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Biotope

Rajarshi graduated from Presidency College, Kolkata. He did his MA and M.Phil at the Centre for Political Studies, JNU, writing his dissertation on the Naxalite movement. He was subsequently awarded the Felix scholarship to pursue D.Phil at the University of Oxford. Having completed his doctoral thesis on the history of communist movement in Bengal, Rajarshi joined as Fellow in Political Science at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta. During his tenure at the CSSC, he worked as part of a team on the politics at grassroots in West Bengal villages and conducted independent research on the Partition refugees living in urban slums in Dhaka, Bangladesh and West Bengal, India. Rajarshi joined CPS in 2008 and has been regularly teaching courses on political economy and development planning on the one hand and Marxist philosophy and poststructuralist thought on the other. Apart from this, he has designed and introduced a new optional course on Biopolitics at the M.Phil level. Currently working on a book manuscript on the intellectual history of Marxism, Rajarshi has widely published and presented papers on critical aspects of Leftist politics in India. When not working, Rajarshi likes to travel.

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