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## *Soumyanetra Munshi*

### EMPLOYMENT

#### Associate Professor

ERU, ISI Calcutta

November 2019 - present

#### Assistant Professor

ERU, ISI Calcutta

May 2015 - 2019

#### Assistant Professor

IGIDR

October 2013 - April 2015

#### Assistant Professor

Economics and Social Sciences Area,

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB)

June 2009 - November 2014

### VISITING POSITIONS

- VISITED CARDIFF UNIVERSITY DURING MAY 27 - JUNE 7 2018.
- VISITED UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY, USA, DURING MARCH 1 - 31, 2017.
- VISITED RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, NJ, USA, DURING FEBRUARY 22 - 29, 2017.
- VISITED INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE (ISI) KOLKATA DURING MAY - JUNE 2014 (WHILE AT IGIDR, MUMBAI).
- VISITED INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH (IGIDR) DURING JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2012 (WHILE AT IIMB).
- VISITED ÉCOLE NORMALE SUPÉRIEURE (ENS), CACHAN, FRANCE DURING JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2011.

## EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D. in Economics, Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey, USA  
(May 2009)

*(Dissertation Advisor: Prof. Tomas Sjostrom*

*Dissertation Title: Essays on Democratization and Taxation)*

M.A. in Economics, Rutgers University, NJ, USA (2004-2006)

(First class)

M.S. in Q.E. (Master of Science in Quantitative Economics), (2002-2004)

Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Calcutta, India

(First class, first)

B.Sc. in Economics (Honors), (1999-2002)

Presidency College, Calcutta, India

Economics (Major), Mathematics and Statistics (Minor)

(First class, first)

Higher Secondary, Ravenshaw College, Cuttack, (1997 - 1999)

Under the Council of Higher Secondary Education Orissa, India,  
(Mathematics, Statistics, Economics, Philosophy)

((First position in first division in the state of Orissa, 98.8% aggregate  
marks, Gold medallist))

Secondary Examination (Madhyamik), (1997)

from Loreto (Bowbazar), Calcutta, under West Bengal Board of  
Secondary Education

(First division, School topper, 82.63% aggregate marks)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Political Economy, Public Economics
- Microeconomic Theory, Industrial Organisation
- Game Theory and its Applications
- Economic History, Economic History of Women

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

### PAPERS

1. **Minimum Age of Marriage, Dowry and Investment in Daughter's Human Capital: A Game-theoretic Exploration;** (Jointly with Kaushiki Roy) *Journal of Economic Development*, Volume 50, Number 2, 97 - 120, June 2025.
2. **Conflict with Third-Party Intervention and Revenge: A Game-Theoretic Exploration,** (Jointly with Puja Mukherjee) *Defence and Peace Economics*, 34 (6), 767 - 790, 2023.
3. **Clientelism or public goods: dilemma in a 'divided democracy',** *Constitutional Political Economy*, 33 (4), 483 - 506, January 2022.
4. **Criminality and clientelism: a game-theoretic exploration,** *Indian Economic Review*, 2021, vol. 56, issue 2, No 5, 375-403
5. **Violence amidst Virus: An Essay on Conflicts in the World and at Home in times of a Pandemic.** Chapter in *The COVID-19 Pandemic, India and the World, Economic and Social Perspectives*, Edited By Rajib Bhattacharyya, Ananya Ghosh Dastidar, Soumyen Sikdar, ISBN 9781032114965, September 30, 2021 by Routledge India
6. **Violence amidst Virus: A Game-Theoretic Exploration of Conflict during a Pandemic,** 2020, *Theoretical Economics Letters*, 10, 1292-1306. (doi: 10.4236/tel.2020.106079)
7. **Jaw-jaw and war-war: A game-theoretic exploration of violence in electoral politics,** 2019, *Indian Economic Review*, 54:203-237. DOI 10.1007/s41775-019-00060-7.
8. **Multi-player, Multi-prize, Imperfectly Discriminating Contests** (Joint work with André de Palma), 2018, *Methodology and Computing in Applied Probability*, (Online link: [https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11009-018-9628-1?wt\\_mc=Internal.Event.1.SEM.ArticleAuthorAssignedToIssue&utm\\_source=ArticleAuthorAssignedToIssue&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=AA\\_en\\_06082018&ArticleAuthorAssignedToIssue\\_20190510](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11009-018-9628-1?wt_mc=Internal.Event.1.SEM.ArticleAuthorAssignedToIssue&utm_source=ArticleAuthorAssignedToIssue&utm_medium=email&utm_content=AA_en_06082018&ArticleAuthorAssignedToIssue_20190510))
9. **On Government-industry Nexus And Indigenous Armed Resistance,** 2017, *Defence and Peace Economics*. (Online link to article: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10242694.2017.1354172>)
10. **'Arranged' Marriage, Education and Dowry: A Contract-Theoretic Perspective** (2017) *Journal of Economic Development*, Vol. 42, Issue 1, Pg. 35 -71.
11. **An  $L^p$ -norm based Approach to Measuring Inter-distributional Inequality** (Joint work with Ritabrata Munshi) (2017) *Economics Bulletin*, Vol. 37, Issue 2, Pg. 1113 -1121.

12. **Analyzing Conflict within a Contested Land: the case of Kashmir** (2013) *Defence and Peace Economics*, Vol. 24, no. 3, Pg. 261-292.
13. **A Generalization of Berry's Probability Function** (Joint work with André de Palma) (2013) *Theoretical Economics Letters*, Pg. 12-16. (Open access to article available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.4236/tel.2013.35A2003>)
14. **On Existence of Pure Strategy Equilibrium with Endogenous Income** (2011), *Social Choice and Welfare*, Vol. 37, No. 1, Pg. 1- 37.
15. **Enfranchisement from a Political Perspective** (2011), *Constitutional Political Economy*, Vol. 22, Pg. 21 - 57.
16. **Partisan Competition and Women's Suffrage in the United States** (2010), *Historical Social Research/Historische Sozialforschung*, Vol. 35, No. 3, Pg. 351 - 388.

## BOOKS

17. **An Alternative Paradigm of Democratization: A Game-Theoretic Model and Empirical Evidence** (2009) published by VDM Verlag Publishers

## WORKING PAPERS

- **Lobbying and Enforcement: An Economic Exploration**  
(Available at SSRN 5124590)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- Exploring distribution and lobbying in various game-theoretic frameworks like bargaining, in games of incomplete information.

## INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Invited contribution on teaching economics at the school level, "From esoteric to enlightening", Pg. 24 -27, *Teacher Plus Magazine - special issue on Economics*, (supported by Azim Premji University) May - June 2016.
2. **Education and Dowry: An Economic Exploration** (2012) *IIM Kozhikode Society & Management Review*, Vol. 1 no. 2, Pg. 111-120.

3. 'Of Acorns and Anganwadis' published as 'Thought Leader of the Week' in an online education portal 'India Education Review'
4. 'The plough or the pen?' published as 'Thought Leader of the Week' in an online education portal 'India Education Review'. Reprinted in 'Pallikkutam' (Magazine on Education), volume 1, issue 2, February 2013
5. An appraisal of the recommendations by the Lyngdoh Committee pertaining to campus politics submitted to an NGO (Centre for Public Policy Research, Door no.28/3656, 1st floor, Sonoro Church Road, Elamkulam, Kochi, Kerala, India- 682020)

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

1. Paper "Lobbying and Enforcement: An Economic Exploration" presented at the QSMS (Quantitative Social and Management Sciences) seminar series on 26th May 2025, at **Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME) Budapest, Hungary**.
2. Paper "Lobbying and Enforcement: An Economic Exploration" presented at **Vienna University of Economics and Business, Vienna, Austria**, on May 19th, 2025.
3. Paper "Lobbying and Enforcement: An Economic Exploration" presented at the Departmental Seminar Series of **Jadavpur University**, on November 22, 2024, Kolkata.
4. Paper "Conflict with Third-Party Intervention and Revenge: A Game-Theoretic Exploration" presented at **IIT Kanpur** on April 6th 2023.
5. Paper "Violence amidst Virus: A Game-Theoretic Exploration of Conflict during a Pandemic", presented at **4th International Conference on The Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship** (Feb 27-29, 2020, Münster, Germany) - held virtually.
6. Invited Lecture titled : "Criminality and Clientelism: A Game-theoretic Exploration" in SERI 2019, held during July 13-14 2019 in **IIT Kanpur**.
7. Invited lecture titled "Criminality and Clientelism: A Game-theoretic Exploration" in UGC-DSA funded conference on "Contemporary Issues in Development Economics" in the **Department of Economics, Calcutta University** (December 10 2018)
8. Invited lecture titled "Jaw-jaw and War-war: A Game-theoretic Exploration of Violence in Electoral Politics" in **Bristol University, UK** (May 31 2018)
9. Invited lecture titled "Jaw-jaw and War-war: A Game-theoretic Exploration of Violence in Electoral Politics" in **Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) Mumbai** (April 4 2018)

10. Invited lecture titled “Jaw-jaw and War-war: A Game-theoretic Exploration of Violence in Electoral Politics” in **IIT Kanpur** (April 2 2018)
11. Resource person for Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) at **IIT Kanpur**, March 2018 (session titled ‘Signalling Games’)
12. Invited lecture titled “On Government-Industry Nexus and Indigenous Armed Resistance” at **Auburn University, Alabama, USA** (March 24 2017)
13. Invited lecture titled “On Government-Industry Nexus and Indigenous Armed Resistance” at **University of California, Irvine, USA** (March 9 2017)
14. Presented at the **Eastern Economic Association Conference in New York, USA** (Feb 23 - 26 2017)
15. Paper “On Government-Industry Nexus and Indigenous Armed Resistance” presented at **Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA**, February 22, 2017
16. Invited lecture titled “On Government-Industry Nexus and Indigenous Armed Resistance” at **IIT Madras, Chennai** (December 21 2016)
17. Paper “On Government-Industry Nexus and Indigenous Armed Resistance” presented at the **European Public Choice Society Meeting held in Freiburg, Germany**, during March 28 - April 2, 2016.
18. Paper ‘On Government-Industry Nexus And Indigenous Armed Resistance’ presented at the **Jadavpur University: XXIVth Annual Conference on Contemporary Issues in Development** (December 20, 22, 23, 2014)
19. Paper ‘Arranged Marriage, Education and Dowry: a contract-theoretic perspective’ presented at department seminar in ISI Calcutta, June 2014
20. Paper ‘Analyzing Conflict Within a Contested Land: the Case of Kashmir’ presented at Jadavpur University, Department of Economics, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Calcutta, and Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (CSSS) Calcutta, Nov/December 2013
21. Lectures (two) on ‘Game Theory’ as guest lecturer at **Mount Carmel College, Bangalore** in September 2013
22. Seminar session on ‘Game Theory’ at **Christ University, Kengeri Campus, Bangalore** on April 2013
23. Resource person for Refresher Course at Christ University, Bangalore, April 2013 (session titled ‘Game Theory’)
24. Paper ‘On Existence of Pure-strategy Equilibrium with Endogenous Income’ presented at **Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) Mumbai**, on September 23, 2012
25. Paper ‘Enfranchisement from a Political Perspective’ presented at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) Mumbai, on February 1, 2012

26. Paper 'Enfranchisement from a Political Perspective' presented as Departmental Seminar, **Department of Management Studies, IISc.**, on March 4, 2011
27. Paper 'Enfranchisement from a Political Perspective' presented as **Hotelling Seminar, organized by École Normale Supérieure (ENS), Cachan, France** on February 8, 2011
28. Paper 'Analyzing Conflict Within a Contested Land: the Case of Kashmir' presented at the 6th Annual Conference on Growth and Development' organized by **ISI Delhi**, during December 16 -18, 2010

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### AT ISI

- Game Theory 1 (MSQE I) - July 2023 - December 2023, July 2024 - December 2024, July 2025 - ongoing (current semester)
- Basic Economics (MSQE I) - July 2019 - December 2019, July 2020 - December 2020, July 2021 - December 2021.
- Groups, Identities and Economic Development at ISI, January 2019 - April 2019, February 2021 - July 2021
- Microeconomics (B. Stat.) at ISI, July 2018 - December 2018
- Political Economy at ISI (MSQE II), January 2025 - May 2025, January 2024 - May 2024, January 2023 - May 2023, January 2022 - May 2022, January 2020 - May 2020, January 2018 - May 2018, January 2017 - May 2017, January 2016 - May 2016, July 2016 - December 2016
- Introductory Microeconomics (M. Stat.) July 2017 - November 2017

### PRIOR TO ISI

- Public Economics at IGIDR, January 2014 - May 2014, January 2015 - April 2015 (M.Sc., M. Phil.)
- Managerial Economics at IIMB, June - August, 2013 (MBA)
- Theories of Production and Consumption at IIMB, June - August 2013 (Ph.D.)
- Game Theory and Mechanism Design at IIMB, December 2012 - February 2013 (Ph.D.)
- Advanced Microeconomics I at IIMB, June - August, 2010, 2011 (Ph.D.)

- Advanced Microeconomics II at IIMB, September - November 2009, 2010, 2011 (Ph.D.)
- Introduction to Applied Game Theory at IIMB, December 2009 - February 2010, June 2010 - August 2010, 2011 (MBA)
- Public Economics at Rutgers University, Fall 2006 (undergraduate)
- Expository English Writing (for the English Department) at Rutgers University, Fall 2008 (undergraduate)

## REFEREEING

- Economic Modelling
- Arthaniti
- Defence and Peace Economics
- Oxford Development Studies
- Microeconomics Textbook published by Sage Publishers
- Agricultural Economics Textbook published by Pearson
- Economics bulletin
- IIMB Management Review (IIM Bangalore Publication)

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Invited as a judge for Colloquium (which is one of the various competitions) that were held during the three days of YESM (Young Economist Students' Meet) at the Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, from the 17th to 19th of February 2025.
- Invited as speaker in the Yukti '23 series hosted by IGTS Hansraj, New Delhi (gave an online talk on Bargaining Theory on November 28th 2023)
- Podcast on the economics related to arranged marriage, education and dowry has been released on Spotify and other major podcast platforms by Economics Society, Hindu College, University of Delhi. Link to podcast: [https://open.spotify.com/episode/3f3Ebsc7o2NetCO4z4eDhj?si=9I-JYhy6TBCWT-KVSUMM9g&utm\\_source=whatsapp](https://open.spotify.com/episode/3f3Ebsc7o2NetCO4z4eDhj?si=9I-JYhy6TBCWT-KVSUMM9g&utm_source=whatsapp)
- Winner of Asian Literary Society's Wordsmith Award Contest 2020 (English Poetry) for her poem entitled "An Elegy for the Unborn".

- Peter Asch Memorial Scholarship awarded to an outstanding student working on her dissertation in applied Microeconomics, Rutgers University (2008)
- Graduate School Teaching Assistantship in the Writing Program of the department of English of Rutgers, awarded for the year 2008 - 2009
- Rie Ashizawa Memorial Award in Economics for outstanding performance in the qualifying examinations, Rutgers University (2006)
- Sidney Brown Prize in Economics for outstanding performance and promise in the first two years of graduate study, Rutgers University (2006)
- Graduate School Teaching Assistantship in the department of Economics, awarded for the years 2005 - 2006, 2006 - 2007 and 2007 - 2008
- Debesh-Kamal Scholarship, awarded on an all-India basis to the best student in Social Science, for pursuing higher studies abroad, Ramakrishna Mission, India (2004-2005)
- Rai BahadurJogendranath Scholarship to the best student in Social Sciences for pursuing higher studies abroad, Calcutta University, (2004-2005)
- J.C. Sinha and U.N. Ghoshal Prize for the best performance in B.Sc. Honors Examination, Presidency College, (2002)
- Dr. Anil Kumar Bhattacharyya Memorial Prize for best performance in all-College Science examination, Presidency College, (2002)
- Nirmal Kanti Majumdar Prize for outstanding performance throughout in Presidency College, Presidency College (2002)
- Gold Medallist in state-level Higher Secondary Examination, Council of Higher Secondary Education, Orissa, India (1999) (topping the state with 98.8% marks which was a record for the state)
- National Scholarship for outstanding academic performance throughout, Government of India

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### AT ISI

#### ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENT

- Convenor, JRF (Junior Research Fellow) Admission Committee (2025) (corresponding to PhD admission in universities)
- Convenor, MSQE Admission Committee (2024)
- Member B.Stats Admission Committee (2023)
- Member of B.Stat. Admissions committee (2017)
- Committee member for evaluating and selecting students for Dr. N.S. Iyenger and Sanghamitra Das Memorial gold medal award 2022-24
- Submitted a detailed [Gender-Responsive Budgeting Report to MoSPI](#), with details about total strengths of female students, financial outlay for female students etc., in October 2023.
- On moderation panel for first semester final examinations 2023, second semester final examination 2023 - 2024, first semester final examination 2024 - 2025, second semester final examination 2024 - 2025, first semester final examination 2025 - 2026
- Member of the Evaluation Committee of Neelarka Roy (who had applied for JRF at ERU under UGC Fellowship Scheme)
- Submitted a proposal under [The Global Initiative of Academic Networks \(GIAN\) inviting Prof Richard McLean for a course on Advanced Game Theory \(titled Nash Equilibrium: Existence and Stability in Strategic and Extensive form Game\)](#)- GIAN is an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, that invites distinguished international faculty to Indian institutions for short-term courses, fostering global knowledge exchange, advanced research, and academic collaboration. The Indian Statistical Institute is a participating institute under this initiative.

#### OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND CULTURAL INVOLVEMENT

- [Organised educational visit of Our Lady Queen of Missions School, Salt Lake](#), on February 10th 2026.
- [Founder-editor of Creative Corner](#) - the first-of-its-kind online platform for showcasing the creative talents of the ISI fraternity - inaugurated on ISI's Foundation Day (December 17 2025) by the then Director Prof Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay - I had anchored a part of the program for the inauguration.

- [Organising and Anchoring Program for Observance Anti-Ragging Day, August 12 2025 \(at PJA\)](#)
- [Member of ICC \(Internal Complaints Committee\)](#) - as a member of ICC, I have been involved in quite a few rather sensitive cases involving elaborate interviews, discussions, and deliberations, with both the complainant and respondent (one of the cases even went to court against all the members).
- [Chairperson of the Cultural Committee](#) (February 2025 - October 2025)
- [Member of Sports and Cultural Committee](#) (2024)
- [Chairperson of the Creche Committee](#) (2024 - to present) - As required by Government regulations, ISI intends to open a creche at its Kolkata campus - this involved extensive scouting for potential venues, listing renovations required for making it child-friendly, detailed discussions with potential service-providers, and so on.
- [Chairperson of Committee for Collection and Compilation of Data related to Participation of Women in various events/activities of the Institute](#) (July 2024 - present) - this data is collected for each unit and then compiled and then sent to the Ministry every three months.
- [Convenor of IWD \(International Women's Day\) Organising Committee 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025](#) - I also anchored the events, sometimes wrote the script for the cultural program and also participated in it - moreover as part of the celebrations, we used to organise various competitions like photography, writing, and art contests, and I used to be one of the judges of the writing submissions. (In fact a report of our celebrations in 2024 even appeared in The Statesman.)
- [Hosted/Anchored the 132nd Birthday Celebrations of PC Mahalanobis](#) on 29th June 2025 at PJA.
- [Organised and hosted “Awareness Programme to commemorate the Eighth Anniversary of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013”](#) in 2021.
- [Hosted “Awareness Programme to commemorate the Thirteenth Anniversary of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013”](#) in 2025.
- [Performed Bharat Natyam and Rabindra Nritya](#) as part of the Cultural Program for Foundation Day celebration at PJA in December 2023.
- [Organised “One-day seminar in honour of Prof. Satya Ranjan Chakravarty”](#) on 16 September 2019 in ERU.
- [Evaluated grant proposals of IIMB](#)
- [Member of committee constituted to look into institutional rankings](#) (July 2016)
- [Member of C-CAIR \(Cell for Cooperation with Academia, Industry and Research Labs\)](#), June 2016
- [Member of the placement committee, ISI Calcutta](#), July 2015.

### WHILE AT IGIDR

- Chaired a Special Talk by Professor M. Kunhaman, TISS, entitled "Political economy: the changing contours" in an Advanced Workshop on Social Theory entitled Social Science and its Frontiers: Problematizations, Interrogations, organized by the Centre for Social Theory, School of Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai on March 26-28, 2015.
- Invited as judge for paper presentation event at Arthanomics, a national-level Economics festival for undergraduates held in August, 2014, at Jai Hind College, Mumbai.
- Participated as member of the organizing committee for the 1st Annual IGIDR-ISIK Doctoral Workshop 2014, held during March 18-19, 2014, at IGIDR

### WHILE AT IIMB

- Nominated by the Director to represent IIMB in a meeting of the Ministry of Rural Development held at New Delhi in 2011
- Organized departmental seminars and participated in other departmental activities (2010, 2011)
- Served in interview committees for FPM and PGP students and academic interns (2011, 2014)
- Participated in question generation for CAT examination (2011)
- Served as Area representative of the library committee (2011)

### PH.D/M.PHIL/THESIS/PROJECT GUIDANCE

#### AT ISI

##### PH.D SUPERVISION

- Supervisor of Kaushiki Roy (2021 - )
- Supervisor of Puja Mukherjee (has been awarded PhD degree in February 2026)

Puja Mukherjee has successfully defended her thesis titled "[Exploring Conflicts and Protests through the lens of Game Theory](#)" on January 20 2026, and has been awarded her PhD degree in the convocation held on February 17th 2026.

One of the chapters of her dissertation "Conflict under Incapacitation and Revenge: A Game-Theoretic Exploration", published in Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy in 2024, has also [won the 8th Walter Isard Annual Award for the Best Article \(2024\) in Peace Economics Peace Science and Public Policy](#).

## MASTER'S THESIS SUPERVISION

- Raunak Chatterjee

Thesis title: "Transfers versus Public Goods: Incumbent's budget allocation problem in a democracy" (July 2024 - May 2025)

- Meghna Sinha Ray

Thesis title: "Why are backward communities backward?" (July 2019 - May 2020)

## MASTER'S PROJECT SUPERVISION

- Syed Md Niyamul Basir

Project title: "An Economic Theory of Enforcement and Bribery" (July 2025 - December 2025);

Available at [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=5990475](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=5990475)

- Minakshi Soni

Project title: "Women Empowerment: An Interaction Between The Government And The Woman."(Jan 2022 - May 2022)

(Minakshi had worked empirically on this project during the next semester, July - December 2022, under Prof Manoranjan Pal and submitted a thesis titled "Women Empowerment in India: An Empirical Analysis of Empowerment, Awareness and Restriction Using NFHS-4" in December 2022.)

- Anwesha Das

Project title: "Organized Crime: An Economic Exploration."(Jan 2022 - June 2022)

- Aryaman Arora

Project title: "Shadow Pandemic: A Brief Overview." (July 2021 - December 2021)

- Aarushi Sanghani:

Project title: "Gender and Conflict." (July 2019 - December 2019)

## BEFORE ISI

- External member of Ph.D. dissertation of Gopal Sharan Parashari (IIT Kanpur)
- Committee member of Madhuparna Das (M. Phil. student at ISI Kolkata)
- External member of Nidhi Sharma (M. Phil. Student at IGIDR)
- Dissertation committee member of Deeparghya Mukherjee (Ph.D. student of Economics and Social Sciences Area, IIMB) - graduated in 2012 and currently employed at ICRIER
- Guiding field work of Nicole Rigillo (Ph.D. student of the department of Anthropology, McGill University, Canada).
- Dissertation committee member of Shivangi Chandel (Ph.D. student of IGIDR, Mumbai).
- Dissertation committee member of Ritika Jain (Ph.D. student of IGIDR, Mumbai, graduated in 2014).

## POPULAR WRITINGS

### BOOKS

- From One Spring to Another (a bi-lingual novel in English-Bengali) - Antareep January 2026.
- Parshati (a bi-lingual novel in English-Bengali) - Notion Press October 2023.
- Que Sera, Sera: What will be, will be (A Collection of English Poems) - Authorspress 2022.
- How Long's a Day (Virasat Publications, January 2021) - collection of English short stories.
- You're the Mecca I never want to visit (Notion Press, July 2019) - collection of English poems.

### ARTICLES

- [Art of Learning-II](#) - ( The Statesman, July 27, 2025 )
- [Art of Learning - I](#)-( The Statesman , July 26, 2025 )
- [Creating bricks in the wall? Dance, art and a re-look at our education system](#) - (countercurrents.org July 24, 2025)

- Visiting Vienna: A Beautiful Walk Down Memory Lane (<https://conversations3rd.convergenceofthoughts.org/2025/07/06/visiting-vienna-a-beautiful-walk-down-memory-lane/>)
- Life and Death (Part 2) <https://epaper.thestatesman.com/c/77103149> April 3 2025
- Life and Death (Part 1) The Statesman <https://epaper.thestatesman.com/c/77098537> April 2 2025
- On Camus, Jibanananda and Life -(countercurrents.org March 26, 2025)
- Of floods and threats and other things man-made - (countercurrents.org September 9, 2024)
- Night - (countercurrents.org September 9, 2024)
- Was - (countercurrents.org September 8, 2024)
- Protesters, Perpetrators, and ‘Tilottamas’ - (countercurrents.org September 7, 2024)
- Manto and Chughtai: Smell, Dog, Quilt and so much more - ( countercurrents.org April 25, 2024)
- Harry Potter and the Cursed Child: A Roller-Coaster Through Time- ( countercurrents.org April 5, 2024)
- An inclusive International Women’s Day celebration at Indian Statistical Institute - (Clipping of The Statesman, March, 17, 2024)
- Saraswati Puja: Moments, Mantras, and Memories - ( CAFE DISSENSUS EVERYDAY, March, 16, 2024)
- Story of Atashi... and many more like her - (countercurrents.org February, 26, 2024)
- On Reading Nabokov’s Lolita, Book Review- (countercurrents.org February, 02, 2024)
- Menarche: Entering the Strange Land of Adulthood - ( countercurrents.org June 23,2023)
- Rose... that rebels -(Alekh June 22, 2023)
- Of Roosters, Huts, and “Umbilical Heavenly Peaks” Glimpses into beliefs of Shillong - (Alekh June 22, 2023)
- For the times they are a-changin’: Of fishes, books and online transactions - ( countercurrents.org June 16, 2023,
- Homo Deus: From Being Masters to Marionettes - ( countercurrents.org May 08 2023),
- Nothing would matter... - IPPL Journal-(Issue 4, April 2023)

- [From Being a Species to Creating Them](#) - (The Statesman, January 19, 2023)
- [Pages from a village diary](#) (The Statesman, November 18, 2022)
- [Sapiens: Myth, Foraging and Agriculture](#) (Countercurrents.org November 15 2022)
- [WEIRDest People and Us](#) (Countercurrents.org October 10 2022)
- [“Remembering Khudiram”: the smiling young martyr](#)  
(Countercurrents.org August 12 2021)
- [“Dancing on the heads of snakes”: A Glimpse into Yemen](#)  
(Countercurrents.org December 24 2020)
- [‘Killing Our Mockingbirds’](#) (The Statesman, January 28 2019)
- [‘Riverine Divinity to Polluted Lifeline’](#) (jointly with Rita Chattopadhyay, The Statesman, October 18, 2018)
- [‘The shadows behind successes’](#) (The Statesman, 5 August 2018)
- [‘For those who don’t get awards’](#) (The Statesman, 6 August 2018)
- [‘Joys and travails of motherhood’](#) (‘The Statesman’, 29th October, 2017)
- [‘Time we reclaimed our destiny’](#) (‘The Statesman’, 9th May, 2017)
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