

Faculty Member's Academic Profile

SMITA CHAKRABORTY

Designation: Assistant Professor in Sociology (W.B.E.S)
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Educational Qualifications:

M.A. in Sociology-Jadavpur University (Gold Medalist)
M.Phil in Sociology-Jadavpur University (First Class First)
Ph.D in Sociology-Jadavpur University (Pursuing)
UGC NET-JRF, 2015
Title of Ph.D Thesis: "Faith and Healing Practices among the Hindus: A Study in Paschim Medinipur" (pursuing since 2017)

Area of Interest & Specialization

Research Interest: Sociology of Religion, Medical Sociology

Work Experience

Date of Joining in W.B.E.S: 11.04.2019
Date of Joining in this College: 11.04.2019
Total Teaching Experience in College Level: 3+ years

List of Publications:

Book Chapter:

"Housewives—Invisible Victims in the Society? A Sociological Study on the Depression and Life Satisfaction of the Housewives" in Women's Voices: Visions and Perspectives edited by Parna Ghosh (2017), Sampark Publication, Kolkata. ISBN: 9788177680058.

Journal Publications:

"Depression among Housewives: A Sociological Study" in the Jadavpur University Journal of Sociology, ISSN—0976-5212, Vol 7 No 7, March 2014.

"Prayer and Mantra as a Provenance of Healing: A Sociological Analysis" in an International Peer-Reviewed and Referred Scholarly Research Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies, E-ISSN-2278-8808 & P-ISSN 2319 4766, Nov-Dec 2015, Vol 3, Issue 21.

"Dynamics of Spiritual Healing in the Society: A Sociological Analysis" in peer-reviewed Asian Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies, E-ISSN- 2321-8819 & P- ISSN- 2348-7186, Vol III, Issue 12, December 2015.

"Alternative Medical System" in peer-reviewed International Journal of Applied Research, E-ISSN-2394-5869 & P-ISSN- 2394-7500, Vol 2, Issue 8.

Book of Abstract:

"Healing Landscapes: A Study on the Emerging Trend of Medical Tourism" in the Book of Abstracts by 43 rd All India Sociological Conference (Lucknow) on Neo- Liberalism, Consumption and Culture, Rawat Publications, ISBN: 978-81-316- 0937-8.

Paper Presentations in Seminars/Conferences:

"Impact of T.V Programmes on the Youth: A Sociological Study" in the International Seminar on "Meeting Youth Needs in the 21 st Century Canada and India: Youth Work, Young People and Youth Policy, 28 th and 29 th November, 2011 at Department of Sociology, Calcutta University, Alipore, Kolkata.

"Role of Religion in the Works of Swami Vivekananda" in the International Conference on "Religion and Globalization: A Changing Perspective" organized by the Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University in collaboration with Department of Literature, History of Ideas and Religion (LIR), University of Gothenburg, Sweden on 1 st December, 2012.

"Caste System-An Inherent Nationalist Spirit in Dissolution" at an ICSSR assisted 2- Day National Conference on "Sociology in India" by Directed Initiative and Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai held on 20-21 April 2015 at the Birla Industrial and Technological Museum.

"The Role of Counseling and Psychotherapy in Healthcare: An Insight into the Religious Values of the Society" at UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar on Values in Philosophy, Education and Sociology: Indian and Global Perspective organized by Department of Philosophy, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College in collaboration with Environs Safe Organisation (ESO), Kolkata held on 9-10 January, 2017.

"Riding the Sun: Overcoming Disability as a form of Social Marginalisation" in a 2- Days International Conference on "Social Marginality: Issues and Concerns" organized by Department of Sociology, University of Gour Banga, Malda, held on 2- 3 February, 2017.

"Healing Landscapes: A Study on the Emerging Trend of Medical Tourism" in the 43rd All India Sociological Conference by Indian Sociological Society on Neo- Liberalism, Consumption and Culture, University of Lucknow held from 9th-12th November, 2017.

"Personal Hygiene and Public Health: A Cross-Religious Patriarchal Analysis" in the International Conference on Indigenous People, Human Security and Sustainable Development: Emerging Challenges in the Present Global Context held on 19-21st January, 2018, organized by Commission on Human Rights, International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences and Department of Anthropology, West Bengal State University, Barasat in collaboration with Indian Council of Medical Research; Indian Council of Historical Research; Anthropological Survey of India.

"The Devi and the Bhoomi: Religion, Health and Environment" in an International Conference conducted by The School of Social Sciences, Adamas University Conference on "Harmony in Society and Environment" 2020.

Cyber-Hinduism and Covid Scare: An Avenue of Mental Health Development" in the International Unequal World Conference, September 2020.

"Leisure and the Elderly: The Health Aspects of Religion and Spirituality" in the session "Religion in the Asia-Pacific" on 12 th December, 2020 chaired by Dr. Kim Lam of Deakin University in the 45 th Annual Conference of the Australian Association for the Study of Religion.

"Spirit, Shamans and Santhals: A Discourse on the Traditional Healing Practices" in the online Conference for the International Association for the Psychology of Religion on 23 rd August, 2021.

"Covid, Crisis, Complications: A Study of Jhargram Working Belt's Socio-Economic and Medical Health" on 5 th October, 2021 organised by The Philippine Sociological Society, 2021 International Conference on 'Sociology of Vulnerabilities and Resistance'.

"Prayers, Paupers and the Pandemic: A Study Based on Temple Beggars and Alms System in Central Kolkata" on 12 th November, 2021 at the International Sociological Association RC-22, Mid Term Conference on "Religion, Politics and Uncertainty: Shifting Boundaries" co-organised by Vytautas Magnus University, Vilnius University and Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions.

"Women in Myth: Myth or Real?" in The Australian Sociological Association Thematic Week Event on 26 th November, 2021.

"Conventional Versus Contemporary: A Look into Healthcare Practices among the Sabar Tribe in Jhargram" in the 46 th All India Sociological Conference during the Centenary Celebrations of Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai from 8 th - 10 th December, 2021.

"Women, Witchcraft and Witch Branding: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Female Stigmatization in Jhargram" in 2022 Conflict, Confinement and Immorality World Convention, held in National Pingtung University of Science and Technology from March 22 to March 25 in Pingtung, Taiwan.

"Pandemic, Patriarchy, Pregnancy etc: Post-Marital Educational Challenges of Jhargram Women" in a National Conference on "Opportunities and Challenges in the Post-Covid era from Linguistic, Economic, Psychological and Sociological Perspectives" organised by Dr. N.S.A.M First Grade College, 2022.

"Vaccine and the Feminine: A Study of Gender-Biased Covid-19 Vaccination in Jhargram" in the panel "Pandemic and Inequalities: Gender and Disability" in an International Conference on "Sociology of Pandemic: A Cross-Disciplinary Understanding", 2022 organised by the University of South Florida, USA and University of Marconi, Italy with the support of RC47 "Social Classes and Social Movements" of the International Sociological Association.

Invited Lectures:

Special Lecture Series on "Ethics and Morality" organized by the Department of Sociology on 9 th , 10 th , 11 th and 13 th November, 2021 in Kanyashree College, West Bengal India.

"Religion and Everyday Life" organised by the Department of Sociology, Jogamaya Devi College, Kolkata on 28 th January, 2022.

Delivered a one-day lecture on "Religion and Healing" in PG Diploma Course in Society, Religion and Social Work organised by the Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University on 6 th August, 2021.

Delivered a one-day lecture on "Dissertation Rules" in PG Diploma Course in Society, Religion and Social Work organised by the Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University on 6 th August, 2021.

Delivered a series of lectures on "Ethics and Profession" in the Special Lecture Series organised by Kanyashree College from 15 th -18 th November and 21 st November, 2022.

Participated in OP/RC:

Participated in UGC sponsored Faculty Induction Program organised by HRDC University of Hyderabad, 2021.

Participated in Faculty Development Program titled "Developing Academic Leaders for Future: The Way Forward" from 15 th April 2021 to 27 th April 2021 organised by University School of Mass Communication, IQAC-NAAC in Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

Participated in Refresher Course in Social Science organised by University of Hyderabad, 2022.

**Membership of
Learned Societies:**

Life Member of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS); Membership No: LMI-4228

Regular Member of International Sociological Association. Ref no: 31644

Life Member of Kerala Sociological Society
