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I Introduction

The Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) is now ten years old. It was promoted by the Government of West Bengal as an autonomous centre of excellence in social sciences and founded in 2002 as a society with an autonomous governing body, Professor Irfan Habib as President, Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as Director and with a Governing Council on which were represented the current or former Vice-Chancellors of two leading Universities in West Bengal, namely Calcutta University and Jadavpur University. The new Governing Council was constituted in 2010 with Professor Prabuddha Nath Roy as President, Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as Director, Professor Asis Kumar Banerjee as Secretary and Professors Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Atis Dasgupta, Subimal Sen, Ratan Khasnabis, Abhijit Chowdhury and Sarmila Banerjee as other members.

The IDSK is devoted to advanced academic research and informed policy advice in the areas of literacy, education, health, gender issues, employment, technology, communication, human sciences and economic development. Other programmes include training of research scholars in the social sciences working towards an M.Phil or Ph.D. The Institute is committed to the dissemination of its research findings through workshops, seminars, publications in the media, and other public counselling and education programmes

During the ten years of its existence, IDSK has made its mark in the world of research in social sciences and humanities in West Bengal and Eastern India. It has actively collaborated with the departments of history, economics, political science, philosophy, business management, the Science College, and the Centre for Urban Economic Studies and Women's Studies Research Centre, and most frequently, with the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, of Calcutta University. The Institute has also organized a number of training and research programmes, generally in collaboration with other academic institutions, the details of which have been given in the body of the report.

The University Grants Commission(UGC) has sponsored the setting up of the Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies(RTCHDS) under the auspices of the IDSK

through the University of Calcutta. An Advisory Committee has been constituted with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta as Chairman, the Director of IDSK as Vice-Chairman and with other representatives from the IDSK and the University of Calcutta. The Committee has formulated certain guidelines for the functioning of the (RTCHDS). The academic scheme of the Centre includes a programme for Ph.D students, post-doctoral fellows and visiting academics at various levels. During the three year of its existence, there were six visiting professors at the Centre. They were Dr. Ajit Banerjee, President, Centre for Ecological Culture and member of Biodiversity Board, West Bengal, Professor Ashwani Saith of Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands, Professor Buroshiva Dasgupta, former Director of Manipal Institute of Communication, Professor Sudhir Chakravarti, noted expert on Bengali folk music and culture, Professor Arup Maharatna of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics and Professor Dipankar Coondoo, former Professor of the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. Post-doctoral fellows Dr. Debarati Bandyopadhyay, on leave from Visva Bharati University, Dr. Subhasri Ghosh and Dr. Gorky Chakraborty, on leave from Doom Dooma College, Assam, Professor Sujata Mukherjee on leave from Rabindra Bharati University, Dr. Utsa Ray and Dr. Joysankar Bhattacharya have joined the Centre. Dr. Debarati Bandyopadhyay and Dr. Subhasri Ghosh have completed their dissertations.

To celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, the RTCHDS has constituted a Sub-committee comprising Professor Sankha Ghosh, the eminent poet and recognized authority on studies of Rabindranath Tagore, as the Chairman and Professor Sudhir Chakravarti, the noted expert on Bengali music composed by Tagore and other great song writers, and on folk religions and folk music, Professor Bhaskar Chakraborty, Department of History, University of Calcutta, Professor Syamal Chakrabarti, scientist with a wide interest in cultural issues, Professor Karuna Sindhu Das, Vice-Chancellor, Rabindra Bharati University, Professor Udaya Narayana Singh, Director, Culture and Cultural Relations, Visva Bharati University and Professor Indra Nath Choudhuri, former Secretary of Sahitya Akademi and Academic Director, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, as members and Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as Convenor to advise the Academic Committee of the Centre.

On 10 May 2011, *Rabindranath: Bakpati Biswamana, Vol.I*, edited by Sudhir Chakravarti and published by RTCHDS was released by poet Sankha Ghosh (Chairman of the Committee of RTCHDS) to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. A cultural programme was held followed by the book release programme. Sudhir Chakravarti, Honorary Professor, RTCHDS, and Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Director, IDSK and Coordinator, RTCHDS were also present on the occasion.

On 11 August 2011, *Rabindranath: Bakpati Biswamana, Vol.II*, edited by Sudhir Chakravarti and published by RTCHDS was released by Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, former Vice-Chancellor, Visva Bharati University and it was presented to poet Nirendranath Chakraborty, chief guest of the programme. P.N. Roy, President, IDSK, presided over the programme. Sudhir Chakravarti, Honorary Professor, RTCHDS, Asis Kumar Banerjee, Secretary, IDSK and Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Director, IDSK and Coordinator, RTCHDS were also present on the occasion.

From 11 to 13 August 2011, the RTCHDS organized an international conference on *Rabindranath Tagore in the World*. This conference was intended to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore by opening up new critical and historical approaches to putting Tagore back in the larger contexts of creative and intellectual cosmopolitanism, which he himself helped to create as an essential element of his own understanding of modernity. The general aim of this conference was to open up as many new ways of ‘de-provincializing’ Tagore as possible, and of setting new benchmarks in scholarly, critical, historicist, creative, performative and pedagogic practice around a figure, the full measure of whose modernity, cosmopolitanism and multifarious relevance has perhaps not been taken yet. The speakers in the conference included Michael Collins, Lecturer in History, University College, London, Ananya Mukherjee Reed, Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, York University, Toronto, Rahul Rao, Lecturer in International Security, SOAS, London, Sol Argüello Scriba, Professor, School of Philology, Linguistics and Literature, University of Costa Rica, Barnita Bagchi, Faculty Member in Literary Studies, Utrecht University, Sharmila Roy Pommot, Visual and performing artist, translator and teacher of Musicology at L’Inalco, Paris, Sudipto Chatterjee, Senior Lecturer in Drama, Loughborough

University, UK, Liu Jian, Professor, Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Dong Youchen, Professor, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Yang Wei Ming, Founder Director, CRI-SMF Founder Director, Confucius Classroom, Dhaka, Sukanta Chaudhuri, Professor Emeritus of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, Supriya Chaudhuri, Professor of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, Tista Bagchi, Professor of Linguistics, University of Delhi, and CSIR Mobility Scientist, NISTADS, New Delhi, Kallol Ray, Assistant Professor in English, Maulana Azad College, Kolkata, Rosinka Chaudhuri, Fellow in Cultural Studies, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata, Moushumi Bhowmik, Singer, writer and ethnomusicologist, Sarmistha Dutta Gupta, Historian and activist, Sangeeta Datta, Writer and Filmmaker, Bhaswati Chakravorty, Associate Editor, Editorial Pages, *The Telegraph*, Kolkata and Aveek Sen, Senior Assistant Editor, Editorial Pages, *The Telegraph*, Kolkata.

II Research Programmes

A. Improving Health Status of Women and Institutional Delivery of Public Reproductive Health Services in Rural West Bengal (Phase-2)

The project on ‘Improving health status of women and institutional delivery of public reproductive health services in rural West Bengal’ sponsored by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin aims to assess the level of contraceptive knowledge, factors determining contraceptive method choice, extent of gender inequality in contraceptive decision making, prevalence of contraceptive morbidity and associated treatment seeking behaviour among marginalized sections living in underdeveloped region of West Bengal. About 1300-1400 respondents from 45 villages of 3 blocks were selected in Birbhum district of West Bengal through multistage sampling procedure. Since utilization of traditional contraceptive method has been found to be higher in the state of West Bengal compared to all-India level, special emphasis will be given to understand the factors associated with the preference for using such methods. Besides, to understand provider’s perspective on the issues related to contraceptive supply, contraceptive counselling, informed method choice and contraceptive uses will also be explored by interviewing around 50 grassroot level healthcare and contraceptive providers.

The project has started from January 1, 2012 and will be continued up to December 31, 2012. The result will be disseminated during end of the project.

B. The project on ‘Documents on the Economic History of British Rule in India 1858-1947’

The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) has appointed Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi General Editor of the project of compiling the basic documents on the economic history of India under British rule and Professor Arun Bandyopadhyay, Nurul Hasan Professor of History, Calcutta University, Associate Editor of the project. In this project, economic history is taken in the widest possible meaning of the term, covering data and developments judged significant for the economic, social, legal and ecological history of the country. Under the joint direction of the General and Associate Editors and the work of a team of research assistants, the documents for Eastern India covering the period 1860s-1870s have been collected in a volume that was published by Manohar and released at IDSK on 31 March 2009. A second volume containing documents related to Eastern India during the 1880s and 1890s has been published by Manohar in 2011. The third volume, containing documents relating to Madras Presidency under British Rule during the 1860s and 1870s has been sent to ICHR and is expected to be published soon.

Under the direction of Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as General Editor of ‘Documents on the Economic History of British Rule in India 1858-1947’, Dr. Bhubanes Misra was appointed as Editor in charge of the final volumes of railway documents. The fourth volume of the railway construction in India during 1858-1947 was published in October 2009. A fifth volume containing documents relating to Indian participation in railway affairs has been sent to ICHR in February 2012.

C. The Project on “History of Girls’ Schooling and Education in Bengal: 1900-1950”

The IDSK has undertaken a research project on ‘History of Girls’ Schooling and Education in Bengal: 1900-1950’ to commemorate Begum Rokeya’s pioneering efforts to advance women’s education begun a hundred years ago in this city. As a part of this project, the IDSK has selected eight girls' schools of Kolkata, for recording their history. The project has been

completed and reports have been submitted by the end of 2011. The names of the scholars and the schools on which they carried out their studies are given below:

<u>Scholars</u>	<u>Schools</u>
Professor Uttara Chakraborty	Bethune School and Brahma Balika Shikshalaya
Dr.Sarvani Gooptu	Jewish Girls' School
Ms.Sarmistha Datta Gupta	Sakhawat Memorial and Gokhale Memorial School
Dr.Sutanuka Ghosh	St. John's Diocesan School
Dr. Tapati Sengupta	Bharat Stree Mahamandal and Shiksha Sadan

D. A Study of the Disability Movement in India: Trajectory, Tensions, Future

The primary aim of this study is to examine and explore the ways in which the local/regional/national struggles of groups of persons with disabilities is taking the shape of a social movement that seeks to alter the ways in which disabled people are viewed and treated by the society at large. The research study proposes to examine the different strands of the localised disability advocacy struggles in various parts of the country in order to gain a better and contextualised understanding of the key issues, important events and strategies being used to carve out a disability rights movement, based on development of collective identity for all persons with disability.

The objectives of the research are:

- To gain a deeper understanding of the processes through which alliances of persons with disabilities are being forged at the local levels – the reasons and ways in which agencies are promoting formation of disabled people's organisations at the grassroots level, the reasons why disabled people are forming groups, and the ways in which they are organising themselves.
- To explore the processes by which the groups are identifying key issues as concerns for their advocacy, the strategies used by these groups to negotiate the major challenges they face in terms of inclusion in the community in terms of education, health and livelihood as well as in other domains of social life.
- To evaluate the extent of impact the efforts of these groups has had on the lives of persons with disabilities in terms of changes in structures, systems and processes, and to

determine their role in stimulating the disability rights movement at the local, regional and national level.

- To gain a deeper understanding of the processes of identity formation and reinforcement of certain identity markers for persons with disabilities brought about by the participation in the groups and in the larger movement.

Data collection in Orissa, Jharkhand, Nagaland, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and New Delhi has been completed. The data has been transcribed and is now being analyzed, and process of writing the report is going on.

E. Evaluation of the Rural Health Care Providers Training Programme

In spite of their apparent poor quality and harmful practices, the (unqualified) rural health care providers (RHCPs) are highly utilised by the rural population in West Bengal because of their easily accessible services, close contact with the community and inadequacy of the public health services in rural areas. An intervention programme has been carrying out by an NGO in the form of a year-long training programme for the last three years with the objectives of reducing their harmful practices, improving their basic knowledge related to health and health care and exploring the possibility of involving them in various public health programmes to take advantage of their close proximity with the rural community. The project titled 'Evaluation of the RHCP training programme' is an evaluation study which adopts a quasi randomised case-control design and covers 18 Gram Panchayats in three blocks of Birbhum. The project started in July 2010 and is getting over in April 2012. The baseline survey for this project was carried out in August-September 2010 and it covered 110 RHCPs, 781 households, 188 Gram Panchayat Members and 48 ANMs. The endpoint survey was carried out in August-September 2011. Between the baseline and endpoint surveys, few small scale surveys were taken up which covered 89 RHCPs, more than 350 households and some GP members as well as ANMs. In addition, many unstructured interviews have been conducted with those who were supportive of and opposing the training programme. All the data have been analysed and presentations have been made in workshops in Kolkata, Bangkok and Taipei organised by the funding agency. Dr. Rolf Heinmuller of University of Montreal, Canada who has been an advisor to this project after Dr. Slim Haddad visited Kolkata in January 2012 and spent two weeks to work on the final report of the project. A

workshop for the RHCPs and the trainers was organised in Suri (Birbhum district) in January 2012 which was also attended by Dr. Heinmuller. Currently, the report is getting finalised.

F. Ecosystem for Life: A Bangladesh-India Initiative

It's a joint research project involving India and Bangladesh to identify the ecosystem services in the 'chars' of deltaic Bengal in both the countries and also Assam, and establish its linkage to the livelihood and well-being of the *choruas*. The project aims to reveal light on ecosystem services in the 'chars', its importance in determining and influencing the livelihood of the people, the current environmental threats in these landscapes and adaptive practices mainly depending upon and drawing from natural resources. The overall objective of the research is to increase understanding of the value of ecosystem services for maintaining environmental security. The field survey in the 'chars' of Malda and Murshidabad was conducted between September and November and the draft report has been submitted by the teams to IUCN.

G. Adjusting to 'AILA': Climate Change, Vulnerability and Adaptation in the cyclone affected areas of the Sundarbans

This research project funded by IDSK aims to:

- Study the ecological transformation of the Sundarbans including a brief history of its geological formation, habitation, reclamation of marshes.
- Record the impact of AILA and its variation on the heterogeneous (socio-economic, ethnic, etc.) groups in the cyclone affected villages and analyze the factors behind such variation.
- Document the adaptive strategies devised and pursued by the cyclone-victims to ensure survival with special on social differentiation in adaption. Does adaptation forge another set of inequality?

The objective of the project is to address the structural core along with an understanding and narrative of adaptation/coping up as behaviour within a community.

Some preliminary data collection on cyclone in Sundarban area has already been done by Dr. Jenia Mukherjee, Co-principal Investigator. Collection of existing literature on natural disaster and its impact is in progress to build a framework of study. Consultation is in progress on selection of the study area, and will be finalized after field visit in near future.

H. Mainstream Migration, Scientific Diasporas and Development: Impact of Skilled Return Migration on Development in India

This project is funded by the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (Ecole Polytechnique Federale De Lausanne-EPFL), Switzerland and jointly conducted by the EPFL, Switzerland and IDSK along with the Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, and the International Migration Programme of the International Labour Office (ILO), Geneva, and the IRD, France. The coordinator of the project is Dr. Uttam Bhattacharya of IDSK along with the assistance of Dr. Subhanil Chowdhury and Dr. Zakaria Siddiqui of IDSK. The project has started from January 2011 and its duration is two years.

The objectives of the study is to gather information on the skilled return migration in India and study its impact on development in the country of origin; to explore strategies and measures to retain the skill; to formulate a policy oriented brain gain plan. The study covers five Cities in India. The field based survey is going to be completed by April 2012. Given the current status of the research project, so far, the research plan and schedule correspond to the original proposal as was accepted by the SNIS. Intermediate research findings were discussed in the Workshop held at the IDSK from 5 to 9 March, 2012. Next meeting will be held in New Delhi in November 2012, to present the updated findings of the project. A proposal was accepted to prepare several joint research papers on the research findings.

III Collaborations

a. Collaboration with the University of Calcutta

In 2006, IDSK launched a multidisciplinary M.Phil programme in Development Studies, in collaboration with the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH), University of Calcutta. The M.Phil degree is conferred by the University of Calcutta. The first four batches of M.Phil students (2006-08, 2007-09, 2008-10 and 2009-11) successfully completed their course and obtained their degrees. The fifth batch is busy in completing their dissertations and the sixth batch is doing their coursework. The teaching faculty mainly consists of the IDSK faculty and the University faculty. The details of the M.Phil programme are provided in the next section.

b. Collaboration with Monash Asia Institute, Monash University, Australia

The IDSK has entered into active collaboration with Monash Asia Institute in February 2011 for five years. Under this agreement collaboration will be made in exchanging scholars, students, and academic materials, organizing cooperative seminars, workshops and other academic activities and holding joint research activities.

c. Collaboration with Monash Sustainability Institute, Monash University, Australia

The IDSK has entered into active collaboration with Monash Sustainability Institute in areas of public health and environmental studies with particular reference to climate change. Under this programme A two-day workshop on ‘Managing Community Development in Response to Climate Change in the Ganga Basin’ supported by AusAID was held in Kolkata at the ITC Sonar Bangla on 12 and 13 March 2012.

d. Collaboration with University of Siena, Italy

Memorandum of Understanding has also been signed with the Faculty of Economics, University of Siena, Italy in December 2008. This agreement will be valid for five years. The areas of collaboration will cover exchanging research and teaching activities, faculty and students associated with the doctoral programme of Economics.

e. Collaboration with Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS)

A Memorandum of Understanding between IDSK and the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) has been signed in November 2010 for carrying out a project on ‘Migration, scientific diasporas and development: Impact of skilled return migration on development in India’. The duration of the project is two years.

f. Collaboration with Roma Tre University

IDSK and Roma Tre University have entered into a collaborative agreement in July 2011 for three years. Under this agreement cooperation will be carried out in exchanging faculty members and researchers, scientific materials and other information, drawing up common study programmes aiming at joint degrees, participating in seminars and academic meetings and holding interdisciplinary and joint research or training programmes promoted by European Commission or by other bodies or foundations.

j. Collaboration with Institute of Applied Manpower Research

The IDSK has signed a collaborative agreement with Institute of Applied Manpower Research, New Delhi (attached to Planning Commission, Government of India) in March 2012 for a study on ‘Factors Impacting Non-agricultural Employment Growth in West Bengal’.

IV Teaching and Research Guidance

M.Phil in Development Studies

The M.Phil. Programme in Development Studies is multi-disciplinary in nature, and designed to provide an understanding of various perspectives on development issues, through a rigorous course work and guided research. The perspectives are drawn from different disciplines, with a strong emphasis on the classics in social sciences and humanities. The curriculum emphasizes a heterodox perspective on social science paradigms and the

methodological underpinnings of social science research. The strength of the course particularly lies in the balance it maintains between theory and hands-on training on tools of analysis – both quantitative and qualitative.

The duration of the entire programme is two years – equally divided between coursework and writing dissertation. The first year of course work is further divided into two halves. The first half deals with the core courses, which all the students have to go through, and the second deals with the specialization courses distinguished by a few select disciplines. On completion of the first semester of course work, each student is to specialize in one of the following disciplinary areas: literature and cultural studies, economics, sociology, history and political science. The specialization courses, irrespective of the disciplinary area, will have a strong emphasis on development-oriented topics. By the end of the first year, students will choose their dissertation topics and start working under the close supervision of the faculty.

Following students of Fifth Batch (2010-12) of the M.Phil programme are in their final phase of submission:

Student's Name	Title of Dissertation	Supervisor
Anima Mali	Constraints on Elementary Education of Girls from Disadvantaged Groups: A Case Study of Kumrakhali Village in South 24 Parganas	Prasanta Ray Achin Chakraborty
Shiney Chakraborty	Gender Based Wage Discrimination in Indian Labour Market	Subrata Mukherjee
Sarajit Ankura	Child Immunization in West Bengal Understanding the Effects of demographic and Socio-economic Factors	Saswata Ghosh Subrata Mukherjee
Abhinab Ghosh	Effects of the Trade Policy Change on Capital Structure : An Analysis of Indian Textile Industry	Indrani Chakraborty
Anwasha Das (Paul)	Exploring the Lives of Working Children Living on Streets : A Study of Kolkata City	Nandini Ghosh
Devleena Majumdar	Understanding the Effect of Trade and Trade Policies on Environment Around the World	Indrani Chakraborty Zakaria Siddiqui

Himanshu Narayan Prasad	The Rationale and Potential of Contract Farming : A Study with Reference to West Bengal Agriculture	Gorky Chakraborty
Indrani Chakrabarti	Imaging Development Communication : Analysis of Select Mainstream Hindi Films	Dipankar Sinha
Joyita Roy Chowdhury	Labour Market Dynamics and Social Security – A Study of West Bengal	Achin Chakraborty
ManasiBera	Economic Development and Migration : The Case of West Bengal	Subhanil Chowdhury Zakaria Siddiqui
ShatabdiDatta	Exploring the Dynamics of Community Water Resource Management: A Case-study of Mathurapur Block, Sundarbans, West Bengal	Uttam Bhattacharya Jenia Mukherjee

M.Phil programme in Development Studies for the Sixth Batch commenced from September 2011 with the enrolment of the following students:

Ankita Chakravarty	Madhuparna Srivastava	Soumita Karmokar (Dutta)
Dipparna Jana	Sangram Mukherjee	Sucheta Sardar
Dyuti Sinha	Shreya Bhattacharya	Supriya Dutta
Joy Karmokar	Soumali Banerjee	Swarita De

V Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

A two-day seminar on **Invoking Ambedkar – Contributions, Receptions, Legacies** was held at the Salt Lake campus of Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) on 11 and 12 March 2011. The aim of the seminar was to discuss the vast literature of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's life, politics and scholarship and his understanding of Indian history, society, politics, economy and culture by dividing it into three broad thematic spectrums- Contributions, Receptions and Legacies. *Contributions*, reflected concerns pertaining to his life, political activities, speeches and writings, which, between them, had inspired Ambedkar himself, and his followers and other scholars, to come up with new insights and perspectives on Indian society, politics, economy and culture. The second broad thematic spectrum, called *Receptions*, included papers on the impact of Ambedkar, during his lifetime and especially

over the half century since his premature death. The third thematic spectrum, *Legacies*, sought to explore new perspectives on Ambedkar and his contributions and receptions, primarily looking to sketch the outlines of a new range of theoretical perspectives and empirical initiatives.

IDSK organized a two-day national conference on **Potential of Diverse Biodiversity Conservation Practices/Approaches and Livelihood Concerns in India** on 15 and 16 March 2011. The aim of the conference was to bring academics, NGOs, scholars, decision makers and protected area(PA) inhabitants to the debate so as to enrich the collective understanding on how to conserve forest resources and promote livelihood, to identify areas and measures to advocate policy and programmatic action as well as to guide future research. The discussion was divided into sub themes: (1) Issues on biodiversity and problems of relocation of people or coexistence of people in India; Issues if PAs are replaced by all forests considered as an integral part of biodiversity conservation with landscape approach; (2) Understanding existing conservation and development strategy: problems and prospects; State's role; Possible way out / remedial measures; (3) Required changes of policies, rules and regulations to improve the present scenario or for changes to 'co-existence' or 'landscape management' for biodiversity conservation;(4) Open Forum for discussion and resolves.

A two-day multi-disciplinary conference on ***Pratyaha: Everyday Lifeworld*** was organized by IDSK on October 20 and 21, 2011 to explore the everyday life process that is slowly gaining ground in the Indian social sciences. The conference focussed on 'everyday' lives or the site for common sense and common place. The Conference stressed that there are varied theoretical/ideological positions from which everyday phenomena are examined, choice of methodology and the sites of everyday practices and experiences. The conference was jointly organized by Professor Prasanta Ray and Dr. Nandini Ghosh.

On 20th October, the inaugural session of the conference began with a welcome address by Professor Amiya Bagchi, Director IDSK followed by an introduction to the conference by Professor Prasanta Ray. The keynote address of the conference was delivered by Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya. In the first session, the theme Food was elaborated through 3 papers that upheld food practices in Bengal, two from a qualitative perspective and the last

from a quantitative perspective. The session on Literature explored a range of topics from children's literature to Islamic writings to contemporary Bengali literature. The session on Ordinary Lives illuminated the everyday lives of people from different walks of life that included a manager, a factory worker and a litigant.

In the session on Women, the three papers delved into the everyday lives of Anglo Indian Women and the domestic help in Kolkata, as well as women whose lives were understood and read through their memoirs. The session also had papers on discrimination against the girl child and exploration of the life world of the modern day woman. In the session on Negotiations, the papers explored different themes ranging from poverty in mainstream cinema to the cult of the popular goddess and everyday lives of persons with disabilities. Finally in the session on Philosophical reflections on everyday life worlds, the paper explored spiritual pragmatism and its engagement with different levels of theory and practice.

IDSK organized a conference on **Reproductive Morbidity and Treatment-seeking Behaviour in India: The Role of Demographic, Socio-economic and Cultural Correlates** on 15 and 16 December 2011. Reproductive morbidity refers to all types of gynaecological and obstetric morbidities during and outside the childbearing period. This conference threw light on various dimensions of socio-economic, demographic and cultural issues of reproductive morbidity in general and gynaecological and obstetric morbidity in particular and associated treatment seeking behaviour by drawing academicians, researchers from various disciplines such as public health, medicine, demography, economics and sociology as well as health administrators, policy-makers, bureaucrats, policy makers and health providers. The speakers in the conference included Professor Kiran Prasad of Sri Padmavati Mahila University, Tirupati, Dr. Anjali Radkar of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, Dr. Archana K Roy of Banaras Hindu University, Dr. Bijoya Roy of Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS), Dr. Lopamudra Paul, Consultant-MIS., SPPME-UNICEF and Ministry of Women and Child Development, Dr. Ramesh Chellan, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), Dr. R Mutharayappa, Associate Professor, Population Research Centre, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, Dr. Ratnawali Sinha, Centre for Social Studies, Surat, Dr. P. Balasubramanian and

TK Sundari Ravindran of Rural Women's Social Education, Centre (RUWSEC), Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu, Dr. S.K. Singh, Alankar Malviya and Sm. Nidhi Sharma of International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan of Department of Law, University of Kerala, Mr. Arup Kumar Das of CIHR, University of Manitoba, Canada and International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, Sm. Kshipra Jain, Mr. Sanjit Sarkar and Chandershekhar, Mr. Diwakar Yadav, R B S Verma and A N Singh of International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, Sm. Swati Bhattacharjee of Ananda Bazar Patrika Ltd. Dr. Sudarsan Ghosh Dastidar, Honourable Minister of Environment, Government of West Bengal addressed the valedictory session.

From 22 to 24 March 2012, under the sponsorship of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi, IDSK in collaboration with the Centre for Marxian Studies, Jadavpur University organized an international conference on **Marxism: Marx and Beyond**. The conference began with the inaugural speech by Dr. Ramakrishna Rao, Chairman, ICPR, New Delhi. The welcome address was given by Professor Amita Chatterjee, Advisor, School of Cognitive Sciences, Jadavpur University and Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Director, IDSK introduced the theme. The speakers in the conference included Professor Alan Freeman of Visiting Professor, London Metropolitan University Business School, Professor John Peter Neelsen of Tübingen University, Germany, Professor Radhika Desai of University of Manitoba, Canada, Professor Samir Amin, Forum du Tiers Monde, Dakar, Senegal, Professor Aijaz Ahmad, Professor Irfan Habib, former Professor of History, Aligarh Muslim University, Professor Himani Bannerji of York University, Canada, Professor Partha Chatterjee, University of Columbia, Professor Malini Bhattacharya, former Chairperson, West Bengal Commission for Women, Professor Nirmalangshu Mukherjee, Professor of Philosophy, University of Delhi, Professor Prabhat Patnaik, former Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Professor Ratan Khasnabis, former Professor, Department of MBM, University of Calcutta, Professor Ramkrishna Bhattacharya of Ananda Mohan College, Professor Sobhanlal Dattagupta, former Professor of Political Science, University of Calcutta, Professor Ashok Mitra, former Finance Minister, Government of West Bengal, Dr. Archana Prasad of Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies, University of Jamia

Millia Islamia, Dr. Vamsi Vakulabharanam of University of Hyderabad, Professor Subhoranjan Dasgupta of IDSK and Shri Sumanta Banerjee.

Workshop

Monash University in collaboration with the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK) hosted a two-day workshop on *Managing Community Development in Response to Climate Change in the Ganga Basin*. The workshop was held in Kolkata at the ITC Sonar Bangla on 12 and 13 March 2012. Supported by AusAID, this workshop aimed to address the link between multidisciplinary research and policy development/application. An emphasis will be on the identification of mutual benefits for collaborative actions among states responsive to climate change impacts (particularly on rural communities exposed to extreme floods and droughts).

Lectures delivered by visiting scholars

On 1 December 2011, Professor Binod Khadria, Director of International Migration and Diaspora Studies (IMDS) Project, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi delivered a talk on 'From Emigration to Immigration: Will India's Higher Education Attract Global Talent During the 12th Five Year Plan?'

On 19 December 2011, Professor A.K. Ghosh, Director, Centre for Environment and Development, Kolkata gave a talk on 'Development Perspectives and Challenges to Sustainability in Contemporary India'.

On 5 January 2012, Professor Martha Nussbaum, Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics, University of Chicago gave a talk on 'The New Religious Intolerance: Fear and Philosophical Principles'.

On 14 January 2012, Professor Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Laureate and University Professor, Columbia University delivered a lecture on 'Occupy Wall Street Movement and the Future of the World Economy'.

On 17 February 2012, Dr. Y.V. Reddy, Former Governor of Reserve Bank of India gave a talk on 'Glimpses of New Thinking on Economic Policy'.

On 22 March 2012, Professor Aijaz Ahmad, Visiting Professor in Critical Theory, University of California delivered the fourth Michael Sprinker lecture on 'Three 'Returns' to Marx: Derrida, Badiou, Zizek'.

VI Library

The **Library** began functioning from December 2002. It houses an impressive number of books, journals and magazines and primary documents focussing on various development research like Development Studies, Demography, Education, Public Health, Economics, Sociology , Political Sciences, Gender Studies, Anthropology, Ethnography, Environmental studies, Human Sciences and Globalization. It has a total collection of 11226 (processed) books till 25th March 2012. The library also subscribes to 78 foreign journals among which 29 are online journals and 42 Indian journals among which 4 are available in both print and online format and 1 has only online access. It also receives complementary copies of 19 more journals. The library has acquired 309 government and 144 other reports and 210 documents published from World Health Organization. It has acquired 346 non-book materials such as Compact Disc, Digital versatile Disc, Microfilms, Maps, Audio cassettes etc. documents which are also accessioned. The library also contains the archives of Rosa Luxemburg projects which include reports, booklets, posters, pats or scroll paintings, CDs, DVDs, audio cassettes, catalogues, transparencies and fact sheets. The library acquired 3473 books out of which 351 no. of e-books purchased perpetually from Cambridge University Press and subscribes 5 foreign journals for Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies.

Library has purchased different tools for processing the documents e.g. Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) 22nd and 23rd edition, Universal Decimal Classification, Standard edition, Anglo American Cataloguing Rules (AACR-2R), Sears list of subject headings 17th and 20th edition, C.A. Cutter's 3-figure Author table fully revised edition, American Library Association (ALA) filing rules. Library maintains an authority file.

The Library has established network connections with DELNET and is a member of Calcutta University's E-Journals under UGC INFONET Programme, Indiatat.com, Prowess, Capital line plus, Oxford e-bundle journals in economics, EPW online and Sage online for selected journals. Library is the institutional member of American Information Resource Centre Kolkata, Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata and The National Library.

The library is using SOUL version 1 (Software for University Libraries) for its on-going automation activities. Currently the library has entered and processed 11226 documents in SOUL. Library has also started book charging and discharging with the help of SOUL SOFTWARE since January 2011. Users are getting benefit of that.

The Institute has been gifted with very valuable collections, that of the late Michael Sprinker, a leading radical literary theorist, Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi, Governor of West Bengal, and also a collection of about 1900 books from Shri Parimal Dasgupta, a leading journalist. These two gifts have been designated as the *Michael Sprinker* and *Parimal Dasgupta Collections* respectively.

The library is extending its service to outside research scholars, faculty members. Many visitors from India and outside India are visiting the library regularly. Information regarding the library has been incorporated in the website of IDSK (www.idsk.edu.in).

VII Academic Activities of Faculty Members

Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Professor of Economics and Director

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Delivered a lecture on ‘The current state of capitalism: A threat to democracy’, at a conference on ‘Future of capitalism’ organized by Cambridge Journal of Economics in honour of Professor G.C. Harcourt on 25 & 26 June 2011.

Gave a lecture on ‘Colonialism and underdevelopment: The great divergence between Europe and Afrasia’, organized by Adult Education Radical Reading Group (OISE | UT), the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Toronto and Historical Materialism Group, Toronto Asian Institute (September 7, 2011).

Delivered a paper on ‘Social reproduction’ in the workshop on ‘Economic crisis and the reorganization of the global economy: Trans/regional responses’, at a conference on ‘Global social reproduction and the neoliberal order’ at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada on 10 September 2011.

Gave a lecture on ‘India today: Democracy, oligarchy or popular power?’ at Department of Political Science, York University, Toronto on 12 September 2011.

Delivered the keynote address at a seminar on ‘Politicization of Rural Development and its Economic Implications in West Bengal’ organized by Loreto College, Kolkata on 17 December 2011.

Presided over the 9th Convocation of Tripura University on 11 and 12 January 2012 where Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was awarded D.Lit(Honoris Causa)

Delivered the keynote address at a seminar on ‘Politicization of rural development and its economic implications in West Bengal’ organized by Loreto College, Kolkata on 17 December 2011.

Delivered the keynote address at the national seminar on ‘Rural Reconstruction: Retrospect on Tagore’s Visions’ organized by Anthropological Survey of India on 17 January 2012.

Presented a paper at the IDEAs Tenth Anniversary Conference on ‘The Global Economy in a time of uncertainty: Capitalist trajectories and progressive alternatives’ at Muttukadu, Chennai from 24 to 26 January 2012.

Participated in the 2nd International Research Conference of Reserve Bank of India on 'Monetary policy, sovereign debt and financial stability: The new trilemma' in Mumbai on 1-2 February 2012.

Participated in the international conference on 'Indian social sciences in the changing world: Roles, responsibilities and reforms’ organized by ICSSR, New Delhi on 6 and 7 February 2012.

Delivered the inaugural lecture of the conference on 'Dimensions of development and resource conservation' organized by Department of Geography, University of Calcutta on 10 March 2012.

Delivered the welcome address on 'Environmental stress and livelihood risk in the Ganga-Brahmaputra valley and delta' at the international workshop on 'Managing community impacts of climate change' organized by Monash Sustainability Institute and IDSK on 12 and 13 March 2012.

Publications

Articles

1. ‘Migration, morality and finance’, in Thanh-Dam Truong and Des Gasper(eds.): *Transnational Migration and Human Security: The Migration-development Security Nexus*, Heidelberg: Springer, 2011
2. (in Bangla) ‘Rabindranath, ganamanas o manabmukti’ in Sudhir Chakravarti ed.: *Bakpati Biswamana*, Vol.II, Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies, August 2011.
3. ‘Necessity of economic history for economics of the real world’ *Four Essays on Writing*

Economic History of Colonial India, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata and Progressive Publishers, September 2011.

4. 'An inequitable path: The ritualistic exercise in fiscal management', *The Statesman*, 21 March 2012

Achin Chakraborty, Professor of Economics and Coordinator, M.Phil Programme

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Invited to present a paper on 'From passive beneficiary to rights claimant: The changing face of the capability deprived in India, and the Primacy of Politics' at the seminar on 'Human Rights' at Loreto College on 19 August 2011.

Presented a paper on 'Health care in West Bengal: Are Public-private partnerships effective?' at the seminar on 'Towards industrial revival in West Bengal – New directions and policies', jointly organized by the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta and Bangalore, at IIMC, on 24-25 September.

Invited to deliver a lecture on 'Growth, unemployment, poverty and human development in post-reform India' at the workshop for the Officers of Indian Statistical Service and Indian Economic Service, Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad on 2 November 2011.

Presented a paper on 'Inclusive education for inclusive development' at the seminar on 'Higher education and inclusive growth in India: Visions for the future' at Loreto College on 11 November 2011.

Spoke as a panellist in the panel discussion on 'Social and legal pitfalls of economic development' as part of the two-day conference on 'Development and Governance' at Visva Bharati University on 11-13 November 2011.

Presented the keynote address on 'Nuts and bolts of implementation of RTE in West Bengal' at the two-day seminar on 'Right to Education and SSA' at Kaliyaganj College on 18-19 November 2011.

Spoke as a panellist in the panel discussion on 'West Bengal Economy' at the one-day seminar at Narasingha Datta College, Howrah on 10 December 2011.

Gave a lecture on 'Human rights and human development' at the seminar on *Human Rights: The Parallel Worlds of Development and Discrimination*, Bijoykrishna Girls College, Howrah on 16 December 2011.

Delivered a lecture on ‘Institutional choices for human development in a globalised world’ at the conference on ‘Globalisation and Economic Development’, Kalyani University on 12 January 2012.

Gave a talk on ‘Inclusive Education for Inclusive Development’ at Presidency University on 17 January 2012.

Invited to deliver a lecture on ‘West Bengal: Poverty, backwardness and all that’ at the training workshop for IAS officers, State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development, Government of West Bengal, Kalyani on 20 February 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘Quality and equity in elementary education’ at the seminar organized by Forum for Development economics, Department of Economics, Calcutta University on 23 February 2012.

Invited to deliver a lecture on ‘Social exclusion and the prospect of inclusive growth in India’ at the seminar on ‘Inclusive Growth: Emerging Scenario in India’, Hooghly Mohsin College on 25 February 2012.

Invited to give a presentation on ‘Transcendental institutionalism and some aspects of distributive justice in India: Between normative and political’ at the conference on ‘Democracy, Pluralism and Justice: Challenges for India in a Changing World’, to celebrate 40 years of the School of Social Sciences of JNU during 29 February –2 March 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘Economic growth and its discontents in India’ at the seminar on ‘Indian Economy: The Last Two Decades’ at Ramkrishna Mission Vidyamandir, Belur, on 3 March 2012.

Invited to give a presentation on ‘On the optimal distance between studying development and ‘doing’ development’ at the ‘Second Development Meet’ organized by the Central University of Bihar, Patna on 25-26 March 2012.

Spoke as a panelist in the panel discussion on ‘FDI in Retail Trade’ at Department of Economics, Burdwan University on 29 March 2012.

M.Phil and Ph.D Supervision

Supervised dissertations of two M.Phil and Ph.D students.

Publications

Article

‘Human development: How not to interpret change’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 17 December 2011.

Review

‘Of Measures and Mismeasures’ [Review of S. Subramanian and D. Jayaraj’s *Poverty, Inequality, and Population*, OUP], *Economic and Political Weekly*, 1 October 2011.

Debdas Banerjee, Professor of Economics

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented papers on ‘Planning Institutions and Problems of Industrialization in BRICS countries’ on 15 March 2012 and ‘Small scale agriculture, employment and rural development in BRICS countries’ on 16 March 2012 in two Government Policy cluster workshops organized by the Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa.

Delivered a lecture on ‘Meeting India’s Development Challenges: An Overview’ and also chaired a session on ‘Development Challenges’ at the ‘Development Meet 2012’ organized by the Central University of Bihar during 24-26 March 2012.

Bidhan Kanti Das, Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on ‘Critiquing ‘Fortress conservation approach’: Is ‘people- centered conservation approach’ viable option in Indian context’ in a two-day national conference on ‘Potential of diverse biodiversity conservation approaches and livelihood concerns in India’ organized by IDSK on 15-16 March 2011.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervised dissertation of one M.Phil student of IDSK (2009-2011).

Research Project

Work in progress on project ‘Adjusting to AILA: Climate Change, Vulnerability and Adaptation in the Cyclone affected areas of Sundarbans’ with Dr. Jenia Mukherjee under financial assistance from IDSK .

Ongoing Research Programmes

Prepared draft paper on ‘*How can forest policies be improved for resettlement of forest villagers in the context of flood disaster?*’

Paper in progress on ‘*Problems of Current Biodiversity conservation approach and possible alternatives in Indian context*’ for an edited volume.

Completed final draft of edited book ‘*Potential of Diverse Biodiversity Conservation Approaches and Livelihood Concerns in India*’ with Dr Ajit Banerjee.

Publications

Articles

‘Genetics of quantitative traits in humans: Inbreeding as an approach of study’, *International Journal Human Genetics*, Vol 11, No. 3, pp. 155-166, 2011.

‘Parks, ‘Community participation’ and poverty eradication: Assessing developmental interventions in a National Park, India’, *Journal of the Indian Anthropological Society*, Vol. 47, No. 1, pp: 75-98, 2012.

‘Strategizing local institutions as ‘community’ for development intervention: Learning from World Bank assisted Eco-development project in a protected area of India’ in Rajat Kanti Das ed. *Many faces of Development*, INCAA Occasional Paper Series, Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA) .

Gorky Chakraborty, Associate Professor of Economics

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Participated as a resource person in a workshop on ‘Studies on North East India’ at Asiatic Society, Kolkata, 29 March-2 April 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘Understanding social exclusion: The char dwellers of Assam’ at a national seminar on ‘Social exclusion and inclusive development in North East India: Challenges and opportunities’ at North Gauhati College, Guwahati on 10-11 June 2011.

Participated at the consultation methodology meeting of IUCN at Kathmandu, Nepal, 3-4 August 2011. The meeting was a part of the IUCN’s project on ‘Ecosystem for life: Bangladesh-India initiative’.

Participated at the IUCN eflows (Environmental Flows) training and workshop for South Asian countries at Kathmandu, Nepal, 5-6 August 2011.

Participated as a Resource Person and presented a paper on ‘Analyzing globalization and understanding the periphery’ at a national seminar on ‘Globalization, Adversities and Evolution of Economic Development at Nistarini College, Purulia 15-16 September 2011

Presented a paper on ‘Look East Policy and North East India’ at North East Young Social Scientist Meet under ICSSR-NER Programme at O.K.D. Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, 20-21 January 2012.

Spoke as a panelist at a panel discussion on ‘Water Conflicts in North East India’, organized at Guwahati by Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India, 23-26 January 2012.

Presented a paper at a national seminar on ‘Abundant land to wasteland’ organized by Dibrugarh University, Assam on 12-14 March 2012.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervising M.Phil dissertation of Mr. Himanshu Prasad of IDSK. His title of dissertation is *Contract Farming in West Bengal*.

Research Projects

The project ‘Eco-systems for Life: A Bangladesh-India Initiative’ sponsored by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has been completed. It was based on primary data collected from the *chars* of Ganga in Malda and Murshidabad districts in West Bengal. The project findings were presented at Dhaka Workshop organized by IUCN during November, 2011.

‘Reception of Rabindranath Tagore in North East India’ sponsored by R.N. Tagore Center for Human Development Studies, a UGC sponsored joint initiative of Calcutta University and IDSK. The project findings are scheduled to be published during May 2012 in the form of a book.

Currently working in a project on “Factors Impacting Non-agricultural Employment Growth in West Bengal” in collaboration with Institute of Applied Manpower Research, New Delhi.

Publications

Articles

‘Encountering globalization in the hill areas of North East India’, *Social Change and Development*, 2011.

‘From isolation to desolation: Analyzing social exclusion among the *Char* dwellers of Assam’ *Man and Society*, Vol. VIII, Summer 2011.

‘Analyzing ‘Region formation’ in India’s North East: Contextualizing the Look East Policy’, *Dialogue*, Vol. 3, No. 3, January-March 2012.

Indrani Chakraborty, Professor of Economics

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on ‘Does capital structure depend on group affiliation? An analysis of the Indian corporate firms’ at Simposio de la Asociacion Espanola de Economia held at Malaga, Spain during 15-17 December 2011.

M.Phil and Ph.D Supervision

Supervising a Ph.D dissertation on ‘An analysis of the dividend behaviour of the corporate firms in India in the post-reform period’.

Supervisor of two M.Phil dissertations of IDSK (2010-12) . Dissertation titles: “Effects of the trade policy change on capital structure: An analysis of Indian Textile industry” and “Impact of International Trade and Trade Policies on Environment” (joint supervisor).

Upcoming Research Programme

Planning to examine the effects of ownership structure on corporate performance of Indian non-financial firms. In this study, ownership structure will be considered in terms of group affiliation and (i) profitability and (ii) sales to assets as measures of performance. Both the parametric and semi-parametric estimation techniques will be applied comparing the results.

Publications

Article/Mimeo

‘Economic Reforms, Business Groups and Changing Pattern of Distribution of Profitability Across corporate Firms in India: A Semi-Parametric Approach’.(Mimeo)

‘Does Capital Structure Depend on Group Affiliation? An Analysis of the Indian Firms’ , *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 2012 (forthcoming), Elsevier.

Jenia Mukherjee, Assistant Professor of History

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on ‘Big’ conservationist approach vs. popular science: Exploring the dynamics of wetland eco-system in the peri-urban interface of Calcutta’ at the two-day workshop on

‘Managing community development in the Ganga basin in response to climate change supported by Australian government (AusAID), Dhaka, April 2011.

Participated at the consultation methodology meeting of IUCN at Kathmandu, Nepal, August 3-4 2011. The meeting was a part of the IUCN’s project on ‘Ecosystem for life: Bangladesh-India initiative’.

Participated at the IUCN eflows (Environmental Flows) training and workshop for South Asian countries at Kathmandu, Nepal, August 5-6, 2011.

Participated in the IUCN programme on ‘Trans-boundary water management’ and interacted and exchanged views with the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) secretariat in Uganda and WWF on Mara Basin conservation and management incorporating community participation in Kenya in September 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘From ‘Sikasti’ to ‘Payasti’: People’s struggle in the Hamidpur ‘char’ (Malda) in the post-Farakka years’ at the national seminar on ‘The quest for identity in India through the ages’ organized by the Corpus Research Institute in Shantiniketan in October 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘The Farakka Barrage: A Review from the Indo-Bangladesh Perspectives after 36 years’ at the 72nd session of the Indian History Congress, Punjabi University, Patiala in December 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘Indigenous ‘adaptation’ to imperial forestry: A study in the southern Awadh Province between late eighteenth and early nineteenth century’ at the ICHR sponsored national seminar on ‘Making of a Region: Purvanchal’ organized by D.D.U Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur in February 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘Ecosystems for life: Role of ecosystem services in community adaptation in Ganges ‘chars’’ at the international conference on ‘Managing community adaptation in response to climate change in the Ganga Basin’ organized by Monash University’, Australia and funded by the Australian Government (AUSAID) on 12 and March 2012.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervising the M.Phil dissertation of Satabdi Datta of IDSK. The title of her dissertation is ‘Exploring the dynamics of community water resource management: A case-study of Mathurapur Block, Sundarbans, West Bengal’ (jointly with Uttam Bhattacharya).

Research Project

Acting as the Principal Investigator in the project *Ecosystem for Life: A Bangladesh-India Initiative* funded by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Upcoming Research Programmes

Research on environmental history with the aim of writing research papers in this particular area. This will include a thorough revision of my PhD thesis on the eastern canal system and wetlands of Kolkata.

To run the newly outlined (revised) MPhil course on *Environment and development in contemporary India* successfully.

A proposal on organizing a conference on ‘big’ developmental approaches, its impact on ecology and indigenous livelihoods and what can be the probable alternatives would be submitted to IDSK by June 2012. The title and the concept note would be written after discussing it with seniors, faculty members and experts working in this area.

Publications

Book Chapters and Articles

‘A bid-adieu to the Buddhist philosophy, praxis and preaching: Experiences at Rumtek’, *Society and Change*, vol. 5, no. 1 (Dhaka: Organization for Social Development and Research, Jan. - March, 2011).

‘Carrying the legacy of Sun Yat Sen: Soong Qingling and China in the Red Years’, *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 71st session, (Malda: IHC, 2010-11).

‘The victory of site over situation: Exploring ecological dynamics behind Calcutta’s selection as the seat of colonial capital’, *The Quarterly Review of Historical Studies*, vol. 49 (forthcoming).

‘Mega-urbanization in Eastern Kolkata: Vision and reality’ (jointly with Amlan Kanti Ray), *Mega-Urbanization and Human Rights: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities*, Commission on Urban Anthropology (CUA) (forthcoming).

Translations and compilations

Introduction and compilation of *Four Essays on Economic History* (with Prof. Jayanta Acharya and Dr. Subhasri Ghosh) (Kolkata: IDSK in association with Progressive Publishers, 2011).

Compilation of *Media, Markets and Democracy* (with Dr. Subhasri Ghosh and Kaustav Tarafdar) (Kolkata: IDSK in association with Progressive Publishers, 2011).

Bengali translation of Irfan Habib, *Man and Environment: The Ecological History of India* (with Swagatalaxmi Majumder) (forthcoming).

Krishna Soman, Associate Professor of Public Health

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on ‘Pluralism, popularity and propaganda: Narratives of lay practices of homeopathy in India’ at the International Conference on ‘Medical pluralism and homoeopathy in India and Germany (1810-2010)’, held at the Institute for History of Medicine (Institut für Geschichte der Medizin), Stuttgart, Germany on 1-2 July 2011.

Chaired a session on ‘Practices of health care providers: Indian physicians in the late 20th century’ at the International Conference on ‘Medical pluralism and homoeopathy in India and Germany (1810-2010)’, held at the Institute for History of Medicine, Stuttgart, Germany on 2 July 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘Traditional midwives in social reproduction: Changing landscapes in twentieth century Bengal’ at the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi on 29 July 2011.

Chaired a session on ‘Maternal health in India and Bangladesh: Process, evidence and communication’, at the South Asian Conference on ‘Reproductive Morbidity and Treatment Seeking Behaviour in India: The Role of Demographic, Socio-economic and Cultural Correlates’, organised by IDSK and RLS 15-16 December 2011.

Gave a presentation on ‘Towards a State Policy for women in West Bengal: Concerns for health’, Consultations on CEDAW and State Policies for Women, organized by the WSRC, Calcutta University and National Alliance of Women’s Organizations (NAWO) on 13-14 March 2012.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervised the M. Phil dissertation of a student of Rabindra Bharati University in September 2011. The title of the dissertation is ‘Reproductive Health Situation of Minority Women: A Case Study on Murshidabad’.

Upcoming Research Programme

Manuscript for ‘Knowledge that withers, connects and travels: Criss-cross narratives of health cultures and social change’ is in progress.

Publications

Articles

‘Women’s health and Rights to health in Independent India: An Overview’ in Nirmala Banerjee, Samita Sen and Nandita Dhawan (eds). *Mapping the Field: Gender Relations in Contemporary India*. Kolkata : School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University and Stree, September 2011.

Women, Medicine and Politics of Gender: Institution of Traditional Midwives in Twentieth Century Bengal, Occasional Paper: 32, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, November 2011.

Nandini Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Participated as a resource person in a Consultation on 'Report on the Eastern Regional Consultation Meeting on Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences' held on 18th June 2011, at NUJS, Calcutta.

Presented a paper on 'Perspectives on disability and educational rights of disabled people in present day context' organized by Special Education & HEPSN Cell of Jadavpur University in collaboration with Sruti Disability Rights Centre on 8th and 9th September 2011.

Presented a paper on '*Sobar moton noy* (not like others)': Everyday experiences of persons with disabilities' at the National Conference on 'Pratyaha: Everyday Lifeworld' held at IDSK on 20th and 21st October 2011.

Presented a paper on 'Factors that create empowerment in emancipatory research' at the AIFO sponsored workshop on 'Emancipatory Research on Disability' in the Asia Pacific CBR Congress held in Manila Philippines from 27th November to 1st December, 2011.

Presented a paper on 'Disability and livelihood: Gendered reflections' at the Capacity Building workshop on "Action research on disability, poverty and livelihoods" organized by UNESCAP on 16-18 January 2012 in Bangkok.

Delivered a talk on 'Violence against disabled women in the current scenario' at celebration of International Women's day organized by SANCHAR Kolkata at Rotary Sadan on 7th March 2012.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervised a M. Phil student Ms. Moumita Ghosh jointly with Prof. P. Ray who received her degree in 2011.

At present, supervising one M. Phil. Student Ms. Anwesha Paul of batch 2010-2012.

Research Project

Coordinating the project *A Study of the Disability Movement in India: Trajectory, Tensions, Future* funded by IDSK.

Publications

Articles

‘Bhalo Meye: Cultural construction of gender and disability in Bengal’ in edited volume *Emerging Paradigm of Disability Studies: Perspectives and Challenges From India*, Centre for Women’s Development Studies, New Delhi and Routledge India, January 2012.

‘Using qualitative methods in disability research’ in edited volume *Qualitative Research in Public Health in India* to be published by Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar.

‘Feminist ethnography: Exploring lives of disabled women’ in forthcoming volume on *Exploring Disability in Social Science Research* to be published by Centre for Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Saswata Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Demography

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on ‘Is health status of elderly worsening in India? A comparison of successive rounds of National Sample Survey Data’ (Co-author Zakir Husain, IEG) at the Population Association of America’s Annual Conference held in Washington DC from March 31 to April 2, 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘Determinants of treatment initiation for self-reported reproductive morbidity among marginalized sections: A case study of rural Birbhum, West Bengal’ at Swastha Bhavan in a seminar organized by Department of Economics, University of Calcutta and Department of Health & Family Welfare, West Bengal on 21 June 2011.

Participated in Chandrakanta Memorial Eastern Regional Health Assembly on July 9, 2011 organized by the Pratichi Institute, Kolkata.

Presented a paper on ‘Does marital violence increase the vulnerability of sexually transmitted diseases among married couple in urban India’ in the 10th International Conference on ‘Urban health’ at Belo Horizonte, Brazil during 31 October - November 5, 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘Burden of inequity among women : Socioeconomic and gender perspective of nutritional status among couple in India’ (co-author: Moumita Mukherjee) in the 6th Biennial Conference of International Society on ‘Equity in Health, Making Policy a Health Equity Building Process’, Cartajena, Colombia, on 26-28 Sept 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘Inequity in provider choice in treatment seeking for reproductive morbidity in the context of underdevelopment: An exploratory analysis of rural West Bengal, India’ (co-author: Moumita Mukherjee) in the 6th Biennial Conference of International Society on ‘Equity in Health, Making Policy a Health Equity Building Process, Cartajena, Colombia, Sept 26-28, 2011.

M.Phil Supervision

Presently Co-supervisor of M.Phil. dissertation of Smarajit Ankura of IDSK. The title of his dissertation is 'Child immunization in West Bengal: Understanding the effects of demographic and socio-economic factors'.

Research Project

Coordinator of Research Project on 'Improving Health Status of Women and Institutional Delivery of Public Reproductive Health Services in Rural West Bengal (Phase-2)' sponsored by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Germany.

Upcoming Research Programme

Publishing a number of research papers from 2010-11 and 2012 RLS Projects.

Publications

Articles/Papers

'Socioeconomic risk Factors of anaemia among pregnant women in India' to be published in *Demography India*, March 2012

'Exploring demographic and socioeconomic factors influencing utilization of ICDS Service', *Asia Pacific Population Journal*. (forthcoming)

Subhanil Chowdhury, Assistant Professor of Economics

Research Projects

Currently working in a project on "Migration, Scientific Diasporas and Development Impact of Return Skilled Migration on Development in India" funded by Swiss Network for International Studies.

Currently working in a project on "Factors Impacting Non-agricultural Employment Growth in West Bengal" in collaboration with Institute of Applied Manpower Research, New Delhi.

Upcoming Research Programmes

Preparing a paper on 'Employment Problem in India'.

Starting the study on imperialism sponsored by ICSSR.

Preparing a paper on 'Problems of 'Inclusive Growth' in South Asia'.

Publications

Articles

‘Fiscal problem in West Bengal: Towards an explanation’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, March 31, 2012.

‘Employment in India: What does the latest data show?’ *Economic and Political Weekly*, August 6, 2011.

Subhoranjan Dasgupta, Professor of Human Sciences

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on ‘Bertolt Brecht’s one and only play on Kolkata’s colonial history’ at IDSK on 7 December 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘Utopia and Dystopia in Akhtaruzzaman Elias’s novel *Khowabnama*’ at IDSK on 30 January 2012.

Research Project

Actively engaged in the project ‘Reproductive Morbidity of Women and Health Seeking Ways in Rural West Bengal sponsored by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin.

Publications

Edited Occasional Papers published by the Institute, edited and published two Occasional Papers (Pratyaha- Everyday Lifeworld by Professor Prasanta Ray and Women, Medicine and Politics of Gender by Associate Professor Krishna Soman).

Forthcoming

The paper on Bertolt Brecht will be first published as an Occasional Paper and then in a book titled *East and West Cultural Encounters*.

The paper on Akhtaruzzaman Elias’s *Khowabnama* will be published by Sage in June 2012 in a selection of essays on Utopia and Creativity titled *Politics of the Possible*.

The paper on *Tagore’s Critique of the Nation State and Nationalism* will be included in the anthology ‘Tribute to Tagore’ to be published by the Tagore Society in Jamshedpur in May 2012.

Subrata Mukherjee, Assistant Professor of Economics

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on ‘Measuring catastrophic health care payments: An alternative approach’ at the 8th World Congress of the International Health Economics Association, in Toronto, Canada on 10-13 July 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘Concept and measurement of catastrophic health care payments: A critical note’ at the national seminar on ‘Financing Health Services in India: Search for Alternative’ at the Government College for Women, Trivandrum on 4-6 January 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘Conception and misconception about liver diseases in rural India: Evidence from a survey of rural health care providers and their users’ at the BMS Foundation Learning and Sharing Meeting, Taipei on 15-16 February 2012.

Chaired two sessions on (1) ‘Demand side financing’ and (2) ‘Mass insurance programme’ at the national seminar on Financing Health Services in India: Search for Alternative at the Government College for Women, Trivandrum (January 4-6, 2012) Government College

Participated at the 22nd conference of the Asia Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver at Taipei on 17-18 February 2012.

M.Phil Supervision

Supervising MPhil student Shiney Chakraborty (MPhil batch 2010-2012); Dissertation Title: *Gender-based wage difference in Indian labour market.*

Supervising (along with Saswata Ghosh) MPhil student Sarajit Ankura (MPhil batch 2010-2012); Dissertation Title: *Child immunisation in West Bengal.*

Research Project

Coordinating a project on ‘Evaluation of the Rural Health Care Providers Training Programme’ funded by Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, USA.

Upcoming Research Programme

Currently designing a short course on ‘Analysis of Health Inequality’ which can be conducted at IDSK and the course can be offered to the interested health researchers, health administrators and resource persons/technical staff working at the district and state levels.

Publications

Article

‘State of health and health Care in West Bengal: A Study in Comparative Perspective with Kerala and Tamil Nadu’, *Demography India*, Vol. 39, No 2, pp. 259-276, January 2012.

Uttam Bhattacharya, Associate Professor of Economics

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Presented a paper on ‘Reforms in the agricultural sector and Indian Planning during the 11th Five Year Plan: An analysis in the perspectives of Rabindranath Tagore’s thoughts and experiments on rural and agricultural reforms’ at a national seminar on ‘Prospects and challenges for rural economic development’ organized by the Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan from 11 to 13 March 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘Environment crisis today: Re-reading Tagore in 21 century’ at a seminar on ‘Tagore’s ideas on environment and sustainable development and their current relevance’ organized by the Centre for Studies on Environment and Sustainable Development (CSED), Centre for Higher Education Management (CHEM), and Department of Environmental Studies, Rabindra Bharati University on 28 March 2011.

Participated in an international conference on ‘Mekong- India cooperation: Linking markets, fostering trade’ organized by Research and Information System For Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, Institute of Foreign Policy Studies (IFPS), University of Calcutta and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Bern, Switzerland on 23 and 24 June 2011.

Participated in a workshop on ‘Labour, organisation and trafficking: Looking through the gender lens’ organized by School of Women’s Studies, Jadavpur University on 22 July 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘India in innovation map: A study with reference to patents and R&D, 1970-2009’ (jointly with Kumkum Basak) at the international conference on Socio-economic and Technological Innovations in the Globalizing Economy (STIGE): Mechanism and Institutions organized by National Institute of Science Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS), CSIR, New Delhi and Academy of Science, Russia on 2-5 November 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘Innovation in agricultural insurance in India: Retrospect and Prospect (jointly with Debisree Banerjee) at the Seventy First Annual National Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (IASAE) organized by Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics and University of Agricultural Sciences, Karnataka on 3-5 November 2011.

Participated at the international seminar on 'Climate Change and India' organized by Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, and Indian Network of Climate Change Assessment (INCCA), New Delhi on 7-8 November 2011.

Presented a paper on 'Inclusive growth and innovation in Indian planning' at the UGC sponsored State Level Seminar on 'Inclusive Growth and the Role of the Trio: The State , Market and Civil Society organized by Sudhiranjan Lahiri Mahavidyalaya, Majdia, Nadia and Kalyani University on 25-26 November 2011.

Participated as an Observer and Discussant at the Indo- European Round-table Discussion on Research and Innovation Cooperation The Delegation of the European Union to India and EURAXESS Link India on 12 December 2011.

Participated at a workshop on 'Economic Growth in West Bengal: Challenges and Priorities' organized by Indian Statistical Institute and International Growth Centre, USA on 11 January 2012.

Presented covering the preliminary findings of the research project on skilled return migration in India at a seminar on 'Migration, Scientific Diasporas and Development' at IDSK on 3 January 2012 at IDSK.

Participated as a discussant on UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Economic Liberalisation and Exclusion in the Indian Context organized by Department of Economics , Susil Kar College and Bhargar Mahavidyalaya, 24 Parganas on 31 January and 1 February 2012.

Presented a paper on 'Problems of crop diversification in West Bengal: A study in the context of some financial impediments' (jointly with Debisree Banerjee) Regional Seminar on Diversification of Agriculture in Eastern India organized by Agro Economic Research Centre, Visva Bharati, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE), Mumbai and Natinal Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(NABARD) on 23-25 March 2012.

M.Phil and Ph.D Supervision

Supervised the following Ph.D dissertations

- i) **Aparna Banerjee:** 'Changing Profile of Ports and its influence on Port Towns in India, 1980-2010'. Calcutta University(CU) (Associate Supervisor).
- ii) **Kumkum Basak:** 'Innovation and Patents in Indian Firms and Organisations- A study with reference to selected areas,1990-2010'.
- iii) **Panchali Bhattacharjee:** 'Microfinance and Women in West Bengal', CU.
- iv) **Prasenjit Mukherjee:** 'Changes in agricultural operational land holding in West Bengal since 1990s', Rabindra Bharati University.

v) **Debisree Banerjee**: ‘Agriculture and Finance’, Master of Business Management(MBM), University of Calcutta

Supervised the following M.Phil dissertations

- i) **Pranab Majhi** : ‘Tourism as Development: A study with reference to Bishnupur’, (Session 2009-11), Degree awarded.
- ii) **Satabdi Datta**: ‘Economies of Water Management : A study with reference to selected villages in West Bengal’ (Session 2011-13).

Research Project

Currently working in a project on ‘Migration, Scientific Diasporas and Development Impact of Return Skilled Migration on Development in India’ funded by Swiss Network for International Studies.

Upcoming Research Programme

A proposal to undertake a collaborative work on some major issues related to agriculture in West Bengal with the Agro- Economic Research Centre, Visva Bharati. Working on the study on industrial scenario of Howrah, a district of West Bengal. A research scheme is being prepared to study jointly the prospect of Indo- Australian Economic ties particularly in manufacturing and service sectors. Collaboration is expected from the faculty members of two Universities of Australia including the Macquarie University, Australia, with whom IDSK collaborated, in connection with a minor joint research project in 2010 on the prospect of trade relation between Australia and India in capital goods sector.

Publications

Articles

‘Innovations in agricultural insurance in India’ (jointly with Debisree Banerjee), *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics* , Vol 66, No.3, September, 2011 (ISSN:0019-5014).

‘Targets for an inclusive faster growth: Prospect of Dairy sector for the Twelfth Five Year Plan’ (jointly with others), *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 66, No.3, September, 2011.

‘India in innovation map: A study with reference to patents, firms and R&D, 1970-2010’ (Jointly with Kumkum Basak), to be published jointly by the NISTADS, New Delhi and Academy Science , Russia (forthcoming).

Zakaria Siddiqui, Assistant Professor of Economics

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Delivered a talk on ‘Market design problems of electricity market in India under spot market regime’ at Bremer Energy Institute, Jacobs University, Bremen, Germany on 12 April 2011.

Gave a lecture on ‘Policies and performance India's energy sector: Perspectives from political economy’ at Bremer Energy Institute, Jacobs University, Bremen, Germany on 13 April 2011.

Accepted a paper on ‘Demand response in spot market for electricity in India’ for the conference of International Society for New Institutional Economics at Stanford Law School, USA on 17 18 June 2011.

Gave a seminar on ‘Demand response in spot market for electricity in India’ on 14 October 2011 at Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research.

Gave a seminar on ‘Changing inequalities in basic energy services in rural India: Evidence from the Indian National Sample Survey’ at Monash Asia Institute, Monash University, on 27 March 2012.

Visited Monash Asia Institute, Monash University from 27th February 2012 to 5 April 2012 to work on ‘Access to basic energy services among Indian households’.

M.Phil Supervision

Co-supervising a dissertation of Devleena Mazumdar titled ‘Trade Openness and Environmental Performance of countries: A pane data study’.

Co-supervising a dissertation of Manasi Bera titled ‘Economic Development and Migration: A case Study of West Bengal’.

Research Project

Co-author in a project on ‘Migration, Scientific Diasporas and Development: Impact of Skilled Return Migration on Development in India’ funded by Swiss Network for International Studies.

Awarded a grant from ICSSR for a research project on ‘Inequality in Access to Modern Energy Services Energy: Indian Case’.

Upcoming Research Programmes

Measurement of level of Deprivation of modern energy services in India with help of NSS data including 2009-10 data of latest round. I have already financial aid on this from ICSSR. This relates to my broader theme of research on political economy of energy policy and climate change.

Critical evaluation of power sector reforms in India with perspectives from New Institutional Economics.

Lesson for Industrialisation in West Bengal and Industrial organisation from Readymade garments cluster in Metiabruz and Howrah area.

Publications

Article

Communicated a paper titled 'Demand response in Indian electricity market' to *Energy Policy Journal* in the month of June and waiting for response.

Dipankar Sinha, Honorary Visiting Professor

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Chaired a technical session on 'Indian media in the twenty first century' at the International Convention on International Relations, Jadavpur Association of International Relations/Public Diplomacy Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Kolkata on 20 August, 2011.

Chaired Technical Session II at the international conference on 'Women's political empowerment and poverty reduction' organized by Women's Studies Research Centre, Calcutta University on 30 August 2011.

Chaired a session on 'Negotiations' at the national conference on 'Pratyaha: Everyday Lifeworld' organized by Institute of Development Studies Kolkata on 21 October 2011.

Delivered the theme lecture on "Second transition? 'Scientific governance' in India today", at the national symposium on 'Development, Democracy and Governance' organized by Tata Institute of Social Science-CRG, Mumbai on 2 November 2011.

Gave a lecture on "'Good governance' and 'Development': An uncomfortable poser on an conceptual intimacy", at the State-level conference on 'Development and Governance, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati, 12 November, 2011.

Delivered a lecture on 'Rural development in West Bengal: Tracking informational mode of politicization' at Departments of Economics and Political Science, Loreto College, ICSSR-sponsored seminar on Politicization of Rural Development and Its Economic Implications in West Bengal on 17 December, 2011.

Delivered the keynote lecture at the State-Level Conference on 'Development and Peace, Hunger Free West Bengal Campaign' at Calcutta University Institute, on 25 February 2012.

Presented a paper on ‘Globalization and the state in India: Trends in depoliticization and repoliticization’ at the UGC State-level interdisciplinary seminar on ‘Interrogating Globalization: The Changing Face of India’ at Rani Birla Girls’ College on 13 March, 2012.

Publications

Book

Media, Gender and Popular Culture in India: Tracking Change and Continuity, Sage Publications, Los Angeles/London/New Delhi/, 2011. (Co-authored).

Article

‘New Technique of Governance: E-Governance and India’s Democratic Experience’ in R. Samaddar and S. K. Sen eds., *New Subjects and New Governance in India*, Routledge, London/New York/ New Delhi, 2012.

Prasanta Ray, Honorary Visiting Professor

Presentation of papers/participation in conferences and seminars

Gave a lecture on ‘Sociology of religion’ at Ramkrishna Mission, Kolkata on 20 September 2011.

Deliver a lecture on ‘Emergence of spiritual supermarkets’, Ramkrishna Mission, Kolkata, on 24 September 2011.

Gave introductory remarks on Pratyaha at the conference on ‘*Pratyaha: Everyday Lifeworld*’, IDSK on 20-22 October 2011.

Delivered a talk on ‘Qualitative approach to everyday lifeworld’ at Department of Psychology, Calcutta University on 19 November 2011.

Gave a lecture on ‘Methodological cosmopolitanis’ at Department of Political Science, Calcutta University on 28 November 2011.

Presented a paper on ‘Sukumar Ray meets Homi Bhabha’, at the conference on ‘Interrogating globalization’ at Rani Birla College on 13 March 2012.

Delivered a lecture on ‘On the shoulders of Robert Nisbet’ at Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University on 15 March 2012.

Publication

Article

‘Swadhinatar Anuswandhaan’, a tercentennial tribute to Jean Jacques Rousseau, *Desh*, February 12, 2012.

VIII Academic Activities of RTCHDS

A. Lectures delivered

Name	Date	Title of Lecture
Joysankar Bhattacharya	29.07.2011	Group-participation, Women’s Empowerment and Capability Enhancement: Application of a MIMIC Model in West Bengal
Utsa Ray	2.09.2011	Constructing a “Pure” Body: The Discourse on Nutrition in Colonial Bengal
Debarati Bandyopadhyay	22.12.2011	Ecocriticism in India
Subhasri Ghosh	22.12.2011	Socio-legal reforms and colonial ideology in nineteenth century British India: Some reflections
Sujata Mukherjee	22.12.2011	Women’s health and women’s medical education in nineteenth century Bengal: Negotiating modernity

B. Participation in International and National Conferences (travel grants sponsored by RTCHDS)

1. Professor Asis Kumar Banerjee, Honorary Professor of the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata participated at the 2011 North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society held at Washington University in St. Louis, USA on June 9-12, 2011. The title of the paper - *A Multi dimensional Lorenz Dominance Relation*.
2. Professor Sonali Chakravarti Banerjee (Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta), participated at the Annual Conference of the Academy of Innovation and Entrepreneurship organized by the School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China on July 1-3, 2011. Title of the paper – *Public – Private Partnerships in India : Governance and Exclusion at the Frontiers of the State in a Globalizing World*.
3. Dr. Sharmistha Banerjee (Dept. of Business Management, University of Calcutta) participated at the Annual Conference of the Academy of Innovation and Entrepreneurship organized by the School of Economics and management, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China on July 1-3, 2011. Title of the paper – *Ethical Small Business : A Model for sustainable Socio-Economic Development* (Co-author: Dr. Sraboni Dutta, Dept. of Business Management, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Kolkata campus).
4. Dr. Aditi Ghosh, Dept. of Linguistics, University of Calcutta, participated at the 2nd Westminster Linguistics Conference organized by the Dept. of English Language, Linguistics and Cultural Studies, University of Westminster, London on July 22-23, 2011. Title of the paper – *Language, Maintenance and Shift in Migration: A Case Study of Bhojpuris in Kolkata*.
5. Dr. Saswata Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, participated at the 6th International Conference on Health Equity: Making Policy a Health Equity Building Process organized by the International Society for Equity in Health (ISEqH) Buenos Aires, Argentina during 26-28 September 2011. Title of the paper – *Double Burden of Inequity among Women: Socio-economic and Gender Perspective of Under Nutrition Among Couples in India* (Co-author: Dr. Moumita Mukherjee, Indian Institute of Health Management Research, Kolkata).
6. Dr. Jenia Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata participated at the 72nd session of the Indian History Congress at Punjabi University, Patiala during 10-13 December 2011. Title of the paper – *The Farakka Barrage: A Review from the Indo-Bangladesh Perspectives after 36 years*.

C. Post-Doctoral Fellows

<u>Name</u>	<u>Research Topic</u>
1. Debarati Bandyopadhyay (completed in December 2011)	Development: An Indian eco-critical perspective
2. Joysankar Bhattacharya	Livelihood risks and coping strategies: Impact of empowering effect of women self-help groups
3. Subhasri Ghosh (completed in December 2011)	The implementation and implication of marriage-related offences under the Indian Penal Code in colonial Bengal
4. Sujata Mukherjee (completed in March 2012)	Evolution of health care measures for women and children in colonial and post-colonial Bengal
5. Utsa Ray	Culture of food in colonial Bengal

D. Doctoral Fellows

<u>Name</u>	<u>Research Topic</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
1. Poulomi Lahiri	The Intra-household Research Allocation Bias Across Different States in Rural Bengal	Indrani Chakraborty
2. Simantini Mukhopadhyay	Child Under Nutrition in India	Achin Chakraborty
3. Bijaya Kumar Mohanty	The Changing Socio-political Dynamics of Rural India: A Comparative Study of Two Villages in Rajasthan and Orissa	Sangital Dhal, Delhi University Bonita Aleaz, Calcutta University
4. Anjan Ray Chaudhury	Horizontal Inequality: The Concept Measurement and Determinants	Achin Chakraborty

IX Publications

a. Books:

Rabindranath: Bakpati Biswamana, Volume 1, edited by Sudhir Chakravarti, Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies, May 2011.

Rabindranath: Bakpati Biswamana, Volume 2, edited by Sudhir Chakravarti, Rabindranath Tagore Centre for Human Development Studies, July 2011.

Four Essays on Writing Economic History of Colonial India, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata and Progressive Publishers, September 2011.

Market Media and Democracy, compiled by Buroshiva Dasgupta, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, 2011.

b. Occasional Papers:

No.24 *Arundhati Roy: Environment and Literary Activism* by Debarati Bandyopadhyay, April 2011.

No.25 *Nineteenth Century Colonial Ideology Socio-legal Reforms: Continuity or Break?* by Subhasri Ghosh, June 2011.

No.26 *Long-term Demographic Trends in North-east India and their Wider Significance, 1901-2001* by Arup Maharatna and Anindita Sinha, June 2011.

No.27 *Employment and Growth under Capitalism: Some Critical Issues with special reference to India* by Subhanil Chowdhury, July 2011.

No.28 *No Voice, No Choice: Riverine Changes and Human Vulnerability in the 'chars' of Malda and Murshidabad* by Jenia Mukherjee, July 2011.

No.29 *Does Capital Structure Depend on Group Affiliation? An Analysis of Indian Corporate Firms* by Indrani Chakraborty, July 2011.

No.30 *Healing and Healers Inscribed: Epigraphic Bearing on Healing-houses in Early India* by Ranabir Chakravarti and Krishnendu Ray, July 2011.

No.31 *Pratyaha Everyday Lifeworld* by Prasanta Ray, October 2011.

No.32 *Women, Medicine and Politics of Gender: Institution of Traditional Midwives in Twentieth Century Bengal* by Krishna Soman, November 2011.

No.33 *North East Vision 2020: A Reality Check* by Gorky Chakraborty, 2011

c. Special Lecture (Michael Sprinker Lecture)

Three 'Returns' to Marx : Derrida, Badiou, Zizek by Aijaz Ahmad, March 2012.

Members of Faculty

Amiya Kumar Bagchi

Professor of Economics and Director
(Political Economy, Economic History,
International Finance)

Debdas Banerjee

Professor of Economics
(Labour, Industrial Development,
Knowledge Economy)

Achin Chakraborty

Professor of Economics and
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Development, Methodology)

Indrani Chakraborty

Professor of Economics
(International Finance, Econometrics
Technology and Development)

Subhoranjan Dasgupta

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Associate Professor of Economics
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Associate Professor of Economics
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Subrata Mukherjee

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Zakaria Siddiqui

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Ajit Banerjee

Honorary Visiting Professor
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Asis Kumar Banerjee

Honorary Visiting Professor
(Former Vice-Chancellor, University of
Calcutta)

Himani Bannerji

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Malini Bhattacharya

Honorary Visiting Professor
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Sudhir Chakravarti

Honorary Visiting Professor
(Literature, Folk Culture, Folk Religion)

Jyotirmoy Pal Chaudhuri

Honorary Visiting Professor

Ratan Khasnabis

Honorary Visiting Professor
(Applied Econometrics, Agricultural
Economics, Small Business and
Industries)

Sir James A. Mirrlees

Honorary Visiting Professor

Martha Nussbaum

Honorary Visiting Professor
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Development)

Prasanta Ray

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Sector, Conflict and Social Movement)

Pranab Kumar Sen

Honorary Visiting Professor

Dipankar Sinha

Honorary Visiting Professor
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Politics of Development, Globalization)

Marika Vicziany

Honorary Visiting Professor

Prabhat Datta

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Dilip Mahalanabis

Honorary Senior Fellow
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Manali Chakrabarti

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