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Employment Assistant Professor of History, Department of History, Ashoka University
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Lecturer, Department of History, New York University
2021-2022

Education Ph.D. in History, Department of History, New York University, 2021

M.A. History, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2013.

B.Sc. (Hons.) Economics, Presidency College, Calcutta University, 2009.

Dissertation “Invested Interests: Local Businesses, Urban Inertia and
Calcutta’s Twentieth-Century Decline”

Publications “Between Global History and Micro History: Rethinking Histories
of “Small Spaces” and Cities”, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*,
Vol.66.no.1 (Jan 2024) Forthcoming

“Ford Foundation–India Relations in the 1950s: A Recipient Country Perspective”,
South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies, Vol.43.no.6 (Dec 2020): 1041-1057
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00856401.2020.1816019>

“Bazaar Capitalism and the First World War: A View from Colonial Calcutta,”
in Bley and Kremers (ed). *The World During the First World War*,
(Essen:Klartext, 2014): 233-238.

Working Manuscripts “Where is Confidence in South Asian Business History?”
(Draft available on request)

“The World’s Worst City”?: The Many International Lives of Calcutta
(Draft available on request)

*Profits Against Development: Big Businesses and Urban Fortunes of Calcutta
and Bombay, c.1900-1970*

Foundations of Development: American Non-Profit Organizations in Post-colonial India

- Awards and Fellowships
- Palme Fellow, Short-term Visiting Faculty, Linnaeus University, Sweden
September 2023
 - Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
2022-2024
Declined
 - Jean Downey Fellowship (NYU)
2021-2022
 - NYU Shanghai Global Society Postdoctoral Fellowship
2021-2022
Declined
 - NYU Abu Dhabi Dissertation Writing Fellowship
2019-2020
 - NYU History Department Dissertation Writing Fellowship
2019-2020
Declined
 - NYU Provosts' Global Research Initiative Fellowship
Washington D.C., Autumn 2019 and London, Spring 2019
 - Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (SSRC-IDRF)
2017-2018
 - Rockefeller Archive Center Research Stipend
Autumn, 2017
 - The History Project Research Grant, Joint Centre for History and Economics at Cambridge University and Harvard University
January, 2015
 - NYU History Department Summer-Research Grant
May 2014
 - Berger-MacCracken Fellowship, New York University
2013 - 2018
 - 2008 Goldman Sachs Global Leaders' Award
For academic excellence and leadership potential in undergraduate students

Invited
Talks

“The Ontologies of Micro, Macro, and in-between Spaces: Writing Urban History in the Age of Global History”
Linnaeus University, September 2023

“Mountaineering, Pilgrimage, and Modernity in the Himalaya and the Alps”
University of Lausanne, October 2023

J Term, New York University, Abu Dhabi, 2023
(As core faculty team of Geopolitics and Ecology of Himalayan Water)

Selected
Conference
Presentations

“Utilitarian Developmentalism: Making Sense of the Relationship Between Business Interests and Public Interests in Colonial and Early Postcolonial India”
3rd India Business and Economic History Conference
IIM Ahmedabad, August 2023

“Towards an Ecocritical Reading of Erin Shipton’s *Nanda Devi*”
ECSAS Conference, Turin, July 2023

“What Can Odious Investments Tell Us That Crony Capitalism Cannot?”
Odious Investments, University of Manchester, July 2023

“Where is Business Confidence in South Asian Economic History?”
2nd India Business and Economic History Conference
IIM Ahmedabad, August 2021

“Urban Land Strategies of Capital Accumulation in Indian Port Cities, 1914-1960.”
Indian Ocean History Conference
Columbia University, USA, February 2020

”Invested Interests and Real Estate Capitalism”
PhD Students’ Workshop at the 1st India Business and Economic History Conference
IIM Ahmedabad, August 2019

“Indian Roots of Global Urban Neoliberal Practices”
Histories of Neoliberalism Conference
New York University, October 2017

“Do Businesses have an Urban Agenda in Capitalism?”
Workshop on Histories of Capitalism from the South
New York University, September 2017

“Real Estate Speculation and Religious Riots in Calcutta, 1914-1926”
Symposium on “World During World War I”
Volkswagen Foundation, Hannover, Germany, October 2013

Public Engagement	<p><u>“The Chequered History of Foreign Aid to India”</u> <i>The India Forum, August 2023 (Podcast)</i></p> <p><u>“Reconciling Economic Planning with Democracy”</u> <i>The India Forum, August 2023 (Book Review: Nikhil Menon, Planning Democracy)</i></p> <p><u>“Colonialism , Borders and National Identity”</u> <i>February 2023 (Podcast)</i></p> <p>“Moderator, Writing the Vernacular” <i>Ashoka Lit Fest, November 2022</i></p> <p><u>“Aesthetic Histories of the Mountains”</u> <i>NYUAD Himalayan Water Project, April 2022</i></p> <p><u>“The Ritual Stranglers-The Cult of Thugs”</u> <i>The Indian Podcast on SoundCloud, April 2021</i></p> <p><u>“How Indians Experienced World War I and II”</u> <i>The Indian Podcast on SoundCloud, February 2021</i></p> <p><u>“The Padmavati row puts the spotlight on glaring loopholes in India’s education system”</u>, <i>Scroll.in, February, 2017</i></p> <p><u>“JNU is doing exactly what President Pranab Mukherjee asked India to do: rebel and complain”</u>, <i>Quartz India, February, 2016</i></p>
Supervision	<p>PhD Students: P Vignesh - Topic under discussion</p> <p>ASP Students: Nandan Kaushik - “A History of Buckingham Canal”</p>
Professional Service	<p>Member, Academic Integrity Committee, Ashoka University</p> <p>Member, PhD Coordination Committee, Department of History, Ashoka University January 2023 -</p> <p>2023 Jury Member for the Research Fellowship on Philanthropy, Center for Social Impact and Philanthropy (CSIP), Ashoka University</p> <p>Coordinator, ASP Program, Department of History, Ashoka University August 2023 -</p>

Collaborations	<u>Core Member, Geopolitics and Ecology of Himalayan Water</u> New York University, Abu Dhabi
Pedagogical Training	Preparing Future Faculty: Achieving Success through Communication New York University, 2021
Other Work Experience	Consultant, Urban Institute, Washington D.C. 2021-2022 Associate Editor, <i>Radical History Review</i> 2020-2021
Certifications	Certificate Course in Oral History Jawaharlal Nehru University and Ambedkar University, 2012 Interviews conducted on behalf of P.C. Joshi Labor Archives, New Delhi
Languages	Hindi (Proficient writing, reading and speaking) Bengali (Proficient reading, and speaking) Urdu (Intermediate reading) French (Beginner)