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| Designation | | Associate Professor | | | |  |
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| Education | | | | | | |
| Subject | | Institution | | Year | Details | |
| History | | University of London | | 2004 | PhD | |
| History | | Jawaharlal Nehru University | | 1999 | M Phil | |
| Modern Indian History | | Jawaharlal Nehru University | | 1997 | MA | |
| Career Profile | | | | | | |
| Organisation / Institution | | Designation | | Duration | Role | |
| Jamia Milia Islamia | | Assistant Professor | | 2006--2009 | Teaching and Research | |
| University of Delhi | | Assistant Professor | | 2009 – Present | Teaching and Research | |
| Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore | | Research Fellow | | 2004--2006 | Teaching and Research | |
| Research Interests / Specialization | | | | | | |
| Modern Indian History | | | | | | |
| Teaching Experience (Subjects/Courses Taught) | | | | | | |
| Courses taught at the MA programme: Problems in the Rise and Growth of Capitalism Labour History Contemporary India 1947-1964 Asian Borderlands South East Asia and Anthropology Margins of History History, Culture and Politics of Eastern India Courses taught at the M Phil programme: Course 3, Course 2, Course 1. PhD: Enrolled: 4 students Awarded: 1 M Phil: Enrolled: 2 | | | | | | |

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| Awarded: 4 | |
| Honors & Awards | |
| February 2019: | Faculty Research Travel Grant from CAS II, Department of History |
| August 2015--- August 2017: | Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi |
| 2015: | Charles Wallace Grant |
| 2014: | Research and Development Grant, University of Delhi. |
| 2014: | Foreign Travel and Maintenance Grant from the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi. |
| May 2008 – August 2008 | British Academy-AHRC-ESRC Visiting Fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London. |
| September 2003 – September 2004 | Wingate Scholarship from the Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation, London |
| September 2000-- September 2003 | Commonwealth Scholarship from the Commonwealth Commission in the United Kingdom for a Ph.D. at SOAS, University of London. |
| July 1999-- July 2000 | Ph.D. Research Fellowship from the Indian Council for Social Science Research. |
| Publications (LAST FIVE YEARS) | |
| BOOKS | |
| 2011 <i>Becoming a Borderland: The Politics of Space and Identity in Northeastern India</i> (Routledge India, Delhi and London: 2011; 2015, 2017: Reprints). | |
| 2015 Paperback edition with a revised Introduction | |
| The book has been reviewed in the following academic journals: | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Seminar</i> 2. <i>Indian Economic and Social History Review</i> 3. <i>Indian Historical Review</i> 4. <i>Social Scientist</i> 5. <i>The Book Review</i> 6. <i>Biblio</i> 7. <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> | |

IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

- 1998:** 'Colonial Intervention in the Naga Hills: 1840 - 1880', *Economic and Political Weekly*, December 19, 1998, Vol.33, no.51.
- 2005** (With Tejaswini Niranjana) , 'Thinking Through 'Region'', *Economic and Political Weekly*, October 29, 2005, Vol. 44 & 45.
- 2005** 'Changing Frontiers and Spaces: The Colonial State in Nineteenth Century Goalpara', *Studies in History*, Vol. 21, July – December, 2005.
- 2006** 'Redrawing frontiers: language, resistance and the imagining of a Goalparia people', *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Vol. 43:2, 2006.
- 2007** *New Subjectivities: Writing Histories in Colonial Goalpara and Assam*, Indian Council of Historical Research, North East Regional Centre, Guwahati.
- 2007** 'Law, Migration and New Subjectivities: Reconstructing the Colonial Project in an Eastern Borderland', *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Vol. 44, No. 4, 2007
- 2015** New introduction for the paperback reprint of *Becoming a Borderland: The Politics of Space and Identity in Northeastern India* (Routledge India, Delhi and London: 2011).
- 2018:** 'The sovereignty of political economy: The Garos in a pre-conquest and early conquest era', *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 55, 3 (2018): 345–387
- 2019:** "Bengali Communities in Colonial Assam." In the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History. Ed. David Ludden. New York: Oxford University Press. (Published May 2019. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190277727.013.123>)
- 2021:** Peasants, Colonialism, and Sovereignty: The Garo rebellions in eastern India. *Modern Asian Studies*, 1-37. doi:10.1017/S0026749X20000426
- 2021:** 'The Customs of Conquest: Legal Primitivism and British Paramountcy in North Eastern India', *Studies in History*, Vol. 38, Issue 2, August 2021. DOI: 10.1177/02576430211042143

IN ANTHOLOGIES

- 2006** 'Negotiating Frontier Spaces: Narratives and the Idea of a 'Goalparia Identity'', in Sukalpa Bhattacharjee and Rajesh Dev (eds.) *Ethno-. Narratives, Identity and Experience in Northeast India*, Anshah Publications, New Delhi.
- 2012** 'Practices of sovereignty, practices of the market: reimagining spatial histories of northeastern India', in Swarupa Gupta ed., *Nationhood and Identity Movements in Asia*, Manohar, 2012.

Book Reviews:

- 2006** 'Interrogating the 'Region'', *Region, Culture and Politics in India* by Rajendra Vora; Anne Feldhaus, *Economic and Political Weekly*, June 24, 2006.
- 2008** Review of Samir Das (ed.) *Blisters on Their Feet, Tales of Internally Displaced Persons in India's North East*, in *Third Frame: Literature, Culture and Society*, Cambridge India Press, Volume 1,

No.4.

- 2009** Review of Satish Saberwal and Mushirul Hasan (eds.) *Assertive Religious Identities: India and Europe*, in the *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, April-June 2009, Vol. XLVI, No.2.
- 2012** Review of Sajal Nag's, *Pied Pipers in North East India, Bamboo Flowers, Rat Famine and the Politics of Philanthropy, 1881-2007* in the *Indian Historical Review*, Vol. 38 (2)
- 2012** Review of Bengt G. Karlsson, *Unruly Hills: Nature and Nation in India's Northeast*, Orient Black Swan, Delhi, 2011. Pages: 336, *Economic and Political Weekly*, February 4, 2012 Vol xlvi no 5
- 2014** Review of Paula Bannerjee's *Borders, Histories, Existences, Gender and Beyond*: Paula Banerjee, Sage Publications, 2010, Delhi, *Indian Historical Review*, Vol 41.1.
- 2014** Review of Gunnel Cederlof, *Founding an Empire on India's Northeastern Frontiers, 1790-1840; Climate, Commerce, Polity*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2014, *Seminar*, May 2014.
- 2014** Review of Rita Kothari, *Memories and Movements: Border and Communities in Banni, Kutch, Gujarat*, Orient Blackswan, 2013, *Summerhill*, IAS, Shimla.
- 2014** Review of Jayeeta Sharma, *Empire's Garden: Assam and the Making of India*, Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2011, in *Agricultural History*; Summer 2014, Vol. 88 Issue 3.
- 2016:** Review of Neilesh Bose, *Recasting Region*, in *Indian Historical Review*, Vol. 43, No. 1.
- 2017:** Review of Madhumita Sengupta, *Becoming Assamese: Colonialism and New Subjectivities in Northeast India*, in *Economic and Political Weekly*, November 4, 2017 vol. 52, no 44.
- 2019:** Review of Jangkhomang Guite's, *Against State, Against History: Freedom, Resistance, and Statelessness in Upland Northeast India*, Oxford University Press, 2018, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Vol. 56., No. 4, October -December 2019.
- 2020:** Review of Arupjyoti Saikia's *Unquiet River: A Biography of the Brahmaputra*, Oxford University Press: 2019, *The Book Review*, April 4 2020.

Select conferences/seminars/workshops:

2003

'Appropriating the 'Frontier': History Writing and Goalpara in Colonial Assam'---paper presented at the South Asia History Seminar at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, March 2003.

2004

Talk titled 'New Research Methodologies', Department of English, Bangalore University, November 2004.

2005

Lecture titled 'New Classifications: Law, Cultural Difference and the Late Colonial Subject in Goalpara', Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore, November 2006.

2006

Lecture titled 'Writing New Histories in Assam', New Lecture Series, Department of History, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam, February 2006.

2006

'In a Rhythm of Their Own: Narratives of Resistance from Colonial Goalpara' ---paper presented at a National Seminar on '*Cultural Pluralism and Identities: Rethinking Culture and Politics in Northeast India*', North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, 18th – 19th March 2006.

2006

'Language, resistance and the imagining of a Goalpara people'---paper presented at a National Seminar on '*Cultural Transformation in the North East: Continuity and Change*', Dibrugarh, March 2006.

2006

Lecture titled 'Erased histories, Forced Boundaries: A Story from Colonial Goalpara', Lecture Series, Indian Council of Historical Research, Guwahati, July 8, 2006.

2007

'Telling a Different Story: Reclaiming Histories and New Subjectivities from Colonial Northeast India'----paper presented at a SEPHIS-SEASREP International Workshop on '*The Master Narrative Challenged: Dominant Histories and Emerging Narratives*', Cebu, Philippines, 31st January-- 2ndFebruary 2007.

2007

Lecture titled 'Telling a Different Story: Narratives from Resistance from Colonial Northeastern India', organised by the Manipur Research Forum, Delhi, February, 2007

2007

'Of Borderlands and Unfamiliar Stories: Goalpara's Alternative Narratives of Language'---paper presented at an Indian Council of Historical Research International Seminar on '*Identity, Emotion and Culture: The Languages and Literatures of South Asia, 900 C.E.---2000 C.E.*', North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, 15th to 18th May 2007.

2008

'Connected Histories, Disconnected Borders: Refashioning Borderland Spaces in Colonial Northeastern India'---paper presented at an International Conference on '*Northeast India and Its Transnational Neighbourhood*', Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, 17th-18th January, 2008. Organisers: International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands and Asian Borderlands Research Network, and Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

2008

'Being Fluid: Cultural Identities in a Northeastern Borderland'---paper presented at a National Conference on '*Towards a New Understanding of North East India*' organized by North East India Studies Programme, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 23-25 January, 2008

2008

'Between Borders: Writing Histories of Borderland Identities in Northeastern India' – paper presented at a Seminar on '*Contested Space and Identity in the Indian North East*', Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, 14th February 2008.

2008

'Overlapping Sovereignities: Markets and Authority in the Eastern Borders' –paper presented at a Seminar on '*Reviving the Silk Route*', Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia, 24-25 March 2008

2008

Discussant---Workshop on 'Savage Attack: Adivasi Insurgency in India', University of London, Royal Asiatic Society, London, 30 June - 1July, 2008.

2008

'Becoming a Borderland: The Politics of Language in India's Northeastern Borderland'-- paper presented

at *The Indian Council of Historical Research National Seminar on Colonialism, Ethnography and State in North East India*, October 2-4, 2008, Manipur University, Imphal.

2008

'Ethnic Conflict in Northeastern India and the Politics of Space' ---paper presented at the Indian Social Science Congress, Jamia Millia Islamia, 21 December, 2008.

2009

'Becoming a Borderland: Space and Identity in Northeastern India' --- paper presented at the International Seminar on *Writing the Northeast: New Historical Perspectives*, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 14-16 January 2009.

2009

'Recovering Forgotten Connections: Markets and Exchange in India's Northeastern Borderlands' ---paper presented at a Preliminary Workshop for the 15th *World Economic History Congress*, at the Graduate Schools of Economics and Business Studies, Keio University, Tokyo, 15th – 16th March, 2009.

'Recovering Forgotten Connections: Markets and Exchange in India's Northeastern Borderlands' – paper presented at a panel at the 15th *World Economic History Congress*, Utrecht, Netherlands. August 6, 2009.

2009

Lecture at the Department of History, University of Delhi. 'Becoming a Borderland: the politics of space and identity in northeastern India', 30th September 2009.

2010

Paper presented: 'Borderlands as 'Regions': Mapping Transgressions', North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Department of Political Science, SAP NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL FORCES AND POLITICS OF REGIONALISM IN NORTH EAST INDIA", March 10-11, 2010.

2010

Discussant for the panel 'Reading the Languages of Law', Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 6th December 2010.

2012

Discussant, AILH 9th International Conference on Labour History at V.V. Giri National Labour Institute Noida, 22nd- 24th March 2012.

2012

Discussant, Two day workshop: "Forests, Sociality, Borderlands: revisiting issues in Deltaic Bengal", Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 6th and 7th July 2012.

2012

Paper presented: 'Ethnoterritorialism and Northeastern India' at 'Making Sense of Contemporary India', One-day International Workshop co-organised by King's India Institute, King's College London and Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, Teen Murti House, New Delhi, 12 September 2012

2012

Discussant, Two day Conference: 'Rivers and Flood Plain: Landscape and Identity in the Brahmaputra Basin', Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 26-27 November 2012

2014

Lecture titled 'Living at the Margins', St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, 6th March 2014

2016

Lecture titled "Ordering and Orienting Spaces: The Ecology of British Imperialism," in a workshop titled 'Borders in Global South', 19 February, 2016, at the Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

2016

Lecture titled 'The Primitive': Trade, Tribute and Territory in the Garo Hills', Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 29th July, 2016.

2017

Talk titled "The Sovereignty of Political Economy: The Garos in the Pre Conquest Era', Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 21st July, 2017.

2017

Lecture titled 'The Garos: Becoming 'Savage' under Colonial Modernity', Department of History, University of Delhi, 25 October 2017.

2018

Lecture titled 'Ordering and Orienting Spaces: the Ecology of British Imperialism', St Stephen's College, University of Delhi, 21 February 2018.

2019

Lecture titled 'The Ecology of British Imperialism: Ordering and Orienting Spaces in Frontiers', Department of History, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, 11th February, 2019.

2019

Lecture titled 'Political Economy and the State: Staging and Embedding Space' in a panel discussion titled Thinking Space in/through History, Department of History, Miranda House College, University of Delhi, 5th March 2019.

2019

Lecture titled 'The Order of Spaces in 'Frontiers': Ethnicity and the Politics of Territoriality' at 4th 2-Week Refresher Course in Comparative Studies from 31 October to 11 November 2019 Refresher Course on Comparative Studies, UGC-HRDC, Jamia Millia Islamia.

2020

Lecture titled 'Historicising the 'Tribe' in northeastern India and elsewhere', at a seminar titled "The Indigenous: North-East India and its Tribes", organized by the North East Society, Miranda House College, University of Delhi, 21st January 2020

2020

Lecture titled 'The 'tribe' as State Effect: The Genealogy of a Category' at the Faculty Development Programme on New Perspectives in the History of North East India, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, 4th August 2020.

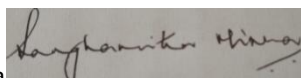
2020

Lecture titled 'Primitivism, Ethnogenesis and the Ecology of British Imperialism: Writing Histories of North East India', at the Refresher Course in History, HRDC, Gauhati University, 7th October 2020

Total Publication Profile optional

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| Public Service / University Service / Consulting Activity |
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| Professional Societies Memberships |
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| Projects (Major Grants / Collaborations) |
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| Other Details |
| <p>Referee for the following journals: <i>Modern Asian Studies</i>, <i>Indian Economic and Social History Review</i>, <i>IACS</i>, <i>Indian Historical Review</i>, <i>South Asian History and Culture</i>, <i>Postcolonial Studies</i>, <i>Journal of Borderland Studies</i>.</p> <p>Referee for the following publishing houses: Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Orient Blackswan, BRILL, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Publications.</p> |

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