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### **Self Study Report (March 2018 – January 2019)**

#### **Research project:**

1. “The Queer and the Politics of Sexualities in Urban Spaces of Kolkata and Bangkok: A comparative study of Sanitized Spaces, Vocality, Display and Visibility in two Asian Cities” (**Completed, editing in progress**)
2. “Conflict, Peace, Reconciliation and Community Building in South Asia: Understanding Rambuai, Zalenna and the Commemoration of Memory and Forgetting in Mizoram” (on going)
3. “Joint Military Exercises in South Asia and Beyond: An Assessment of the Counter Insurgency & Jungle Warfare School, Vairengte, Mizoram ” (on going)

#### **Book Manuscripts:**

1. Hegemonies, Hyphenations, & Hybridizations: Braided Entanglements of Identities, Religion and Politics in Mizoram (**Completed, in press Authorspress New Delhi**)
2. Burma Mi in Mizoram (**Completed, in press**)
3. Being Secular: Zo Christianity, Politics and Everyday in Mizoram (**Completed, in press Gyan, New Delhi**)
4. Leadership and Political Parties in Darjeeling (1940s-2016) (**Completed**)
5. Politics of Water and Water in Politics: Everyday Conversations and Water in the Hills of Darjeeling and Kalimpong (**Completed**)

#### **Research Monograph:**

1. ‘Good Health’, ‘Well Being’ and Social Imaginaries in Health Migrations: North Bengal And North East India Construed (Rs. 50, 000.00) funded by the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal. (**Completed, sent for review**).

#### **Book Manuscript in progress: (working titles)**

1. Decadal Darjeeling (2007-2017): A Documentation of English Newspaper Reports. (Draft 3)
2. Contested Landscape And Befuddled Public Sphere: Media, Democracy And Public Participation In Darjeeling Hills (Draft 3)
3. Lal Bazaar, Laundiya & Lock Hospitals: Politics of Spatiality, Sexuality, Regimentation, and Control in East and North Eastern Colonial India. (Draft 2)
4. Language Politics in North East India: Cases from Sikkim, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh (Arunachal Pradesh not started) (Draft 1)
5. India’s Look East Policy and Act East Policy: A Bibliography (Draft 3)
6. Protest Politics, Collective Action and Social Movements. (with Padam Nepal (St. Joseph’s College, Darjeeling)). (Draft 3).
7. Church Pontifications, Contested Governments and Regulated Societies in Mizoram, Meghalaya and Nagaland: A study of three self-declared ‘Christian States’ in the North East of India (with Anjan Chakrabarti, Economics department Burdwan University, on going)

### **Translation work (Mizo to English):**

1. Lalzahavara-Nu Diheli cult: The Sangau Experiential Clannish Cult Church (Draft 3)

### **Chapters in Books**

#### **Year 2018**

1. 'Negotiating the Queer and the Politics of Sexualities in Urban Spaces: Sanitized Spaces, Vocality, Display and Visibility in Kolkata City' in Divya Upadhyaya Joshi, & Caroline Brassard (Ed.) (2018). *Urban Spaces and Gender in the Asia-Pacific: Springer Sustainable Development Goal Series*. Springer.
2. Vajrayana as Operative in Trans-Himalayas: Glimpses of the everyday religious Syncretism in Darjeeling Himalayas. (2018). Centre for Bhutan Studies & GNH.
3. 'Histories, Territories, Partitions and Memories among the *Zo Hnahthlak* and the *Chakma* in the State of Mizoram' in Anjali Gera Roy (Ed.). *Partition Memories & Histories Volume India @ 70*. Cambridge.

### **Articles in Journals**

#### **Year 2018**

1. "Hamro Jhora, Hamro Pani" (Our Spring, Our Water): Water and the Politics of Appropriation of 'Commons' in Darjeeling Town, India. *Hydro Nepal: Journal of Water, Energy and Environment*. Issue No. 22, pp. 16-24. eISSN 2392 -4101
2. From Hermeneutics through Exegesis: A Post-Mortem of Select Writings on Darjeeling (Communicated)
3. Enduring Islam and 'Muslimness' In South Asia: Some Reflections from the case of the Gorkha Muslims and Tibetan Muslims in the Eastern Himalayan town of Darjeeling(Communicated)
4. Nehruvian Visions and the Vexed Politics of 'Autonomies' in Mizoram. (Communicated: Savitri Girl's College, Kolkata).
5. People, Embodied Experiences, Collective Intergenerational Memories: An Overview of 'The Partition' in South Asia. (2018). *Partition Center Journal (New York)*. ISSN 2377-7567.
6. The Chakma in Mizoram: 'Belonging', 'Claims of Belonging' and the 'Tolerance' debates in an Ideal Zo Christian State. (2018). *Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences (Scottish Church College)*. ISSN 0973-8737.
7. The Chakma, 'Medical Quota' and Higher Education in Mizoram: Gleaning Discrimination and Exclusion in Education. *Social Action* (New Delhi). ISSN 0037-7627.
8. 'Moving Out' and the Social Imaginaries at Play: Construing the trends in Migrations in Darjeeling Hills & Plains (2005-2015). *Refugee Watch*.
9. Between 'Opening Up' and 'Closing In': Tourism, Mizoram and the Protective Cocoon. (2018). *LSE South Asia*.

## Book Reviews (2018)

1. O.L Snaitang, Christianity and National Integration in Northeast India: Its Role Among Tribes and Communities for Contributing Towards Cultural, Educational, Humanitarian and Peace Initiatives [Christian Heritage Rediscovered-62] (with a foreword by David R. Syiemlieh), (New Delhi, 2018, Christian World Imprints). *The Calcutta Journal of Political Studies*.
2. India- Australia Relations: Evolving Polycentric World Order. Darvesh Gopal & Dalbir Ahlawat (Eds.) (New Delhi: Pentagon Press, 2017). *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*.
3. In Diasporic lands: Tibetan Refugees and their Transformation since the Exodus. Sudeep Basu (with a foreword by Samir Kumar Das). (New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2018). *Seminar*.
4. 'No Path in Darjeeling is Straight: Memories of a Hill Town'. Parimal Bhattacharya. (New Delhi: Speaking Tiger, 2017). *IAAPS Perspective*.

## Papers Presented At Conferences/Seminars/Workshops

### Year 2019

1. 'Gleaning Political Communication through 'Notices' in North East India', National Seminar "*Locating Democracy and Governance in Political Communication in Contemporary India*" organised by MPISSR, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh and Kalyani University, West Bengal, 10-11 January, 2019.

### Year 2018

2. 'Where are 'Our Women'? Mizo Women and the Nexus of Patriarchy' "*Increasing Vulnerabilities, Facing Challenges and Women's Leadership and Movement*" organised by Indian Association of Women's Studies (IWAS) Eastern Regional Conference in collaboration with National Alliance of Women's Organisation CEDAW Alternate Report Consultation, Womens Studies Centre and Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Studies Centre, Rabindra Bharati University and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Knowledge Initiative, University of Calcutta. Jorasanko Campus RBU, Kolkata 19-20 November 2018.
3. 'From Head-Hunters to Soul Hunters: Zo Missionaries and Evangelists in the Asia Pacific' *Ninth Biennial International Conference of the Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies on Asia in Transition* organised by IAAPS, Kolkata and CRRID, Chandigarh, ICSSR, New Delhi, MEA, Government of India, KAS (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, New Delhi, and IFPS (Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta), Chandigarh, November 1-2, 2018.
4. 'Politico-Ethnic Mood Swings and Infrastructural Developments in the hills Darjeeling and Kalimpong (2011-2017)' *International Conference Infrastructure Across Frontiers: Logistics, Governance and Society* organised by Calcutta Research Group and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Kolkata, West Bengal, India, September 2-3, 2018.
5. 'North East, North Bengal and the UK: Connections, Constraints and Possibilities'. *Young Thinkers Conference 2018: West Bengal, Eastern India and the UK: Shared Prosperity for a shared future* organised by The Dailogue, Sister Nivedita University and The British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata. Lalit Great Eastern Kolkata, West Bengal, India, August 11, 2018.
6. 'The Zo hnahthlak and the 'Burma mi' in Mizoram' *13<sup>th</sup> International Burma Studies Conference* organised by the Center for Burma Studies, Northern Illinois University, USA, Bangkok, Thailand, August 3-5, 2018.

7. 'Representing and Performing the Contested Trans-Himalayan 'Shared heritages' of 'Gorkha': Virtualisation of the Public Sphere and the Aesthetics of 'being Gorkha' in South Asia' *Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya* organised by Social Science Baha, BNAC, CNRS, & NANJP, Kathmandu, Nepal, 25-27 July 2018.
8. "'Ruaithe', 'Zai leh lam', 'Tleivar', and 'Zamoh': Material Practices, Social networks and the Zo hnahthlak" panel "Feasting, drinking and banqueting: Politics and sociality of relating in Eurasia" *Asian Dynamics Initiative (ADI)*, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 18-20 June 2018.
9. "From Hermeneutics through Exegesis: Ambivalent Sexualities in Abhidhamma Buddhist Traditions", *2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Abhidhamma*, organized by Sri Lankan Tibetan Buddhist Brotherhood Society and Bhiksu University Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, 15-16 June 2018.
10. "Vajrayana as Operative in Darjeeling Himalayas", *Second Vajrayana Summit*, organized by the Centre for Bhutan Studies & GNH (CBS) and the Central Monastic Body at Thimpu, Bhutan, 28-30 March 2018.
11. "Post Partition, Postmemory and the Zo Hnahthlak in the state of Mizoram", National Seminar *Partition of India: Contemporary Perspectives* organized by Department of Film Studies, Jadavpur University and Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata 22-23 March, 2018.
12. "En-Queering the 'Civil' Society': Insights into Queer Spaces and the Politics of Sexualities in Kolkata City", *International Workshop: Gender, Civil Society and the Role of the State* organized by Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, University of Wurzburg (Universität Würzburg: Startseite), Germany and the Bureau of the Max Weber Foundation, 19-20 March 2018.
13. "Politics of Zo Christianity and 'Being Secular' in Mizoram, India" UGC-CPE sponsored Two Days' National Conference on *Secularism- Current Trends* organized by IQAC & Department of Political Science, Bijoy Krishna Girls' College, Howrah, 16 & 17 March 2018.
14. "Politics of Sexualities, Regimentation and Control: The Queer in Mizoram, India", *19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Annual Meeting West Bengal Political Science Association (WBPSA)*. Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, Dakshineswar, 17-18 March 2018.
15. "India and the Trans-Himalayan Neighbours: Nepal and Bhutan in Perspective (2015-2017)" *International Conference India's Foreign Policy: Continuity And Change* organized by Department of International Relations under CAS Programme Jadavpur University, 9-10 March 2018.
16. "Histories, Territories, Partitions and Memories among the Zo Hnahthlak and the Chakma in the State of Mizoram", *International Conference India @ 70 Memories and Histories* organized by IIT Kharagpur. West Bengal, 3-4 January 2018.

### **Seminars & Workshops Participated/Attended**

1. Participated in the Kolkata Dialogue Indo ASEAN Partnership, 28 November 2018. Lalit Great Eastern
2. Participated in the Women's Studies Conference, Lady Brabourne College, 29 November 2018.
3. Participated in the National Seminar on Contemporary India: Issues and Challenges in Historical Perspectives organised by the Department of History and the Centre for Advanced Studies and Gandhian Centre, University of Calcutta, 19 September 2018.

4. Participated in the *International Conference Who are the People? Populism and the Populist Movements* organised by Calcutta Research Group and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Kolkata, West Bengal, India, August 31- September 1, 2018.
5. Participated in the *11<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Lecture 'Identity and India's Foreign Policy: Nehru to Modi' by Prof. Partha Pratim Basu* organised by the Jadavpur Association of International Relations (JAIR), Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal, India, August 21, 2018.