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RESIDENCE

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EDUCATION

University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India

PhD in Anthropology **2015**

Thesis: Craft, Culture and Economy of the Traditional Weaving in West Bengal

University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India

M.Sc. in Anthropology, Specialization: Social-Cultural Anthropology **2005**

Dissertation: The Changing Cotton Weaving Tradition in West Bengal: An Anthropological Case Study

Narashina Dutta College, Howrah, India

B.Sc. in Anthropology **2003**

AWARDS

Junior Research Fellowship (UGC NET-JRF), University Grants Commission (UGC)
administered by University of Calcutta **2007**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Government General Degree College, Singur, West Bengal

Assistant Professor (Stage 2)– Anthropology **From 10th
June,
2019-Present**

1. Teaching Basic Anthropology to Undergraduate Level Students on a Regular Basis,
2. Designing of Course Curricular,
3. Carrying out Practical Sessions with Explanation about the Purpose and the Procedures
4. Carrying out examination and evaluation of answer scripts

Government General Degree College, Singur, West Bengal

Assistant Professor (Stage 1)– Anthropology **From 10th
June, 2015- 9th
June 2019**

1. Teaching Basic Anthropology to Undergraduate Level Students on a Regular Basis,
2. Designing of Course Curricular,
3. Carrying out Practical Sessions with Explanation about the Purpose and the Procedures
4. Carrying out examination and evaluation of answer scripts

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Cultural Research Institute, BCW Department, Govt of WB, Kankurgachi, West Bengal

Research Investigator

**From 11th April
2013 to 9th June
2015**

1. Carrying out Identification studies on different Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and Other Backward Communities of West Bengal
2. Carrying out sample survey and collection of basic information for categorization of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and Other Backward Communities of West Bengal
3. Writing of research proposals, data collection and report writing for various Centrally Sponsored Projects

Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal

UGC-NET Senior Research Fellow

**From February,
2010 to February
2013**

1. Identification research problems and carrying out ethnographic fieldwork studies
2. Collection and analysis of field-level information
3. Writing of research articles and publication of those in academic journals of national and international repute
4. Participation in National/International level Seminars and conferences

Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal

UGC-NET Junior Research Fellow

**From February
2008 to February
2010**

1. Identification research problems and carrying out ethnographic fieldwork studies
2. Collection and analysis of field-level information
3. Writing of research articles and publication of those in academic journals of national and international repute
4. Participation in National/International level Seminars and conferences

National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, India

Field Investigator

**March 2006 to
July 2006**

1. Collecting and compilation of information for two projects namely Evaluation of Positive Deviance Programme in West Bengal' and 'Assessment of Nutritional Status of <5 years Children' among the children of district Vaishali in Bihar

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Banerjee, A.** (2022) "Digital Ethnography: Exploring the Scope of Studying Culture from a Distance during the Pandemic" to *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*, 57(3), 267-281. ISSN NO: 00194387, UGC-CARE Group I.
2. **Banerjee, A.** (2022) "The Story of Writing and Publishing a Research Article: An Autoethnographic Account of an Early Career Researcher (ECR) in India". *The Qualitative Report*, 27(8), 1445-1461. ISSN NO: 10520147, UGC CARE Group II.
3. **Banerjee, A.** and G.K. Chakrabarti. (2022) "The Sociotechnical System of Silk Weaving in Bishnupur Region in West Bengal", *Journal of South Asian Development*, 17(1): 108-133. ISSN NO: 0973-1741, E-ISSN NO: 0973-1733, UGC-Care Group II.
4. **Banerjee, A.** (2020) "Towards an Ethnography on Mass Media Discourses on Covid-19" *Manabjamini: A Dossier of COVID-19 Pandemic*, Volume 2. Government General Degree College, pp. 11-27, Singur: Arunima Printing Works. ISBN No: 978-81-8211-162-2.
5. **Banerjee, A** and Malakar, B et. al. (2020) "Commercialization of a Craft Tradition: A Study on Dokra Artisans Living in Dariapur Region in West Bengal." *The Eastern Anthropologist*, 73(3-4): 587-613. ISSN: 00128686 (UGC CARE Listed Journal No 320)

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6. **Banerjee, A** and Chakrabarti, G.K (2020). "Exploring the Effect of Globalization on Silk Weaving Tradition of Bishnupur Region in West Bengal, India. *The Oriental Anthropologist*, 20(1): 60-81. ISSN NO: 0972-558X, E-ISSN NO: 0976-3430.
 7. Makal, A, **Banerjee, A**, Polley, K and B. M. Das. (2018) "Continuity and Change among Koras of Bindukata: An Ethnographic Re-analysis", *Asian Journal of Social Science*, 46(1-2):52-78. ISSN NO: 15684849, E-ISSN NO: 15685314, (UGC Listed Journal No. 1266).
 8. Makal, A, **Banerjee, A**, Roy, A, Hazra, S and K. Polley. (2017) "Issues and Problems in Agricultural Development: A Study on the Farmers of West Bengal." In: S. Bhui, Mita Sarkar Das, and Palash Chandra Coomer (Ed.), *Development among the Tribal and Minority Societies*, Pp. 179-190. New Delhi: Gian Publishing House. ISBN NO 987-9351-282-42-6.
 9. **Banerjee, A**, Polley, K, Makal, A and B.M. Das. (2017) "The Insiders' Experience of an Undergraduate Level Ethnographic fieldwork Training in India", *The Qualitative Report*, 22(8):2308-2330. ISSN NO: 10520147, (UGC listed Journal No. 32391).
 10. **Banerjee, A**. (2016) "Understanding some of the key factors responsible for Transformation within an Indian Cotton Weaving Tradition". *Asian Journal of Social Science*, 44(4-5): 571-599. ISSN NO: 15684849, E-ISSN NO: 15685314, (UGC Listed Journal No. 1266).
 11. **Banerjee, A**. (2016) Book Review: *Romanticism Remembered: Verrier Elwin After Fifty Years*, editors: Dr. Gautam Kumar Bera and Dr. K Jose SVT, associate editor: M. Antony STV, B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi, 2016, viii-229 Pages HB. Rs.1250/-, ISBN: 9789350502556. *Anthropos India* 2(2): 189-193. ISSN: 23948396.
 12. **Banerjee, A**. (2015) "Fieldwork in Anthropology and Its Evolution: A Brief History" in Manabjainin, Vol 1, ed. Jayanta Chaudhuri, 134-139. Government General Degree College, Singur: Patrakatha Publication. ISBN NO: 9788192438849
 13. Polley, K, **Banerjee, A** and A Makal. (2015) "Relations between Rock Art and Ritual Practice: A Case Study from Eastern India". *Archeological Research in Asia*, 3: 34-48. E-ISSN No: 23522267, UGC listed Journal No. 8186.
 14. **Banerjee, A**. (2014). "WADI Project in Bankura District: A Study on Government-Non Government Organization (NGO) Collaboration", *Bulletin of Cultural Research Institute*, XXV (1&2):63-74. Issn: 00112895.
 15. **Banerjee, A**. (2014) "Bharatiya Tant-Shilpa Bonam Bhogbad o Punjibad". *Pratidhwani the Echo*, 3(2):126-130. ISSN NO: 23219319, E-ISSN NO: 22785264, UGC listed journal No. 47694.
 16. **Banerjee, A**, Ckarkaborti, G.K. and A Das. (2013) "A New Beginning in Medical Anthropology: Scope and Relevance of Pharmaceutical Anthropology in India". *Eurasian Journal of Anthropology*, 4(2): 51-57 2013. ISSN NO: 21667411, (UGC listed Journal No. 44129).
 17. **Banerjee, A**, Polley, K, Roy, A, Makal, A, Chakraborti, G.K. and A. Das. (2012) "Materiality Revisited: Relevance of Material Culture Studies in Contemporary Era". *Journal of The Department of Anthropology*, 14&15:1-14.
 18. Halder, D, Das, A, **Banerjee, A** and S Hazra. (2012) "At the Core of Care: An Ethnographic study of Government Hospital in an Indian Metropolis". *Journal of The Department of Anthropology*, 14&15:73-107. ISSN: 22496181.
 19. **Banerjee, A**, Das, A and G.K. Chakraborti. (2011) "Tricks and Truths of Drug Marketing: An Insider's Experience of an Indian Pharmaceutical Organization". *Asian Journal of Social Sciences*, 39(5):581-604. ISSN NO: 15684849, E-ISSN NO: 15685314, UGC Listed Journal No. 1266.
 20. Roy, R, **Banerjee, A**, Makal, A and K, Polley. (2011) "Kurshiburu: A Newly Discovered Rock-Art Site in Eastern India" in XXIV Valcamonica Symposium on Art and Communication in Pre-literate societies organized by CENTRO CAMUNO DI STUDI PREISTORICI, Italy.
 21. **Banerjee, A**, Ckarkaborti, G.K. and A Das. (2011) "A Study on the Dimensions of Marginalization among the Handloom Weavers of Begampur". *Journal of Indian Anthropological Society*. 46:31-46. ISSN NO: 00194387, UGC Listed Journal No 11059.
 22. **Banerjee, A**, Ghosh, S, Das A. and D Chatterjee. (2010) "An Anthropological Study on Medical Practices in an Urban Indian Setting". *Journal of The Department of Anthropology*, 12&13: 29-41.
 23. **Banerjee, A**, Chakraborti, G.K. and A Das. (2010) "Weavers and their Woes: A Study of the Problems of the Traditional Weavers Living in the Margins of Kolkata Metropolis. *Journal of The Department of Anthropology*, 12&13:51-73.
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1. UGC Sponsored **31st Orientation Programme** at UGC-HRDC, The University of North Bengal from **02.08.2017 to 29.08.2017**.
2. UGC Sponsored **1st Refresher Course in Research Methodology and Data Analysis for Social Sciences** at UGC-HRD Center, The University of Burdwan from **14.11.2018-04.12.2018**.
3. UGC Sponsored **Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in Social Sciences** at UGC-HRDC, Ranchi University, Ranchi from **02.02.2022 to 15.02.2022**

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

National Level

- Presented a paper titled “Weavers and their Woes: A Study of the Problems of the Traditional Weavers Living in the Margins of Kolkata Metropolis” in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Human Diversity in India: Issues and Perspectives, (Under DSA, phase III & ASIHSS Programme) held on 21st to 23rd December 2005 at Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta.
- Attended three day National Seminar on Marginalization in Urban and Rural context of India held on 8th to 10th March 2007 organized by Asiatic Society, Kolkata.
- Attended the UGC Sponsored National Seminar and Workshop on Social Exclusion and Needed Action held on 24th to 26th March 2008 at University of Calcutta.
- Presented a paper titled “Learning the Tricks of Successful Conversion: Understanding the Trade being a Medical Representative” in UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Human Diversity: the Emerging Perspectives held on 27th and 28th March, 2008 at Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta.
- Attended the Golden Jubilee Celebration inaugural session on “The Personality of Anthropological Teaching and Research in India” held on 12-13 March, 2010 organized by Indian Anthropological Society (IAS) in collaboration with Indian Museum, Kolkata.
- Presented a paper titled “Impact of Pharmaceuticals on the Health Care Practices: A Study on the Intermediaries of Pharmaceutical Nexus in an Indian Urban Setting” in UGC Sponsored “The National seminar on Diversity, Change and Ethics in Human Worlds’ held on March and April, 2010 organized by the Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta.
- Presented a paper titled “Technology and Workplace: A Study on the Politics of Weaving in Begampur” in UGC Sponsored “The National seminar on Diversity, Social Exclusion, Backwardness & Development held between 23rd and 25th March, 2011 organized by Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta and Center For Studies in Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy(CSSEIP).
- Jointly Presented a paper titled “Kantabahal: A Neolithic Site of Eastern India” in UGC Sponsored “The National seminar on Diversity, Social Exclusion, Backwardness & Development held between 23rd and 25th March, 2011 organized by Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta and Center For Studies in Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy(CSSEIP).
- Jointly Presented a paper titled “Kurshiburu: A Newly Discovered Rock Art site of Eastern India” in UGC Sponsored “The National seminar on Diversity, Social Exclusion, Backwardness & Development held between 23rd and 25th March, 2011 organized by Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta and Center For Studies in Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy(CSSEIP).
- Participated in Bhuvan Workshop held on 2nd February, 2012 organized by Indian space Research Organization and University of Calcutta.
- Jointly Presented a paper titled “Issues and Problems in Agricultural Development” in UGC Sponsored ‘National Level Seminar on Human Resource Development: An Insight of the Physical and Social Sciences held between 2nd and 4th February, 2012, organized by Department of Anthropology, Mahishadal Girl’s College.
- Attended the National Seminar on ‘Understanding Human Diversity: Anthropological and Museological Perspective held on 8th and 9th March 2013 organized by Indian Anthropological Society and Indian Museum.
- Attended West Bengal Higher Education Department Sponsored, State Level Seminar on Contribution of Religious studies to the formation of reason as a precondition to modernity held on 9th October 2015, organized by Government General Degree College, Singur.

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- Presented a paper entitled “Handloom Weavers’ Cooperative in Dhaniakhali, Hooghly: A Case Study” in 104th Indian Science Congress, held between 3rd to 7th January 2017 organized by Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati.
 - Presented a paper entitled “A Study on the Role of Women Workers in three Handloom Weaving Traditions in West Bengal” in UGC sponsored National Seminar on Anthropology in the Present Era, held between 23rd and 24th March 2017 organized by Department of Anthropology, University of North Bengal in Collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and Anthropological Survey of India (ASI).
 - Presented a paper entitled “A Reflection on an Undergraduate Level Fieldwork Training Program in India” in Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology and Biotechnology Sponsored National seminar on Human ‘Diversity and Development: Local to Global Perspective’, held between 28th and 29th March 2017 organized by Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta.
 - Attended Ministry of Tribal Affairs Sponsored National Seminar on Tribal Development in West Bengal, held between 15th and 16th June 2017, organized by Cultural Research Institute, Tribal Development Department, Government of West Bengal.
 - Presented a paper entitled “Prospect and Possibility of Preserving the Cultural Heritage in Two Handloom Weaving Traditions: A Pragmatic Analysis” in Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology and Biotechnology Sponsored National seminar on Bio-Cultural Heritage of Eastern India, held between 28th and 29th March 2018 organized by Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta.

International level

- Presented a paper titled “Silent Loom: The Story of Marginalized Weavers” in UGC Sponsored International Seminar on Human Diversity in Perspective held on 6th to 8th March 2007 at Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta.
- Delivered an Invited Lecture titled “Handloom Items and Handloom Weavers: Future of GI Registration and its Prospects” in the International Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights for Youth and celebration of World IP Day 2022 at WBNUJS on 26.04.2022

ONLINE CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

- International Webinar on Covid-19: the Disease Prevention and Control organized by IQAC, Government General Degree College, Singur on 2nd July 2020.
- National Webinar on “Anthropological Response to Covid 19” organized by Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi on 7th July 2020.
- Workshop on “The Craft of Research Methodology: Advances and Applications” organized by Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, from 27th to 29th July 2020.
- National Webinar on “Holistic Approach of Anthropology” organized by Department of Anthropology, Arya Vidyapeeth College in collaboration with IQAC from 24th to 26th August 2020.
- State Level webinar on “E-Waste” organized by Department of Computer Science and IQAC, Government General Degree College, Singur on 17th August 2020.
- Two-day Webinar entitled “Covid-19 and Social Stigma: Psychological Quest and Administrative Challenges” organized by NSS cell, Government General Degree College Singur, 27th August and 2nd September 2020.
- One-day webinar on “Awareness about Mosquito-Borne Diseases during Covid-19 Pandemic” organized by NSS cell, Government General Degree College Singur on 21st September 2020.

MEMBERSHIPS

1. Life members of **Indian Anthropological Society**, Kolkata
 2. Life member of **Indian Science Congress Association**,
 3. **Editorial Board Member** of “**The Qualitative Report**”, a journal published by Nova Southeastern University, Florida, USA
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Indian Handloom Industry,
- Economic Anthropology
- Medical Anthropology, Pharmaceutical Anthropology
- Material Culture,
- Rock Art
- History of Anthropology
- Sustainable Development