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Academic Background:

Anirban Bandyopadhyay specializes in **social history of modern South Asia**. His research and teaching revolve around caste, identity politics, public culture and politics of protest and recognition. At KU, he has taught foundation courses on Modern World and Modern South Asia and will be teaching major and minor courses on History. He studied history in Presidency College, Kolkata and JNU, New Delhi. He has a first class Masters Degree in Modern Indian History, and later M.Phil. and Ph.D. on social history of modern India with particular reference to caste and identity politics.

Scholarship:

A UGC scholarship holder and former Charles Wallace Fellow, he has presented papers, delivered lectures and taught courses in Presidency University, Kolkata, Jadavpur University, West Bengal State University and several colleges under Delhi University.

Work Experience:

He spent six years with Educational Multimedia Research Centre, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, where he was a Junior Research Officer. His job there involved curating and coordinating several online multimedia courses on Indian and European history for undergraduate students for the NME-ICT project of UGC. The project is currently running on the Swayam platform of UGC.

Publication:

He has published in EPW, South Asian History and Culture and other academic journals and edited volumes essays on caste, identity politics and aspects of Ambedkar's political career. He also writes regularly for the national and regional media since 2012.

He has published opinion pieces and features on politics, cricket and cinema for Economic Times, DNA, Open Magazine, Deccan Herald and WION news, (in English) and Anandabazar Patrika, Desh, Ei Samay and Ebela (in Bengali) among others. He wrote the Bengali translation of *Churchill's Secret War*, Madhusree Mukherjee's classic work on the Bengal famine. The practice of public history is one of his major interests and he wishes to start a platform where complex historical research will be presented by specialists in an accessible language for the average reader interested in history. In 2018, he was one of the shortlisted candidates for the New India Foundation Book Grant. He is currently working on the manuscript of his PhD for publication as a monograph and researching an intellectual biography of Gandhi's secretary and anthropologist N K Bose.