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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 RSA Travel Grant by The Renaissance Society of America, New York, USA, in 2024.
- Awarded a travel bursary by the Danish National Research Foundation Centre for Privacy Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2024.
- 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, Aliah University, Kolkata (2025–Present)
- Guest Lecturer, PG Section, Department of English, Loreto College, Kolkata (2017 – Present).
- Guest Lecturer, PG Section, Department of English, Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata (2012 – 2013, 2020 – 2021, 2021 – 2022).
- Assistant Professor of English, Xavier Law School, St. Xavier’s University, Kolkata (July 2019 – October 2019).
- Guest Lecturer, School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (2013, 2018 – 2024).
- Guest Lecturer, Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (2009, 2011, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019–2025).
- Guest Lecturer, Department of English, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, Belur (July 2013 – August 2013).
- Guest Lecturer, Department of English, Scottish Church College, Kolkata (September 2012).

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Head, Department of English, Ramananda College, Bishnupur (Bankura) (July 2023 – June 2025)
- Member and Joint Convenor, Prospectus and Annual Report Sub-Committee, Ramananda College, Bishnupur (Bankura) (July 2020 – Present)
- Member, Journal and In-House Publications Sub-Committee, Ramananda College, Bishnupur (Bankura) (July 2020 – Present)
- Member, Museum Sub-Committee, Ramananda College, Bishnupur (Bankura) (July 2020 – Present)
- Paper Setter for UG End-Semester Examinations, Bankura University (2022 – 2025).
- Paper Setter for PG End-Semester Examinations, Midnapore College (Autonomous) (2022, 2023, 2025).
- Paper Setter for PG End-Semester Examinations, Sadhu Ram Chand Murmu University of Jhargram (2023).
- Head Examiner for UG End-Semester Examinations, Bankura University (2023, 2025).
- Member, IQAC Sub-Committee (Criterion II), Ramananda College, Bishnupur (Bankura) (November 2019 – June 2021).
- 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 Journal Articles / Conference Proceedings / Chapter(s) in Books)

2023

- Sanyal, Sudipto, and Somnath Basu. “The Radical Sadness of Late-Night Television: The Comedy Talk Show in the Shadow of 9/11.” In *Literature and the War on Terror: Nation, Democracy and Liberalisation*, edited by Sk. Sagir Ali, pp. 138–152. London: Routledge, 2023.

2021

- Basu, Somnath. “Indemnity and Indebtedness: Reflections on T. S. Eliot’s ‘What Dante Means to Me’.” In *The Unspoken Words: A Study of T. S. Eliot's Critical Writings*, edited by Sarbojit Biswas and Saptarshi Mallick, pp. 65–75. New Delhi: Alfa Publications, 2021.

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 Bodi, 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:** Teaching in the Digital Age: The Ninth International Conference on English Teaching
Conference Type: International
Organized by: Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, Feng Chia University, Taiwan
Duration: 26 October 2024.
Title of Paper: "Blank Screens, Blank Faces: Teaching English Literature to Students in Rural and Semi-Urban West Bengal during the COVID-19 Pandemic"
Additional Information: This paper was presented online.
- **Title of Conference:** RSA 70th Annual Conference 2024
Conference Type: International
Organized by: The Renaissance Society of America, New York, The United States of America\
Duration: 21 – 23 March 2024
Title of Paper: "Private Worship and Public Censure: Catholics and Protestants in 1580s England"
Additional Information: This paper was presented as part of a panel titled, "Privacy in Context III: Monitoring Believers, Couples and Mobile Individuals", sponsored by the Danish National Research Foundation Centre for Privacy Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- **Title of Conference:** Literary Hotels: Symposium
Conference Type: International
Organized by: The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
Duration: 9 – 10 September 2021
Title of Paper: "Innconveniences: Hotels and Crime in the Works of Agatha Christie"
Additional Information: This paper was presented online.
- **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 Recusansy 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 (at that time an 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: Futelle 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.
- **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)**, Department of English and Foreign Languages, SRM University, Ramapuram, Chennai (31 July 2024): Was invited to deliver an online lecture on 31 July 2024 by the faculty of the Department of English and Foreign Languages on academic publishing and publishing ethics entitled, “The Citation Conundrum: When, Why, How?”, targeted at doctoral researchers, post-doctoral researchers, and academics holding teaching positions.
- **External Resource Person**, Editing and Publishing Course, Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata (June 2024). Was invited to take two online classes on citation ethics and citation styles.
- **External Resource Person (International Level)**, Department of English, Panihati Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata (15 December 2023). Acted as chairperson and respondent for a session of the International Conference, “(Art)ificial Intelligence and the Problems of Language, Thinking, and Writing: Interrogations to Jacques Derrida”, jointly organized by *Tattva: Journal of Philosophy*, CHRIST Bangalore (Deemed-to-be-University), and Panihati Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata.
- **External Resource Person**, Department of English, Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose College, Kolkata (13 June 2023). Delivered a special lecture entitled, “From Gothic Mist to London Fog: The Rise of the Detective Story.”
- **External Resource Person**, Department of English, Gobardanga Hindu College, Gobardanga, North-24 Parganas, West Bengal (28 June 2021). Delivered a special lecture (online) entitled, “Anti-Puritanism in Shakespeare: The Case of *Twelfth Night*.”
- **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.”

SEMINARS / CONFERENCES / OTHER EVENTS ORGANIZED, if any

Name of the Seminar/Conference /Event	Name of the Funding Agency/Organization	Date	Level (International/ National/State, etc.)	Responsibility (Secretary/Convenor/ Treasurer, etc.)
Renaissance Man: Re-Appraisal and Re-Invention	Italian Consulate General, Kolkata & Centre for Advanced Study. Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata	14.11.2026 – 16.11.2026	International	Organizer

HONORS & AWARD RECEIVED, if any

Name of Award	Type of Award	Issuing Organization	Date
RSA Travel Grant	Conference Travel Grant	The Renaissance Society of America, USA	2024
Travel Bursary	Travel Bursary	Danish National Research Foundation Centre for Privacy Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark	2024
Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Fellowship	Doctoral Fellowship	The European Union	2013
University Gold Medal	Academic Award	Jadavpur University, Kolkata	2008
Jogendranath Das Memorial Bronze Medal	Academic Award	Jadavpur University, Kolkata	2008

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- **The Society for Early Modern Studies**
Kolkata, India
Governing Body Member (2025–Present)

- **The Renaissance Society of America**
New York, The United States of America
Ordinary Member (November 2023–Present)

PERSONAL DETAILS IN BRIEF

Date of Birth : 29.05.1985
Date of Joining (Ramananda College): 01.11.2019
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