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Academic Profile

A seasoned political science academic with over 18 years of experience in teaching, research, and curriculum development in Indian and South Asian politics, quantitative methods, public policy, and political economy. He has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals, with multiple edited volumes and research contributions in South Asian political dynamics, caste studies, and disaster management, and a proven track record in research leadership, project management, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Current Academic Appointments

- **Diamond Harbour Women's University, India**
Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science
February 2021 – Present
 - **Fakir Chand College, India**
Assistant Professor (Stage 2) & Head, Department of Political Science
January 2007 – February 2021
 - **Basanti Devi College, Kolkata, India**
Visiting Faculty, Postgraduate Department (Political Science)
August 2014 – 2017
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Previous Academic Positions

- **St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, India**
Lecturer, Department of Political Science
April 2005 – July 2006

Education

- **PhD in International Relations**, Jadavpur University, India, 2015
Thesis: "Converging Means-Diverging Ends: Comparative Study of Caste-Politics Relationship in North and South India"
- **Master of Arts in Political Science**, Jawaharlal Nehru University (India), 2003
GPA: 6.31/9 (equivalent to 70%)
- **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Honors)**, Scottish Church College, Calcutta University, India, 2001
- **SLET Qualified**, UGC, India, 2004

Research and Teaching Interests

- **Quantitative/Qualitative Methods**
- **Public Policy and Governance**
- **Political Economy**

Publications (Selected list; for the entire list, please click on any of the links provided above) [Google Scholar](#) / <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-3530-0914>

Books

1. *Democracy in South Asia: Trends & Prospects* (2014), Avenel Press.
2. *From Slumber to Action: Managing the Disaster* (2015), Avenel Press.
3. *In Search of Hegemony: A Comparative Study of Brahmin Caste of India* (2016), Lambert Academic Publishing.
4. *South Asia and Democracy: Contextualising Issues & Institutions* (2016), Kunal Book House.

Select Book Chapters

1. "Artificial Intelligence and Political System" in *Cross-cutting Research in Social Sciences* (2020).
2. "Converging Contexts in Caste and Landownership: With a focus on Naxalbari Movement" in *Caste and Naxalite Politics*, (2023).
3. "An Analysis of The 'Dominance of The Gender Role Categories in South Asia: A Case Study of Indian Films and Web Series" in *Women and Gender Equality in India* (2023).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Mitra, Debashis (2025). Systemic Crises and Democratic Consolidation: Exploring Citizen Perceptions in South Korea. *International Area Studies Review*, 28(1), 62-87. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.69473/iasr.2025.28.1.62>
 - Mitra, Debashis (2024). " Changing Preferences and Societal Dynamics: Analyzing Public Attitudes Toward Preferential Discrimination Policy in Urban India." *Politics & Policy*, Wiley Press 52(5): 1161–1193. <https://doi.org/10.1111/polp.12626>.
 - Mitra, D (2023). "Can Free Food Attract Attendees to Political Meetings? An Analysis of Attendance Buying to Political Meetings Using Multi-method Approaches with a Particular Emphasis on Scheduled Caste". *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, Sage Publications, DOI: [10.1177/2455328X231181187](https://doi.org/10.1177/2455328X231181187)
 - Mitra, D (2022). "The Changing Nature of Dominant Castes: A Case Study," *India Review*, Taylor & Francis. DOI: [10.1080/14736489.2022.2080485](https://doi.org/10.1080/14736489.2022.2080485)
 - Mitra, D (2020). The absent dialogue: politicians, bureaucrats, and the military in India: by Anit Mukherjee, New York, Oxford University Press, 2019, 303 pp., index, Abbreviations, Postscript, Appendix A, Appendix B, ISBN 9780190905927 (e-book), doi:10.1093/oso/9780190905903.001.0001. *Democratization*, 28(3), 649–650. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2020.1811688>,.
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Forthcoming Publications

- 1) Mitra, D. (April/May 2025) Aging Cities, Aging Lives: A Comparative Study of Older Citizen Policy Preferences in Kolkata and Chennai, India, *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*, Routledge, Taylor & Francis.
- 2) *Reimagining Development in India: Policy, Resource Allocation, and Regional Synergies*, Palgrave Macmillan, New Delhi.

Academic Conference Presentations

"Limiting for Space: Concern for Democracy and Human Rights in South Asia", JNU, New Delhi, International Annual Studies Convention, 2015.

"Governmentality, Parties and Elections: Contests over 'Representation' In India" Korea University, Seoul, Association for Asian Studies, 2017.

"A Paradigm Shift or a New 'Avatar'? Change of Identity of Brahmins in India", International Conference on the Humanities, 2016 (ICH, 2016).

"Bridging the Gap: Connecting Individuals to Numbers through Survey Research", University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Karivottam Campus, Dept. of Political Science, February 2024.

"Urban Ageing and Policy Preferences: A Case Study from India" Osaka University, The Asian Conference on Aging & Gerontology (AGen2025), March 24-29, 2025.

Research Projects

- **ICSSR Major Research Project (2023-till date):**
Title: "Older Voters' Policy Preferences in India"
Grant: INR 800,000 (\$9200)
- **UGC Minor Research Project (2015-2017):**
Title: "Domestic Servitude: Servants and Employers in Twenty-First Century Kolkata"
Grant: INR 240,000 (\$3000)

Invited Lectures and Academic Service

- *Session Chair:* "Impact of Gandhian Thought: Then and Now," Utkal University, 2015.
- *Special Lecture:* "Indian Polity Through Its Constitution," N.L. Khan College, 2014.
- *Workshop:* "Managing Methodology in Social Research," VTM NSS College, Kerala, 2024.

Awards and Honors

- **Teacher Fellowship** (UGC Faculty Development Program), 2011
- **Korea Foundation, Field Research Fellow, 2019.**

Additional Professional Development

- **Winter School on Gandhi's Life & Thought**, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 2014
- **Rural Community Engagement Program**, Mahatma Gandhi Hindi University, 2018

Memberships

- Midwest Political Science Association, USA
- West Bengal Political Science Association, India

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