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Suchandra Ghosh is Professor, Department of History. She specializes in Early Indian History, with a focus on Epigraphy and Numismatics. She broadly takes interest in Politico-Cultural History of North-West India, Early India's linkages with Early Southeast Asia, Indian Ocean Buddhist and Trade Network and history of the Everyday Life. Before joining University of Hyderabad, she was Professor in the department of Ancient Indian History & Culture, University of Calcutta (November 2000-June 2020). She is the *Area Editor of The Encyclopedia of Ancient History: Asia and Africa*, Wiley Blackwell.

Publication

Books

- *Exploring Connectivity: Southeastern Bengal and Beyond*, Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Kolkata, 2015
- *From The Oxus To The Indus, A Political and Cultural Study, c.300BCE to c.100 BCE*, Primus Books, Delhi, 2017

Edited books/chapters

- B.D. Chattopadhyaya, Suchandra Ghosh & BishnupriyaBasak eds. *Issues in Agrarian History of India: Essays in Memory of D.C.Sircar*, Asiatic Society, Kolkata, 2017
- Kenneth Hall, Rila Mukherjee and Suchandra Ghosh eds. *Subversive Sovereigns Across the Seas: The Indian Ocean Port City Experience*, Asiatic Society, Kolkata, 2018
- Osmund Bopearachchi and Suchandra Ghosh eds. **Early Indian History & Beyond: Essays in Honour of B.D.Chattopadhyaya**, Primus Books, Delhi, 2019
- Kenneth Hall, Suchandra Ghosh, Kaushik Gangopadhyay and Rila Mukherjee eds., *Cross Cultural Networking in the Indian Ocean Realm, c.100-1800 CE*, Primus Publications, New Delhi, 2019

Selected Chapters in edited Books (2011-2019)

- 2011: 'Cultural Connections in the Bay of Bengal: Spheres of Interaction', in Lipi Ghosh ed. *Eastern Indian Ocean: Historical Links to Contemporary Convergences*, London, Cambridge Scholars, 12-28.
- 2012: With SusmitaBasu Majumdar and Anasua Das 'Sir Aurel Stein's Calcutta Connection', in *Helen Wang ed. Colleagues and Collections, British Museum Publication No. 184*, London, 1-26.

- 2014: 'Barbarikon in the Maritime Trade network of Early India', in Rila Mukherjee ed. *Vanguards of Globalization: Port Cities from the Classical to the Modern*, Primus Publications, New Delhi, 59-74.
- 2014: 'South-East Asia and the Eastern Sea Board of India through the Lens of Zhao Rugua', in Radhika Seshan ed. *Convergence: Rethinking India's Past*, Primus Books, Delhi, 41-54.
- 2014: 'Viewing Our Shared Past through Buddhist Votive Tablets across eastern India, Bangladesh and Peninsular Thailand,' in Upinder Singh and Parul Pandya Dhar eds. *Asian Encounters: Exploring Connected Histories*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 189-201.
- 2014: 'From the Oxus to the Indus: Religion and Politics of the Bactrian and Indo-Greek Rulers', in D.N. Jha ed. *The Complex Heritage of Early India, Essays in memory of R.S. Sharma*, Manohar Publications, Delhi, 373-389.
- 2015: 'Understanding a Site: Case Study of Mainamati in Southeastern Bangladesh', in Mokammal H. Bhuiyan ed. *Studies in Heritage of South Asia, Essays in Memory of M. Harunur Rashid*, Bangla Academy, Heritage Management & Research, Dhaka, 311-317.
- 2016: 'Early Peninsular Thailand and Eastern India (including Bangladesh): Understanding the Buddhist Milieu through an Archaeological Lens', in Withaya Sucharithanarugse ed. *Interpretative Studies on Southeast Asian Culture*, Institute of Thai Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 227-245.
- 2016: 'Mainamati: An Enigmatic Centre of Buddhism in Southeastern Bangladesh' in Gauri Parimoo Krishnan ed. *Nalanda, Srivijaya and beyond: Re-exploring Buddhist Art in Asia*, Asian Civilizations Museum, Singapore, 37-50.
- 2016: 'The Valkha Kingdom: A Religio Economic Study (Fourth-Fifth Centuries CE)', in Verena Widorn, Ute Franke & Petra Latschenberger eds., *Contextualizing Material Culture in South and Central Asia in Pre-Modern Times*, South Asian Archaeology and Art, Brepols, Turnhout, 339-344.
- 2017: 'Buddhist Moulded Clay Tablets from Dvaravati: Understanding Their Regional Variations and Indian Linkages, in Lipi Ghosh ed. *India-Thailand Cultural Interactions : A Study of Shared Cultural Markers*, Springer, Singapore, 35-51.
- 2017 : 'Movements and Migrations around the porous Indo-Iranian Borderlands: the view from archaeology and texts (c. third century BCE-third century CE)', in Radhika Seshan ed. *Narratives, Routes and Intersections in Pre-Modern Asia*, Routledge, London and New York, 2017, 64-75.
- 2017 : 'Circulation of Buddhist Rituals and Iconography : Connecting Eastern India and Southeast Asia through Clay Moulded tablets and Miniature Images' in Anna Dallapiccola and Anila Verghese eds. *India and Southeast Asia: Cultural Discourses*, Mumbai, The K.R. Cama Oriental Institute, pp.345-360.
- 2018 : 'Representations of Ministers and Functionaries in the Epigraphs (c.909-19 CE) of Indrapura Dynasty of Champa (Vietnam) : Influence of Early Indian Political Culture ?' in Achintya Datta and Anasua Basu Ray Chaudhury eds. *Connecting Nations, Politico-Cultural Mapping of India and Southeast Asia*, Delhi, Primus Books, 26 -36.
- 2018 : 'Situating the Local Ruling Houses in the Samatata Area of the Trans-Meghna Region of Bengal –Sixth to Eighth Centuries CE : A View from Epigraphy' in Manu V. Devadan ed. *Clio and Her Descendants, Essays for Kesavan Veluthat*, Delhi, Primus Books, 745-757.
- 2018 : 'Ways of Seeing : R.S.Sharma's Study on Trade and Urbanization in the First Millennium', in Bhairabi Prasad Sahu and Kesavan Veluthat eds. *History and Theory, The Study of State, Institutions And The Making of History*, New Delhi, Orient Blackswan, 84-102.
- 2018 : With Sayantani Pal, 'Everyday Life in Early Bengal' in Abdul Momin Chowdhury and Ranabir Chakravarti eds. *History of Bangladesh, Early Bengal in Regional Perspectives (up to c.1200 CE), Vol. II, Society, Economy and Culture*, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, Dhaka, pp.3-42

- 2019: ‘Reading Land Grants of Kamarupa : Exploring the Presence of Occupational Groups among Land-holders (6th to 12th century CE)’ in J.B.Bhattacharjee edited, *Emerging Areas in North-East Studies*, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, pp.174-185.
- 2019 : ‘Connected Histories :Notes Towards an Understanding of Early India-Myanmar Interactions’, in Hemanth Kadambi and DA Prasanna eds. *Ancient India, Identities, Boundaries and Cultural Practices* Manipal University Press, Manipal, pp. 209-241.
- 2019 : ‘Understanding the Economic Networks and Linkages of an Expanded Harikela’ in John Deyell and Rila Mukherjee eds. *From Mountain Fastness to Coastal Kingdoms, Hard Money and ‘Cashless’ Economies in the Medieval Bay of Bengal World*, Manohar, Delhi, pp. 77-108.
- 2019 : With Sabarni Pramanik Nayak, ‘Inscribed Presence of Mahanavikas in the Maritime Network of the Eastern Indian Ocean and Related Issues : First Century CE to the Ninth Century CE’ in Kenneth Hall, Suchandra Ghosh, Kaushik Gangopadhyay and Rila Mukherjee eds., *Cross Cultural Networking in the Indian Ocean Realm, c.100-1800 CE*, Primus Publications, New Delhi, 2019,, pp.150-169.
- 2019: With Rajat Sanyal, ‘Enduring Passages, Voyaging Perceptions: New Evidence of Indian Ocean Linkages from South Western Bengal’ in Kenneth Hall, Suchandra Ghosh, Kaushik Gangopadhyay and Rila Mukherjee eds., *Cross Cultural Networking in the Indian Ocean Realm, c.100-1800 CE*, Primus Publications, New Delhi, 2019, pp. 121-149.
- 2019: With Sayantani Pal, ‘Prasastis or Panegyrics in early India: Case Studies from Bengal’, in John Reuben Davies and Swapna Bhattacharya eds. *Copper Parchment & Stone, Studies in the Sources for Landholding and Lordship in Early Medieval Bengal and Medieval Scotland*, Centre for Scottish and Celtic Studies, Glasgow, 2019, pp.193-207.
- 2019: With Rajat Sanyal, ‘Boundary Clauses in Bengal Inscriptions: revisiting Sources’, in John Reuben Davies and Swapna Bhattacharya eds. *Copper Parchment & Stone, Studies in the Sources for Landholding and Lordship in Early Medieval Bengal and Medieval Scotland*, Centre for Scottish and Celtic Studies, Glasgow, 2019, pp. 99-150.

Journal articles (selected):

- 2006 : “Coastal Andhra and Bay of Bengal Trade Network”, *South Asian Studies*, vol. 22, London: 65-68
- 2007: “Understanding Transitions at the Cross Roads of Asia (mid 2nd century BCE to 3rd century CE)” ,*Studies in History*,vo.21, Delhi, 289-310.
- 2008 : “The Western Coast of India and the Gulf: Maritime Trade during the 3rd to 7th Century A.D” in Eric Olijdam & Richard H. Spoor (eds) *BAR International Series 1826, Intercultural relations between South and Southwest Asia, Studies in commemoration of ECL During Caspers (1934-1996)*, Oxford, 367-371.
- 2010: ‘Nature of Royal Patronage in Southeastern Bengal’, *Journal of Bengal Art* 13-14, Dhaka, 109-118.
- 2011: ‘Monetization and Exchange Network in Early Historic Bengal: A Note Defining Certain Problems’, *Numismatic Digest* 32-33 (2008-2009), 93-107
- 2012: ‘Migration of the Gana-samghas of Punjab: The Underlying Factors’, *Journal of the Asiatic Society* LIV, no. 1, 45-54.
- 2012: ‘Revisiting Kushana Dynastic Sanctuaries’, *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 72nd Session, Patiala, Delhi, 212-219.

- 2013: ‘Use of Coin Terms in the Epigraphy of Early Medieval Bengal and Related Issues’, *Numismatic Digest* 36-37 (2012-2013), 94-112.
- 2014: ‘Understanding Boundary Representations in the copper-plate Charters of Early Kamarupa,’ *Indian Historical Review* 41(2), 207-222.
- 2015: ‘A Hoard of Copper Plates: Patronage and the Early Valkha State,’ *Studies in History* 31(1), 1-29.
- 2015 : ‘Exploring Southeastern Bengal’s Connected Histories with Southeast Asia through Numismatic and Art historical lens’, *Journal of Bengal Art*, vol.20, Dhaka.
- 2016 : « Tracing ‘Inequality’ : An examination of the aramikas and the concept of kamma in Buddhist sources », *Studies in People’s History*, Special Issue, Inequalities in History, Volume 3, Issue 1, June, 13-20.
- 2016 : With Guillaume Epinal, ‘On some Recent Monetary Finds in Vyadhapura-Angkor Borei(Kingdom of Cambodia) and Related Issues, *Numismatic Digest*, volume 40, 136-150.
- 2017 : ‘State, Power and Religion in the Indo-Iranian Borderlands and North-west India, c.200 BC-200AD’, *Studies in People’s History* Special Issue, *State and Religion in India*, Volume 4, Issue 1, June, 1-14.
- 2017 : ‘Between the Oceans : The Isthmian Tract, Cross Roads of Civilizations between East and West’, *Journal of Indian Ocean Archaeology*, no.12, 2016, 117-128
- 2018 : : ‘Anahilapura: Understanding its Expansive Network during the time of the Chaulukyas’ in *Asian Review of World Histories* 6, (2018), Brill, Leiden :236-245.
- 2018 : ‘Iran and India in the Early Historic Period : A Preview of their Politico-Cultural Interface’, *Studies in People’s History*, Volume 5, Issue 2, December 2018, pp.1-14.
- 2019: ‘Crossings and Contacts across the Bay of Bengal: a connected history of ports in early South and Southeast Asia’ in *Journal of the Indian Ocean Region*, volume 15, Issue 3, November, 2019, pp.281-296.

Academic awards/fellowships

- 2003 and 2006: Visiting Professor for two one-month stints in Paris through the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme under the Indo-French programme.2008, 2009, 2011, 2014: Short-term visiting fellowships in Paris through the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme.
- 2003: Awarded the best paper prize in the Ancient India Section of the Indian History Congress, held in Mysore, 2003.
- 2009: Awarded the Charles Wallace Visiting Fellowship, UK. Awarded by Charles Wallace Trust of which the British Council is a partner.
- 2009: Awarded the B.B. Chaudhuri prize for Best Paper in Economic and Social History by the Indian History Congress.
- 2012: Awarded the Nehru Trust UK Travel Award for visiting museums in the UK in connection with the project “Looking at our shared past through Buddhist Votive Tablets/Sealings across South Asia and Southeast Asia”.
- 2014: Awarded ‘The Empowering Network for International Thai and Asean Studies’ (ENITAS) fellowship by the Institute of South-east Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

- 2016: Awarded Lowick memorial grant for Oriental Studies by the Royal Numismatic Society, London, UK
- 2017: Awarded Honorary Fellowship by the International Centre for Bengal Art Studies, Dhaka.
- 2017: Received the Savitri Chandra Shobha Memorial Prize of Indian History Congress, for the book *From the Oxus to the Indus: A Political and Cultural Study*, published by Primus publications.
- 2018: Received the *Directeurs d'Études Associés* fellowship from the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, September-October, 2018.
- 2019: Visiting Professor at the Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, New Delhi. November, 2019 and department of History, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (September).

Research projects completed/ongoing

- a) Was a co-investigator in a project entitled, **“India’s Past Cultural Fabrics in Southeast Asia: A Study of Dvaravati Civilization of Ancient Siam”**, with Professor Lipi Ghosh, Dept. of South and South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta.
- b) Was a co-investigator in a project entitled **“Archaeology and History of Central and South Vietnam, 1st-10th c. AD. in relation to its linkage with India”**, with Dr. Bishnupriya Basak of the Dept. of Archaeology and Dr. Sayantani Pal of the Dept. of Ancient Indian History & Culture, Calcutta University.
- c) Principal investigator in a Project for writing a book on **“Writing Regional History: Southeastern Bangladesh (c. 600CE-1300 CE)”**.

All the three projects were funded by the University Grants Commission within the University of Potential Excellence Scheme of Calcutta University.

- d) Was co-investigator in a project on **“Land holding, the Recording of Property Transfer and the Formation of Kingdoms: the Comparative Experience of Medieval Scotland and Early Medieval Bengal”** with Dr John Reuben Davis Prof. Swapna Bhattacharya and Dr. Sayantani Pal. This is a Glasgow University and Calcutta University joint initiative funded by British Academy, London, UK.
- e) Was member of the Project on **The Southern East-West Corridor in the Context of ASEAN Integration** of the ASEAN Studies Center of Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

- f) Co-investigator in a project on “**Early India’s interaction with early South-east Asia: Re-interpreting the old and opening up new vistas** » funded by the University Grants Commission within the University of Potential Excellence Scheme, Phase II, India Looking East Programme of Calcutta University

National/International Invited lectures

- 2006 Lecture on Political Geography of Bengal at the Institute of Indology, Berlin, Germany.
- 2009 Lecture at Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany, on Buddhism in Early Medieval Southeastern Bengal.
- 2011 Lecture on the Buddhist site of Mainamati at Collège de France, Paris, France.
- 2015 Lecture on Harikela and its Sphere of Interaction organized by Chittagong Heritage Society and University, Bangladesh.
- 2016 Invited by ICHR to deliver twolectures on Epigraphy
- 2017 Invited to deliver two lectures on *Everyday Life in Early India and Copper-Plate charters* at IIT Gandhinagar
- 2018 Invited to speak on *Arakan – South-eastern Bengal Connection* organized by Minister of Rakhine Affairs, Yangon, January, 2018.
- 2019 Invited by the History Department, Ashoka University to speak in their Spring lecture series on *The Quotidian Practices : Perspectives from the North-West of India*.
- 2019 Delivered the - Sectional President Address, Ancient India for the Indian History Congress held on 28th, 29th and 30th December, 2019 at Kannur, Kerala
- 2020 Invited by Allahabad University to deliver a lecture in the Kaushambi Lecture series on ‘Viewing Urban Centres as Spaces for Convergence: A few Case Studies from Early India’, 4th August, 2020(Webinar)

