

Dhritiman Chakraborty

Date of birth: 28-02-1987

Current position:

Assistant Professor of English, Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya

Education:

Degree	Year	University/ College
B.A. (Hons. in English)	2007	Malda College, Malda, WB, India
M.A. (English)	2009	Jadavpur University, Kolkata, WB, India

* Qualified NET in 2010

Teaching experience:

Postgraduate level

Worked as Contractual Full-time Lecturer in the PG Section of Malda College, University of Gour Banga, Malda from 2009 to 2011.

Taught English Literature at the M.A level in Kalyani University Open and Distance Education Program in Women's College, Malda.

Also teaching English Literature at the M.A level in Rabindra Bharati University Distance Programme, Center-01, Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya, Raiganj, West Bengal.

Graduate level

Twice selected as FDP Fellow by UGC to teach first in the Department of English, Gour Mahavidyalaya, Malda, from 2011-2013.

Worked in the same capacity in Department of English, Pakuahat Degree College, Malda, from 2013-2015.

Participated as expert Counselor in the UGC Sponsored Remedial in Services Scheme for S.C, S.T and Minority Students in Malda Women's College, Malda in the session between April, 2011- September, 2012.

Research experience:

Pursuing doctoral work on "Dilemmas of Development in Postcolonial India: An Enquiry into the Politics of Two Dissident Movement" from Center for Studies in Social Sciences (CSSSC), Kolkata, West Bengal.

Joint-investigator in a UGC funded Minor Research Project in the year 2011 to 2012 to investigate on a folk art form named, *Gambhira*.

Seminar and conference organiser:

Jointly organized a UGC sponsored national seminar on **Re-Reading American Identity After 9/11** in 2011 at the department of English, Gour Mahavidyalaya. Geraldine Forbes, New York OSWEGO was invited to deliver the key-note address.

Organized a State-Level Convention on "**To Kill or Not To Kill? Rethinking Capital Punishment, Governance and Justice**" on 28th September, 2015, at the Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya, Raiganj.

Acted as an Organising Secretary in the **1st National Folk Congress, 2015** at the Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya, Raiganj, in May, 2015.

Convened a Regional-level Workshop on '**Reading Indian English Poetry**', on 28th November, 2015 at the Raiganj Surendranath College, Raiganj.

Organized and started a series of Occasional Lectures in the Department of English, Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya, where the first Lecture was given by **Dr. Amitranjan Basu**, former Research Fellow, IAS and author. The talk was on "**Psychoanalysis after Globalisation**".

Workshop participation:

Took part in the "Winter School", on "**Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing Skills**" organized by AICTE in Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur in 2010.

Took part in the workshop organized by Global South, SEPHIS at Jadavpur University, India, 2013. The title of the Workshop was **Comparative Gesture**.

Publications

Book

Jointly edited an anthology titled, “**Different Americas: Resituating American Identity in the Post 9/11 Classroom**”, Authors Press: New Delhi, 2013. ISBN 978-81-7273-751-1

Chapters in books

Translation of Bengali Periodicals is published in the reader entitled “**Shaping the Discourse: Women Writings in Bengali Periodicals 1865-1947**” edited by I. P. Shita Chanda and Jayeeta Bagchi. Stree: Kolkata, 2014. ISBN- 978-81-906760-5-2.

A jointly written chapter titled, “**From Antagonism to Agonism in the Republic of Hunger: Towards an Indian Democratie-a-venir**” is published in an anthology, “**Democratic Governance and Politics of Left in South Asia**” edited by Subhoranjan Dasgupta, Aakar: New Delhi, 2015. ISBN 978-93-5002-319-8

A chapter on “**Poor Economy to Politics of the Governed: Changing Paradigms of Postcolonial Development in India**” is published in an edited anthology “**Dynamics of Development and Discontent**”, Bookwell: New Delhi, 2014. ISBN 978-93-80574-65-3

A chapter named, “**Imperial democracy, Homo Sacer and Arundati Roy’s resistance of Bare Life**” is published in a volume titled, “**Indian Writing in English: Critical Perspective**” from Aavishkar: Jaipur, 2011. ISBN-978-81-7910-344-9.

A chapter titled, **Spousal Friendship, Empowerment and the Third Alternative: The Subjection of Women in Retrospect** is published in the book, **DE-CODING THE SILENCE! Reading John Stuart Mill’s The Subjection of Women**. AADI Publication: Jaipur, ISBN 978-93-82630-51-7.

A chapter named, “**Whitman at Ground Zero: Revisiting the preface to 1855 edition of Leaves of Grass in Indian Classroom**” is published in a volume, “**Different Americas: Resituating American Identity in the Post 9/11 Classroom**”, Authors Press: New Delhi, 2014. ISBN 978-81-7273-751-1

A chapter titled “**The Argumentative Media (?): Local Media, Local Public Sphere and the Future of Democracy**” is published in a seminar proceeding, “**Communication: A Need for Community Development**”, 2013. ISBN- 978-81-920386-2-9.

A chapter named, “**Observing the Adieu: Detailed Summary of And Relevant Critical Commentary on “A Farewell to Arms**”, in a volume named, **Hemingway’s A Farewell to Arms: A Critical Appraisal**, Books Way: Kolkata. ISBN-978-93-81672-12-9

A jointly written chapter titled, “**Eastwords, Postcolonialism and the Politics of Adaptation: Towards forming a New Praxis**” is published in an anthology “**Postcolonial Approaches to Literature: Text, Context, Theory**” edited by S. Bhattacharya and et. all, Authors Press: New Delhi, 2015. ISBN 978-93-5207-119-7

Peer-reviewed international and national journals

Gramsci is Alive! Hegemony and subaltern politics in Contemporary India published in *Postcolonial Studies* (Routledge) on 15 Sep, 2016. DOI: 10.1080/13688790.2016.1232145 (ISSN: 1368-8790)

Politics Possibility and Utopia: A Tete-atete with Ajay Gudavarthy on India and the Emergent Political in *Kairos The Journal of Critical Symposium* Vol. 1, No 1 (January 2016).

Book Review: **Autumn of the Matriarch: Indira Gandhi’s Final Term in Office** by Diego Maiorano in *Contemporary South Asia*, (Routledge), DOI: 10.1080/09584935.2016.1213540 (ISSN 0958-4935).

Refolutionary Inflectional Zones of Democracy: Rethinking Post-Civil Society Resistance in *Kairos, The Journal of Critical Symposium* Vol.1, No.1, January, 2016.

In Search of the ‘Non-Discursive’: Re-engaging with Michel Foucault in Contemporary India in *Gour Mahavidyalaya Journal of Humanities & Social Science*, Vol.1, Issue.1, November, 2015. (ISSN 2454-2113)

Book review of “**Modern Times: India 1880s-1950s**” by Sumit Sarkar published in “**Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies**”, Routledge: London, 2016. ISSN 1469-929X

Book review of “**Subalternity, Antagonism, Autonomy: Constructing the Political Subject**” by Massimo Modonesi has been published in *Journal of Political Studies*, Vol-9, March 2014. ISSN 2278-4039

Book review of “**Countering Naxalism with Development: Challenges of Social Justice and State Security**” edited by Santosh Mehrotra is accepted for publication in *Contemporary South Asia*, Routledge. ISSN 0958-4935.

An article titled, "**Mutitude, Living Labour and Dead Labour: Mediatized Labour and AAP**" is published in **Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)**, Vol-XLIX, No. 38, 2014. ISSN 2349-8846.

An article length interview with **Bashabi Fraser**, an Indo-Scot Poet, literary critic and editor is published in "**Writers in Conversation**", Flinders University Journal, Australia, 2014. ISSN 2203-4293

A jointly written article on **Revisiting the Karachi Resolution: The Genealogy of Reintroducing Capital Punishment in India** is published in a special edition of **CaffeDissensu**, New York: 2014. The article can be reached at <http://caffedissensus.com/2014/01/01/revisiting-the-karachi-resolution-the-genealogy-of-reintroducing-capital-punishment-in-india/>

A jointly written article "**Reclaiming Dissident Collectivities/Political Community Through the Matrix of Gambhira, An Eastern Indian Folk Form**" is published in **Asian Journal of Research in Social Sciences and Humanities (AJRSCH)**, Vol-3, Issue-1, ISSN-2249-7315.

A jointly written article titled, "**Imperial Capital, Comprador Democracy and Subaltern Justice**" is published in **Subalternspeak: An International Journal of Postcolonial Studies**, Vol-III, Issue-III, 2015. ISSN 2347-2013.

The article, "**Indian Modernity at Crossroad: The Aporetic Panorama of Social Loss in Mahesh Dattani's Theater**" is published in "**New Academia**", Special Mid-Year Issue, August, 2012. ISSN-2277-3967.

An article titled, "**When Mr. Pirzada Creates 'Anuranan': A Study of Home Through the Bong Connection**" is published in "**The Criterion**", Vol-2, Issue-2, June 2011. ISSN-0976-8165

An article titled, "**The Tsunamic Hatred on the Hinterland of Bharat: An Appraisal of Anand's *The Untouchable***" is published in "**Symposium: A New Literary Venture**", Vol-3, Issue-2, December 2004.

Some selected papers in conference/ seminars/ convention:

International

Presented a jointly written Paper titled, "**Bengali Women's Writings in the Colonial Period: Critique of Nation, Narration and Patriarchy**" in an International Postgraduate Conference "**Voices of Their Own: South Asian Women's Writing**", in Technische Universität of Chemnitz, Germany on 3rd -6th June, 2015.

Presented a paper titled, "**Revolutionary Inflectional Zones of Democracy: Rethinking Political Society Paradigm**" in "Annual International Studies Convention", 22-23 March, 2015 in Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.

Presented a jointly written paper titled, "**Poematics of Hunger, Author as Saboteur: Re-mattering Literature at the Dusk of Writing**" in an UGC sponsored International Seminar on "**Does Literature Matter?**" in North Bengal University, 4-5 March, 2013.

Presented a paper titled, "**From Antagonism to Agonism in the Republic of Hunger: Towards a Democratic-Avenir in India**" in an International Conference on "**Democracies in South Asia and the Role of the Left**", jointly organized by IDSK and Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin, 20-22 November, 2013.

Presented a paper titled, "**Imperial Capital, Comprador Democracy and Subaltern Justice**" in an International Conference on "**Global Justice and Global South**" jointly organized by University of Delhi, University of Birmingham and Yale University, 25-27 April, 2014.

Presented a paper titled, "**Arab Spring, End of Postcolonialism and Emergent New Political Imaginaries**" in Annual International Studies Convention on "**Reimagining Global Orders: Perspective from the South**", JNU, Delhi, 10-12 December, 2013.

Presented a paper titled, "**Eastwords, Postcolonialism and the Politics of Adaptation: Towards forming a New Praxis**" in World Shakespeare International Conference in Kolkata, 2008.

Participated in an International Conference on "**Feminist Inscription in Social Theory**" jointly organized by CSSSC, ICPR and ICSSR in Kolkata, 22-24 February, 2013.

National

Presented a paper titled, "**Rastafarianism and Romantic Weltanschauung**" in a UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on "Romanticism and Neoclassicism", organized by Gour Mahavidyalaya,

Presented a paper in UGC sponsored DRS (SAP-III) State Level Student seminar in the Department of English, Calcutta University in the year, 2009.

Presented a paper titled, "**The Romance of FM Radio and Orkutopia: The Metaphoric Transcendence to Socio-Political 'Nirvana'**" in the UGC sponsored National Seminar in the Department of English, University of North Bengal, 2010.

A paper on **Repositioning the Post-Postcolonial Political in the Hinterland of Bharat** was presented in a UGC sponsored National Seminar on **“The Polyphonic Voce of Resistance and Looking Beyond”** in the Post Graduate Department of English, Malda College, 2011.

A paper titled, **Civil/ Political Disobedience: Anna Hazare and The Postcolonial Beyond** was presented in a UGC sponsored National Seminar on **Contesting Ideologies and Recolonisation: Strategies of Pedagogic Reformulations** in the Department of English, Malda Women’s College, 2011.

Participated in a National Level Seminar on **“Rabindranath and Politics”** in the Department of English, Malda Women’s College, 2011.

A paper titled, **Re-Reading the Idea of Future Politics in India: A Subalternist Rejonder** was presented in anUGC sponsored National Seminar on **“Reading”** in the Department of English, North Bengal University, 2012.

A paper titled, **The Unfinished Project of Gambhira: Re-Orienting Public Sphere in Local/Global Milieu** was presented jointly in a National level Seminar in AshoknagarNattiyamukh, sponsored by Ministry of Culure, Govt. of India in 2012.

A paper entitled, **Calibanising English: The Master Signifier Lending Hands to the Peripheral Voice** was presented in a UGC SAP Program in the Center for English, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 2013.

Presented a paper titled, **“Listening to Grasshoppers of North Bengal: The Subaltern Politics and the Postcolonial Development”** in UGC SAP-DRS II sponsored National Seminar on **“North Bengal: Issue in Social Development”** in the Department of Sociology, University of North Bengal, March, 2014.

Presented Paper titled, In **Defense of Lost Causes: Who is Afraid of Ideology?** in a National Level Seminar on **“Ideology and Social Sciences”**, organized by OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, November, 2014.

Presented a paper titled, **“The Specter of Good Woman in Hindu Society: Reconfiguring the Woman Question in Contemporary India”** in College level Seminar-Workshop on **“Gender Discriminationand Women Empowerment”**, organized by Post Graduate Department of English, Malda College, 9-10 May, 2015.

Presented a paper titled, **“Repoliticising Folklores of North Bengal: Towards aNew Utopian Possibility”** in 1st Folklore Congress of India, organized by RaiganjSurendranath College & Folklore Congress Association of India, 2015.

Participated in a Workshop in the University of GourBanga, 2015.

Member and associates:

Founding Member of an independent Research Group named, GourBangaSamajAnusandhanSamiti, Malda. The Group has successfully organized Talks by eminent academicians like **Dr.AmitranjanBasu**, former fellow of IAS and **Prof. AnjanChakravarti**, Calcutta University in 2015.

Member of **European Conference of South Asian Studies, (ECSAS)**, Germany.

Editorial Associate of the journal named, **Kairos: A Journal of Critical Symposium**, www.kairos.org.in

Forthcoming research activities:

An abstract is selected for presentation in the **European Conference of South Asian Studies, (ECSAS)**, 2016 in Warsaw, Poland.

An abstract is selected for presentation in **South Asian Studies Association (SASA)** 10th Anniversary International Conference in March, 2016.

Social Movement Studies (Routledge) has assigned the **New Subaltern Politics**, edited by Nilsen and Roy to review in their journal.

South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies (Routledge)has assigned **Poverty and the Quest of Life** by Bhrigupati Singh to review in their journal by June, 2016.

Contemporary South Asia (Routledge) has assigned Diego Maiorano’s**Autumn of the matriarch: Indira Gandhi’s Final Term in Office** in 2016.

Doing an assigned review of **Social Movements** edited by Savyasachi and Ravi Kumar for **Interface: A Journal for and about Social Movements**in 2016.

An article length interview with **Prof. Ajay Gudavarthy**, a noted political theorist, critic and author of **Post-Civil Society Politics in India (Sage)** and several seminal works would be published in **Kairos: A Journal of Critical Symposium**.

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