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Date of Birth: **15 December 1966**

Employment

1. March 2008 onwards, **Associate Professor, / Deputy Director**, ASC, JNU
2. January 2005 to March 2008, **Assistant Professor**, Academic Staff College, JNU, New Delhi-110067
3. September 2004 to January 2005, **Fellow**, National Institute of Panjab Studies, New Delhi-110001
4. March 2000 to August 2004, **Assistant Professor / Assistant Director**, Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi-110067
5. 13 October 1996 to 7 December 1999, **Fellow**, Indian Institute of Advanced Study Rashtrapati Niwas, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

Educational Qualifications

- * **Doctor of Philosophy** **Modern History**
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1996
Communalism in Bengal: from Famine to Noakhali (1943-47)

- * **Master of Philosophy** **Modern History**
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1993
CGPA – 7. 53 (Alpha)
Dissertation entitled *Communalism in Bengal: 1945-47*

- * **Master of Arts** **Modern History**
Ancient Society, Feudalism, Capitalism and Colonialism, Evolution of Indian Economy, Indian capitalist Class, National Movement in India, Women and Power, Left Wing Movements in India, Labour Movements in Europe, Right wing Movement in Germany.
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1991
CGPA – 7.3 (Alpha Minus)

- * **Bachelor of Arts** **History (Honours)**
With English Literature and Political Science

St. Xavier's College, Ranchi.

64.8% (First Class), 1989 (delayed for two years)

Current Interests

- 1. Biography of an Institution: The University**
- 2. The idea of Nationalism in the “non Western West”:**
- 3. East and central Europe: Ideas, Institutions and Transformation**
- 4. Contemporary History of women's activism**

References:

1. Prof. Bipan Chandra, National Professor; Chairman National Book Trust, India; Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
2. Prof. Mrinal Miri, Former Vice Chancellor, and Professor of Philosophy, NEHU
3. Prof. Keith Hitchins, Professor of East European History, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, USA
4. Prof. Allaine Cerwonka, Head, Department of Gender Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.
5. Prof. Ioana V. Chlaru Murarus, Faculty of Letters, University of Bucharest, Romania
6. Prof. Stefan Borbely, Faculty of Letters, Babes Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania
7. Dr. Lucia Ofrim, Faculty of Letters, University of Bucharest, Romania
8. Prof. Milton Fisk, Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy, Indiana University, USA
9. Prof. Upali Vidhanapatirana, Vice Chancellor and professor of Economics, Sri Lanka Open University, Colombo

Publications

On Indian History

I. Books

1. ***Communalism in Bengal: From Famine to Noakhali (1943-47)***, Sage Publication, Delhi, Thousand Oaks and London, April, 2005

The Book has been reviewed in

- a) **The Dawn**, Karachi, 22 June 2005
- b) **The Daily Star**, Dacca, 24 September 2005,
<http://www.thedailystar.net/2005/09/24/d509242103127.htm>

- c) **The Telegraph**, Calcutta, 22 July 2005,
http://www.telegraphindia.com/1050722/asp/opinion/story_5017621.asp
- d) **Ananda Bazar Patrika**, Calcutta, 14 January 2006
- e) **Gandhi Marg**, *New Delhi* 2005
- f) **Economic and Political Weekly**, 23 September, 2006
- g) **The Social Scientist**, October, 2007
- h) **Journal of South Asian Development**,
2007 http://sad.sagepub.com/cgi/pdf_extract/2/1/125
- i) **H-Net**, 2008
- j) *Reference in comments*, **Times of India**,
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/opinion/edit-page/Gandhi-is-more-relevant-than-Marx-today/articleshow/1514583.cms>

2. **The Penguin Book of Modern Indian Speeches** Edited, with an Introduction, Penguin Publishers, July, 2007

The Book has been reviewed in

- a. **The Telegraph**, Calcutta, 15 July, 2007,
http://www.telegraphindia.com/1070715/asp/7days/story_8060558.asp
- b. http://www.telegraphindia.com/1070720/asp/opinion/story_8075212.asp
- c. **The DNA**, Bombay, July 21, 2007
- d. **The Outlook**, New Delhi, 13 August 2007, <http://www.outlookindia.com/article.aspx?235283>
- e. **Business standard**, New Delhi 13 August, , 2007, <http://www.business-standard.com/india/storypage.php?autono=293179>
- f. **Business World**, New Delhi, 16 August, 2007
- g. **The Economic Times**, New Delhi, 2007
- h. **The statesman**, Calcutta, 2007
- i. **Frontline**, 13 October, 2007
<http://pay.hindu.com/ebook%20-%20ebfl20071005part6.pdf>
- j. **Pioneer**, Delhi
- k. **Organiser**, Delhi, 14 October, 2007,
<http://www.organiser.org/dynamic/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=205&page=23>
- l. **Desh**, Calcutta,
- m. **Middle stage**, Online paper, 15 August, 2007, <http://middlestage.blogspot.com/2007/08/art-of-oratory-and-great-speeches-of.html>
- n. **The Book Review**, December 2007
- o. **Sulekha.com**, online review page
- p. **Pakistan defence. Reproduced review**,
<http://www.defence.pk/forums/economy-development/1418-indian-economy-news-updates-archive-107.html>
- q. Brief reviews
 - i. **The Hindustan Times**

- ii. **The Hindu**, 5, august, 2007,
<http://www.hinduonnet.com/lr/2007/08/05/stories/2007080550030200.htm>
<http://www.hinduonnet.com/lr/2007/08/05/stories/2007080550030200.htm>
- iii. **Financial express**, 11 August, 2007

II. Chapters in Text Books

- 2. '**The National Movement**', Chapter One of the Political Science text book (Bachelor Level) prepared by the *Indira Gandhi National Open University*, New Delhi, 1999.
- 3. '**The Responses to Colonialism**', Chapter Four of the Political Science text book (Bachelor Level) prepared by the *Indira Gandhi National Open University*, New Delhi, 1999.
- 4. **Nokhali Riot**, Chapter in a text book on Peace and conflict studies , (Master's Level) prepared by the *Indira Gandhi National Open University*, New Delhi, forthcoming, 2009.
- 5. **Social Inclusion**, Chapter in a text book on Peace and Conflict resolution, (Master's Level) prepared by the *Indira Gandhi National Open University*, New Delhi, forthcoming, 2009

III. Research papers in Books and Journals

- 1. 'Violence, Reconciliation and the Idea of Responsibility: Gandhi in 1946-47' **Journal of Peace Studies**, Delhi, October 2004.
- 2. 'Famine and the Politics of Responsibility" **Contemporary India**, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library,, 2004, pp.
- 3. 'The Essence of a Nation: India', in Samir Banerjee and Sanjeev Ghotge (eds.) **Contribution to the Agenda of a future India**, IIAS and Gandhigram Rural University, 2001.
- 4. 'Jana Jagriti to Pragati: Envisioning the Paradigm of Development', chapter in a book **Refashioning the New Economic Order: Karnataka** , Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi, 2001.
- 5. 'Communalism, the Noakhali riot and Gandhi', **Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities** (IIAS), vol. IV, No.2, 1997, pp.135-170.

IV. Review essays

- 1. "Handy Index", Review of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library manuscript Collection publication, **The Book Review**, June, 2005
- 2. 'A Kaleidoscopic Perspective', **The Book Review**, December 2001

3. 'Seeking New Tropes to Encode History', **The Book Review**, May 2000
4. 'Moving Along two Poles', a Critique of Civilisational History, **The Book Review**, March 2000.

V. some important Lectures/Seminars delivered/attended

1. Discussant of the paper "*Inter- regional Network and Nation: A Historical Examination of Indian Muslim Merchants*" by Dr. Takashi Oishi at the Indo Japanese Seminar on Democracy and Development, Centre for Law and Governance, 23-24 March, 2005
2. Presented a paper entitled 'Violence, Community and the Individual', at the *Leonard Woolf Memorial International Seminar at University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka*, 18-19 December 2004
3. Lectured on the 'Emergence of Nationalism in the modern world', History Department, Nagpur University, 23-24 March 2003
4. 'Defending Realism', Lecture at Tumkur Branch of Karnataka Science Forum, Tumkur, 19 December 2001
5. 'Essences, Nationalism and History', Lecture at the History Department, Bangalore University, Post Graduate Centre, Tumkur, (Now Tumkur University) Karnataka, 14 December 2001
6. '*In search of a Normative Horizon: Ethics and State: A Kantian Defence*', Kamala Rani Memorial Lecture, 2001, Department of Philosophy, Janaki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University, 7 December 2001
7. '*Defining Fascism*', Centre for German Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 30 March 1998.
8. '*The Essences of a Nation: India*', Paper presented at a national Seminar on "Agenda for the coming century", at Gandhigram University, Dindigul, Tamilnadu, 3-7 January 1999.
9. '*The Noakhali Riots-1946-47 and the Question of Communalism*' paper read at the Indian History Congress at Patiala, Punjab, 29 December 1998.
10. '*The Noakhali Riots-1946-47*', Seminar presented at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 4 July 1997.
http://www.ias.org/old_academics_weekly_seminars.html

VI. Articles In Newspapers

'The Debate on Conversion', **The Hindu**, Madras, 9 February 1999.

VII. Conversation/ Interview

'Conversation with Romila Thapar', **Summerhill**, Shimla, December 1998.

Lecture on Indian History to International audience

1. '*How to view India from the modern perspective*', Introductory lecture on Indian history to the participants from the developing countries at Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi in of the four month course on Development Journalism 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, **2009**

On Mahatma Gandhi and History

I. Book

1. ***People's Perception of Gandhi: Bengal 1915-1948***, (work in progress), Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla,

II. Partial Courses Taught

1. **Gandhi and the Modern Indian Intellectual History**: Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha, Maharashtra, 2002 at their course in **Peace studies**

III. Research Papers/ presented /published

1. '*Gandhi and Swaraj*', paper presented at the International conference on Gandhi and the Quest for Just society, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 31 January 2008 (forthcoming)
2. *Nation and the Ways of Well Being: History at the times of Globalisation*, Paper presented at the UGC National Conference on Gandhi and the Contemporary Society – Challenges and responses , North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, 28 April. 2005
3. '*On that great Promise: Swaraj in one year*', seminar presented at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 24 June 1999.
4. '*Gandhi-Tagore and the Civilisational Perspective*', Seminar presented at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 21 October 1998.

On Gender and Women's Movement

I. Chapters in Text Book/Volumes

1. 'Gender, State and Women's Activism', in book on **Gender and contemporary activism**, Marta Warat, ed. Jagellonian University, Poland, forthcoming, 2009
2. '**Women and Social movement in India**', Chapter in the Political Science text book (Master's Level) prepared by the *Indira Gandhi National Open University*, New Delhi, forthcoming, 2005.
3. '**Gender and Development**' Chapter in the Political Science text book (Master's Level) prepared by the *Indira Gandhi National Open University*, New Delhi, 2003.

II. Seminar/ Conferences/ Workshop

1. Changing Family, Seminar organized by JNIAS and NMML.
2. Participated in Summer University on **Gender, Race and Politics of Belonging**, organized by Department of Gender Studies, Central European University, Budapest, 30 June to 12 July, 2008

On History of Education

I. Book

1. ***The Birth of a University: JNU and Contemporary History of Higher Education in India (tentative title for the forthcoming book)***

II. Partial Courses Taught

History and evolution of Academic Disciplines: Bhasa Tribal Academy, Tejgarh, Gujrat, 2002

III. Review Articles

1. 'Who the Bhadrakalok was', A Review Essay on the origins of educational stratification in Bengal, ***Economic and Political Weekly***, September 2, 2005, 3834-5
2. 'Citizenship Education in Asia and Pacific', ***Journal of Education, Planning and Administration***, (NIEPA), Delhi, Vol. XIX, 1, 2005, pp.142-147.
3. 'Attack on the Universalist Ethos: Reservations in AMU', ***The Financial Express***, Bombay, 24 May 2005

III. Lecture/presentation/seminar

1. Presented a paper on "Educational status of minorities and their representation in textbooks" in an International seminar on conditions of minorities in SAARC countries, Parliament Annexe, Delhi, **16-18 September 2005**.
http://www.indianmuslims.info/reports_about_indian_muslims/workshop_on_the_condition_of_minorities_in_saarc_countries.html

2. Regular introductory lecture on the history and structure of Indian Higher Education to University professionals from Africa, Europe, the USA and other countries at the Academic Staff College

On Non-Indian/ European/ Intellectual history

I. Research Paper

1. 'History of Conversion and Inquisition in an Expanding Colonial World', in **Hispanic Horizon**, (Journal of the Spanish and Portuguese Studies), Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2000

II. Reviews Essays

On Kant / Aristotle

1. 'Foreign Policy and International Law' a review, **International Studies**, Sage, Delhi, 44, 3, 2007, <http://isq.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/44/3/265.pdf>
2. 'Modernity, Nation state and Good Society', **Indian Social Science Review**, Delhi, 2002
3. 'Justice and the Notion of Good Society', **The Book Review**, Delhi, April 2001
4. 'Grounding Moral Philosophy', **Biblio**, March 2000, <http://www.biblio-india.org/archives/00/MA00/index.asp>

Karl Marx/ Martin Heidegger

- 1 'Karl Marx: A Moral Philosopher?' **The Book Review**, August 1999.
- 2 'Norms and Naturalisation', **Summerhill**, June 1998.
- 3 'Against Relativism: Christopher Norris and the Postmodernist Brigade', **Summerhill**, June 1998.
- 4 'De-Nazification of Heidegger', **The Book Review**, Delhi, Dec.1997.

Norberto Bobbio

- 5 'Ideology is *not* Dead', **Mainstream**, 7 November, 1997

On Religion and politics: Eastern Europe and India

1. Convener and Coordinated, "International Seminar on History of Religion, commemorating the centenary of Mircea Eliade" New Delhi, 8-10 October, 2007
2. 'Can there be a moral history of Politics', International Conference on History of religions to mark the Centenary of Mircea Eliade, ASC, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, 8-10 October, 2007

As Academic Training personnel

Taught

September-2004, taught the probationary Lecturers at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka in their Staff Development Programme

Conception / coordination/ Organisation

1. Coordinated of about 32 month long Orientation Programmes of the newly recruited University Lecturers from colleges and Universities across India.
2. Conceiving and Coordinating, Principals' Workshops, 2007, 2008, 2009
3. Conceived and Coordinated the First Academic Administrators Workshops, JNU, November 3-6, 2009

Administration

1. As Assistant Director and Deputy Director, administration of the College since 2000

Some Recent Papers presented

1. '**Violence and Nation: A Historiographical Exploration**', UGC National Seminar, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, New Delhi, 17 March 2009-03-16.
2. "A **pragmatic Defence: Nation**", National seminar on *Nation, Region and Ethnicity, The Dynamics*, organized by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library and Omeo Kumar Das institute, Gauhati, at Gauhati, Assam, 30 March, 2009
3. '**Empire and the Idea of Nation**', Warsaw East European Conference, 2008, Freedom and Power, Studium Europy Wschodniej, University of Warsaw, 14-18 July, 2008
4. '**Gandhi and Swaraj**', paper presented at the International conference on Gandhi and the Quest for Just society, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 31 January 2008
5. "**Nation, Community and the Civilisational Context**" paper read at International Conference on " West and the East" at Gheorghe Sincai, Academia Romana, Romania, 5-7 June 2007, <http://icsu-ms.tripod.com/id16.html>
6. '**Empire, Colonialism and Nation: Mapping of the Conceptual Terrain**', International Seminar on Cultures and Societies in Transition India, Russia and other CIS countries, Organised by the Centre for Russian Studies, School of language, literature and cultural Studies, JNU, February 8th – 10th, 2006
7. '**The Idea of Imperialism: The contemporary issues**' 10th International Studies Conference, Kelaniya University, December 2005

Seminar Conference Attended Recently

1. Presented a paper in the recently concluded Indo- Polish joint seminar. Paper entitled 'On moral History of Politics: the Solidarity Movement(1980-1989) from a Different Perspective. <http://www.newdelhi.polemb.net/index.php?document=27>
2. Chaired a Session on the Eastern European Perspective in the Workshop on "The Use of History' Organized by Prof. John Boutier at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study, JNU, New Delhi.
3. Discussant in the seminar on "Nehru and the Institution Building in modern India' NMML, 2008.
4. **Invoking the Nehruvian Paradigm: Premises in Foreign Policy'**, National Seminar on Nehru's Foreign Policy, Nehru Studies Centre, University of Jammu, 27-28 November 2006
5. Large number of conference- national and International organised at IIAS, Shimla, Different departments at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University, and other institutions across the country.
6. International Graduate students' conference on *European Intellectual History* at Central European University, Budapest, 18-20 May 2007

Some Recent Lectures (Delivered)

1. The Thematic concepts at the sessions on 'trajectories of Humanities: the Emergent Need' and trajectories in Scientific Research in India' at 3 Principals' Workshop, ASC, JNU, October, 30, 2009.
2. The Origin and Evolution of JNU, at The Orientation courses in ASC JNU, 2007-2009
3. Delivered the Foundation Lecture at the National Nehru Yuvak Kendra on 14 November, 2008 on Jawaharlal Nehru's Birth Day
4. 'Historians and their World' lecture to the students of History Department, Kamla Nehru College, Delhi University.

Recent Diploma Earned

Diploma of University of Bucharest in Romanian language and civilization, 2008

Pre Publication reviewer

Pre publication reviewer for many National and International Publishing houses. (names withheld for confidentiality)

Counselling

Have been helping students and teachers from all stages from across the country in academic matters

Scholarship and Fellowship

1. *Central European University* summer University Grant, June-July, 2008
2. *Government of Romania Scholarship for Summer School at Sinaia*, 2008
3. *Post Doctoral Fellowship* of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, to work of the perspectives on Gandhi, 1996-1999
4. *Senior Research Fellowship* from the *University Grants Commission* of India for the Doctoral work, 1993-1996
5. *Junior Research Fellowship* of the *University Grants Commission* of India for writing of the Dissertation for the Master of Philosophy Program, 1991-1993

Co-Curricular activities & Positions held as a student

1. Represented Bihar in National Integration Camp organised by the NCERT, New Delhi in 1980-81
2. Played Hockey and Table Tennis for the college and the school.
3. Elected Secretary of the Bengali Literary Society and the Urdu Cultural Society, Bazm-i-Adab, 1987-89 in St. Xavier's College, Ranchi.
4. Leader of the College (St. Xavier's College) team and represented the college at the State, region and National level competitions and Youth Festivals. Won many prizes.
5. Convener of the **University Film Club** 1991-92; 1993. During 1991 and 1993 the Film Club, one of the most active film clubs in the country, We organised retrospectives of Mrinal Sen, Satyajit Ray, Guru Dutt, Sergei Eisenstein, Zoltan Fabri, and several other significant directors across the world.
6. President, **Narmada Hostel**, JNU, 1990-91.

Languages Known:

1. Fluent in Reading, Speaking and Writing: English, Hindi, Bengali.
2. Read, write and understand- Sanskrit
3. Understand- Oriya, Maithili, and Panjabi
4. Fluent in understanding and good in writing: Urdu
5. Read and Understand(fluent): Assamese, Marathi,
6. Read and Understand(Not fluent): Romanian
7. Elementary knowledge: Korean and Russian.

Internet Presence:

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