

Curriculum Vitae

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Assistant Professor August, 2019- Present
- **Institutional Affiliation:**
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- **Designation**
Guest Faculty November, 2021- November 2023
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Education:

- **Bachelor of Arts** 2013
First class First,
Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

- **Master of Arts** 2015
First class First,
Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- **Master of Philosophy** 2017
Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- **Doctor of Philosophy** 2017- 2022
Department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Research Interests:

- History of Medicine
- Public Health in Colonial India
- Social History of Medicine
- Public Health Policies of Postcolonial India
- Environmental History

Fellowship:

2017-2019

- Fellowship awarded for ‘History of Medicine’ from the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, India under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Seminar Presentations:

- “Disease and Dissemination: Leprosy research at the Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine from 1914-1955,” *Indian History Congress*, Kolkata, December, 2017.
- “Mind, Memory and Space: Situating Colonial Calcutta with reference to the Foreign Travelogues, Memoirs and Contemporary sketches: 1803-1897,” in *the 5th International Congress of Bengal Studies*, at Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh from 25th-28th January, 2018.
- “Institutionalization of Leprosy Researches in Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine (CSTM) and other Programmes from 1920s to 1950s,” *Indian National Science Academy (INSA)*, New Delhi, March 16th -18th, 2018.
- “‘Female Lepers’, Caring Minds: Gender, Identity and Diseased bodies in the Missionary Leper Asylums of Colonial Bengal c.1890s to 1940s,” in *Two Day National Seminar on Gender in Indian History, organized by Indian Council of Social Science Research*, Kolkata, September 20th-21st, 2019.
- “Enlivening Gandhi: the Constructive Program and Gandhi’s idea on *Swaraj* and Public Health,” in *One Day National Seminar on ‘Revisiting Gandhi at 150’* jointly Organized by Dept. of Political Science department, Presidency University, Kolkata and Council of Political Studies on 28th January, 2020.
- “The Imperial Perils: ‘*Texts*’ on tropical diseases for the colonial Medical Officers c.1870 to 1914,” in *Two Day National Conference on ‘History of Medicine: Health Care in India’*, jointly organized by ICHR and Dept. of History, Vidyasagar University, 18th-19th February, 2020.
- “A Feverish Affair: Politics on Yellow Fever in Colonial India 1913 to 1947,” in *Two Day National Conference on ‘Science, Technology and Medicine in the History of*

Modern India, jointly organized by the Amity University of Social Sciences, ICHR and SHOT, 21st-22nd April, 2022

- “In the Name of Care: Leprosy in Colonial Orissa, 1870s to 1940s”, in INSA sponsored First Annual Seminar of the Society for the History of Science, Kolkata on *Science, Medicine, and Environment: An Appraisal of the Colonial and Postcolonial Experiences of India*, in Association with NCSM and the Asiatic Society, Kolkata on 4 and 5 December 2023.
- “the Wretched of the Raj: Leprosy Patients in the Hospitals and Dispensaries of Colonial Bengal, c. 1873-1946”, in the Two-Day International Seminar on *Science, Medicine, and Society in Colonial Bengal* organized by Deshabandhu Mahavidyalaya, Chittaranjan on 5 and 6 February, 2024.

Publication:

Journals:

- “Institutionalization of Leprosy Researches in Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine (CSTM) and other Programmes from 1920s to 1950s,” *Indian Journal of History of Science*, vol.53, issue 4 (2018): T147-T152.
- “Seeking the ‘Truth’ from ‘Enumerating’ Numbers: Leprosy in Census and Public Health Reports of Colonial Bengal: 1890s-1940s,” *Indian Historical Review*, vol. 47, no. 2 (December, 2020): 223-246.
- “Enlivening Gandhi and Sanitary Nationalism: Transmuting Health into Materialization of *Swaraj*,” *Studies in History*, vol. 39, no. 1 (July 2023): 1-24.

Book Chapters:

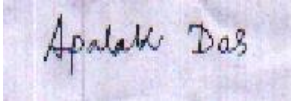
- “Transforming the Space: the ‘Tribal Mind’ through the Survey of Bengali Literature”, in *A Collage of Environmental History* ed. by Prof. Mahua Sarkar (Kolkata: Alfabeta Books, 2017)
- “Gender, Identity and Disease: Female ‘Lepers’ in the Missionary Leper Asylums of Colonial Bengal, c. 1884 to 1946”, in *Historical Essays in Memory of Subhasis Biswas* ed. by Prof. Mahua Sarkar (Kolkata: Alfabeta Books, 2021).
- “Otherizing the ‘Infirm’: the Lepers Act of 1898 in Colonial Bengal, c.1898-1920”, in *Health has a History: Revisiting Bengal*, ed. by Suvankar Dey (Kolkata: K. P. Bagchi and co., 2021).
- “The Empire, the Raj and the Cattle: Fathoming the Calcutta Epizootic of 1864 and Cattle Diseases in Nineteenth Century Bengal”, in *Situations and Contexts: Narratives on Nineteenth Century Bengal* ed. by Prasanta Ray (Kolkata: Hyphen, 2022), 55-76.
- “The Uncouth Woes: The Prevalence of Venereal Diseases in the British or European Troops in India, ca.1864 – 1918”, in *Epidemic Encounters: Communities, and Practices in the Colonial World*, eds. by Poonam Bala and Russel Viljoen (Maryland: Lexington Books, 2023), 41-64.

Book Review:

- Shinjini Das, Vernacular Medicine in Colonial India: Family, Market and Homoeopathy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019, pp. xiv+292, in *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, vol. 62, no. 4 (January 2021): 261-66.

Book:

- Empire and Leprosy in Colonial Bengal (Abingdon: Routledge, 2024)

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