59sAAAAJ&hl=en>

### **Brief Introduction**

**Aritra Majumdar places his research at the intersection of the histories of the media and the state, seeking to explore the evolution of an Indian public sphere in postcolonial India. Having published a couple of articles in reputed journals in this field, he has also occasionally branched out into the histories of the emergence of the public sphere in colonial India, the history of economic planning, and trajectories of political and economic thought in modern India. He received his Ph.D. in History from the Department of History, University of Calcutta in 2026, and is currently working as an Assistant Professor in History at Sivanath Sastri College.**

### **EDUCATION**

#### Graduation –

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in History (Honours) (2009 - 2012), Presidency College, Kolkata

General Subjects : Political Science, Economics

#### Post-Graduation –

- Master Of Arts (M.A.) in History (2012 - 2014), University of Calcutta

#### Research -

a. Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in History (2014-2016), University of Calcutta

Topic of Dissertation: “Intellectual Foundations of Planning in India” (*published as a monograph, see Publications section*)

Research Supervisor: Prof. Bhaskar Chakrabarti

b. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in History (2020-2026), Department of History, University of Calcutta

Topic of Dissertation: Structuring the Postcolonial Printed Press: A Study of English-Language Newspapers in India, 1947-75”.

Research Supervisor: Dr. Kingshuk Chatterjee, Professor, Department of History, University of Calcutta.

*Awarded on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2026.*

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

UGC National Eligibility Test (UGC NET) Lectureship (LS) Qualification. 2014.

## **AWARDS**

PDG Rtn. Dr. S. C. Nandy Award for Excellence 2015 – Awarded by the Rotary Club of Calcutta to the Student Standing first in the MA Examination in Modern History in University of Calcutta.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Monograph***

*Towards a Planned Future: Roots of Economic Planning in India, 1927-52.* Avenel Press, Memari, Burdwan, West Bengal. 2021. ISBN – 978-93-90873-59-3.

### ***Articles (Journals)***

1. “Radicalization and the Limits of Propaganda in the Age of Social Media”, *Seemant*, Vol. 3, Issue 4, August 2017. ISSN – 2454-1184. p.89-97. (UGC Listed Journal No. 62772, removed from UGC List in May 2018). (Google Scholar)
2. “Planning, Economic Development and the Constituent Assembly : A Brief Study”, *Akados*, Vol. XII, 2017-18. ISSN – 2231-0584. p.47-70. [Not available on Google Scholar, URL - <http://akados.in/2018/02/03-akados2018/> ]
3. “Rammohun and the Debate on Sati: Locating the Public Sphere in Early Colonial India”, *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, Vol. 78 (2017). ISSN - 2249-1937. pp. 627-634. (Google Scholar)
4. “A Partition of the Public Sphere: Violence, State Repression and the Press in India and Pakistan, 1947-49”, *Media History*, Vol. 29 (2023), Issue 3, p.368-83. Print ISSN: 1368-8804 Online ISSN: 1469-9729. (Google Scholar) doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13688804.2022.2079479>
5. “A Paper Agitation”: The All-India Newspaper Editors’ Conference, the Indian State, and the Struggle Over the First Amendment”, *Journalism History*, Latest Articles, 1-27. Print ISSN: 0094-

7679 Online ISSN: 2641-2071. (Google Scholar) doi :

<https://doi.org/10.1080/00947679.2023.2264714>

6. "Interrogating Press Freedom after Independence: The Press Laws Enquiry Committee and the Press Laws, 1947-54," *Vidyasagar University Journal of History*, Vol. XII (2023-4), 63-73. Print ISSN: 2321-0834. doi: <https://dx.doi.org/10.62424/VUJH.2024.12.00.06>.
7. "Revisiting War Reportage: National Security, Press Reportage and the Legacy of the Sino-Indian Conflict of 1962," *Sophos: Peer-Reviewed e-Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies*, Vol. 2, Issue 2 (May 2025), 107-116. Online. ISSN: 3049-2270. URL - [https://sophosjournal.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/12\\_Aritra-Majumdar\\_107-116.pdf](https://sophosjournal.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/12_Aritra-Majumdar_107-116.pdf).

### **Chapters in Books**

1. "1857 and the Bengali Periphery: Interrogating the Impact of the Great Revolt on the Bengali Bhadrak" , *Pondering the Past*, Vol. II. Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Kendra : Kolkata. 2018. ISBN – 978-93-88207-00-3
2. "Nation, Revolt and the Bengali Intellectual : Responses of the colonial public sphere to the Revolt of 1857", *The Idea of India in the mind of the Bengalee Intellectuals*. Avenel Press : Kolkata. 2019. ISBN—978-93-80736-97-6
3. "A Radical Plan? : The People's Plan as an Alternative Economic Vision for Independent India", *Pondering the Past*, Vol. IV. Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Kendra via PAIOLCK : Kolkata. 2019. ISBN - ISBN 978-93-88207-50-8 (Paper Back), 978-9388207-51-5 (E-Book)
4. "Morality, Religion and Nation in the Ideas of M.N.Roy and Gandhi : A Comparison", *Perspectives on Culture and Cognition : An Interdisciplinary Approach*, East Calcutta Girls' College, Kolkata. 2020. ISBN - 978-93-88432-16-0
5. "Manabendra Nath Roy", Surath Kumar Malik and Ankit Tomar ed., *Revisiting Modern Indian Thought: Themes and Perspectives*, Routledge, New Delhi. 2021. ISBN – 978-03-67633-16-5 (Paper Back), 978-03-67536-54-1 (Hard Back).
6. "Impact of Pandemics on Population and Society in Historical Context, and Lessons for a post-Covid Future", K. Sasi Kumar ed., *Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Organizations, Society and Individuals*, PG & Research Department of Commerce, Vivekanandha College for Arts and Sciences for Women [Autonomous], Tiruchengode, Tamil Nadu. 2021. ISBN – 978-93-5493-048-5.
7. "The First Public Intellectual: Rammohun Roy in the Public Sphere of Early Colonial India", Bijoy Prasad Das ed., *Raja Rammohan Roy: The Father of Bengal Renaissance*, Avenel Press. 2022. ISBN – 978-93-90873-66-1.
8. "Social Media for the Female Millennials and Generation Z: A study of Risks and Mitigation Possibilities in the Indian Context", Sumbul Nasim ed., *Women and Social Media: Situating Women in the Virtual World*, New Delhi Publishers. 2022. ISBN – 978-93-93878-48-9.
9. "Women Journalists in Early Postcolonial India and Pakistan: Challenges, Achievements and Activism (1947-71)", Soumitra Sreemani ed., *Eshana 2*, Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata, 2023. ISBN – 978-81-961439-0-9.
10. "From Colonial Perspective to Postcolonial Ethos: A Study of the Decolonization of the Press in Independent India, 1946-1964", Manjari Chakrabarti, Sudipa Chowdhury, Amlan Mandal, Subhadeep Das ed., *Discussions and Discourses: On Colonial and Post Colonial India*,

Surendranath Evening College in Collaboration With D.M. Library, 2023. ISBN – 978-81-964131-4-9.

11. “Press versus the Press Act: Revisiting the Debates on the Press (Objectionable) Matters Act, 1951”, Soumitra Sreenani ed., *Eshana 3*, Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata, 2024. ISBN – 978-81-970482-5-8.
12. “Defence of India Rules, the Press and the Postcolonial State: Censorship in India During the External Emergency (1962-1968),” Palash Mondal ed., *Eshana 4*, Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata, 2025. ISBN – 978-81-970482-7-2.
13. “Industrial Action and the Fourth Estate: Revisiting the Newspaper Strikes of 1968,” Palash Mondal ed., *Eshana 5*, Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata, 2026. ISBN – 978-81-985915-5-5.

### *Book Reviews*

1. The Indian Ocean in World History – Edward A. Alpers – Presidency Historical Review, Vol 1. Issue 1, 2015  
ISSN : 2454-5058
2. Everyday Machines – David Arnold – Presidency Historical Review, Vol. 1 Issue 2. 2015  
ISSN : 2454-5058
3. Mrityu Daha Samadhi – Bela Chakraborty and Bholanath Bhattacharya – jointly reviewed with Vedatreyee Banerjee, Assistant Professor in English, Tarakeshwar College – Presidency Historical Review, Vol. 2 Issue 1, 2016. ISSN : 2454-5058
4. War Over Words: Censorship in India, 1930-1960 by Devika Sethi – Presidency Historical Review, Vol. 3, Issue 1, 2023. ISSN – 2454-5058.
5. Natural Disasters and Indian History – Tirthankar Roy – Perspectives, Vol. 8. 2014
6. Islam and the Army in Colonial India – Nile Green – Perspectives, Vol. 6&7, 2013
7. Between Freedom and Unfreedom: The Press in Independent India – V. Krishna Ananth, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol.58, Issue 43, Oct. 28, 2023. Link - <https://www.epw.in/journal/2023/43/book-reviews/reading-press-freedom-through-constitutional-and.html>

## **SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA**

### ***Papers Presented***

1. “Fragmented Public Spheres in the Age of Social Media” presented at UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Role of Communication: From Ancient Age to Digital Age” at Derozio Memorial College, Kolkata on February 7-8, 2017.

2. "Rammohun and the Debate on Sati: Locating the Public Sphere in Early Colonial India" presented at 78<sup>th</sup> Session of Indian History Congress at Jadavpur University, Kolkata on December 30, 2017. (*published as Article in a Journal*)
3. "Nation, Revolt and the Bengali Intellectual: Responses of the Colonial Public Sphere to the Revolt of 1857" presented at UGC Sponsored National Seminar on " Idea of Nation in the Minds of Bengali Intellectuals" at Serampore Girls' College, Serampore, Hooghly District, West Bengal on January 31, 2018. (*published as Chapter in a Book.*)
4. "1857 and the Bengali Periphery: Interrogating the Impact of the Great Revolt on the Bengali Bhadrak" presented at 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference (SAMAGAM) of Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Kendra, on "History and Heritage" at Ashutosh College, Kolkata, on July 13, 2018. (Published as a book – see *Publications* section). (*published as Chapter in a Book*).
5. "Morality, Religion and Nation in the Ideas of M.N. Roy and Gandhi: A Historical Comparison" presented at National Seminar on "Culture, Thought and Religion: Edges and Exchanges" at East Calcutta Girls' College, Kolkata, on January 28, 2019. (*published as Chapter in a Book*).
6. "A Radical Plan?: The People's Plan as an Alternative Economic Vision for Independent India" presented at 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference (SAMAGAM) of Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Kendra, at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, in September 2019. (*published as Chapter in a Book*).
7. "Women Journalists in Early Postcolonial South Asia: Challenges, Achievements, and Activism in Newspapers, 1947-1971" presented at the International Conference of the Bangiya Itihas Samiti, Surendranath College, Kolkata on 24 March 2022. (*published as Chapter in a Book*)
8. "Locating the Tribal in the Fourth Estate : A Historical Study of Tribal Culture and Languages in Relation to Newspaper Journalism of Independent India" presented at the International One-Day Seminar on 'Tribal Culture and Movements in India: Before and After Independence', at Heramba Chandra College on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
9. "A blueprint for Freedom of the Press: The Press Laws Enquiry Committee, the Press and the Indian Government, 1947-54" presented at the 81<sup>st</sup> Session of Indian History Congress at Madras Christian College, Chennai, India on December 30, 2022.
10. "Press versus the Press Act : Revisiting the Debates on the Press (Objectionable Matters) Act of 1951" presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference of the Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata at Belur Matha Vidyamandir, Belur, West Bengal on March 25, 2023. (*published as a Chapter in a Book*)
11. "From Colonial Perspective to Postcolonial Ethos: A Study of the Decolonization of the Press in Independent India, 1946-1964" presented at the One-Day State Level Seminar on "Perspective & Personalities: Colonial & Post-Colonial India" at Surendranath Evening College, Kolkata on March 28, 2023. (*published as a Chapter in a Book*)
12. "War, Press and the Indian State: Debating War Reportage and Publicity in the Sino-Indian Conflict of 1962" presented at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of Indian History Congress at Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telengana, India on December 28, 2023.
13. "Defence of India Rules, the Press and the Postcolonial State: Censorship in India During the External Emergency, 1962-1968" presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference of the

Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata at Bethune College, Kolkata, West Bengal on March 15, 2024.  
(published as a Chapter in a Book)

14. "Industrial Action and the Fourth Estate: Revisiting the Newspaper Strikes of 1968," presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference of the Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata at Basanti Devi College, Kolkata, West Bengal on March 22, 2025.
15. "Media History in India: From Monochrome Media to Pluralistic Narratives," presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference of the Garia Society for the Study of Marginalized People at Maulana Azad College, Kolkata, West Bengal on January 12, 2026.
16. "Right to Inform or Right to Defame? Revisiting the Agitation against the Defamation Bill of 1988," presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference of the Bangiya Itihas Samiti Kolkata at East Calcutta Girls' College, West Bengal, on March 14, 2026.

### ***Participated***

1. "Ancient Monuments, Modern Perspectives", March 20, 2015, AJC Bose Auditorium, Presidency University
2. UGC-Funded National Seminar on "Jawaharlal Nehru and the Making of Modern India" organized by Nehru Studies Centre, Dept. of Political Science and Dept. of History, March 30-31, 2015, University of Calcutta
3. UGC UPE Phase II "India Looking East" Programme National Seminar on "Lineages of Interactions: India, Southeast Asia and East Asia" organized by Dept. of Ancient Indian History and Culture and Dept. of History, January 19-20 2017, University of Calcutta.

### ***Organized***

- A. One-Day Seminar on "Sister Nivedita and Revitalization of Indian Culture", Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.
- B. Two-Day Seminar on "স্বপ্নদ বাংলা ভাষাঃ বিবিধ বিদ্যাচর্চা" in collaboration with Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Ministry of Education, Government of India at Sivanath Sastri College, Golpark, 8-9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

### **ONLINE WEBINARS/WORKSHOPS**

#### ***Organized***

1. One-Day International Teachers' Workshop on "Forced Migration : Humanity at the Crossroads", Organized jointly by Departments of History and Political Science, and Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, through Google Meet on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.
2. One-Day National Webinar on "Intersectionality Between Gender, Caste And Class : Genesis of Gender Violence in India", organized jointly by Departments of History and Women's Studies through Google Meet on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.
3. One-Day National Webinar on "The Condition of Indian Labour: Myth and Realities in the Backdrop of the Covid-19 Pandemic", organized jointly by Departments of History, Political Science and Economics, through Google Meet on 19.9.2020.

4. One-Day National Webinar on “Inequality, Equity and the Law: Myth of Gender Justice in India”, Organized jointly by Departments of History, Political Science and Women’s Studies, through Google Meet on 28.9.2020

### ***Paper Presented***

1. “We Must Suffer the Pain of Disillusionment...’: State Action, Press Dissent and Contradictions within the First Amendment Discourse of 1951”, presented via Google Meet at the Two-Day International Webinar on “Dissent and Democracy: Critical Perspectives”, organized by the Rabindra Bharati University Teachers’ Association (RBUTA), on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

### ***Participated***

- 1) One Day International Webinar on “Living with Lockdown: Lessons From India’s Covid-19 Response and the Way forward to Economic Survival”, Organized jointly by The Department of Commerce, Malda College, Malda and The Department of Commerce and Economics, Sivanath Sastri College, Kolkata through Google Meet on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

### **ACADEMIC COURSES AND WORKSHOPS**

#### ***Academic Courses of One-Week/Two-Week/Four-Week Duration (Participation)***

1. “Quantitative Methods for Researchers in Social Sciences”, July 27-31, 2015, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata (*One Week Duration*)
2. “Methodological Approach to Research in Social Sciences and Languages”, October 11-17, 2017, Department of Education, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. (*One Week Duration*)
3. 103<sup>rd</sup> Orientation Programme, February 11-March 9, 2019, UGC-HRDC, Rani Durgawati Vishwavidyalya, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. (*Four Weeks’ Duration*)
4. “Workshop on MOOCs, Online Courses and Open Educational Resources” on the Theme “ICT Tools for Online Teaching”, conducted by Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education (UGC-HRDC), University of Delhi, through Google Meet, May 23-29, 2020. (*One Week Duration*)
5. Refresher Course on “Research Methodology for Faculty of Social Sciences”, July 19-31, 2021, UGC-HRDC, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana (*Two Weeks’ Duration*).
6. Refresher Course in History, October 15-28, 2024, UGC-MMTTC, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu (*Two Weeks’ Duration*).
7. “Short-Term Course on E-Content Development and MOOCs,” February 23-28, 2026, UGC-MMTTC, University of Patna, Patna, Bihar (*One Weeks’ Duration*).
8. “Indian Business History” MOOC course conducted through SWAYAM platform by NPTEL and IIT Guwahati, January to March 2026 (*Eight Weeks’ Duration*).

#### ***Academic Administration and Curricular Development Courses (Participation)***

1. “Navigating the Future: Implementing NEP 2020 for Educational Excellence” organized by IQAC Cluster India and WhiteCode between May 2-23, 2024 through Zoom (Four Days Across 3 weeks)

2. “Strategies for Developing Outcome Based Curriculum and Utilizing Digital Tools in Education” organized by Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC), Netaji Subhash Open University (NSOU) in collaboration with Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) between November 11-19, 2024 through Zoom (7 Days’ Duration)

***Short Academic Workshops of less than One Week Duration (Participation)***

1. One-Day Workshop on UG CBCS Syllabus of History in Behala College, Kolkata, June 2018.
2. One-Day Workshop on ICT Enabled Teaching at Muralidhar College, Kolkata, July 2018.
3. One-Day Workshop on Core-Course 2 and 4 Under CBCS, RSVV, Bangur (under West Bengal State University), 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
4. One-Day Faculty Enrichment Programme on “Negotiating Assessment Frame Work of UG studies in compliance with NEP-2020” at Sivanath Sastri College, on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026.
5. One-Day Workshop on AI for Educators: GenAI from Classroom to Corporate” by Praxis Business School, at AltAir Boutique Hotel, Kolkata, on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Academic**

***a) Guest Lecturer – Rani Birla Girls’ College (February 2015-August 2015)***

***b) Whole Time Teacher/Lecturer – Bhawanipur Educational Society College (July 2015-December 2015)***

***c) Assistant Professor – Government General Degree College, Tehatta, Dist. – Nadia (December 2015 – June 2017) Assistant Professor under the West Bengal Education Service (WBES)***

***d) Assistant Professor – Sivanath Sastri College (South City College Morning), Kolkata, West Bengal (June 2017-Present)***

***l) Promoted to Assistant Professor (Stage II) w.e.f. 17.6.2022.***

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