

CURRICULUM VITAE

Professor Mahua Sarkar

Pro-Vice-Chancellor, The University of Burdwan

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Qualification:	M.A., PH.D.
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Present Position: Total years of Experience: 34 years (Professor for 19 Years)

1. Professor, Dept. of History, Jadavpur University, since 5.6.1999

Administrative Experience

1. Coordinator, DSA-I, UGC, Sap, Dept. of History, Jadavpur University, since 2015 and continuing.
2. Dean, Faculty of Arts, Jadavpur University, June 2016-17
3. Head, Department of History, J.U. for 2 terms, 1997-1999, 2008-10
4. Member of the Court, J.U. for four years
5. External Member, Administrative, Academic, and Expert Committees of UPSC, New Delhi, Jharkhand, School of Social Sciences, JNU, Utkal University, Ravenshaw University, Bombay University, Tirunelveli University, Calcutta University, Burdwan University, Vidyasagar University, Rabindra Bharati University, Aliya University, Netaji Subhas Open University, Gour Banga University and all other Universities of West Bengal

Area of Specialization:

- Social and Cultural History of Modern India, with Particular Reference to Bengal
- Environmental History
- Indigenous Belief Systems and Environmental Sustainability
- Science, Medicine and Public Health
- History of the USA

Research Projects Executed: 10 (National)

- No. of Ph.D Successfully Guided: **25**
- No. of M.Phil Successfully Guided: 69

Awards & Funding:

1. Siksha Ratna Puroskar, Government of West Bengal, 2017
2. Siksha Ratna Puroskar, 2007, India International Friendship Society, New Delhi
3. Special Funding from INSA New Delhi for Project on History of Science, 2007-12
4. Funding from Wellcome Trust Foundation, London, 2007
5. Funding from Exchange Programme, New York University, USA. 2007.
6. Honorary Fellowship for Post-doctoral Research, 2012, Vidyasagar Centre for Indological Studies, Kolkata
7. UGC Junior Research Fellowship for Doctoral Research, 1982, UGC, New Delhi
8. National Scholarship for Standing 1st Class, 1st in Master of Arts, 1980.
9. National Scholarship for Standing 1st Class, 1st in Bachelor of Arts, 1978.
10. National Scholarship for Standing 10th in School Leaving Examinations, 1975.
11. Awarded 9 Gold Medals for B.A and M.A Examinations (for Topping in the Faculty of Arts, Best Girl Graduate And Best All-rounder etc.)

International Exposure (Presented Papers):

- *Kualalampur, Malaysia, 2002, 2016*
- *Warsaw, Poland, 2016*
- *Zurich, Switzerland, 2014*
- *Khulna, Bangladesh, 1996, 1999, 2001, 2012*
- *London Assembly, UK, 2007*
- *Norwich, UK, 2007*
- *Sussex, UK, 2004*
- *Tokyo, Japan, 2004*

Collaborations:

1. Collaboration with University Teknologi PETRONAS as the Coordinator of the UGC DSA-1 SAP, Dept. of History, JU, Kualalampur, Malaysia, 2016
2. Presented 2 Papers in the 24th Conference of European Association of South Asian Studies, Warsaw, Poland, July, 2016.
3. Participated in the Panel on Environment in the 23rd Conference of European Association of South Asian Studies, Zurich, Switzerland, 2014.
4. Speaker on Assimilation and Interpretation of Islamic and Hindu Cultures in 18th and 19th Centuries Bengal, in the 17th Biennial International Conference of Bangladesh Itihas Samiti, Khulna, Bangladesh, 2012.
5. Participated in the Discussion Panel on the Occasion of 250 Years of the Battle of Plassey, London Assembly, UK, 2007.
6. Post-Doctoral Research and Travel Grant Funded by the Wellcome Trust Foundation, U.K., 2007.
7. Invited to Deliver a Special Lecture on Public Health and Indigenous Peoples in India: the Colonial Context, South Asian Research Group, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, 2007.

8. Paper Presenter of the River Damodar and the Ecological Identity of the Santals: A Critical Study, in an International Conference, Sussex, UK, 2004.
9. Paper Presenter in the International Conference on History of Vaishnavism, organized by the International Association of Religion, Tokyo, Japan, 2004.
10. Resource Person of an International Seminar, Kualalampur, Malaysia, 2002.
11. Paper Presenter of Religion and the Family: The Context of Vaishnavism in the United States, Bangladesh, 2001.
12. Paper Presenter in an International Seminar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 1999.
13. Participant in the International Visitor Programme, New York State University, 1997.
14. Paper Presenter in an International Seminar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 1996.

Details of Some Administrative Posts Held:

1. Dean, Faculty Council of Arts, Jadavpur University, June, 2016-January, 2017
2. Head, Department of History, Jadavpur University, 1997-99, 2008-2010
3. Coordinator, DSA-I, UGC, SAP, Dept. of History, Jadavpur University, Since 2015
4. Member, Selection Committee, Dept. of Islamic History and Culture, Calcutta University, 2018
5. Member, Board of Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2015-till date.
6. Member, Doctoral Committee, Dept. of History, Jadavpur University, 2014.
7. Member, Committee for Journal of History, Jadavpur University, 2014.
8. Member, Advisory Board for Award of Medals/ Plaques/ Lectureships, the Asiatic Society, West Bengal, 2014.
9. Evaluator, Public Service Commission, Jharkhand, 2014.
10. Member, Undergraduate Board of Studies, Calcutta University, 2005-till date.
11. Member, Board of Studies, Aliyah University, Sidhu-Kanu University, 2011-12.
12. Member, Historical and Archaeological Committee, the Asiatic Society, West Bengal, 2011-2012.
13. Member, Selection Committee, Dept. of History, University of Calcutta, 2009-12.
14. Member, Board of Studies, West Bengal State University, Vidyasagar University, Netaji Subhas Open University, Burdwan University, 2009-12.
15. Executive Committee Member (henceforth EC), West Bengal History Association (Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad), 2011-12.
16. Honorary Fellow, Vidyasagar Centre of Indological Studies, Kolkata, January-July, 2012.
17. EC Member, Indian History Congress, 2009-10.
18. EC Member, Exchange Programme Participants Alumni Association, USIS, 2009-10.
19. Member, Academic Committee, the Asiatic Society of Bengal, 2009-10.
20. Evaluator, Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi, 2010.
21. Member, Selection Committee, Vidyasagar University, 2010.
22. Member, Board of Studies and Advisory Committee, University of North Bengal, 2005; West Bengal State University, 2008.
23. Member of the Court, the Apex Administrative Body, Jadavpur University, 2006-2010.
24. Secretary, the West Bengal History Association, 2003-2008.
25. EC Member, the Indian History Congress, 2005-2006.
26. Member, Selection Committee, Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi, 2004.
27. Member, Academic Committee, Centre for European Studies, Jadavpur University, 2004-till date.
28. Member, Sub-Committee for Reports of the UGC, Ambedkar Centre of Social Sciences, Jadavpur University, 2004.
29. Resource Person, West Bengal College Service Commission, 2004-2009.

Some Recent Publications (2007-18):

Books & Edited Volumes: 11

Forthcoming Books & Edited Volumes: 3

1. Justice in a Gothic Edifice: The Calcutta High and Colonial Rule in India, Firma KLM, 1997
2. Women in History, eds., Progressive Publishers, 2003.
3. Environment and History: Recent Dialogues, ed., New Delhi, Kalpaz, 2007.
4. Indian Vistas of Environment, eds., New Delhi, Kalpaz, 2007.
5. Situating Environmental History: A Survey Published in the Volume on Lecture Programmes 1-4, 2005-2006, IAAPS, November, 2007.
6. Human Rights and Environmental History, in, C. Palit and M. Sarkar, eds. Indian Vistas of Environment, New Delhi, Kalpaz, 2007.
7. Amit Bhattacharyya, Mahua Sarkar, eds., The Social Systems and The Environment, Setu, 2014.
8. Reflections on Post-Colonial Bengal, Mahua Sarkar, Nirban Bose, Sutapa Ghosh Dastidar, ed. et al., Barrackpore Press, 2016.
9. Environment and the Adivasi World, ed. Manohar, New Delhi and Alphabet Books, Kolkata, 2017.
10. A Collage of Environmental History, ed. Manohar, New Delhi and Alphabet Books, Kolkata, 2017.
11. Glimpses of Environmental History, Mahua Sarkar, Subhasis Biswas, ed. Manohar, New Delhi and Alphabet Books, Kolkata, 2018

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Some Recent Articles – 24

1. Deforestation Crises of Women and Eco-feminism in India in, Mountains and Forests in Indian History, Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata, 2007.
2. Imaging The Ganga: Culture and Ecology of The River, in, M. Sarkar, ed., Environment and History, New Delhi, Kalpaz, Nov 2007.
3. Review Article on Tribalism to Caste in the Journal of the Asiatic Society, Vol 48, No 4, 2007.
4. Derozio and Young Bengal in Kalottirno, Kolkata, 2009.
5. Environmental Disasters and Sustainable Management: A History of North Bengal in Reflections In History: Essays In Honour of Amalendu De, Raktakarabi, 2009.
6. Unis Sataker Bangla Jibon O Jiboncharyya (In Bengali), (Life And Thought In Nineteenth Century Bengal), Presidential Speech of Modern India Session, in Itihas Anusandhan 26, Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad, Kolkata, 2012, ISBN- 978-81-910874-2-0.
7. Justice, Politics and The Contemporary Time: The Court as a Site of Coloniality In Bengal-1862-1915, In The High Court At Calcutta: 150 Years, An Overview, The Indian Law Institute, West Bengal Chapter, A Government of India Publication, 2012.
8. Contributed 4 Entries In Ranjan Chakrabarti, ed., Dictionary of Historical Places: Bengal, 1757-1947, New Delhi, Primus, 2013, ISBN - 978-93-80607-41-2.
9. Public Health and Science Consciousness of the Bengali Bhadramahila: Bamabodhini Patrika In The Referred Journal of PBIS, Itihas-Anusandhan-28, 2013, Isbn-978-81-910874-3-7.
10. Unis Sataker Bangla Gan O Rabindrasangeet In Rabindra-Biksha, 7th August, 2013, (RabindraBhavan, Visvabharati, Santiniketan)
11. Unity and Pluralism: Tagore and His Thoughts on Music and History, Karuna Prakashani, 2014.
12. The Mixed Religiosity of Islam in Bengal in Aniruddha Roy Felicitation Volume, Progressive Publishers, 2014.

13. The Cultural Construction of Gender in Colonial India in *Gender and Modernity*, ed. Amitava Chatterjee, Kolkata, 2014.
14. Women, Law and Social Reform in Bengal in *Gender Sensitization, Empowerment and Distance Education*, NSOU, 2014.
15. Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar: A Practical Visionary For Progress (1820-1891), in C. Palit, ed., *Bengali Intellect And Education*, Penman, Kolkata, March, 2014.
16. Gurudas Banerjee: The Educationist (1844-1918) in C. Palit, ed., *Bengali Intellect And Education*, Penman, Kolkata, March. 2014.
17. The Indigenous Belief Systems of The People of The Sundarbans, in *Contemporary West Bengal*, in Amit Bhattacharyya, Mahua Sarkar, Ed. *The Social Systems and The Environment*, Setu, 2014.
18. Indigenous Knowledge System of The Fisherman of Sundarbans In West Bengal And Their Approaches To Health, Sanitation And Climate, Project Report In *Indian Journal of History of Science*: 48.1 (2013), pp. 135-143, New Delhi.
19. The Flora And Fauna and The History of Survival In The Sundarbans, *Reflections On Post-Colonial Bengal*, Mahua Sarkar, Nirban Bose, Sutapa Ghosh Dastidar, Ed. Et Al., Barrackpore Press, 2016.
20. The Place of the City in Environmental History: the site of Calcutta in Early Colonial Times in Manjari Ray ed., *Environmental History of India*, Kolkata, 2015.
21. Women in Twentieth Century Bengal: Historical Perspectives in Chandan Basu, et. al. *Gender, Culture, Politics: Bengal in the 20th Century*, NSOU, Kolkata, 2016.
22. Time, Nature, Property Rights: History of the Jhumur Songs in India in Mahua Sarkar Ed. *Environment and the Adivasi World*, Delhi, 2017.
23. An Environmental History of North Bengal, in Mahua Sarkar Ed. *A Collage of Environmental History*, Delhi, 2017.
24. Disasters and Rivers in Early Colonial Bengal: A Saga of Environmental History in Mahua Sarkar ed. *Glimpses of Environmental History*, Manohar and Alphabet Books, New Delhi, 2018.

Edited 2 volumes of *Journal of History*, Jadavpur University, 1997-1998, 1998-1999

Presented Papers & Chaired in more than 100 Seminars, Symposiums, Conferences, and Workshops throughout India.