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AREAS OF INTEREST/SPECIALISATION

- Early Modern Literature and Culture
- Crime Fiction
- History of the Book
- Textual Criticism

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Awarded an Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Fellowship by the European Union in 2013.
- Awarded the University Gold Medal for placing first in the M.A. in English programme of Jadavpur University, Kolkata, in 2008.
- Awarded the Jogendranath Das Memorial Bronze Medal for placing first in the M.A. in English programme of Jadavpur University, Kolkata, in 2008.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

From	To	Name and Address of Funding Agency / Organization	Position Held
September 2013	August 2016	Freie Universität Berlin / University of Kent	Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Fellow
August 2015	September 2015	Lambeth Palace Library, London	Research Assistant
August 2008	June 2009	School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, Kolkata	Project Fellow

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, Department of English, Ramananda College, Bishnupur, Bankura (November 2019 – Present).

- Guest Lecturer, PG Section, Department of English, Loreto College, Kolkata (2017 – Present).
- Guest Lecturer, PG Section, Department of English, Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata (September 2020 –October 2020)
- Assistant Professor of English, Xavier Law School, St. Xavier’s University, Kolkata (July 2019 – October 2019).
- Lecturer, School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (2013, 2018, 2019).
- Guest Lecturer, Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (2009, 2011, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019).
- Guest Lecturer, Department of English, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, Belur (July 2013 – August 2013).
- Guest Lecturer, PG Section, Department of English, Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata (December 2012 – January 2013).
- Guest Lecturer, Department of English, Scottish Church College, Kolkata (September 2012).

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Member, IQAC Sub-Committee (Criterion II), Ramananda College, Bishnupur (Bankura) (November 2019 – Present)
- Conference Organizer, International Conference, “Renaissance Man: Re-Appraisal and Re-Invention”, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (14 – 16 November 2019).
- Course Coordinator, Post-Graduate Certificate Course in Editing and Publishing, School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (January 2019 – April 2019)
- Course Coordinator, Post-Graduate Certificate Course in Editing and Publishing, School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (January 2018 – April 2018).
- Course Coordinator, Post-Graduate Certificate Course in Editing and Publishing, School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (December 2012 – March 2013).
- Secretarial Assistant, UGC Refresher Course 2010, Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (December 2009 – January 2010).

PUBLICATIONS

(List of Journals / Proceedings / Chapter(s) in Books)

2020

- Somnath Basu. “The Voice of Reason: Archbishop Abbot on the Essex Divorce Case.” *Critical Imprints* 8 (2020): 63–76. ISSN: 2319-4774

2016

- Somnath Basu. “Dropping the Right Names: The Politics of Dedication in Anthony Munday’s Anti-Campion Pamphlets.” *Jadavpur University Essays and Studies* 30 (2016): 117–131. (ISSN: 0975-3478).

2014

- Somnath Basu and Sudipto Sanyal. “Scelerata Populusque Romanus: The Idea of Rome in Twentieth-Century Crime Fiction.” In *Alternative Modernities in Europe, Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference of Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies, Transilvania University of Braşov*, edited by Andrei Bodiu, Rodica Ilie, Adrian Lăcătuş and Georgeta Moarcăş, pp. 217–229. Cluj-Napoca, Romania: Casa Cărţii de Ştiinţă, 2014.

2012

- Somnath Basu. “A Tale of Two Armchairs: Futrelle con(tra) Conan Doyle.” *Appropriations* 8 (2012): 236–243. (ISSN: 0975-1521).

2010

- Somnath Basu. “Men of the Moment: Horatio and Fortinbras in *Hamlet*.” *Jadavpur University Essays and Studies* 24 (2010): 45–52. (ISSN: 0975-3478).

2008

- Somnath Basu. “Reliving an Era: The World of Begum Akhtar.” Review of *Ae Mohabbat...: Reminiscing Begum Akhtar*, by Rita Ganguly. *Oxford Bookstore Review*. 7 January 2009. http://www.oxfordbookstore.com/dotcom/oxford/archives/oxford_bookstore_review/book_review/ae_mohabbat/index.htm.

RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- **Title of Conference:** 9/11 and the Beginning of the End of Liberal Democracy: Fictional Perspectives
Conference Type: International
Organized by: Centre for Advanced Study, Department of English, Jadavpur University
Duration: 27 – 28 February 2018
Title of Paper: “This, Too, Shall Pass: Late Night Comedy, Muslim Stereotypes, and Symbolic Exchanges in the Post-American Century”
Additional Information: This paper was co-presented with Dr. Sudipto Sanyal (currently Assistant Professor of English at Techno India University, Kolkata).
- **Title of Conference:** Seventh RefoRC Conference
Conference Type: International
Organized by: Reformation Research Consortium (RefoRC), hosted by LEUCOREA, Wittenberg, Germany
Duration: 10 – 12 May 2017
Title of Paper: “E Unibus Pluram: Robert Browne and Sectarianism in 1580s England”
- **Title of Conference:** Protestantism and Political Rebellion in Early Modernity
Conference Type: International

Organized by: Department of English and German Studies, University of Granada, Granada, Spain

Duration: 1 – 2 December 2016

Title of Paper: “Protestations in Print: English Catholicism and the Royal Supremacy in 1580s England”

- **Title of Conference:** Reading Early Modern Studies Conference 2015
Conference Type: International
Organized by: Early Modern Research Centre, University of Reading, Reading, The United Kingdom
Duration: 6 – 8 July 2015
Title of Paper: “Dropping the Right Names: The Politics of Dedication in Anthony Munday’s Anti-Campion Pamphlets”
Additional Information: This paper was later revised and submitted for publication to the peer-reviewed journal *Jadavpur University Essays and Studies*. It was published in Volume 30 (2016 issue) of the journal (see Publications in the curriculum vitae for details).
- **Title of Conference:** Fifth RefoRC Conference
Conference Type: International
Organized by: Reformation Research Consortium (RefoRC), hosted by the Katholiecke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
Duration: 7 – 9 May 2015
Title of Paper: “‘... how unjustlie the Protestants doe charge...’: An Examination of a Catholic Response to William Burghley’s *The Execution of Iustice in England* (1583)”
- **Title of Conference:** Worlds Made of Heroes: On the 60th Anniversary of the Publication of J. R. R. Tolkien’s *The Fellowship of the Ring*
Conference Type: International
Organized by: Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto, Porto, Portugal
Duration: 6 – 7 November 2014
Title of Paper: “Wandering Wastrels, False Friars: Antifraternalism and Allegory in Medieval England”
- **Title of Conference:** Contemplating Early Modernities: Concept, Content & Context (TEEME Annual Conference 2014)
Conference Type: International
Organized by: Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Text and Event in Early Modern Europe (TEEME), hosted by the Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany
Supported by: The European Union
Duration: 30 October – 2 November 2014
Title of Paper: “Rogues, Recusants and the Righteous: The Campion Controversy in Print”
- **Title of Conference:** Through the Looking Glass – Negotiating Perceptions and Identities of Britons in the 16th-19th Centuries (Interdisciplinary Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Workshop)

Conference Type: International

Organized by: University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, The United Kingdom

Duration: 31 May 2014

Title of Paper: “Between Faiths: George Ellyot, Espionage and Catholic Recusancy in Sixteenth-Century England”

- **Title of Conference:** Alternative Modernities in Europe: Second International Conference of Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies
Conference Type: International
Organized by: Faculty of Letters, Transilvania University of Braşov, Braşov, Romania, and the Romanian Association of General and Comparative Literature (ALGCR)
Supported by: Municipiul Braşov, Romania
Duration: 7 – 8 June 2013
Title of Paper: “Scelerata Populusque Romanus: The Idea of Rome in Twentieth-Century Crime Fiction”
Additional Information: This paper was co-presented with Dr. Sudipto Sanyal (currently Assistant Professor of English at Techno India University, Kolkata). It was later revised and submitted for publication to the peer-reviewed conference volume *Alternative Modernities in Europe, Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference of Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies*. It was published in 2014 by Casa Cărţii de Ştiinţă (see Publications in the curriculum vitae for details).
- **Title of Conference:** Re-Interrogating American Studies - History, Culture, Identity
Conference Type: National
Organized by: Department of English, Bankura Christian College, Bankura, West Bengal
Supported by: The University Grants Commission, New Delhi
Duration: 18 – 19 September 2012
Title of Paper: “A Tale of Two Armchairs: Futrelle con(tra) Conan Doyle”
Additional Information: This paper was later revised and submitted for publication to the peer-reviewed journal *Appropriations*, published by Bankura Christian College. It was published in Volume 8 (the 2012 issue) of the journal (see Publications in the curriculum vitae for details).
- **Title of Conference:** Staged Encounters: History, Society, Identity and Shakespeare International Shakespeare Conference
Conference Type: International
Organized by: Centre for Advanced Study, Department of English, Jadavpur University
In collaboration with: The Shakespeare Association of America
Supported by: The British Council, East India
Duration: 18 – 20 December 2008
Title of Paper: “Men of the Moment—Horatio and Fortinbras in *Hamlet*”
Additional Information: This paper was later revised and submitted for publication to the peer-reviewed journal *Jadavpur University Essays and Studies*. It was published in Volume 24 (the 2010 issue) of the journal (see Publications in the curriculum vitae for details).

- **Title of Conference:** Changing Worlds/Changing Words: Literature and Literary Studies: All India Students' Seminar
Conference Type: National
Organized by: ASHISS Programme, Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
Duration: 31 March – 1 April 2008
Title of Paper: “Reconquistas: History and Narrative in *Age of Empires II*”
- **Title of Conference:** Milton in His Time: International Milton Quaternary Conference
Conference Type: International
Organized by: Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
Duration: 16–18 January 2008
Title of Paper: “Erasmus in the Works of John Milton”

RESOURCE PERSON

- **External Resource Person (National Level),** Certificate Course in Publishing, Department of English, Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar (14 – 15 September 2019, 8 – 9 December 2019).
- **External Resource Person,** Department of English, Surendranath College for Women, Kolkata (26 March 2019). Delivered a special lecture entitled, “How New Was the Renaissance? Continuity, Collaboration and Complicity.”
- **External Resource Person,** Post-Graduate Certificate Course in Editing and Publishing, School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (2010, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2020). Taught editing-related skills and delivered lectures on various aspects of publishing in different editions of the course.
- **External Resource Person,** Department of English, Loreto College, Kolkata (20 February 2015). Delivered a special lecture entitled, “Revisiting Victorian Culture: Text, Context, Event, Relevance.”

PERSONAL DETAILS IN BRIEF

Date of Birth	:	29.05.1985
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