

Curriculum Vitae

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Official Address - Department of Political Science, Alipore Campus, 1, Reformatory Street, Kolkata – 700027.

Professional title – Assistant Professor.

Research Interests – Tibet, State and Society in the Himalayas.

Education-

ISC (St. Joseph's School, North Point, Darjeeling)

B.A Hons in History (St. Stephens College, University of Delhi)

M.A in Political Science (Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University)

M.Phil in Area Studies (Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University)

PhD (Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University).

Publications-

Books –

- Changes on the Roof of the World – Reflections on Tibet (editor), Pentagon Press, New Delhi, 2016

Book chapters/Articles/Conference Proceedings -

- 'To be or not to be: Tibetans and the Question of Citizenship' in Citizen in Contemporary Times – The Indian Context, G. Chakraborty (edited), Routledge India, 2022.
- 'Eurocentrism and Perspectives from the Global South' in Perspectives on International Relations and World History, Indira Gandhi National Open University, 2021.
- 'China, Iran and West Asia: Civilisational Cooperation in the Twenty-first Century' in Political Faultlines in the Middle East, K. Chatterjee (edited), Knowledge World, 2021.
- 'The Post-Colonial Remembering: Tibet in India-China Conflict'. (2020). Tibet Policy Journal. VII (2). Tibet Policy Institute.
- 'Postcolonialism, Himalayas and the Spectre of Tibet'. (2017-18) in The Himalayan Miscellany – An Areas Studies Journal in Social Sciences. Vols. 28 and 29. Centre for Himalayan Studies, University of North Bengal.
- 'Exile Tibetans and the Dance of Democracy' (2018) in the edited volume Tibetan Subjectivities on the Global Stage – Negotiating Dispossession edited by Shelly Bhoil and Enrique Galvan-Alvarez, published by Lexington Books, United Kingdom, ISBN – 9781498552387
- 'Tibet and Happiness in Chinese Media Discourses: Issues and Contestation' (2018) in the edited volume Chinese Discourses on Happiness edited by Gerda Weiland and Derek Hird, published by Hong Kong University Press, Hong Kong University, ISBN - 9789888455720

- ‘Tibet in International Politics – A Case of Onto-Epistemic Violence’ in The Tibet Journal, Vol. 42, No. 2, Special Issue: Third Symposium in Memory of Prof. Dawa Norbu, pp 27-42, 2017, ISSN – 09705368.
- ‘Book Review: Taming Tibet—Landscape Transformation and the Gift of Chinese Development, by Emily T. Yeh’ (2016) in China Report, Vol. 52, Issue 1. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0009445515613878>
- ‘Greater Tibet and Cultural Nationalism – Chinese Strategies and Local Responses’ (2013) in the edited volume ‘Inside China – New Leadership, Social Changes and Economic Challenges’ edited by D. Suba Chandran, Teslu Singh and Namrata Hasijia, published by Samskriti Publications, ISBN – 9788187374794.
- ‘Burning Tibetans – Self Immolations as a form of Protests against China’ (2012) in the World Focus – Special Issue on China Today, September 2012 ISSN 2230-8458.
- ‘Greater Tibet, Kirti Monastery and China’s Religious Policies’ in the World Focus – Issue on Contemporary India-China relations, September 2011, ISSN 2230 – 8498.

Online Publications

- ‘The Seventeen Point Agreement: Seventy Years of China’s Occupation of Tibet’ (2021). Origins – Current Events in Historical Perspective. The Ohio State University Stanton Foundation. <https://origins.osu.edu/milestones/seventeen-point-agreement-seventy-years-china-s-occupation-tibet>
- ‘The Dalai Lama, India and Tibetan Buddhism’ (2020). Forum for Integrated National Security (FINS). <https://finsindia.org/the-dalai-lama-india-and-tibetan-buddhism/>
- ‘The Liberation of Tibetans and Chinese Colonialism in Tibet – Part 1 and 2’ (2020). The Taiwan Times. <https://thetaiwantimes.com/the-liberation-of-tibetans-chinese-colonialism-in-tibet-pt-i/>
- ‘The Tibet Question and the Rise of China’ (2015). IndraStra. <https://www.indrastra.com/2015/09/OPINION-Tibet-Question-and-Rise-of-China-by-Jigme-Yeshe-Lama-214.html>.
- ‘China and its Peripheries – Securing Nepal in South Asia’, Issue Brief # 232, August 2013, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, www.ipcs.org/pdf_file/IB232 - Jigme - China Periphery – Nepal.pdf.
- ‘Reincarnation of Living Buddhas : A Zone of Sino Tibetan Conflict’, China – Articles # 3470, 26 September 2011, www.ipcs.org/article/china/reincarnation - of - living - Buddhas - a zone - of - Sino - Tibetan - conflict - 3470. html.

Teaching or Lecturing Experience –

- Teaching at postgraduate level: 10 May 2016 – present.

- Guest lecturer in Department of South and South-East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta in 2018.
- Guest lecturer in Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta in 2017-18.

Supervision of M.Phil students and degree awarded – Two.

Papers presented in Seminars/Conferences/Special Lectures

- Presented a paper titled “Digital Politics of an Exiled State – The case of the Tibetans in exile” in an International Conference on ‘Digital Governance and Digital Politics in South Asia’ organized by Department of Political Science, St. Joseph’s College, North Point, Darjeeling from September 15-16, 2022.
- Presented a paper titled “Religious Syncretism in ‘Dorjeling’ – A study of the Mahakal Mandir” at the Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya organized by Social Science Baha in partnership with the Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies, Britian – Nepal Academic Council, Centre of Himalayan Studies – CNRS and Nepal Academic Network (Japan) held on July 27-29, 2022.
- Presented a paper titled “When the Dragon met a Dragon – China Bhutan ties” in an International Conference on ‘China in India’s neighbourhood – Shifting regional dynamics and the future Asian power politics’ organized by Asia in Global Affairs in collaboration with Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta, Department of History, University of Calcutta, Loreto College, Kolkata and Indian Council of World Affairs held on 5-6 May 2022.
- Delivered an online lecture on “Tibet and the Himalayas in Sino-Indian Ties” on January 21, 2022 in the Department of Political Science, Dibrugarh University, Assam.
- Delivered an online lecture titled “Tibet and the postcolonial conundrum in India-China ties” in the Interdisciplinary Refresher organized by the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University under the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre of the University on December 6, 2021, on the theme India and the World: Trends in Global Politics.
- Presented a paper on “Tibet and China’s BRI – Securing Legitimacy in the Periphery” in a National seminar on Belt and Road Initiative: Perspectives and Challenges organized by Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on 27 March 2019
- Presented a paper on “Bengal and the Himalayas – Connections and Disruptions from the earliest to the colonial times” in a Bengal – Asia Conference organized by the Department of South and South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta on 28th March 2019
- Presented a paper on “The Tibet tango in the dance of the Dragon and the Elephant” in a seminar on India and the South Asian Region: Dilemmas and Challenges organized by the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on 28 March 2018
- Presented a paper on “Tibet and the Himalayas – The Peripheral in Area Studies?” at the National Seminar on Area Studies and International Relations organized by School

of International Relations and Strategic Studies in collaboration with Netaji Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata on February 6-7 2018.

- Presented a paper on “China and Cultural Nationalism in Greater Tibet: Examining cross border linkages in Arunachal Pradesh” at a roundtable on „Focusing the frontiers: The Borderland Identity“ organized by National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru, on 18 December 2017
- Presented a paper on “China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in Nepal – Securitising the Frontier” at the National Seminar on China’s OBOR Strategy and Global Responses organized by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata in collaboration with Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal University, on 28 August 2017.
- Presented a paper on “Tibet, the Dalai Lama and Tawang – The “Residual” in India China Relations” at the two day international conference on “India’s One Belt One Road Challenge: Views from North East India” organized by the Centre for South East Asian Studies”, Gauhati University, Assam held on 2nd and 3rd June 2017.
- Presented a paper on “The ‘Tibet’ in India-China Relationship: Centrality of Marginality” in the International Conference on “Changing World Order: India and China in Contemporary Times” organized by Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, JNU held on 14th and 15th April 2017 at Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- Presented a paper on “Chinese Legitimacy in Tibet – Issues of Hegemony and Contestation” in a public seminar organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta in collaboration with the Council for Political Studies, Kolkata, on 12 April, 2017.
- Presented a paper on “Tibetans and the Dance of Democracy” in the Fourth Himalayan Studies Conference held on February 25-28 2016 at University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA.
- Presented a paper on “Geopolitics and Tibetan Buddhism: Issues of Hegemony and Co-option” in the Annual International Studies Convention 2015 organised by Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi from 22-23 March 2015.
- Presented a paper on “Economic Liberalisation in China’s Tibet and its impact on State-Society Relationship” in the 7th All India Conference of China Studies, organized by Department of History, Banaras Hindu University in collaboration with Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi on 14- 16 November 2014.
- Presented a paper on “The Simla Agreement in the context of the Three “isms”- realism, imperialism and nationalism” in a seminar on Hundred Years of the Simla Agreement, organised by The Tibet Policy Institute, Central Tibetan Administration, Dharamsala on 28 March 2014.
- Presented a paper on “Happiness as a media discourse in China’s Tibet” in a seminar on Moments of “Happiness” in China organized by The Department of Modern Languages in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities in the University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom on Friday 7 November 2014.
- Presented a paper on “Economic Liberalization in China’s Tibet and its impact on State-Society Relationship” organized by the Department of History, Banaras Hindu University in collaboration with Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi in the 7th AICCS on 14-16 November 2014.
- Presented a paper on “A monastery as a traditional institution in lines of a minority community – the case of Druk Sangag Choling Monastery (Dali Gonpa)” in the National Seminar on Process of Inclusion and Development of Minorities in North-East India organised by Sikkim University, Gangtok from 22-23 March 2014.

- Presented a paper on “China’s Structural and Institutional Domination in Tibet” in a seminar on “China’s assertiveness in Asia and its implications for India” organised by M.L Sondhi Institute for Asia Pacific Affairs on 21 October 2013.
- Presented a paper on “China and its Peripheries: Securing Nepal in South Asia” in a seminar on China and its External Periphery, organised by Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, in collaboration with Department of East Asian Studies, Delhi University and Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University on 8 April 2013.
- Presented a paper on “Tibet’s Environment : Sustainability and Public Policy” in the Round Table in honour of Professor V.P Dutt – Emerging trends in Chinese Politics organised by The Department of East Asian Studies, Delhi University, New Delhi on 6 April 2013.
- Presented a paper on “Greater Tibet and Cultural Nationalism : Understanding the Responses to Chinese policies” in a seminar on Inside China: Understanding Contemporary Issues, Challenges and Problems organised by the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi on 2 September 2011.

Audio Resources

- Interview in Tibetan on ‘India-Nepal-China’ for Radio Free Asia (2022). <https://streamer1.rfaweb.org/stream/TIB/TIB-2022-0603-1300.mp3>.
- Interview in Tibetan on ‘དགེ་འདུན་ཚོས་ཀྱི་ཉི་མ་མཚོག་ཏུ་ནག་དམར་ཤོག་གཞུང་གིས་བཙན་ཁྲིད་བྱས་ཏེ་ལོ་ངོ་ལྔ་པ།’ for Radio Free Asia (2022). <https://www.rfa.org/tibetan/society/27-years-since-china-took-away-a-6-year-old-gedhun-choekyi-nyima-05052022091135.html>

Workshops

- Participated in the “2012 Taiwan Study Camp for Future Leaders from South Asia” organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan) from 23 September to 02 October 2012.

Awards

- Awarded the 2014 MSB Award instituted by The Institute of Chinese Studies for the best paper titled “Economic Liberalization in China’s Tibet and its impact on State-Society Relationship” at the 7th All India Conference of China Studies held at Benares Hindu University, Varanasi from 14-16 November 2014.