

## **DR. NABANITA MITRA**

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Assistant Professor

### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTEREST**

- Cultural History
- Women's History

### **TEACHING CURRENTLY (for Honours/Major Courses)**

- Ancient History other than India
- Ancient Indian History
- Medieval Indian History
- Early Modern Europe
- Modern India
- Modern Europe
- International Relations
- China & Japan
- Ancient India, Medieval India, Modern India, Medieval Europe & Modern Europe (for General/Minor/IDC Courses)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- *Exploring Sonic Warfare through Wartime Indian Radio*, in Diego Alonso, Steffen Just, Christian Koller (eds). *Controlling Sounds – Music, Sound Technologies, War and Power in the Era of Fascisms*, Brill Schoningh, Germany, 2025 (ISBN 978-3-506-79820-6)
- *Gandhi's Tryst with Environmentalism: Genesis, 'Nature' and Legacy*, in Sandipan Sen and Indrashis Banerjee (eds). *Revisiting Gandhi in our Times*, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, Howrah, 2021 (ISBN 978-81-951186-0-1)
- Co-Edited the book *Environmental Concerns in India*, with Ajanta Paul and Nibedita Raha, Birutjatio Sahitya Sammiloni, Bolpur, December, 2020 (ISBN 978-81-949426-0-3)
- *Debating 'Caste' : The Case of the Nadars of Tamilnad* in Parthapratim Sen and Arunima Ray (eds). *Issues and Practices of Caste and Casteism in India: An Overview*, Levant Books, Kolkata, 2020 (ISBN 978-93-88069-68-7)
- *Gandhi and Ambedkar Reassessed*, in *Modern Historical Studies*, Vols 13-14, 2019-20, UGC Care Enlisted Refereed Journal of the Dept of History, Rabindra Bharati University (ISSN 0972-6756)
- *Outraged and Ostracized: The Bangladesh Genocide Retold*, in *Cafe Dissensus*, (Issue 49), 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019, ISSN 2373-177X ( <https://cafedissensus.com/2019/02/24/outraged-and-ostracized-the-bangladesh-genocide-retold/>)
- *A Literary Insight into Human Psyche: The Life and Works of Ismat Chughtai*, in Aparajita Dhar and Sutapa Sengupta (eds). *Pondering the Past Vol II*, Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Charcha Kendra, Kolkata, 2018 (ISBN 978-93-88207-00-3)

- *Reading Gender Empowerment in Ambedkarism*, in Ambedkar's Idea of Social Justice and Indian Polity (eds). Nibedita Raha, Priyadarshini Sircar, Jayita Mukhopadhyay and Piyali Basu, Levant Books, Kolkata, 2018 (ISBN: 978-93-84106-98-0)
- *Negotiating Darkness through Celluloid: Revisiting Sai Paranjpye's Sparsh*, in the Seminar Proceedings of National Level Seminar on Disability and Exclusion: Education, Equity and Social Justice, (ed). Mili Mishra, Women's Christian College, Kolkata, 2018. (ISBN 978-93-5300-547-4)
- *An Exceptional Nationalist: The Life and Times of Saraladevi Chaudhurani* in Shayamal Kumar Daripa, Dr. Shampa Sarkar, Nandita Kundu and Upasana Roy Barman (eds). The Idea of India in the Mind of Bengalee Intellectuals, Avenel Press, Burdwan, 2018 (ISBN 978-93-80736-97-6)
- *Alternative Voices of the Marginalised*, in the Seminar Proceedings of UGC Sponsored Seminar on Historicizing the Peripheries: Colonial and Post-Colonial Discourse, Dept of History, Ramsaday College, Amta, Howrah, 2017 (ISBN 978-81-9332-310-6)
- *Nabanna Revisited: Women at the Interface of Politics and Culture*, in Chandan Basu, Barnana Guha Thakurta (Banerjee) and Manosanta Biswas (eds). Gender, Culture, Politics: Bengal in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century- Open Distance Initiative, School of Social Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata, 2016 (ISBN 978-93-82112-32-7)
- *Echoing Emotions: Akashvani Kolkata and the War of Liberation in Bangladesh*, in Ajanta Paul (ed). The Rite of Wrongs: Human Rights in India, Avenel Press, Burdwan, October 2013 (ISBN 978-93-80761-33-6)
- *Indian Radio and National Development (1947-1977)*, in Arunima Ray (Chowdhury) and Parthapratim Sen (eds). Indian Nationhood and Nationalism: Perspectives, Representations and Reflections, Rohini Nandan, Kolkata, 2013 (ISBN 978-81-92872-10-0)
- *Indian Radio and Colonial Politics: 1927- 1947*, in Anamika Nandy, Nilanjan Chaki and Debalina Bhattacharyya (eds). Science and Nationalism in Colonial Bengal (1870 - 1947), Rupasi Bangla, Kolkata, 2013 (ISBN
- *All India Radio: Politics and Culture* in H.S. Vasudevan (ed). Asia Annual 2008: Understanding Popular Culture, Manohar, New Delhi, 2010 (ISBN 978-81-7304-844-9)

## PRESENTATIONS

- Presented the paper titled *Homai Vyarawalla (1913-2012): The Lady with the Lens* in the Women of Photography 24-Hour Conference-a-Thon, on International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2026
- Served as Resource Person and presented the paper titled *Art and Architecture of Early Medieval India* at Bangabasi Morning College on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2024, a Special Lecture that was organised by the Dept of History & IQAC, Bangabasi Morning College.
- Served as Resource Person for four modules of CBCS compliant MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) comprising forty nine modules for MOOC Course titled *History of*

*India (750-1206)* for UG students organised by EMRC, St Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, 2022-2023

- Served as Resource Person and presented the paper titled *Gandhi and Jallianwala Bagh* at a programme on Jallianwala Bagh organised by the theatre group Rangakarmee on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022 at Usha Ganguli Mancha, Kolkata

- Served as Resource Person for Episode #3 titled *Palashir Porey* (The Aftermath of Plassey) in the series *Itihasheer Pata Theke* (From the Pages of History) at Kolkata Doordarshan, August, 2021
- Presented the paper titled *Exploring Sonic Dictatorship through Wartime Indian Radio*, at the International Conference titled Transnational Perspectives on Music, Sound and (War) Propaganda (1914–1945), organized by Humboldt University, Berlin and University of Zurich on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2021
- Presented the paper titled *The Bahadur Series: Illustrating Bravado—The Indian Way*, at the Comics Arts Conference at WonderCon, Anaheim, between 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2021
- Presented the paper titled *Gandhi's Tryst with Environmentalism: Genesis, 'Nature' and Legacy*, at the Seminar on Revisiting Gandhi in our Times, organised by Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, Howrah, on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2020
- Presented the paper titled *Betare Bigyan* in the Govt of West Bengal (DHESTBT) Sponsored One Day National Level Seminar on Bangla Bhashay Bigyan Charcha, organised by the Depts of Bengali and Chemistry, Shri Shikshayatan College in collaboration with the Depts of Bengali and Chemistry, Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri College on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2018
- Presented the paper titled *A Literary Insight into Human Psyche: The Life and Works of Ismat Chughtai*, in the Fourth Annual International Conference 2018 of the Indian Social Sciences & Humanities Congress 2018, organised by Paschimbanga Anchalik Itihas O Loksanskriti Charcha Kendra in collaboration with Asutosh College, on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
- Presented the paper titled *Farmer Suicides: Revisiting Rural Development in India* in the Two Days International Seminar on Rural Development in India: Contemporary Reflection, organised by the Centre for Studies in Decentralisation and Rural Reconstruction, Rabindra Bharati University in collaboration with Byanjanbarna Foundation, Kolkata on 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.
- Presented the paper titled *All the World's Her Stage: Revisiting Pandavani* in the UGC SAP – III, DRS Phase II International Conference on Performance and the Prospects of Folkloric Tribal Culture of Eastern India, organised by the Department of English, Vidyasagar University in collaboration with The Rupkatha Journal on Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities on 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.
- Presented the paper titled *Negotiating Darkness through Celluloid: Revisiting Sai Paranjpye's Sparsh*, in the One Day National Level Seminar on Disability and Exclusion: Education, Equity and Social Justice, organised by the Dept of Education, Women's Christian College in collaboration with the Dept of Education, Jadavpur University on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.
- Presented the paper titled *An Exceptional Nationalist: The Life and Times of Saraladevi Chaudhurani* in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on The Idea of India in the Mind of Bengalee Intellectuals, organised by the Dept of History, Bengali and Political Science, Serampore Girls' College in collaboration with Corpus Research Institute on 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018.

- Presented the paper titled *Women and Mass Media*, in the UGC assisted State Level Seminar on Empowerment of Women: Change and Challenges, organised by the IQAC Cell, Baruipur College, on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017.
- Presented the paper titled *Outraged and Ostracized: The Bangladesh Genocide Retold* at a session devoted to Gender and Genocide, in the two-day International Multidisciplinary Conference on Prevention of Mass Violence and Promotion of Tolerance: Lessons from History, organised by the Dept of History, Presidency University, from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.
- Presented the paper titled *Reading Gender Empowerment in Ambedkarism*, ' at the UGC-Sponsored One-Day National Level Seminar on Social Justice, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Indian Polity, organised by the Dept of Political Science, Women's Christian College in collaboration with the Council for Political Studies on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.
- Presented the paper titled *Violation of Human Rights of Dalit Women*, ' in the UGC - Sponsored State Level Seminar on Dalit Women and Human Rights, organised by the Depts of Political Science and Anthropology, Ramsaday College, Amta on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017
- Presented the paper titled *Unwanted Daughters: Misogyny across Space and Time*, ' in the UGC-CPE Sponsored International Conference on Gender & Empowerment, organised by Bijoy Krishna Girls' College, Howrah in collaboration with School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.
- Presented the paper titled *Airing Intrigue, Information and Hope: Radioscape Behind the Iron Curtain* in the ICHR-sponsored National Level Seminar on Exploring Eurasia: Traditions and Prospects, organised by the Dept of History, Women's Christian College on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.
- Presented the paper titled *Nabanna Revisited: Women at the Interface of Politics and Culture*, in the One Day UGC-DEB Sponsored National Level Seminar on Gender, Culture, Politics: Bengal in the 20th century- Open Distance Initiative, organised by the School of Social Sciences, Netaji Subhas Open University, on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.
- Served as Resource Person and presented the paper titled *Jatrapather Anandagaan: Ajgubi Jantar theke Sanskritik Ganamadhya Kolkata Betarer Uttoron*, in the Inter-disciplinary Lecture Series, organised by Women's Christian College, on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.
- Presented the paper titled *Alternative Voices of the Marginalised*, in the UGC-Sponsored National Level Seminar on Historicizing the Peripheries: Colonial and Post-Colonial Discourse, organised by the Dept of History, Ramsaday College, Amta, Howrah, in collaboration with Vidyasagar Centre for Indological Studies, Rabindra Bharati University, on 17-18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.
- Presented the paper titled *How does Value Education play an essential role in enabling teachers for counselling? Is not counselling an essential role of teachers also?* organised by the Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Values, Kolkata, on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2016.
- Served as Resource Person and presented the paper titled *The Radio in India: Serving the Nation through the Ether, (1927-1977)* in the UGC-sponsored National Seminar on Indian Nationhood and Nationalism: Perspectives, Representations and Reflections, organised by the Depts of Political Science, History and Bengali, Vidyanagar College, South 24 Parganas,

in collaboration with Sadhan Chandra Mahavidyalaya, Falta, from 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

- Served as Resource Person and presented the paper titled *Indian Broadcasting: Then and Now*, in the Seminar on Media, Representation, Culture: From Colonial to Post-Colonial India, organised by the Dept of History, West Bengal State University, Barasat, on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.
- Presented the paper titled *Indian Radio and Colonial Politics (1927-1947)* in the Two Days UGC-sponsored State Level Seminar on Science and Nationalism in Colonial Bengal (1870-1947) organised by the Dept of History, Khudiram Bose Central College and Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad on 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2010
- Presented the paper titled *All India Radio: Politics and Culture – A Case Study of Akashvani Kolkata* in the Seminar on Themes in Social History, organised by the Dept of History, University of Calcutta, on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2009
- Served as Resource Person and presented the paper titled *All India Radio: Politics and Culture* in the Two Day National Conference on Representing People, Redefining Society: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Popular Culture organised by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, (MAKAIAS), Kolkata in collaboration with the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Calcutta between 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

### **Academic Exchanges**

- Undertook a Faculty Exchange Programme with Semester 4 students belonging to the Dept of History, Bangabashi Morning College where she taught Ancient Indian Historiography on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018
- Undertook an online Faculty Exchange Programme with Semester 4 students belonging to the Dept of History, Sammilani Mahavidyalaya where she taught 'Interpreting Eighteenth Century: Recent Debates,' on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021

### **Courses Attended**

- Attended the UGC- HRDC - sponsored Refresher Course in History from the Dept of History, University of Calcutta from 19<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019
- Attended a 10 Days Faculty Development Programme on 'Museums and Archives, Art and Architecture and Tourism,' organised by the Dept of History, Prabhu Jagatbandhu College (10<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 - 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2020)
- Attended the Online Summer Programme in Japanese Cultural Studies 2021 from Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Culture at the University of East Anglia from 12<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2021.
- Attended the ICSSR-ERC Sponsored Online Seven Day International Interdisciplinary Gender Sensitization Workshop on Her Story: Past, Present and Future, organised by Women's Studies Centre, Lady Brabourne College in collaboration with Swayam from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2022
- Attended the Five Days Peace Education Workshop sponsored by UBCHEA and hosted by Scottish Church College from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

**Post - Graduate Teaching Experience**

- Took PG classes at Rabindra Bharati University from 2019 -2021
- Took a few PG classes (online) at Prafulla Chandra College, Madhyamgram, from September 2021 to 2024

**Administrative Offices held**

- IQAC Coordinator (2019-2023)
- Head of the Department (December 2016 onwards till date)
- NSS Programme Officer (2011- 2012)