



UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA
FACULTY ACADEMIC PROFILE/ CV

1. **Full name of the faculty member:** SUSMITA BASU MAJUMDAR
2. **Designation:** Professor
3. **Specialisation :** Epigraphy and Numismatics
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6. **Academic qualifications:**

College/ university from which the degree was obtained	Abbreviation of the degree
Lady Brabourne College	B. A.
University of Calcutta	M. A.
University of Calcutta	Ph.D

7. **Positions held/ holding:**
Executive Committee Member Epigraphical Society of India
8. **Research interests:**

- Epigraphy
- Numismatics
- History of Medicine
- History of Science
- History of Religion especially South Asian Religions, literature, and languages
- Prakrit Studies
- Economic History

9. **Research guidance :**

Number of researchers awarded M.Phil/ Ph.D degrees : 2 M. Phil

Number of researchers pursuing M.Phil/ Ph.D : 1 PhD submitted Viva Voce (awaited), M. Phil 2 candidates) 8 Ph.D candidates

10. **Projects :**

Completed projects :

- Successfully completed a UGC Minor Research Project on Early History of South Kosala (2007-2009).
- Undertook a short term project on Coins of Chhattisgarh under the programme Spirit of Chhattisgarh (2008-09).
- Undertook a Short term Research Project entitled 'Monetary History of Pre-Islamic Bengal' under the auspices of the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities with Dr. Sayantani Pal 2009.
- Invited to Sri Lanka for a Short term Research Project in 2009 to study ancient coins of Indian origin found in Sri Lanka now in the Colombo National Museum by the Sri Lanka-n France Mission of Archaeological Cooperation
- Invited by the British Museum for a Short term Research Project to study the Collection of Indian Coins August 2009.
- Received a scholarship from FMSH, Paris Visited Paris and worked in different libraries for this purpose in October, 2009.
- Received a short term research grant from the Royal Numismatic Society for visiting Vienna and London in July 2010 for Research on Coins.
- Invited by the Department of Ancient History and Culture and Archaeology, University of Allahabad to work on the Coin Collection of the Allahabad University Museum especially the Coins of the Kausambi Excavation. The Project is being funded by the Department of Ancient History and Culture and Archaeology, University of Allahabad. Project report submitted to the University 2010-2011.
- Invited by the British Museum for research on Ancient Coins in 2011.
- Awarded a Short Term Research Grant from FMSH Paris for research on 'History of Medicine', 2011.
- Acted as an additional investigator cum co author for the book on South-eastern Bengal in the UPE project of PI Suchandra Ghosh on Rewriting Regional History 2011.
- Received a Foreign Travel Grant to visit UK and Paris 2013 from Indian Council of Historical Research New Delhi for the Research on Cowrie Shells and their use as Ritual objects and Money 2012.
- *Short Term Project on Barabar and Nagarjuni Hills under the K.P.Jayaswal Institute Patna 2013.*

Current projects :

1. Buddhist Rebirth Narratives in Jatakas from Gandhara co investigator A Project in collaboration with Royal Ontario Museum Toronto and Wilfrid Laurier University,

2. Principal Investigator : Buddhist Sites and Asokan Edicts in Karnataka : Asokan Circuit Karnataka, MOU with Calcutta University and Hyderabad Karnataka Regional Development Board, Govt. of Karnataka.
3. Principal Investigator: History of Surgery, Medicine, Medicinal Drug Trade and Plastic Surgery in India

11. **Select list of publications:**

a) **Journals:**

1. 'Apilaka or Sapilaka coin-A coin of the Satavahanas or a local ruler of Dakshina Kosala', Proceedings of the 22nd session of the Andhra Pradesh History Congress, Hyderabad, pp.17-20, 1998.
2. 'Chatagarh Memorial Stone Inscriptions', The Journal of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, Vol. XLI, No.3, pp.51-54, 1999.
3. 'Malharer Mudra O Vanijya', (Bengali) Itihasa Anusandhana, Vol. XIV, pp.57-58, 1999.
4. 'Soma Tradition in South Kosala from an epigraph of Mahasivagupta Balarjuna', Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, 60th Session, Calicut, pp.1104-1107, 1999.
5. 'Fresh Evidence leads to New Readings on Some Coins of Malhar', IIRNS Newslines, Issue No.14, p3 and p6.
6. 'More on Malhar Coins', IIRNS Newslines, Issue No. 18, p6.
7. 'XRF and Numismatics- A Report', IIRNS Newslines Issue No. 26, p.7.
8. 'Taharudra, a hitherto unknown ruler of Malhar (South Kosala)', Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, pp.152-154, 61st Session, Kolkata, 2001.
9. 'Core Peripheral relationship in South Kosala-A Regional Study'- Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, pp.98-103, 62nd Session, Bhopal, 2002.
10. 'XRF and its Entente with Numismatics', Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, pp. 1367-1381, 63rd Session, Amritsar, 2002. (Awarded the best research Paper of the year in Ancient India and Archaeology Section)
11. 'Numismatic History of MalharCoins by Energy Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence (EDXRF) Technique', Indian Journal of History of Science, 38.4 (2003) pp.351-366. Jointly by Susmita Basu Majumdar, Atish Chandra Mandal, S. Santra, Debaisi Mitra, Manoranjan Sarkar, Dipan Bhattacharya (Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata)
12. 'Regional traits in the Saiva Sculptures of South Kosala', Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, 64th Session, Mysore, 2004.
13. 'Kashmir Smast: an enigmatic site in Pakistan', proceedings of the IHC 2005, pp. 1398-1405.

14. 'In search of Continuity and Change in the coinage of Bengal', History - Culture & Coinage of Bengal', Samatata & Harikela Vol. I Compiled and Edited by Jahar Acharjee, Agartala, 2006, pp. 97-109.
15. 'Revisiting the Junwani Copper Plate inscription of Mahasivagupta Balajurna, Regnal year 57', Kalhar: Studies in Art Iconography, Architecture and Archaeology of India and Bangladesh Prof. Enamul Haque Felicitation Volume, Kaveri Books, New Delhi, 2007, pp.285-294.
16. 'Coins as a medium of Exchange and their relation with trade', Archaeology of Early Historic South Asia, Edited by Gautam Sengupta and Sharmi Chakraborty, Kolkata 2008, pp. 587-594 and Plates XXII & XXIII.
17. 'A Terracotta seal and a sealing from Tilpi (West Bengal)', Numismatic Digest Volume 31, 2007, pp. 241-247.
18. 'Kosambi ebong vijnasa bhittika mudratatva (Bengali)', Damodar Dharmanand Kosambi, Ebong Mushayara, Kolkata 2008 pp. 129-132.
19. 'Temples, Monasteries and Patronage issues at Sirpur-looking through the epigraphic lens', in the Journal of South Kosala, Chhattisgarh, 2008.
20. 'Kushana Coins and their impact on Monetary tradition of Bengal', Susmita Basu Majumdar and Sayantani Pal, 'Coin' Journal of the Numismatic Society of Calcutta, pp.32-40, 2008.
21. 'Coins of Jagapaladeva- A Kalachuri ruler of Ratanpur', 'Coin', Journal of the Numismatic Society of Calcutta, pp. 41-44, 2008.
22. 'South India and Sri Lanka, A Survey of Numismatic Research 2000-2007', Section III, ed. by Michel Amandry and Donal Bateson, Oriental and African Coinages, International Association of professional Numismatists, a special publication 15, Glasgow, 2009, pp. 520-526 (jointly with Rehan Ahamad).
23. 'Typological progression in the Numismatic art a case study of Bengal gold coinage', Edt. Enamul Haque, Journal of Bengal Art, Vol. 13 and 14 Dacca, 2009, ICSBA, pp. 279-286.
24. 'Medical practitioners, medicines and medical institutions in Epigraphs' Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, 2008, December, 69th Session, Kannur, pp. 196-210. Awarded the I.G. Khan Memorial Prize for best research paper on History of Science 2009.
25. 'Numismatic History of Ancient South Kosala', in New Aspects of History and Culture of South Kosala, ed. by P.K.Nayak., 2009, pp. 180-187.
26. 'Korabeg Hoard of Silver Punch marked Coins(West Bengal)', jointly with Amal Kumar Ray, Pratna Samiksha, New series, Vol. 1, Centre for Arcaheological Studies and Training Eastern India, 2010, pp.145-147.

27. 'Kushana Copper Coin Hoard from Paniparul (West Bengal)', jointly with Rehan Ahamad, Pratna Samiksha, New series, Vol. 1, Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training Eastern India, 2010, pp.149-153.
28. 'Re Evaluating the Kuninda Coins in the British Museum', Proceedings of the Indian History Congress, 70th Session, Delhi 2009-10, pp. 1049-1061.
29. 'Mausula'-A Lesser Tradition ? Or A Lesser Known Saiva Tradition', Journal of Ancient Indian History, Vol. XXVI, ed. by Suchandra Ghosh, Kolkata, 2010, pp. 139-142.
30. 'Aurel Stein's Calcutta Connection', jointly by Basu Majumdar, S., Ghosh S., and Das, A., in Helen Wang edited 'Sir Aurel Stein, Colleagues and Collections", British Museum Publication No. 184, 2012, pp. 1-26. (E Journal) http://www.britishmuseum.org/research/research_publications/research_publications_online/sir_aurel_stein1.aspx
31. 'Quantification in Numismatics', Pratna Samiksha, New series, Vol. II, Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training Eastern India, 2012, pp 31-38.
32. 'A Book to defend a Book', Review Article for Holt. F. and Bopearachchi. O. edited, The Alexander Medallion: Exploring the origins of a unique artifact, Review Article, Journal of Ancient Indian History, Vol. XXVII, ed. Suchandra Ghosh, , Kolkata, 2011(12), pp.281-291.
33. 'Aturgaon Memorial Stone Inscription of a Kura Prince', Aspects of Indian History and Culture, Edt by Sudipa Ray Bandyopadhyay, Rita Chaudhuri, Mahua Chakrabarti, New Delhi, 2012, pp.3-7 and Plates p. 151.
34. 'Did Magaradhvaja Yogi ever visit Bengal ? : A Case Study of three image inscriptions from Bangladesh', Journal of Bengal Art, Vol. 17, Dacca, 2012, ICSBA.
35. 'Coins and Currency Patterns of Early Historic Bengal: An Overview', Numismatic Digest, Vol. 36-37, 2012-13, pp.22-36.
36. 'Monetary History of Beangal : 'Issues and Non Issues', The Complex Heritage of Early India, Essays in Memory of R.S.Sharma, Edited by D.N.Jha, pp.585-606
37. Book review, IHR 43.1, Book: Bhairavi Prasad Sahu and Hermann Kulke, *Interrogating Political Systems: Integrative Processes and States in Pre-Modern India*, New Delhi: Manohar, 2015, 553 pp., `1695, ISBN 978-93-5098-064-4.
38. The Alagum (Odisha) Garttesvara Siva Temple and the Two Temple Inscriptions coauthor Sharmistha Chatterjee, Pratnasamiksha, New Series, Vol 5, CASTEI, 2014.
39. From Unimpressive to impressive, Understanding the Alagum Temple Complex, District Puri, Orissa, Jnana Pravaha Resarch Journal, no. XVII 2013-14, pp. 155-164.

40. Book Review, From Bactria to Taprobane, Selected works of Osmund Bopearachchi, Numismatic Digest, Vol 39, 2015, pp. 184-189
41. Book Review, Ancient Indian Coins Revisited by Wilfried Pieper, Numismatic Digest, Vol 39, 2015, pp.190-195.
42. 'Cowries in Eastern India : Understanding Their role as ritual objects and Money', coauthored with Sarmishtha Chatterjee, Edt. Enamul Haque, Journal of Bengal Art, Vol. 19, Dacca, 2014, ICSBA, pp.39-56.
43. Money Matters: Indigenous and Foreign Coins in the Malabar Coast (Second Century BCE -Second Century CE), Imperial Rome, Indian Oceans Regions and Muziris by Manohar Publishers, New Delhi in K.S. Mathew ed. Imperial Rome, Indian Oceans Regions and Muziris by Manohar Publishers, New Delhi, pp. 395-423.
44. Aligarh Historians Society for proposing my name as a speaker in the two-day seminar at the Gour-Banga University at Malda (West Bengal) for the 76th session of the Indian History Congress.
45. 'Exploring the State formation and Religious processes in the North South Corridor of Chhattisgarh (from c.1st century BCE to 8th century CE)', in Irfan Habib ed. 'State and Religion in India: Past and Present', Aligarh Historians Society, 76th session of the Indian History Congress, Malda (West Bengal).
46. The Review, Book: Readings in Early Indian History, Romila Thapar, Oxford, 2013
47. IHR 42.1, Book: Shonaleeka Kaul (ed.), Cultural History of Early South Asia: A Reader, New Delhi: Orient Blackswan.

Books/ book chapters :

1. Local Coins of Ancient India, a new series, Coins of Malhar, Published by Indian Institute of Research in Numismatic Studies, Anjaneri, Nasik, 2000.
2. Essays on History of Medicine, Susmita Basu Majumdar and Nayana Sharma Mukherjee, Indian Institute of Research in Numismatic Studies Publication Private Limited, Anjaneri, Nasik, 2013.
3. Revisiting Early India(Essays in Memory of D.C.Sircar), edited by Suchandra Ghosh (et.al),2013, R.N. Bhattacharya, Kolkata.
4. Banglar Mudra Byabostha, 2013, Mira Bose Publications, Library of Numismatic Studies, Kolkata,.
5. Kalighat Hoard: The first Gupta Hoard from India, 2014, Mira Bose Publications: Library of Numismatic Studies, Kolkata.
6. Biography of the Twin Sites: Barabar and Nagarjuni, K.P.Jayaswal Research Institute, Patna Museum, Patna (in Press).

d) ***Other publications :***

12. **Membership of Learned Societies:**

Asiatic Society
Royal Numismatic Society London
Indian History Congress
Epigraphical Society of India

14. **Invited lectures delivered:**

NEHU Visiting Professor
Special Lecture in a seminar organized by Tilak Vidya Mahapeeth Pune
Visiting Professor Jadavpur University Sanskrit Department, Epigraphy group
JNU invited Lecture
Conducted courses on Epigraphy and Numismatics in Bihar Heritage Development Society Patna twice.

- Invited to Sri Lanka in 2009 to study ancient coins of Indian origin found in Sri Lanka now in the Colombo National Museum by the Sri Lanka-n France Mission of Archaeological Cooperation
- Appointed the external Examiner for the Methodology: Ancient Indian History, in Course 1 (1.1) for the PhD 1st Year 1st Semester Course Work Examination , Department of History Jadavpur University 1.12.2010.
- Invited to take classes in the Institute of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi from 21.05.2010 to 22.05.2010 on Epigraphy and Numismatics.
- Conducted a 7 days Course on Indian Numismatics in Jnan Pravaha, Varanasi from 1st August 2010.
- Invited to deliver a lecture in the CTE Orientation Programme on Coins as Source of Ancient Indian History in the Ramakrishna Mission Sikshana Manditam Belur, 28.09.2010.
- Invited by the Department of Ancient History and Culture and Archaeology, University of Allahabad to work on the Coin Collection of the Allahabad University Museum especially the Coins of the Kausambi Excavation by Department of Ancient History and Culture and Archaeology, University of Allahabad 2010.
- Invited to deliver a lecture on 27th April 2011 in the Orientation Course on Recent Advances in Archaeology 18th April-2nd May 2011, Institute of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India.

- Invited to take classes in the Institute of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi fro. 06-076. 2011-11.06.2011 on Epigraphy and Numismatics.
- Appointed Head of the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture, University of Calcutta from 01.12. 2012 for the duration of two years.
- Invited to teach in the Course Numismatics of Eastern India, organised by the Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training Eastern India, Kolkata from 16th Aug 2012-19th Nov 2012.
- Examined a M.Phil Dissertation, Department of History University of Delhi,2012.
- Invited to teach in the Course on Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies on 13th Aug and 20th Aug 2012, organised by the Indian Museum, Kolkata.
- Attended and acted as Chairperson in the National Conference 2012, Annual Conference of Epigraphical Society of India in The Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda, 24-26th Feb 2012.
- Invited to deliver lecture in the teaching programme / Training Course on Epigraphy
9-19 March 2013, on the topics Survey of Inscriptions on the basis of their contents and Learning Early Brahmi Script and use of Diacritical Marks, organised by the Bihar Heritage development Society.
- Examined the PhD Thesis of University of Delhi, 2013.
- Examined the PhD Thesis of Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi, 2013.
- Acted as advisor to the Government of India, Office of the Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Kolkata Circle,16-17th Jan 2013.
- Invited to deliver lecture in the Refresher Course Summer School organised by the Dept of Museology University of Calcutta July 13th –Aug 3, 2013.
- Acted as an Expert Advisor in the Indian Museum for their display of Coin in the New Gallery. Dec. 2013.

- Invited to teach in the Net Tutorial Classes organized by the Department of History, University of Calcutta 2013.
- Invited by the British Museum for research on Ancient Coins in 2011 and to help in uploading data in their online Coin Catalogue.
- Acted as the Scholar Supervisor in the Asiatic Society for Sm. Paramita Basu, James Prinsep Research Fellow of The Asiatic Society in the field of Epigraphy and Numismatics.
- Contributed 4 entries to the 'Encyclopaedia of Empire' to be published by Wiley Blackwell in 2013.
- Invited by the UGC Academic Staff College University of Calcutta to deliver a lecture on the Refresher course in History on the topic Secondary State Formation in Early Historic Deccan and a Curious Case of Political Conflict on 19th Feb 2014.
- Invited by the Coin Collector's Club Jamshedpur to deliver a lecture on Indian Numismatics on 11th Feb 2014.
- Invited by the Department of History Jadavpur University to deliver two extension lectures for PG Students 25th April 2014.
- Invited by IIT Kharagpur for delivering lectures under their multidisciplinary SANDHI Project. Will act as a resource person in this project for the scientific study of the site Chandraketugarh and the larger Maritime network.
- Invited to deliver the Adhir Chakravarti Memorial Lecture April 2014.

15. **Awards :**

- Awarded a UGC Minor Research Project on Early History of South Kosala.
- Awarded a short term research assistance grant from Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Calcutta for a project Monetary History of Pre Islamic Bengal with Dr. Sayantani Pal.
- Awarded a Short Term Research Project on Barabar and Nagarjuni under the K.P.Jayaswal Research Institute, Patna Museum, Patna 2013.
- Attended and acted as Chairperson in the National Conference 2012, Annual Conference of Epigraphical Society of India in The Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda, 24-26th Feb 2012.

- Examined the PhD Thesis of University of Delhi, 2013.
- Examined the PhD Thesis of Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi, 2013.
- Examined a M.Phil Dissertation, Department of History University of Delhi,2012.
- Acted as the Head of the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture from 01.12. 2012-present date (tenure up to 01.11.2014).
- Invited to take classes in the Institute of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi from 21.05.2010 to 22.05.2010 on Epigraphy and Numismatics.
- Invited to take classes in the Institute of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi fro. 06-076. 2011-11.06.2011 on Epigraphy and Numismatics.
- Invited to teach in the Course Numismatics of Eastern India, organised by the Centre for Archaeological Studies and Training Eastern India, Kolkata from 16th Aug 2012-19th Nov 2012.
- Invited to teach in the Course on Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies on 13th Aug and 20th Aug 2012, organised by the Indian Museum, Kolkata.
- Awarded the Best Paper Prize in the Indian History Congress 2003 for the paper in Ancient India for the paper entitled XRF and its Entente with Numismatics.
- Awarded the I.G.Khan Award for Best paper in the Indian History Congress 70th Session for the paper entitled Medical practitioners and Medical Institutions: Gleanings from Epigraphs, 2008.
- Acted as advisor to the Government of India, Office of the Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Kolkata Circle,16-17th Jan 2013.
- Acted as an Expert Advisor in the Indian Museum for their display of Coin in the New Gallery. Dec. 2013.
- Received a Foreign Travel Grant to visit UK and Paris 2013 from Indian Council of Historical Research New Delhi for the Research on Cowrie Shells and their use as Ritual objects and Money.
- Invited by the Bangladesh Reserve Bank to deliver a Special Lecture on their Inauguration ceremony 2013.

- Awarded the Lowick Memorial/ Neil Kreitman Fellowship, London for research on Ancient Coins in 2011.
- Acted as the Scholar Supervisor in the Asiatic Society for Sm. Paramita Basu, James Prinsep Research Fellow of The Asiatic Society in the field of Epigraphy and Numismatics.
- Awarded the Royal Numismatic Society Grant for Research on Imperial Punch Marked Coins.
- Invited by the British Museum for the Study the Collection of Indian Coins August 2009.
- Received a grant from the Royal Numismatic Society for visiting Vienna and London in July 2010 for Research on Coins.
- Awarded the Foreign Travel and Maintenance Grant from the ICHR for research on Cowrie Shells and their use as ritual objects and Money.
- Received a scholarship from FMSH, Paris Visited Paris and worked in different libraries for this purpose in October, 2009.
- Awarded a Short Term Research Grant from FMSH Paris for research on 'History of Medicine', 2011.
- Invited by the Coin Collector's Club Jamshedpur to deliver a lecture on Indian Numismatics on 11th Feb 2014.
- Delivered the Adhir Chakravarti Memorial Lecture on 24th of April 2014 organised by the Adhir Chakravarti Memorial Committee in collaboration with the Department of Ancient Indian History and Culture, University of Calcutta.
- Invited by the Jadavpur University to deliver two extension Lectures for the Post Graduate Students 25th April 2014.
- Invited as Visiting Professor to NEHU for delivering ten extension lectures June 2014

16. Other notable activities:

Organised a 7 days Numismatic Course in Jnana Pravaha Varanasi