

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Profile Highlights

- Pursuing PhD on the topic “Lived Space, Segregation and Identity in a post-colonial Metropolis: Migrant Dwellings in Suburban Calcutta”, at the Leiden Institute for Area Studies (LIAS), Leiden University, under the supervision of Prof Dr. Nira Wickramasinghe and Dr. Sanjukta Sunderason, sponsored by the **Erasmus Mundus IBIES scholarship** programme.
- Working as a Research and Programme Associate at the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group from May 2018 in a project on ‘Refugees and Migrants: Issues of Protection, Rights and Justice’.
- Completed M.Phil. programme under the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta, under the supervision of Dr Shantanu Chakrabarty, with scholarship provided by the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt of India; submitted M.Phil. dissertation on the topic ‘Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka and its impact on Indo-Sri Lanka Relations’.

## Publications

### **Articles in Refereed Journals**

- ‘Rethinking protracted displacements: Insights from a *namasudra* refugee camp site in suburban Calcutta’ *Contemporary South Asia*, Routledge [Forthcoming 2019]
- ‘Caring for the ‘evacuees’ and ‘destitutes’? Governmentality of migration in late colonial Calcutta,’ *Refugee Watch: A South Asian Journal on Forced Migration*, June 2019

### **Book Chapters**

- “Displacement, Rehabilitation and Vernacular Press Discourse: Perspective from Calcutta Based Newspapers,” in *The Partition of 1947 and its Legacy: Trends and Trajectories in Eastern and North Eastern India*, ed. Subhasri Ghosh, (Routledge) [under review]
- “Dalit Migrant Reminiscences from Bengal,” in *Beyond Partition: Mediascapes and Literature in Post-colonial India, Pakistan and Bangladesh*, eds. Nukhba Taj Langah and Roshni Sengupta, (New Delhi: Sage Publications, South Asia Series) [under review]

## Other Publications

- 'Tamil Nadu and the Sri Lankan Conflict: Evolving Centre-State Understanding on the Ethnic Issue,' *Mainstream*, Vol LII (1), 2013, 57-70.
- 'Refugee Rehabilitation and the Land Regime in West Bengal: Impediments to Redistribution and Integrated Development,' *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 76<sup>th</sup> session 2015, 885-893 (Recipient of **Papiya Ghosh Memorial Award** for Best Paper in 'Contemporary India' section).
- 'Squatters' Urbanism and Shifting Urban Centrality in Baranagar: Insights from a Refugee Settlement,' *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 77<sup>th</sup> Session, Trivandrum, 2016.  
1030-1035

## Book Reviews

- 'The spoils of Partition, Bengal and India, 1947-1967,' Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007, in *Perspectives* (Department of History, University of Calcutta) March 2009, Vol. 3, 78-82.
- 'Forced Migration: Current Issues and Debates,' London and New York: Routledge, 2018, in *Refugee Watch: A South Asian Journal on Forced Migration*, Calcutta Research Group, June and December 2018, Vol 51 & 52, 156-159.

## Blogs

- 'A Conference on the State of the Global Protection System for Refugees and Migrants: Impressions and Outcomes,' *Refugee Watch Online*, <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2019/05/22/crg-conference-on-the-state-of-the-global-protection-system-for-refugees-and-migrants-2018-impressions-and-outcomes/>

## Conferences

- 'Reigning in the Trickle and the Floods? Migration, Governance and Evolving Regime of Shelter in late Colonial Calcutta,' Paper presented at research workshop and international conference on the State of the Global Protection System for Refugees and Migrants, organised by the Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata 25-30 November 2018.
- 'Negotiating Displacement through the Roaming-Body: Eviction-Return Cycles at the Canal Side Squats in Calcutta', Paper presented at Displacements Kolkata, Node of the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, jointly organised

by the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC) and the Jadunath Bhavan Museum and Resource Centre (JBMRC), Kolkata, 20-21 April 2018.

- 'Alternate Spaces and Shifting Subjectivities: Insights from a *Namasudra* Refugee camp site in Suburban Calcutta,' Paper presented at International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS 10), jointly organised by the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) and Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD), Chiang Mai, 20-23 July 2017.
- 'Changing Landscapes of Power and Uneven Spatial Development: A Squatters' Neighbourhood in Suburban Calcutta,' Paper presented at International Conference 'Dynamic Borderlands: Livelihoods, Communities and Flows' jointly organised International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Asian Borderland Research Network (ABRN) and Social Science Baha (SSB), Kathmandu, 12-14 December 2016.
- 'Modalities of Spatial Transformation and Place Construction at the Urban Periphery: A Refugee Neighbourhood in Calcutta,' Paper presented at Post Graduate Conference titled 'Beyond Eurocentricism: Rethinking Spatial Representation' organised by Centre for Cultural, Literary and Post-colonial Studies (CCLPS), SOAS, University of London, 19 June 2015.
- 'Lived Space, Segregation and Identity in a post-colonial Metropolis: Refugee Colonies in Suburban Calcutta,' Paper presented at PhD workshop in South Asian Studies, organised by EASAS, SASNET, Sweden, 18-19 May 2015.
- 'Negotiating Space and Identity in a post-colonial metropolis: Urban squats in Calcutta,' Poster presented at Summer School titled 'Beyond the city Limits: rethinking new religiosities in Asia', organised by GISCA, CeMIS, CMEAS, University of Gottingen, 17-22 July 2016.
- 'Refugee Rehabilitation and the Land Regime in West Bengal: Impediments to Redistribution and Integrated Development,' Paper presented at the Indian History Congress, 76<sup>th</sup> Session, Malda, 27-29 December 2015.
- 'Squatters' Urbanism and Shifting Urban Centrality in Baranagar: Insights from a Refugee Settlement,' Paper presented at the Indian History Congress, 77<sup>th</sup> Session, Trivandrum, 29-31 December 2016.
- "Normative turn in International Relations: Illusory? Insignificant? Inconsequential?" Group paper presented at Second International Workshop titled "Politics in the Global Age: Sovereignty, Citizenship, Territory and Nationalism" organised by the Centre for Comparative European Union Studies, IIT Madras, 6-10 June 2011.

## **Professional Experience**

- Associated with the 1947 Partition Archive, Berkeley, California as a Citizen Historian, and conducted video interviews of East Bengali Hindu migrants on behalf of the Archive.
- Co-Organised an International workshop on 'Displacements' as a Node of the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA), in collaboration with the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC), held at the Jadunath Bhavan Museum and Resource Centre (JBMRC), Kolkata, 20-21 April, 2018

## **Grants**

- Recipient of three year IBIES Erasmus Mundus IBIES PhD scholarship for the period of Sept 2013- Aug 2016.
- Recipient of Leiden University Fund (LUF) Study Trip Grant for conducting one month study trip in London, July 2015.

## **Academic Qualifications**

<b><u>QUALIFICATION</u></b>	<b><u>BOARD/UNIVERSITY</u></b>	<b><u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR OF PASSING</u></b>	<b><u>PERCENTAGE</u></b>
Pursuing PhD in History (began in September 2013)	Leiden Institute for Area Studies (LIAS), Leiden University			
M.Phil. (2 Years) in Foreign Policy Studies	University of Calcutta		2012	72.80%
M.A. (2 Years) in Modern History	University of Calcutta		2009	63.80%
B.A. (3 Years, Honours) in History	University of Calcutta	Presidency College	2007	62%
Higher Secondary	West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education	Bethune Collegiate School	2004	70.40%
Madhyamik Pariksha	West Bengal Board of Secondary Education	Bethune Collegiate School	2002	72.50%