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Present Position : Professor of Geography

Former Positions : Director, UGC-HRDC, BU

: Presiding Officer, ICC, BU

: Head, Department of Geography, BU

Awards, Honors and Recognitions

1. Visiting Fellowship at CESSMA, Paris Diderot University, Paris, 30th April to 30th June, 2018.
2. Visiting Fellowship at Gender Institute, Australian national University, 15th May to 9th June, 2017.
3. Visiting Chair (Gender / Equality Chair) at University Paris Sorbonne Cite (UPSC), Paris, 15th January to 15th April 2016.
4. Visiting Scholar, French Institute of Pondicherry, October, 2005.
5. Visiting Fellowship at RMAP, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra, 15th October 2004 to 15th January 2005.
6. Gold medal for highest score in Postgraduation.

Ph.D. 2002, 'Rural-Urban Interaction: A Study of Burdwan Town and Surrounding Rural Areas' The University of Burdwan

Area of Research

- Urban Development — The economic, social and cultural spaces in small cities
- Urban Environment and the Water in Cities
- Watery Environments – River, Delta and Char
- Gender studies – Development, Work and Emancipation

Teaching Courses

- Philosophy of Geography

- Research Methodology
- Geography of Development
- Gender Geography
- Urban Geography

Research Collaborators

1. Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt, Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, Canberra.
2. Eric Denis, Senior Fellow at the French National Center for Scientific Research - CNRS (Director of Géographie-cités Lab., Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne University, Université de Paris, EHESS).
3. Marie-Hélène Zérah, Research Director with the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD), member of the CESSMA and Senior Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.
4. Véronique Dupont, Demographer, Director of Research (Senior Research Fellow) at IRD (French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development), CESSMA, Université de Paris.
5. Partha Mukhopadhyay, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.
6. Valérie Clerc, Senior Research Fellow IRD (French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development), CESSMA (UMR 245), Université de Paris.
7. Sylvie Fanchette, Geographer, Director of Research, IRD (French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development), CESSMA, (UMR 245), Université de Paris.

External Research Project Grants Received from

1. IRD (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement), France
2. ANR, France
3. Australia India Institute, Australia
4. World Bank, New Delhi
5. Ford Foundation, New Delhi
6. ICSSR (Indian Council for Social Sciences Research)
7. UGC (University Grant Commission, India)

Sponsored Research Projects

1. **Small and Medium Towns in Eastern India: The Dynamics of the Economy, Mobility and Governance** funded by *Indian Council of Social Science research*,

New Delhi.

2. **India's Missing Middle**, funded by the **World Bank** (in collaboration with Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi).
3. **Subaltern Urbanization in India**, funded by France – ANR, Paris.
4. **Whose empowerment? A study of micro-finance institution and financial inclusion of India's rural women**, funded by *Australia India Institute*, Canberra.
Report DoI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.29231.87202>
5. **The globalizing state, public services and the new governance of urban local communities in India: A case study of West Bengal**, funded by *Ford Foundation*, New Delhi.
6. **Gender mapping of Burdwan district, West Bengal**, funded by the *University Grants Commission*, New Delhi.
7. **Women's self-help groups, poverty alleviation and women's empowerment: A case study of Burdwan**, funded by *Indian Council of Social Science research*, New Delhi.
8. **India – Urban rural boundaries and basic services**, funded by **IRD, France** (in collaboration with Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi).

Selected Publications

Books

1. **Dancing with the River: People and Life on the Chars of South Asia (2013)**, Yale University Press (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt), ISBN: 978-0-300-18830-1.
<https://yalebooks.yale.edu/book/9780300188301/dancing-river>
2. **Mobilities in India: The Experience of Suburban Rail Commuting (2021)**, Springer: The Urban Book Series, (Jointly with Bhaswati Mondal), ISBN: 978-3-030-78349-5. <https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783030783495>
3. **Negotiating Terrain in Local Governance: Freedom, Functioning and Barriers of Women Councillors in India (2020)**, Springer: Local Urban Governance Series, (Jointly with Riya Banerjee), ISBN: 978-3-030-60662-6, <https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783030606626>
4. **Inside the Rice Bowl: Agrarian Crisis and the Rising Distress of Farmers in West Bengal (2023)**, Rajesh Publications, New Delhi (Jointly with Barun Kumar Paul and Kunal Chakraborty), ISBN: 978-93-91139-37-7.
<https://www.amazon.in/Inside-Agrarian-Crisis-Distress-Farmers/dp/BOC4P92QP5>

5.

Popular Bengali Books

1. 2017. *Pather Diary*, Gangchil Publication, Kolkata, ISBN: 978-93-86443-20-5
2. 2018. *Pariser Column*, Gangchil Publication, Kolkata, ISBN: 978-93-86443-87-8
<https://boighar.in/product/pariser-column-gopa-samanta>
3. 2021. *Lal Alor Gopan Katha*, Barnik Prakashan, Bardhaman
4. 2022. *Rhine Theke Ganga*, Barnik Prakashan, Bardhaman

Policy Research Paper

1. Partha Mukhopadhyay, Marie Helene Zerah, **Gopa Samanta** and Augustin Maria 2016. Understanding India's Urban Frontier: What is behind the emerging census towns in India, Policy Research Working Paper, No. WPS 7923, Washington DC, World Bank Group, to be accessed at
<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/378351482172055283/Understanding-Indias-urban-frontier-what-is-behind-the-emergence-of-census-towns-in-India>

Articles (Peer-Reviewed Journals)

1. 2023. The Streetscape of Grand Trunk Road of Barddhaman City: Understanding Multi-dimensional Mosaic Space, *Geographical Review of India*, 85(1): 68- 81 (Jointly with Sumana Koner).
2. 2023. How do migration decisions and drivers differ against extreme environmental events? *Environmental Hazards*, (Jointly with Bishawjit Mallick, Kelsea Best, Amanda Carrico, Tuhin Ghosh, Rup Priodarshini, Zakia Sultana) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/17477891.2023.2195152>
3. 2022. Questioning the 'Two-Leaves-And-A-Bud' Narrative: Women's Life in the Tea Gardens, *IASSI Quarterly: Contributions to Indian Social Science*, Vol. 41, No. 4, pp. 642-656, (Jointly with Manami Datta).
4. 2022. Urbanizing delta: The sociospatial transformation of Indian Sundarbans, *GeoJournal*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10708-022-10778-2>, 28th October, 2022 (Jointly with Rakes Sarkar).
5. 2022. Impact of floods and river-bank erosion on the riverine people in Manikchak Block of Malda District, West Bengal, *Environment, Development and Sustainability*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10668-022-02648-1>, 14th September, 2022 (Jointly with Rakhi Das).
6. 2022. Understanding Immobility of a Highly Vulnerable Coastal Village in the Indian Sundarban, *Regional Environmental Change*, 22:90, ISSN: 1436-3798,

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10113-022-01931-1>

(jointly with Arpita Sengupta)

7. 2021. The Spirit of Consumerism and Change in Socio-Cultural Space: A Comparative Analysis of Rural and Urban Areas in West Bengal, *International Review of Modern Sociology*, 47(1-2): 69-97, ISSN: 0973-2047
https://serialsjournals.com/abstract/37956_5-consumerism_household.pdf (jointly with Suparna Pal)
8. 2021. Municipal Financing and Infrastructure: A Critical Analysis of the Cities in West Bengal, *Space and Culture, India*, 9(3): 6-16, ISSN: 2052-8396
<https://doi.org/10.20896/saci.v9i3.1225> (jointly with Priya Chowdhury)
9. 2021. 'Where does water go'? A critical analysis of nature of water crisis in Darjeeling city, India, *Applied Water Science*, 11:184 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13201-021-01523-0> ISSN: 2190-5495 (jointly with Kaberi Koner)
10. 2021. Reviving traditional water sources for resilient water future: case of Darjeeling City, India. *GeoJournal*, Published: 23 May 2021, ISSN: 1572-9893, DoI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10708-021-10444-z>, (jointly with Kaberi Koner)
11. 2021. Urban Environment and Sustainable Water Supply: A comprehensive Analysis of Darjeeling City, *Environment, Development and Sustainability*, Published: 15th April 2021, DoI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10668-021-01396-y>, (jointly with Kaberi Koner), ISSN: 1573-2975.
12. 2020. Informal Labours in Kolkata City: Migration from Undivided Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, *Space and Culture, India*, 8:1: 143-153 (jointly with Sumita Roy), ISSN: 2052-8396.
13. 2019. Cities Have Water History and We Need to Understand That, *Space and Culture, India*, 6(5): 1-7; Editorial Piece, ISSN: 2052-8396.
14. 2018. Spread Effect versus Localized Growth: The Case of Census Towns in Murshidabad District, West Bengal, *Space and Culture, India*, 6(3): 97-109 (Jointly with Kiran Kumar Roy), ISSN: 2052-8396.
15. 2018. 'Commuting and metropolitan development of Kolkata', *The Hill Geographer*, 33 (2): 61-79 (Jointly with Bhaswati Mondal), ISSN: 0970-5723.
16. 2017. 'Beyond Metropolitan Shadow: Growth and Governance of Small Towns in Eastern India' *Jindal Journal of Public Policy*, 3(1): 51-70.
17. 2016. 'Urban Ecology of Water in Darjeeling, India' *South Asian Water Studies*, 5(3): 42-57 (Jointly with Kaberi Koner).
18. 2015. 'Making an Indian Airport City' *Economic and Political Weekly*, 50(16): 1-8 (Web Exclusives), ISSN (Print) – 2349-8846.
19. 2014. 'Politics and Classification and Governance in Census Towns' *Economic and Political Weekly*, 49(22): 55-62, ISSN (Print) - 0012-9976.

20. 2013. 'Human Ecology or "Living with the River": Lower Bengal, India', *Oriental Geographer*, 54 (1 & 2): 11-30 (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt).
21. 2013. 'Mobility in the Margins: Hand Pulled Rickshaws in Kolkata' *Transfers*, 3 (3): 62-78 (Jointly with Sumita Roy).
22. 2013. 'Urban Mobilities and the Cycle Rickshaw' *Derive*, 50 (Jan-Marz): 49-54.
23. 2013. 'How do the poor handle money? What do the financial diaries of char dwellers tell us about financial inclusion?' *Space and Culture, India*, 1(1): 1-15 (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt).
24. 2012. 'Urban Mobilities and the Cycle Rickshaw' *Seminar*, Vol. 636: 57-60
25. 2010. 'Institutional Reforms and Changes in Governance Process: A Case Study of West Bengal' in G. Shah et al. 'The Globalizing State, Public Services and the New Governance of Urban Local Communities in India: Colloquium' *Vikalpa*, The journal of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, 35 (1): 96-103.
26. 2009. 'Microfinance and Women: Gender Issues of Poverty Alleviation and Empowerment', *The Microfinance Review*, 1 (2009): 100-120.
27. 2007. "Like the Drifting Grains of Sand": Vulnerability, Security and Adjustment by Communities in the Charlands of the Damodar river, India', *Journal of South Asian Studies*, XXX (2): 327-349 (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt).
28. 2007. 'Urban informal sector as a mirror of rural-urban interaction: Focus on the Rickshaw Pullers, Burdwan, India', *Oriental Geographer*, 48 (2): 11-30 (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt).
29. 2006. 'Constructing Social Capital: Selp-help Groups and Rural Women's Development in India', *Geographical Research*, 44 (3): 285-295 (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt).
30. 2006. 'Endengering Urban Environmental Management: Results from a Study of Women Councillors Running a Town in India', *Women and Environments International Magazine*, 70/71 (Spring): 42-46 (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt, Pallabi Sil and Chanda Karfa).
31. 2004. 'Fleeting Land, Fleeting People: Bangladeshi Women in a Charland Environment in Lower Bengal, India', *Asia Pacific Migration Journal*, 13 (4): 475-495 (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt).
32. 2002. 'State Initiatives for the Empowerment of Women of Rural Communities', in *Community Development Journal*, Vol. 37, No. 2, 135-156, U.K (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt).

Book Chapters

1. 2022. 'Industrial Zone to New Skycity: (Un)making of Indian's First Aerotropolis' in Ashima Sood and Loraine Kennedy edited *India's Greenfield Urban Future: The Politics of Land Planning and Infrastructure*, Orient BlackSwan, Chapter 6, pp. 152-176.
2. 2021. 'Regional Travels and Commuting Patterns: A Study of the Oldest Suburban Railway Line in Eastern India', in Saptarshi Mitra, Sumana Bandyopadhyay, Stabak Roy and Tomaz Ponce Dentinho edited *Railway Transportation in South Asia: Infrastructure Planning, Regional Development and Economic Impacts*, Springer, Chapter 5, pp. 67-84 (ISBN 978-3-030-76877-5) <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-76878-2>
3. 2021. 'Covid-19 and Changing Spaces' in Abarna Mukhopadhyay, Ayan Das Gupta, Rituparna Khan, Aznarul Islam, Shatarupa Dey Neogi and Prakriti Das edited *Covid-19 Pandemic: A Geo-Ecological Perspective*, Foundation of Practising Geographers, Chapter 1, pp. 1-6, (ISBN 978-81-930691-6-5).
4. 2020. 'Environmental history of water in Indian cities' in Ranjan Chakrabarti edited *Critical Themes of Environmental History of India*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, Chapter 3, pp. 53-83, (ISBN 978-93-5388-314-0).
5. 2020. 'Decentralized governance versus state dependence: financial challenges and participatory development in small cities of West Bengal' in R. R. Thakur, A. K. Dutt, S. K. Thakur and G. M. Pomeroy edited *Urban and Regional Planning and Development: 20th Century Forms and 21st Century Transformations* Springer, Chapter 18, pp. 321-336 (ISBN: 978-3-030-31775-1).
6. 2019. 'A Critical Look into the Existing Practices of Water Governance in Cities: A Case of Chandernagore' in S. Ray and V. Maddipati (Eds) *Water Histories of South Asia: The Materiality of Liquescence*, Routledge, London, pp. 209-225 (ISBN: 978-0-367-43216-4).
7. 2019. 'Changing Social Spaces? Microfinance and Women in Rural Bengal' in A. K. Singh and S. Mukherjee (eds) *Dreaming Geography*, Foundation of Practising Geographers, pp. 83-103 (ISBN: 978-81-930691-4-1).
8. 2017. 'New Urban Territories in West Bengal: Transition, Transformation and Governance' in Eric Denis and Marie-Helene Zerah Eds *Subaltern Urbanization in India: An Introduction to the Dynamics of Ordinary Town*, Springer, pp. 421-442 (ISBN: 978-81-322-3614-6).
9. 2017. 'Stanio Prashasane Madhyabitta Bangali Narir Absthan' in Khokan Kumar Bag and Rangan Kanti Jana eds *Madhyabitto Bangali: Antarmahal*, Raktakarabi Publication, Kolkata, pp 222-230 (Jointly with Riya Baerjee) (ISBN: 978-81-905134-1-8).
10. 2016. 'Mobility, Marginality, and the Cycle Rickshaw in Indian Cities' in A. K. Dutt et al. edited *Spatial Diversity and Dynamics in Resources and Urban Development, Volume II: Urban Development* Springer, pp. 311-327 (ISBN: 978-94-017-9785-6).

11. 2015. 'Rural-Urban Interaction: Revisited' in S. Bose and J. Mondal (eds) *Urbanization, Environmental Change and Sustainable Development*, Damodar Group, Burdwan, pp. 35-53 (ISBN: 978-81-925800-8-1).
12. 2013. 'Negotiating Gendered Urban Space: Experiences of Women Across Classes in India' in Kamala Marius and Yves Raiband (eds) *Genre et Construction de la Gephgraphie*, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme d'aquitaine (MSIA), France, pp. 209-222 (Jointly with Pallabi Sil).
13. 2013. 'Urban Governance Reforms and Basic Services in West Bengal' in Kalpana Markandey, B. Srinagesh and Ashok Kumar Lonavath (eds) *Challenges of Urbanization in 21st Century, Vol-III, Planning and Governance*, Concept Publishing, New Delhi, pp. 360-377.
14. 2012. 'Home-making and Regrounding: Lives of Bangladeshi on the Damodar Charlands of Lower Bengal' in R. Ganguly-Scrace and K. Lahiri-Dutt (eds) *Rethinking Displacement: Asia Pacific Perspectives*, Ashgate, UK, pp. 197-220 (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt), ISBN: 9781409453482.
15. 2012. 'In Between Rural and Urban: Challenges for Governance of Non-recognized Urban Territories' in N. Jana et al. (eds) *West Bengal: Geo-Spatial Issues*, The University of Burdwan, pp. 44-57, ISBN: 978-93-80813-20-2.
16. 2012. 'Unfolding the Debates around Women's Empowerment in Development Discourse' in K. K. Bag (ed) *Changing Society, Culture and Its Impact on People*, Rupasi Bangla Publications, Kolkata, pp. 73-82, ISBN: 978-81-909878-9-9.
17. 2011. 'Gender, Poverty and Microfinance: Interrogating Women's SHGs in West Bengal' in S. Raju and K. Lahiri-Dutt (eds) *Doing Gender Doing Geography*, Routledge, New Delhi, pp: 129-154, ISBN: 978-0-415-59802-6.
18. 2011. 'NREGA and Rural Poverty' in Bhabesh Sen and Mitali Chinara (eds) *Economic Development and Poverty in India*, New Century Publications, New Delhi, pp.110-131 (Jointly with Mrinal Mondal), ISBN: 978-81-7708-292-0.
19. 2009. 'Poverty Gender and Reproductive Health: A case Study of Self-Help Groups in Burdwan, West Bengal' in Sujit Kumar Paul (ed) *Poverty, Health and Development*, Commonwealth Publishers Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, pp. 336-354, ISBN: 978-81-311-0247-3.
20. 2007. 'Marginal Lives in Marginal Lands: Livelihood Strategies of Women-Headed, Immigrant Households in the Charlands of the Damodar, West Bengal' in Sumi Krishna (ed) *Women's Livelihood Rights: Recasting Citizenship for Development*, September 2007, Sage-India Publications, New Delhi, pp. 99-120 (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt).
21. 2005. 'Close Rural-Urban Interactions in India: Evidences from Burdwan and its Surrounding Region, West Bengal' in K. R. Gupta (ed) *Urban Development Debates in the New Millennium: Studies in Revisited Theories and Redefined Praxes*, Vol. 2, Atlantic Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi, pp. 190-211 (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt) ISBN: 81-269-0390-2.

Articles (National Journals)

1. 2023. *Population Geography*, Journal of Association of Population Geographers of India, Vol. 44, No. 2, December 2023, pp. 117-124, ISSN No. 0256-5331.
2. 2022. 'Claiming Space: Locating women in Indian Geography', *Population Geography*, Journal of Association of Population Geographers of India, Vol. 44, No. 1, June 2022, pp. 66-74, ISSN No. 0256-5331.
3. 2021. 'Reading Urban Theories and Texts: Reflections from a Small Town of the Global South' *Population Geography*, Journal of Association of Population Geographers of India, Vol. 43, No. 2, December 2021, pp. 125-130, ISSN No. 0256-5331.
4. 2021. 'Sustainable Development Goals and Some Uneasy Questions' *Population Geography*, Journal of Association of Population Geographers of India, Vol. 43, No. 1, June 2021, pp. 139-146, ISSN No. 0256-5331.
5. 2020. 'Beyond Binaries in Geography: Rural and Urban', *Population Geography*, Journal of Association of Population Geographers of India, Vol. 42, No. 2, December 2020, pp. 117-122, ISSN No. 0256-5331.
6. 2018. 'Pashchimbanger sasyagolar andarmahale: Purba Bardhaman Jelar Krishi smasyar ekti parjalochana (The Agrarian Crisis of the Rice-bowl of Purba Bardhaman District, West Bengal)', *Antarmukh*, 7(3): 38-49, January-March 2018, ISSN: 22493751 (Jointly with Barun Kumal Paul).
7. 2017. 'Diversifying Water Networks in Indian Cities', *Geography and You*, March 2017, 65-67.
2. 2016. 'Bibi-Bahu-Beti' Brigade Periyē (Beyond Wife, Daughter-in-law and Daughter Brigade)' *Arek Rakam*, Vol. 4, No. 16, pp. 38-39 (Jointly with Ria Baerjee).
3. 2015. 'Commuting in Geography of Mobilities', *The Deccan Geographer*, 53 (1): 11-22 (Jointly with Bhaswati Mondal).
4. 2013. 'Mobile Livelihoods: Exploring the Circulatory Migration of Rural Poor of Birbhum District, West Bengal', *Annals*, of the National Association of Geographers India, 33(1): 122-138 (Jointly with Kunal Chakraborty).
5. 2013. 'Paschimbanger Nagarayan' (Urbanization in West Bengal), *Antarmukh*, August-September, pp. 15-25, ISSN: 22493751.
6. 2013. 'Rajniti O Prashasan Ebong Nari' (Politics, Governance and Women), *Antarmukh*, January-March: 15-25, ISSN: 22493751 (Jointly with Ria Baerjee).
7. 2013. 'Urban Territories, Rural Governance' *Agenda: Urban Transition*, Issue 27: 36-38.
8. 2003. 'Gender disparity in literacy in West Bengal', *The Deccan Geographer*, 41 (1): 31-42.
9. 2001. 'Million Cities of India: A Review of 2001 Census Reports', *Urban India*, 21 (2): 97-110 (Jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt).

Feature Article

1. 2013. 'Art on the Move: Rickshaw Painters in Bangladesh' *Transfers*, 3 (3): 131-134.

Newspaper Articles

1. 2023: Saving Banka River in Burdwan, Episode-2, *Natun Chithi*, 11th September.
2. 2023: Saving Banka River in Burdwan, Episode-1, *Natun Chithi*, 4th September 2023.
3. 2023: A few words on Damodar River, *Natun Chithi*, 15th May 2023.
4. 2020: 'We cannot live if they don't' (Oran na banchle amrao banchbona) *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 5th April 2020.
5. 2020: 'How do we save our girls!' (Meyegulike ki bhabe banchabo bolte paren!) *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 7^h March 2020.
6. 2019: 'Municipalities should be financially more independent' (Purosabhagulike arthik bhabe swanirbhar hote habe), *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 14^h December 2019, jointly with Priya Chowdhury.
7. 2019: 'We better learn how to live' (Ki bhabe banchte hai, sikhi), *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 2nd November 2019.
8. 2019: 'Parijayi sramik, samajik suraksha o aagar arthaniti' (Migrant labour, social security and urban economy), *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 10^h November 2019, jointly with Sumita Roy.
9. 2019: 'The dark side of handloom due to the expansion of powerloom' (Jantrik tanter ramromay andhokare hosto chalito tant), *Ananda Bazar Patrika* 25th August 2019, jointly with Rakes Sarkar.
10. 2019: 'When May day is the day of protest' (May dibas jakhan hai pratibader din), *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 5^h May 2019.
11. 2019: 'How long we have to wait to ask a question' (Kotota path perole prashna kora jay), *Ananda Bazar Patrika* 17th April 2019, jointly with Sumana Konar.
12. 2019: 'We need to listen for better work' (Kajer katha mon diye shona), *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 14th March 2019.
13. 2018: 'Beyond the division of we and you' (Amra-Orar Baireo kichhu thake boiki), *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 23rd December 2018, jointly with Sumana Konar.
14. 2018: 'Everyday Life in Mobile Experiencescape' (Nitya diner Chalaman Abhignyatar Deshe), *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 12th August 2018, jointly with Bhawati Mondal.

15. 2018: 'Make in India and construction workers' (Make in India o nirman shramik), *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 1st May 2018, jointly with Kiran Kumar Roy.
16. 2018: 'Do not want any more Masculinity' (Pourush ar chai na), *Indian Express Bangla*, 26th April 2018. <https://bengali.indianexpress.com/feature/postedit-gender-equality/>
17. 2018: 'Possibility of long March of Mumbai in West Bengal' (Mumbai e krishak bikhobh: Paschimbange ki sambhab), *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 5th April, 2018, jointly with Barun Kumar Paul.
18. 2018: 'Other feminism on the question of water use' (Jal byabohare samya chaite anyo naribad), *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, 22nd March 2018, jointly with Kaberi Konar.

Bengali Series on Urban Studies

1. Sahar Bhabna (Thinking About Cities), Swastha-O-Manush

Journal Series: Population Geography

2. Geo-Reflections

Keynote Address

1. International Conference on 'Structural Transformation and Indian Labour Market', Organised by the Centre for Public Policy & Governance, Goa Institute of Management, Goa, 15-16 June 2023.

Invited Extension Lectures (Abroad)

1. 2023: The World of Water in South Asia: Flowing across Boundaries and Disciplines, Dhar India Studies Program, Indiana University, Bloomington Campus, USA, 12th October 2023.

Panel Organized in Seminar / Conference

1. **The making of 'Other Urban': Explorations through the lens of informality and smallness in Asia**, in the in 11th *International Convention of Asian Scholars*, Leiden University, Netherland, 15-19 July, 2019 (Jointly with Valerie Clerc, CESSMA, IRD, Paris).
2. **Beyond Metropolis: Alternative Urban Asia** in 10th *International Convention of Asian Scholars*, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 20-23 July, 2017 (Jointly with Valerie Clerc, CESSMA, IRD, Paris).
3. **Small towns and informal settlements: Can they learn from each other?** Habitat 3 PrepCom3 Conference, Surabaya, Indonesia, 25-27 July 2016 (Jointly with Valerie

Clerc, CESSMA, IRD, Paris).

Papers Presented: (Abroad)

1. **Hybrid Landscape and Fleeting People: Chars in Deltaic Bengal Connecting Dui Bangla**, International Conference on Dui Bangla: From Environmental Issues to Cultural Perspectives, Organized by INALCO, Paris, 16-17 December, 2019.
2. **Indian Small Cities in the Debate on Making of ‘Other Urban’**, in the in *11th International Convention of Asian Scholars*, Leiden University, Netherland, 15-19 July, 2019.
3. **Beyond metropolitan shadow: The dynamics of small towns and cities in Eastern India** at CESSMA, Paris Diderot University, 28th may 2018.
4. **The development of small cities in India and China: A comparison of governance, infrastructure and services** in International conference on *Shared perspectives upon emergent forms of urban densification in Asia: issues of access to resources (services, housing, employment and land)*, Organized by Hanoi Architectural University, Vietnam, 13-16 November 2017.
5. **Small in size but big in significance: Local economy, mobility and basic services in small cities in India**, in *10th International Convention of Asian Scholars*, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 20-23 July, 2017.
6. **The sustainability of water and sanitation in small cities in India: A critical approach to current practices’** in the Panel on *Small towns and informal settlements: Can they learn from each other?* Habitat 3 PrepCom3 Conference, Surabaya, Indonesia, 25-27 July 2016.
7. **Governing Small Cities in India: A Case of Women in Local Governance** at the Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, 5th April 2016.
8. **Gender and Development in the context of Women’s Works and Livelihoods in India**, at the Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, 4th April 2016.
9. **Feminism and Feminist Movements in India: Indigenous roots and Western influences**, *Centre d’études en sciences sociales sur les mondes africains, américains et asiatiques* (CESSMA), Paris Diderot University, France, 17th March 2016.
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