

Curriculum Vitae

Dipankar Sinha

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

- Address: Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta Alipore Campus, 1 Reformatory Street, Kolkata 700 027, India.
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DESIGNATIONS

- Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta.
- Director, Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Calcutta.

HONORARY / NOMINATED / STATUTORY DESIGNATIONS

- Honorary Associate, Centre for Media History, Macquarie University, Sydney (since 2010).
- Honorary Professor, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (2009-2013).
- Honorary Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (2004--2009).
- Nominated Member, Association of Third World Studies [Currently known as the Association of Global Studies], USA, (since 1990).
- Head, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta (1 April, 2012-31 March, 2014)

ACADEMIC DEGREES

B. A. Hons. in Political Science (St. Xavier's College, Calcutta)

M.A. in Political Science (Calcutta University)

Ph.D. (Jadavpur University)

EARLIER TEACHING CAREER

- Reader in Political Science, University of Calcutta.
- Senior Lecturer in Political Science, University of Calcutta.
- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Political Science in Calcutta University, Kalyani University and Scottish Church College.
- Also taught as Visiting Faculty in different universities in India.

BROAD AREA OF RESEARCH

Communicative modes and dialectics of development, democracy and governance. Currently exploring status of social science in global times.

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Supervise research of students pursuing Ph.D. degree in Political Science. Also, supervise/d M. Phil.-level research in Political Science, Women's Studies and Development Studies. Students awarded Ph.D. and M. Phil degrees.

ACADEMIC PRIZES / AWARDS / RECOGNITIONS

- Best article prize for *Strategies for a New Information Society in Brazil and India*. Awarded by international jury, sponsored by Candido Mendes University, Brazil, in 2002.
- Essay on *Literacy-- Critical Factor for Knowledge Revolution* awarded the second best essay prize at national level by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, in 2001.
- Meritorious Alumnus, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Books Authored

- *The Information Game in Democracy*, Routledge/Taylor and Francis, London and New York, 2018. South Asia Edition published in late 2018.
- *Development Narratives: Walking the Field in Rural West Bengal*, Orient Blackswan, Hyderabad, 2014.
- *Development Communication: Contexts for the Twenty-First Century*, Orient Blackswan, Hyderabad, 2013.
- *Media Sanskriti* (in Bengali, tr. Media Culture), Dey's Publishing, Calcutta, 2003.
- *Communicating Development in the New World Order: A Critical Analysis*, Kanishka Publishers, New Delhi, 1999.

Books Co-authored

- *Media, Gender and Popular Culture in India: Tracking Change and Continuity*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2011.
- *Engendering Urban Governance: Managing Changes and Challenges*, Dasgupta Publishers, Kolkata, 2008.
- *Self-help Groups in West Bengal: Challenges of Development and Empowerment*, Dasgupta Publishers, Kolkata, 2008.
- *Participatory Governance: Ward Committees in Action*, Dasgupta Publishers, Kolkata, 2007.

Books Co-edited

- *Webs of History: Information, Communication and Technology from Early to Post-Colonial India*, Manohar, Delhi, 2005.
- *Democratic Governance in India: Reflections and Refractions*, Kalpaz Books, New Delhi, 2007.

e-Papers/Working Papers / Occasional Papers / Reports/Memorial Lecture

- *Media, Development and Democracy: Revisiting the Postcolonial India*, 22nd Professor Shreeram Chandra Dash Memorial Lecture, Utkal University-Professor Shreeram Chandra Dash Memorial Foundation, Bhubaneswar, 2016.
- *Networking Governance: Emerging Digital Horizon Revisited*, Centre for the Study of Society and Culture, Bengaluru—Ford Foundation, 2013. <http://identityproject.in/blogs/%5Buser-raw%5D/networking-governance-emerging-digital-horizon-revisited>
- *(De)Politicising Information Technology: Towards an Inclusionary Perspective*, Working Paper 19, London School of Economics, Department of Media and Communication, London, 2010.
- *The Field Strikes Back: Decoding Narratives of Development*, Occasional Paper 17, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, Kolkata, 2009.
- *For Governance's Sake: Local Media Framing of Riverbank Erosion*, Democratic Governance Paper Series 14, UGC-DRS (Phase I) Programme, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta, 2008-2009.
- *Gender Paradigm in Urban Local Bodies in West Bengal: A Pilot Study of Women Councillors of Kolkata Metropolitan Area*, Change Management Unit, Kolkata Urban Basic Services for the Poor and Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata, 2008. (Co-authored).
- *Backward Villages of West Bengal: An Exploratory Study*, SRD Cell, Department of Panchayats and Rural Development, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata, 2008. (Co-authored).
- *Governance: The Idea and Its Location in Lines and Bytes, Role of Media in Development and Governance*, Department for International Development, UK/British Deputy High Commission/Centre for Media Research and Development Studies, Kolkata, 2008.

- *'e' Anyway?: Critical Reflections on the e-Governance Roadmap in Andhra Pradesh*, *Democratic Governance Paper Series 6*, UGC-DRS Programme (Phase I), Department of Political Science, Calcutta University, 2005-2006.

Select Articles (in Journals)

- *Political Communication: Addressing the (Dis)Connect*, **West Bengal Political Science Review**, 18:1 & 2, 2015-2016. Special Article in the section on Major Trends in Contemporary Political Science Research.
- *Communicate-Terminate-Communicate: The New Challenge of Terror Communication*, **JAIR Journal of International Relations**, 1:1, January-June. 2014.
- *'Same Side Goal' Politics: West Bengal's New Brand Image?*, **Economic and Political Weekly**, XLVIII:30, July 27, 2013.
- *Mainstream Media in Post-Colonial India: From the Clutches of the Princes to the Custody of the Merchants*, **Socialist Perspective** [Special Issue on 60 Years of the Indian Republic], 37: 3 & 4, December, 2009—March, 2010.
- *The Field Strikes Back: Decoding Narratives of Development*, **Man & Development**, 31:3, September, 2009.
- *Development (without) Communication: Viewing Doordarshan Methodologically*, **Journal of the Moving Image**, 4, November, 2005. Web version: www.jmionline.org/jmi4.htm
- *Information Technology and Citizen Participation: Macro-Lessons from a Micro-Study*, **Global Media Journal** (Indian Edition), 1:1, November, 2005 www.manipal.edu/gmj/issues/nov05
- *Kargil Episode in Bengali Print Media*, **Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)**, July 6, 2002. Special article.
- *On Reworking the Global Information Order in the 21st Century: Past Lessons, Future Strategy in The Indian Journal of Political Science* (Issue on Globalization and the State), September, 2001.
- *Info-Age and Indian Intellectuals: An Unfashionable Poser*, **EPW**, November 25, 2000.
- *Indian Democracy: Exclusion and Communication*, **EPW**, August 7, 1999.
- *Communication for Liberalization in India: The Take-off Stage*, **Asian Studies**, July/December, 1998.
- *Public Communication in Information Age: Time for Requiem*, **EPW**, September 13, 1997.
- *Information Inequality*, **Seminar**, October, 1996.
- *Designing Double-Think: A Critical Note on World Summit for Social Development*, **Asian Studies**, January-June, 1996.
- *Summit-led Humanitarianism: Towards Fourth World Women's Conference*, **EPW**, August 26, 1995.
- *Understanding Development in the New World Order: A Conceptual Framework*, **Indian Journal of Social Science**, April-June, 1995.
- *First World First: The Logic of the Emergent World Order and Third World Development*, **Samajtaty**, July-December, 1993.
- *Information Game: Lesson from Gulf War*, **EPW**, May 4, 1991.
- *The State in Third World Urbanization: Background and Strategy in the Indian Context*, **Asian Studies**, April-June, 1989.

Chapters (in Edited Volumes)

- *The 'Information Paradox' in Democratic Decentralisation* in P.K. Das ed., **Decentralisation, Governance and Development: An Indian Perspective**, Orient Blackswan, Hyderabad, 2017.
- *From Clients to Consumers: The Missing Citizens among the Indian Television Audience* in Biswarup Sen and Abhijit Ray eds., **Channeling Cultures: Television Studies from India**, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2014.

- *Women and/in Media: In Search of Representations* in Basabi Chakraborty ed., **Women's Studies: Various Aspects**, Urbee Prakashan, Kolkata, 2014.
- *Networking-in-Governance: The Digital Horizon Revisited* in Ashis Rajadhyaksha ed., **In the Wake of Aadhar: The Digital Ecosystem of Governance in India**, Centre for the Study of Society and Culture-Ford Foundation, Bangalore, 2013.
- *Politics of Digitisation: UID as Governmental Technique* in A. Ghosh ed., **Branding the Migrant: Arguments of Rights, Welfare and Security**, Frontpage, London and Kolkata, 2013.
- *'e' Anyway?: Critical Reflections on the e-Governance Roadmap in Andhra Pradesh* in A. Mukhopadhyay and D.K. Das eds., **Contextualizing Democratic Governance: Some Perspectives**, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, 2013.
- *New Technique of Governance: E-Governance and India's Democratic Experience* in Ranabir Samaddar and Suhit K. Sen eds., **New Subjects and New Governance in India**, Routledge, London/New York/ New Delhi, 2012.
- *Communication: The Challenges of Globalization, Information Society, Identity and Development* in Yogendra Singh ed., **Social Sciences: Communication, Anthropology and Sociology** (Vol.14/Part 2 of the Series on The Project of History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture, Globalization, Centre for Studies in Civilizations/Pearson Longman, New Delhi, 2010.
- *Paraninda Parachrcha: Aam Janatar 'Rajnoitik' Adhikar* (tr. Chat-behind-the-back: The 'Political Right' of the Ordinary People) in Ekak Matra Collective edited, **Samokaal**, CampPublications, Kolkata, 2010.
- *Communicate-Terminate-Communicate: The New Challenge of Terror Communication* in Radharaman. Chakrabarti and I.K. Lahiri eds., **The Challenge of Terrorism**, Academic Excellence/Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Delhi, 2009.
- *Communication and the (Un)making of Global Order* in P. P. Basu *et al* eds., **State, Nation and Democracy: Alternative Global Futures**, Concept Publishing, New Delhi, 2007.
- *For the Right Kind of Communication* in B.Das and R..Bhattacharya eds., **The Rights and Wrongs of It: The Right to Information**, Gangchil, Kolkata, 2007
- *Right to Information: A Collective Exercise* in A. Mukhopadhyay ed., **Right to Information**, Administrative Training Institute, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata, 2007.
- *Social Science Research in a Surviving Mode* in I. Ramabrahmam and M. Hariharan eds., **Globalization: Contextualising Social Science Research**, Allied Publishers, New Delhi, 2006.
- *Information Society as if Communication Mattered: Revisiting the Indian State* in Bernard Bel, Jan Brouwer *et al.* eds., **Communication Processes Volume 1: Media and Mediation**, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2005.
- *On Forgetting History: ICT and Colonization of Politics in Post-colonial India* in Amiya K. Bagchi, Dipankar Sinha and Barnita Bagchi eds., **Webs of History: Information, Communication and Technology from the Early to Post-Colonial India**, Manohar, Delhi, 2005.
- *India and Bangladesh: Media and Mediation in Strengthening Partnership* in Salman Haider ed., **India-Bangladesh--- Strengthening Partnership**, Centre for Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh, 2005.
- *Political Communication* in S. Chakraborty ed., **Political Sociology**, Macmillan India, Delhi, 2005.
- *Development Studies: Global Trends* in A. Majumdar and S. Chatterjee eds., **Understanding Global Politics**, Lancer Publishers, New Delhi, 2004.
- *Sustainable Development in India: An Alternative Perspective* in P. Datta, **Towards Good Governance and Sustainable Development**, DasGupta Publishers, Kolkata, 2003. Co-author.
- *Adjustment and Transition in a Bengali Refugee Settlement 1950-1999* in P. Bose ed., **Refugee Rehabilitation and Care in West Bengal**, Calcutta Research Group-UNHCR, Calcutta/New Delhi, 2000.
- *Foundation of a Refugee Market: A Study in Self-reliance Initiative* in **Refugee Rehabilitation and Care in West Bengal**, Ibid.

- *India in Global Information Order* in U. Thakkar and M. Kulkarni eds., **India in World Affairs**, Himalaya Publishing House, Mumbai, 1999.

International Publications

- *Re-Visioning Research Methodology in Global Times*, **Global-e**, Vol. 10, No.29, April, 2017 [USA].
- *Human Rights and Information Society: Problematizing India* in S.S. Bagchi and A. Das eds., **Human Rights in the Third World: Issues and Discourses**, Lexington Books, Lanham, 2013. [USA]
- “Connectivity” over “Connections”: *Networking Governance and Technology Down South*, **Global-e**, 27 January, 2011. [USA]
- *Whose Order is it Anyway: Imageries-cum-Rhetoric of (Anti)Globalization*, **Sociological Imagination**, Vol. 1, No.1, 1 June, 2010. [Britain]
- *Global Village/ Another World: Globalization as Contending Space*, **Global-e**, Vol. 4, No. 1, 30 April, 2010. [USA]
- *(De)Politicising Information Technology: Towards an Inclusionary Perspective*, **Working Paper 19**, London School of Economics, Department of Media and Communication, London, 2010.
- *Restyling Democracy?: Mainstream Media and Public Space vis-à-vis Television* in M. Manisha and S. Mitra Dev eds., **Indian Democracy: Problems and Prospects**, Anthem Press, London, 2009. [Britain]
- *Third World City in the Information Age*, **Encyclopedia of Digital Government**, Idea Group Inc, Pennsylvania, 2006. [USA/Finland]
- *The Politics of Information Society: A Comparative Analysis of India and Brazil* in Michel Sauquet *et al* eds. **L’idiot du Village Mondial** (in French), Alliance-Luc Pire-Charles Leopold Mayer, Brussels/Paris, 2004. [Belgium/France]
- *Religious Fundamentalism and its ‘Other’: A Snapshot View from the Global Information Order* in S. Saha ed., **Religious Fundamentalism in the Contemporary World**, Lexington Books, Lanham/Oxford, 2004. [USA]
- *Emerging Media Technologies in the Third World: A Reality Check in West Bengal*, **Telemidium** (USA), Volume 51, Number 2, Fall 2004. [USA]
- *Chat-behind-the-back: The Political ‘Right’ of Ordinary People*, **Himal South Asian** (Nepal), March-April, 2004. [Nepal]
- *V.P. Singh, Chandra Shekhar and ‘Nowhere Politics’ in India*, **Asian Survey**, July 7, 1991. [USA]
- *The Development and Decay in a Third World City: A Humanizing Approach for Calcutta*, **Journal of Third World Studies** (USA), Volume 6, No.2, 1989. [USA]

Select Articles in Bengali

- *Tatyher Anadarmahale Ek Chakkar* (tr. One Tour Inside the Realm of Information), **Ekak Matra**, 18:3, November, 2017.
- *Mediar Aam Janata: Ulta/Palta Baktabya* (tr. *Media’s Ordinary People: Opposing/Counter-opinion*) in **Ekak Matra**, September-October, 2016.
- ‘Sushasan’ *Samparke Du Char Katha* (tr. *A Word or Two on ‘Good Governance’*), **Arek Rakam**, 1:5, March, 2013.
- *Nari O Media: Upasthapanar Sutra Sandhan* (tr. *Women and Media: Exploration of Sources of Representation*) in Basabi Chakrabarti ed., **Nari Prithibi: Bahuswar**, Urbee Prakashan, Kolkata, 2011.
- *Media Banijya Chaluk, Janaswarthao Thak* (tr. *Let Media do Business, Let it also Pursue Public Interest*), **Ekak Matra**, March, 2010.
- *Rajnitir Bhasa Harachche Sanjogmukhinota* (tr. *Political Language Losing Communication-orientation*), **Ekak Matra**, March, 2009.
- *Ektu Ganatntra Hoye Jaak* [tr. Let us have some Democracy], **Ekak Matra**, July, 2007.
- *NGO Ebong/Banam Rastra: Naya Rajnaitik Parisarer Sutra Sandhan* [tr. *NGO and/or State: Search for the Source of New Political Space*], **Parikatha**, 2006.
- *Atha Kalpa Abesh Katha* [tr. *A Tale of IT Imaginary*], November, 2005, **Ekak Matra**.

- *Jogajog Rajnaitik Tatta: Abhigyatabad O Tarpar* [tr. *Political Theory of Communication: Empiricism and Thereafter*] in D. Das ed., **Rajnitir Tatyakatha**, Ekushe Prakashan, Kolkata, 2005.
- *Prasanga Paschim Banga: Rastraniti O Rajnitir Dyandik Samparka* [tr. *Context West Bengal: The Dialectics of State Policy and Politics*], **Shrayan**, 2004.
- *Knowledge Worker: Apan Knowledge Societir Khoje* [tr. *Knowledge Worker: In Search of Own Knowledge Society*], **Ekak Matra**, November, 2001.

Review Articles/ Reviews / Manuscript Review / Manuscript Editing

Review articles and reviews published in journals, such as, *Development and Change*, *Political Studies Review*, *The Sociological Imagination*, *Media International Australia*, *Capital and Class*, *Journal of Third World Studies*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, *West Bengal Political Science Review* and in leading national newspapers.

(Peer) Reviews manuscripts for leading national and international publishers.

SELECT PROJECTS (1998 onwards):

Completed twenty funded projects since 1998.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Head, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta (1 April, 2012—31 March, 2014).
- Chairman, Postgraduate Board of Studies, University of Calcutta (1 April, 2012—31 March, 2014).
- Convener, M. Phil Committee and Coordinator, M. Phil Programme, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta (15 October, 2014—April, 2018). Internal Member (May, 2018---
- Ex-Officio Member, Senate, University of Calcutta (1 April, 2012—31 March, 2014).
- Member, Undergraduate Board of Studies in Political Science, University of Calcutta (2008--2014).
- Chairman, Undergraduate Board of Studies in Political Science, University of Calcutta (2014--).

ACADEMIC/ ADMINISTRATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Deputy Coordinator, UGC Departmental Research Support Programme (Phase III), Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta (2018--).
- Member, Board of Advisors, *JAIR Journal of International Relations* (2014--).
- Member, Editorial Board, *The Calcutta Journal of Political Studies*, Calcutta University (2010--).
- Member, Editorial Board, *Indian Journal of Administrative Sciences* (2015--).
- Member, Board of Advisors, *Journal of Bhawanipur Education Society College*, Kolkata (2013--).
- Member, Board of Studies in Political Science, Sikkim (Central) University (2014--2018).
- Member. Board of Postgraduate Studies, Kalyani University (2016--).
- Member, Doctoral Research Committee, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University (2014--).
- Member, Research Committee, School of Media, Communication and Culture, Jadavpur University (2010--).
- Member, Doctoral Research Committee, Department of Film Studies, Jadavpur University (2010--).
- Member, UG, PG and M. Phil. Board of Studies, ADAMAS University, Kolkata (2018--).
- Member, Post Graduate Board of Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Calcutta (2018--).
- External Member, UG and PG Board of Studies in Public Administration, Netaji Subhas Open University (2018--).
- Member, Advisory Board, Diploma Course in Urban Management and Planning, Centre for Urban Economic Studies, University of Calcutta (2018--)
- Nominated Member, PG Board of Studies (Annual System) in Political Science, Basanti Devi Collage (2014--2019).

- Member, Board of Moderation, Department of Political Science, Presidency University, Kolkata (2016--).
- Advisor, School of Decentralisation and Rural Development, Rabindra Bharati University (2017--).
- Member, Post Graduate Board of Studies, West Bengal State University (2009--2012).
- Vice Chancellor's Nominee, Academic Council, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata (2019--)
- Nominated Member as Illustrious Alumnus, Undergraduate Board of Studies, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata (2011--2014). As Subject Expert and Illustrious Alumnus (2015--).
- Life Member, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi.

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION

- Lectured/presented papers/chaired more than hundred international and national seminars, conferences and workshops.
 - Initiated and chaired syllabus revisions in Political Science Honours and General (under CBCS) and in M. Phil Programme (Political Science) of Calcutta University as Chairman and Convener respectively.
 - Has been instrumental in formulating PG CBCS syllabus in Political Science in the University of Calcutta in 2017-2018.
 - Acts as Evaluator of national and international workshops.
 - Acts as Chair/Member of selection committees for recruitment in various universities.
 - Acts as Expert in Union Public Service Commission, Government of India, in confidential assignments.
 - Acted as expert in formulation of CBCS UG and PG syllabi in Political Science and Public Administration in universities and autonomous colleges in different states of India.
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