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## Biographical Sketch

### Education:

- **PhD (2018)** – School of English, Queen’s University, Belfast, UK
  - **Thesis:** *Negotiating Hinduism: Indian Religion in English-language Texts, 1705-1830*
  - **Supervised by** Dr. Daniel S. Roberts and Dr. Ashok Malhotra
- **MPhil (2013)** – Centre for English Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- **MA (2011)** – Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- **MA (2009)** – Department of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

### Grants, Awards, and Distinctions:

- **DEL International Award 2014**, funding PhD study at Queen’s University Belfast
- **Bankim Niranjan Memorial Prize 2012**, Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- **Indu Bhusan Putatunda and Shanti Sudha Putatunda Memorial Award 2008**, Jadavpur University

## Areas of Specialisation and Research

- Literature of the long eighteenth century
- Postcolonial literature
- Fantasy fiction and science fiction
- Popular culture

## Teaching Experience

- **Assistant Professor at St. Xavier’s University, Kolkata, 2019 - present**
- **University tutor at Queen’s University, Belfast, 2015-18**

- Second-year Undergraduate Module ENG2062 (Eighteenth-Century and Romantic Literature)
- First-year Undergraduate Module ENG1001 (English in Transition)
- Guest lecturer at Jawaharlal Nehru University, August-November 2011
  - B.A. Tool Course ES248E (Reading Strategies for Specialized Texts) at the Centre for English Studies

### Administrative Responsibilities

- Head of the Department
- Chairperson, Board of Studies
- Convenor, Departmental Research Committee
- Member, Research Advisory Council (RAC) and Research & Development (R&D) Cell
- Editor, University Journal
- Member, Publication Board
- Member, Faculty Council
- Member, Academic Council
- Member, Scholarship Committee

### Publications

#### Chapter/Article published in Books

- (2021) **“Exile and Epistemic Violence in Alexander Dow’s Account of Hinduism.”** In *Strangers and Pilgrims: Spatial Metamorphoses of Religion in the English-speaking Worlds (17th-21st Centuries)* [French title: *Etrangers et voyageurs: Métamorphoses spatiales du religieux dans les mondes anglophones (XVIIe-XXIe siècle)*]. Eds. Rémy Bethmont, Yannick Deschamps and Cyril Selzner. Paris: Atlande. ISBN: 9782350307206.
- (2021) **“Virtual Slaves, Real Profits: Commodity Fetishism and the Massively Multiplayer Online Roleplaying Game.”** In *Inhabiting Cyberspace in India: Theory, Perspectives, and Challenges*. Eds. Simi Malhotra, Kanika Sharma, and Sakshi Dogra. New Delhi: Springer Nature. Print ISBN: 978-981-15-9933-0. Online ISBN: 978-981-15-9934-7. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-9934-7\\_11](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-9934-7_11)
- (2016) **“‘Synthetik Love Lasts Forever’: Sex Dolls and the (Post?)human Condition”**, *Critical Posthumanism and Planetary Futures*, Edited by Makarand R. Paranjape and Debashish Banerji. Springer, New Delhi. Pp 91-112, ISBN: 978-81-322-3635-1
- (2018) **“Pather Panchali (Song of the Road)”**, *Happy Browsing: An Anthology in Praise of Bookfinders*. The Lifeboat and The Tangerine, Belfast. Pp 18, ISBN: 978-0993584176

## Article published in Peer-reviewed journals

- (2021) **“To Unawaken’d Earth’: Paul Carter’s Archipelagic Poetics of Decolonisation”** in *Postcolonial Studies* 24.4 [Taylor & Francis]. 2021. ISSN: 1368-8790 (Print), 1466-1888 (Online). DOI: 10.1080/13688790.2021.1986951.
- (2019) **“The Other Orientalists.”** Review of *Unfabling the East*, by Jürgen Osterhammel, Trans. Robert Savage. In *Postcolonial Studies* 21.2019. ISSN: 1368-8790 (Print) 1466-1888 (Online). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13688790.2019.1649806>
- (2017) **“Prince and Princess of Wales in India: Archive Film, 1905”**, *Poetry Ireland Review* 122, Pp. 104, ISSN: 0332-2998