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### Teaching Experience

25<sup>th</sup> April 2014 till present: Designation- Assistant Professor of Department of Sociology, Muralidhar Girls' College, Calcutta University. Appointed through West Bengal College Service Commission (WBCSC).

### Academic Qualification

2014-2020: PhD in the Centre for Studies in Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

2012-2014: MPhil awarded by the Centre for Studies in Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

2010-2012: MA awarded by the Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi.

2007-2010: BA (Honours) awarded by Department of Sociology, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Calcutta University, Calcutta.

### Publications

Saha, Atrayee (March 2020): Marginalisation of Santhals in Rural Economy of Bengal. Indian Journal of Rural Education and Engagement, *Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Government of India*. Vol. 6: 1-9. ISSN- 978-93-89431-13-1

Kasi E., Saha A. (2019) Vulnerability and Vulnerable Groups of People. In: Romaniuk S., Thapa M., Marton P. (eds) The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Security Studies. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-74336-3\\_369-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-74336-3_369-1)

Saha, Atrayee (October 2019): Caste Inequality, Land Relations and Agrarian Distress in Contemporary Agrarian economy of Bardhaman, West Bengal, *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*. Vol. 11 (2): 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2455328X19866997>

Eswarappa, Kasi and Atrayee Saha (2019): Entitlement Program in D. Gu, M. E. Dupre (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Gerontology and Population Aging*. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-69892-2\\_222-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-69892-2_222-1)

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Saha, Atrayee (February 2019): Rural Employment Generation in India: A Critical View From Rajasthan, *South Asia Research*, Vol. 39 (1): 23-42. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0262728018816404>

Saha, Atrayee (December 2017): 'Agrarian Structure and Development of Agrarian Sector', *IAHRW International Journal of Social Sciences Review*, Vol. 5 (4), ISSN-2347-3797. 657-662. NAAS rating: 2.72 <http://iahrw.com/article.php?numb=6&article=TUZhV21jWFIRTIF4V05QeWdRYU5hZz09>

Saha, Atrayee (June 2017): 'Technological innovation and agrarian transition: impact on small and marginal farmers' published in IndiaLICS, Working Paper series, *IndianLICS Network for Economics of Learning, Innovation and Competence Building System*, Working Paper 2017-03. <http://indialics.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/3-Atrayee-saha.pdf/>

### Forthcoming Papers

Saha, Atrayee and Kasi Eswarappa (2021): 'Community Based Approach' in *Palgrave Encyclopaedia of Global Security Studies*, Springer Publication. (In press)

Saha, Atrayee and Kasi Eswarappa (2021): 'Green Revolution' in *Palgrave Encyclopaedia of Global Security Studies*, Springer Publication. (In press)

Saha, Atrayee and Kasi Eswarappa (2021): 'Can Community Based Organisations (CBOs) work as post-growth model for alternative economy in rural India? A study from Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and West Bengal. Accepted for publication in Special Issue in *Development and Change* journal.

### **Invited Speaker**

Saha, Atrayee (June 2020): 'Pandemics and State Response: A View from West Bengal' in National webinar on Indian Society in the Era of Pandemics by Department of Tribal Studies, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh.

### **Conference Paper Presentations**

October 2019: '*Village as an Economic and Cultural Unit: Tadahiko Hara's study of Paribar and Kinship*', presented at the International symposium: Kinship and Family of the Muslim Village Society in Bengal: Revisiting an Ethnography by the late Professor Hara Tadahiko after 50 years at **Independent University, Dhaka, Bangladesh** financially supported by **Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS), Tokyo, Japan**.

February 2019: '*Culture, Power Relations & Marginalisation in Two Villages of Bengal*', presented in Two Days' International Seminar on "Negotiations between the 'Local' and the 'Global' in 'Cultural Bengal': Community, Society and Politics" organised by **ABN Seal College, Cooch Behar, West Bengal**.

March 2018: '*Land management and Peasant movements in colonial Bengal, India*' presented in Graduate Conference organised by Academy of Global Humanities and Critical Theory (AGHC) at **University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA; funded by Duke University, University of Virginia and University of Bologna**.

January 2018: '*Village as an Economic and Cultural Unit: Tadahiko Hara's study of Paribar and Kinship*' presented in 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress for Bengal Studies (ICBS) organised at **Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh and funded by Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS), Japan**.

June 2017: '*Caste Identity, Political Mobilisation and Agrarian Distress: Understanding the Rural economy of West Bengal*', presented in Graduate Conference organised by SOAS South Asia Institute, University of London on 'Interrogating the 'rural' in South Asia: ruptures and continuities'. Funded by **SOAS South Asia Institute, University of London, London, United Kingdom**.

March 2017: '*Agriculture and Development; Ethnographic Study in Selected Rural communities of Bardhaman district, West Bengal*', presented at the PhD Seminar at **Centre for Studies in Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University**.

February 2017: '*Caste and Female Labour participation in rural employment generation: A Case Study from Rajasthan*', presented at **National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD)** in national seminar on Gender Inequality and Empowerment of Women and Girls.

November 2016: '*Caste and NREGA: Understanding problem of rural employment generation in Rajasthan*', presented at 58th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labour Economics in collaboration with **IIT Guwahati, TISS Guwahati and OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati**.

January 2016: '*Technological Innovation, Marginalisation of Farmers and Farmers Sovereignty Rights in India*', presented at Second International Conference on 'Contemporary Debates in Public Policy and Management', organised by the **Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Calcutta**.

March 2016 : '*Technological Innovation and Agrarian Transition: Impact on Small and Marginal Farmers*', presented at Third India's International Conference on 'Innovation and Sustainable Development', organised by **Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram and Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi**.

March 2016: '*Understanding Exclusion from Field and Desk Experience*', presented at National seminar on 'Social Exclusion and Intolerance in India: Challenges and Possibilities', organised by **Department of Sociology, West Bengal State University (WBSU), Kolkata**.

February 2015 : '*Employment Generation in Rural India: A Case Study from Rajasthan*' presented in International Conference on 'Economic Reforms, Growth and Sustainable Development: Changing Role of Institutions' organised by **Department of Economics, Central University of Kerala**.

December 2014: '*NREGA and Social Inclusion*', presented in National Social Science Conference 2014 on 'Development Challenges in Developing Nations during Post-Globalisation Period: Social Science Perspective', organised by **Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow**.

December 2011: '*Labour Migration: Turkish Immigrants in Germany*', presented in the 37th All India Sociological Conference organised by **Indian Sociological Society**.

December 2011: '*How Real is the Independence of Youth?*', presented in the 37th All India Sociological Conference, organised by **Indian Sociological Society**.

November 2011: '*Forms of Integration: A Case study of Turkish Integration in German*', presented in the European Studies' Programme Final Conference on 'Thinking Europe/Thinking India' and published in the book of European Studies' Programme: 'Research Papers on Fieldwork in Europe 2011'.

### **Honours/Awards/Professional Recognition:**

#### **1) Scholarships Awarded**

2012-2014: UGC NET/Junior Research Fellowship awarded to pursue MPhil and PhD programme at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

2010-2012: National Merit Scholarship awarded among top 2 students by the Centre for Advanced Studies (CAS) of Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi.

#### **2) Research and Travel Grants Awarded**

March 2018: Travel Grant awarded by **Academy of Global Humanities and Critical Theory (AGHC)**, jointly funded by Duke University, University of Virginia, Charlottesville and University of Bologna (Italy) to present paper at the Graduate Conference organised in University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA.

January 2018: Travel Grant awarded by **Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS)**, Japan to present paper at panel session on 'Remembering Village after 50 Years: Reconsidering an Ethnography by the late Professor Tadahiko Hara' organised by 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Bengal Studies (ICBS) at Jahangir Nagar .University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

June 2017: Travel Grant awarded by **SOAS South Asia Institute, University of London** to present paper at the Graduate Conference organised by SOAS South Asia Institute, University of London, London, United Kingdom.

March 2019: Research Grant awarded by the **University Grant Commission for Minor Research Project (UGC-MRP)** of Rupees 280,000/-.

June 2011: Research Grant awarded by the **European Union** in collaboration with Delhi University of 2400 Euro to conduct fieldwork in Berlin, Germany for a period of 40 days as Visiting Research Fellow at University of Potsdam, Berlin, Germany.

#### **3) Professional Recognition**

July 2020 (Postponed till 2021): Co-Chair of panel session on '**Mapping rural and tribal livelihoods and quest for sustainability in the contemporary South Asian Societies**' in World Congress of Rural Sociology, organised by IRSA (International Rural Sociological Association) at Cairns, Australia.

### **Research Projects**

- 1) **Principal Investigator**, 2014-2018: PhD on *Agriculture and Development: Ethnographic Study on selected Rural Communities in Bardhaman district, West Bengal*. The thesis taken up for my Doctoral programme is aimed at understanding and assessing the changing agrarian economy in rural West Bengal. 200 farming households have been surveyed through in-depth face-to-face interview to analyse the socio-economic condition in the rural economy of the state.
- 2) **Principal Investigator**, 2012-2014: MPhil dissertation on *Agrarian Relations and Food Production in India*. The dissertation was taken to analyse the nature of change that has taken place in different forms of agrarian economies. The dissertation was completed through a review of existing literature on several field-based evidences of changing caste and class relations and the dynamics of the role played by the political parties and the government as important agencies in the rural transition.
- 3) **Principal Investigator**, April 2012-Dec. 2013: *NREGA and Social Inclusion in Rajasthan*. This project was completed under the mentorship of Prof. Jean Dreze. The paper is based on understanding the working of hundred days employment provided through National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) in Rajasthan. The field work was conducted in two blocks of Rajasamand district. The objective of the research was to understand the social structure in the rural areas of Rajasthan and what has been the impact of NREGA over the social and economic condition of people belonging to different caste groups.
- 4) **Principal Investigator**, Jun.-Nov. 2011: *Turkish Integration in Germany*. The project was completed under the guidance of Dr. Rabindra Ray, ex-Professor, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi and Prof. Dirk Weimann, Department of English and American Studies and Prof. Alexander Henning Knoth, Department of Sociology, University of Potsdam, Berlin, Germany. The research was funded by European Union. Field work was conducted in two districts, namely, Kreuzberg and Neukollin. The aim of the paper was to understand through in-depth interactions and ethnographic research work on the social, economic and political problems faced by the Turkish immigrants in settling in Germany.

### **Courses Taught (in brief)**

1. Social Stratification: theories of Stratification, caste, class, gender, race and ethnicity. Stratification and social inequality in contemporary Indian and world economy, impact of public policy on stratification and inequality.
2. Agrarian Sociology: agricultural development, rural economy, political economy, social structure in rural economy, agrarian classes, production and consumption system, agrarian relations, peasant movements.
3. Development sociology: social change, theories of social changes, theories of development, Government policy initiatives and impact on the society, the government agencies and state welfare, issues of development vs. growth, government schemes and plans for development, policies for development.
4. Methods of social research: qualitative methods, field work, social surveys, participant-observation methods, case studies, ethnography, experimental and mixed methods of field work, statistical representations of data.
5. Economic sociology: understanding the economic structure and social development, stages of economic and social development from hunting-gathering society to industrial societies.
6. Sociological Theories: theories of Karl Marx and Capitalism, development, state; Max Weber and bureaucracy, capitalism, religion; Emile Durkheim on Division of labour and Organisation of industrial and primitive society; Thomas R. Malthus on Population and development, population and state welfare.
7. Sociology and Demography: significance of demographic studies in social sciences, theories of population change and demography, infant mortality rates and birth rates and their impact on the demography of a country.

### **Seminars Organised**

23.12.2014: Seminar on 'Global or Local; where do we stand? Understanding social relations in a globalised condition'. Speakers: Prof. Abhijit Mitra and Dr. Udit Mitra.

03.02.2016: Convenor of **UGC-Sponsored State-Level Seminar** organised by Department of Sociology in collaboration with Department of Journalism and Mass-communication and Department of Psychology, Muralidhar Girls' College, Calcutta University, funded by **University Grants Commission**. Topic: 'Panopticon Media: How do we understand from Sociological and Psychological Perspective?'

2017: Organised a Talk on 'Caste and Class Inequality in India', by Professor Abhijit Dasgupta, Head of the Department, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi at Muralidhar Girls' College, Department of Sociology, Calcutta University.

### **Administrative Responsibilities**

July 2018-till present- Head of the Department, Department of Sociology, Muralidhar Girls' College, Calcutta University

July 2018-June 2020 - Member of IQAC, Muralidhar Girls' College, Calcutta University

November 2019-2023 - Member of Governing Body, Muralidhar Girls' College, Calcutta University

### **Other Academic Responsibilities**

Examiner and Paper setter of Sociology Major course of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous)

### **Academic Membership**

Life Member of IASP (Indian Association for the Study of Population)