

CURRICULUM VITAE

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DESIGNATION

Associate Professor of Political Science, Dum Dum Motijheel College, Kolkata-700074

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Ph.D. (Political Science), University of Calcutta, West Bengal, 2009.
- M.A. (Political Science), University of Calcutta, West Bengal, 1978.
- B.A. (Political Science), Scottish Church College (University of Calcutta), West Bengal, 1976.

POSITIONS HELD/ HOLDING

- 2004–Present : Associate Professor in Political Science, Dum Dum Motijheel College
- 1999–2004 : Reader in Political Science, Dum Dum Motijheel College
- 1990–1999 : Senior Lecturer in Political Science, Kalimpong College
- 1982–1990 : Lecturer in Political Science, Kalimpong College

TEACHING INTEREST

- Research Methodology, Ethno-Politics, Diaspora Studies, Western Political Thought

RESEARCH PROFILE

COMPLETED RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- “Political Process in a Tribal Community: the political behavior of the Lepcha community”, 2000–2003.
- “The Citizen Diaspora: the Lepchas of Kolkata”, 2009–2011.

Research Associateship:

- “Post-Election (1978) Voting Behaviour Study” under the guidance of Late Prof. Bangendu Ganguli, sponsored by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi.
- “Administrative Response to Post-Natural Disaster Relief Work: A case of Midnapore District Relief Work after Flood” under the guidance of Prof. Mohit Bhattacharya, sponsored by the Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi.
- “Borough Reorganisation in and Role of Calcutta Corporation”, under the guidance of Prof. Mohit Bhattacharya, sponsored by Calcutta Municipal Corporation.
- “The Nature of Municipal Leadership: A case study of Bally Municipality, Howrah” under the guidance of Prof. Ashok Kumar Mukhopadhyay, sponsored by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

PUBLICATIONS:

Journal Paper:

1. **Das, T.K.** (2017): Kalimpong Notebook: Rastra, Rajneeti o Prantik Jatisatta, (Bengali), *Samaj Jijnasa*, Vidyasagar Centre for Social Sciences, Midnapore, West Bengal, 10(1-2): 180-188.
2. **Das, T. K.** (2017): Constitutional provisions for safeguarding the interests of the Scheduled Tribes, *King Gaeboo Aachyok*, West Bengal, Mayel Lyang Lepcha Development Board, Kalimpong, pp. 47-57.
3. **Das, T. K.** (2017): GNLF, GJM and the State: Politics of pampered Diaspora in the hills of Bengal, *Scotopia*, 2(1).

4. **Das, T.K.** (2016): Usurping identity, shedding identity: Lepcha identity at the crossroads Part II. *King Gaeboo Aachyok*, West Bengal, Mayel Lyang Lepcha Development Board, Kalimpong, pp. 17-22.
5. **Das, T.K.** (2015): Usurping identity, shedding identity: Lepcha identity at the crossroads Part II. *King Gaeboo Aachyok*, West Bengal, Mayel Lyang Lepcha Development Board, Kalimpong, pp. 15-19.
6. **Das, T.K.** (2015): On colonial ethnopolitics: Bell's survey and settlement report (1905), *Quest: Multidisciplinary Journal (Online) of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 2(2): 1-22.
7. **Das, T.K.** (2014): Kalimpong Notebook – Mayel Liang, Gorkhaland o Bayab Rajniti (Bengali), *Samaj Jijnasa*, Vidyasagar Centre for Social Sciences, Midnapore, West Bengal, 8(1-2): 57-69.
8. **Das, T.K.** and Roy, D.C. (2013): Community, commitment and communitarian Lepchas, *Aachuley*, 17(1).
9. **Das, T.K.** (2012): From Mayel Lyang to Gorkhaland: Continuity of Marginality among the Lepchas of Darjeeling Hills, *Voice of Dalit*, 3(2).
10. **Das, T.K.** (2010): West Bengal Agricultural Policy: Lepcha farmers at stake. *Aachuley*.

Books and Proceedings

1. **Das, T.K.** (2016): The state and the peripheral identity. In. Thikoong General G.B. Mainwaring, the champion of Lepchas and the recovery of Lepcha language, literature culture and history, Mayel Lyang Lepcha Development Board, Kalimpong, pp. 103-108.
2. **Das, T.K.** (2015): School, Cantonment and Gurkha recruiting depot, Mainwaring and the colonial idiosyncrasy of the British Raj. In. Thikoong General G.B. Mainwaring, the champion of Lepchas and the recovery of Lepcha language, literature culture and history, Mayel Lyang Lepcha Development Board, Kalimpong, pp. 16-26.
3. **Das, T.K.** (2015): Proto-Lepchas: Hypotheses and archetypes. In. Thikoong General G.B. Mainwaring, the champion of Lepchas and the recovery of Lepcha language, literature culture and history, Mayel Lyang Lepcha Development Board, Kalimpong, pp. 90-109.
4. **Das, T.K.** (2014): Ethnopolitics and Self-governance in Darjeeling Hills: The Lepcha and the Panchayats. In. Anil Kumar Jana (ed.) Decentralizing Rural Governance and Development, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, pp. 257-287.
5. **Das, T.K.** (2014): The Lepchas: Some comments on a painful coexistence. In. Chaudhuri, S., Dasgupta, M. and Roy, D.C. (eds.) A comprehensive district profile of Darjeeling, N.L. Publishers, Siliguri. pp. 134-145.
6. **Das, T.K.** (2014): From the Footway of Hills to the Labyrinth of Megalopolis: Home, Identity and Élan of the Lepchas of Kolkata, Part II, Indigenous Lepcha Tribal Association, Kalimpong.
7. **Das, T.K.** (2013): George Byres Mainwaring: A rainbow-man's journey from battlefield to academia. In. Tamsang, L. (ed.) Thikoong General G.B. Mainwaring's 188th Birth Anniversary Celebration and the recovery of Lepcha language, literature and history, Indigenous Lepcha Tribal Association, Kalimpong, pp. 16-23.
8. **Das, T.K.** (2012): From the Footway of Hills to the Labyrinth of Megalopolis: The Lepchas of Kolkata, Part I. (pp.). Indigenous Lepcha Tribal Association, Headquarters Kalimpong, Kalimpong.

NUMBER OF SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:

- International: **1**; National: **3**; State level: **7**
- Invited Lectures: **2**

NUMBER OF WORKSHOP/CAPACITY BUILDING COURSE PARTICIPATIONS:

- National: **3**; State Level: **3**

MEMBERSHIPS OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

- West Bengal Political Science Association (WBPSA).

AWARDS

- Conferred the title “Ren” (leading personality) by the Indigenous Lepcha Tribal Association, Kalimpong, 2014.
- Holder of the Certificate of Appreciation of the UNICEF for continuous support provided to children of India as “Guardian of Hope”.