



Name: Dr. Rupa Biswas

Designation: Assistant Professor

Qualifications: M.S.W., Ph.D.

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Education

- Ph.D. in Social Work in 2016 from Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati.
The thesis investigates the phenomenon of domestic violence among Married Women in Bardhaman District, West Bengal.
- UGC-NET in Social Work in 2012.
- Master of Social Work from Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati.

Biographical Sketch

Dr. Rupa Biswas is an Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Social Work, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata since July, 2018. She holds a bachelor's degree in social work and a postgraduate degree in Social Work from Visva-Bharati. She stood first in her post-graduation. She began her career as a development professional. She served as a Consultant with Tata Steel Rural Development Society in Jamshedpur. She also worked as a Protection Officer under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005 with the West Bengal Government's Directorate of Social Welfare. Her enthusiasm for academics led her into the realm of academia. She cleared the UGC-NET exam and enrolled in the Ph.D. programme. She has more than 10 years of academic experience and 2.5 years of experience as a development professional. In the extracurricular walk of life, she likes travelling, photography - wildlife and nature, reading books.

Areas of Specialisation and Research

Her areas of specialisation are

- Gender Studies
- Family and Child Welfare
- Public Health

The research interest lies on the following field

- Gender Studies
- Child Rights

- Public Health
- Disability Studies
- Human Rights Issues
- Migration

Teaching Experience

- Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, St. Xavier's University of Kolkata (since July 2018- -till date).
- Worked as Visiting Faculty in the Dept. of Humanities & Social Sciences, NIT, Durgapur.
- Four years eleven months' experience as Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work, Law College Durgapur affiliated to Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol.
- Worked as Visiting Faculty in the Department of Social Work Bankura University, Bankura.
- Worked as Visiting Faculty in the Department of Adult, Continuing Education, Extension Work & Field Outreach, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.
- Worked as Visiting Faculty in the Dept. of Professional Studies, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata.

Courses Taught

✚ Post Graduate Level

- Social Work with Individuals/Social Casework
- Community Organization and Social Action
- Social Sensitivity towards Women and the Marginalised
- Constitutional Framework and Social Legislations in India
- Family: Theoretical Perspectives
- Family Laws in India
- Labour Laws
- Child and Childhood in India: Demography and Theories
- Child Welfare: Policies, Programmes and Legislations
- Child Rights and Protection

✚ Undergraduate Level:

- Introduction to Human Rights
- Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment

Administrative Responsibility

- Serving as Departmental Research Convener, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata from 15th February, 2023.
- Serving as Officer-in-Charges (OIC) for Examinations, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata from September, 2023.
- Serving as Head of the Department of Social Work, St. Xavier's University, Kolkata from 1st July, 2022
- Serving as a member of Academic Council in St. Xavier's University, Kolkata from 1st July, 2022.
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- Serving as Chairperson of the Board of Studies of Social Work in St. Xavier's University, Kolkata from 1st July, 2022
- Serving as a member of Scholarship Committee in St. Xavier's University, Kolkata from 1st July, 2022
- Serving as a member of Admission Committee in St. Xavier's University, Kolkata from 1st July, 2022
- Serving as a member of "Nihil Ultra: A Xaverian Interdisciplinary Journal" in St. Xavier's University, Kolkata since 2019
- Served as a member of Magazine Committee in St. Xavier's University, Kolkata from 1st July, 2022
- Served as a member of "Innovation Committee" of St. Xavier's University, Kolkata

Other Administrative Experience:

- Serving as a member of Board of Studies for Department of Social Work, under School of Professional Studies, Netaji Subhas Open University from 13th September, 2022
- Served as a moderator for Post Graduate Term End Examination for Department of Social Work, under School of Professional Studies, Netaji Subhas Open University
- Served as a moderator for Master of Social Work in the Department of Adult, Continuing Education, Extension Work & Field Outreach, Rabindra Bharati University
- Reviewed a manuscript for Sanskrit – A Multidisciplinary Edited Book on Women and Her Paths
- Two years' experience (1st April, 2012 to 30th April 2014) as Head in the Department of Social Work, Law College Durgapur, Rajbandh.
- Served as a member of Ad-hoc Board of P.G Studies in Master of Social Work in Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol and University of Burdwan.
- Served as paper setter, examiner, reviewer, moderator for the Dept. of Humanities & Social Sciences, NIT, Durgapur, Dept. of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, University of Burdwan, Vidyasagar University, Rabindra Bharati University, Netaji Subhas Open University, Bankura University and Kazi Nazrul University.

Articles published in Edited Volume

- (2021). **“Understanding Justice Delivery System from the Perspective of Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence in the Context of Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005”** in Prof. Asha Mukherjee’s (ed) *Contemporary Gender Issues in India: Some Reflections*, ISBN- 9788121219815, Gyan Publication House
- (2020). **“Substance Abuse: Prevalence and Pattern: A Situational Analysis of Selected Cases from De-Addiction Centre”** with co-author Amrita Dutta in Dr. Jilly John’s (ed) *Public Private Community Partnership in Prevention and Management of Substance Abuse*, ISBN- 9789390261482, Walnut Publication
- (2018). **“Gender Justice in India: An Overview”**, in Prof. Asok Kr. Sarkar’s (ed) *Welfare of Disadvantaged: Exploring Community Development Approach*, Concept Publication, New Delhi. Pp 33-42, ISBN: 978-93-86682-21-5.
- (2018). **“Intimate Partner Violence as Human Rights Violation: Issues & Challenges”**, in Prof. Sangita Mukherjee’s (ed), *Women, Politics and Development in India: Issues, Challenges and Prospects ASHADEEP* Pp 116-125 ISBN: 978-93-81245-92-7.
- (2017). **“Violence against Women in Private Sphere and Challenges of Sustainable Human Development: A Study on Married Women in Barddhaman”** in Prof Asok Kr. Sarkar’s (ed), *Human Development and Sustainability Challenges and Strategies*, Atlantic Publishers & Distributors (P) LTD Pp 172-183 ISBN: 978-81-269-2307-6.
- (2015). **“Understanding the Vulnerabilities and Experiences of Children in Child Care Institutions of West Bengal- An Untold Story”** with co-author Anisha Chandra in Ms. Kasturi Sinha Ghosh’s (ed), *Creating Professionals for Child Development and Child Protection: An ODL Initiative School of Professional Studies*, Netaji Subhas Open University, Pp 67-82, ISBN: 978-93-82112-19-8.
- (2012). **“Understanding the Vulnerability of Trafficking of Women in West Bengal: Evidence from Review of Literature and Policy Issues”**, in Prof. Khokan Kumar Bag (ed), *Changing Society Culture and Its Impacts on People*, Rupashi Bangla Publishers, Pp 130-136, ISBN: 978-81-909878-9-9.

Articles published in UGC sponsored/ Peer-Reviewed Journal

- (2024). **“The Handloom Weavers of Varanasi: A Study on Their Opportunities and Challenges”** with co-author Dr. Sucheta Paul and Rahul Bhattacharjee, *International*

Journal of Creative Research Thoughts, Vol. 12, Issue 4, pp K680-K688 ISSN
(online):2320-2882.

- (2023). **“Atmanirbhar Bharat And Women: An Exploration of Challenges And Prospects”** with co-author Dr. Sucheta Paul, *International Journal of Social Sciences Insights*, Volume I Issue II, pp 18-23 ISSN (Online):2584-0541.
- (2023). **The Plight of Gig Workers: A Study from Select Districts of West Bengal**, with co-author Ms. Debdutta Dey, *International Journal of Advance Research and Innovative Ideas in Education*, Vol-9 Issue-4 2023.ISSN (Online)-2395-4396.
- (2022). **“Challenges of Women Workforce in Information Technology Sector in Kolkata: An Overview”** with co-author Tanmayananda Chattaraj and Mansi Chandak, *International Journal for Scientific Research & Development*, Vol. 10, Issue 5, Pp. 39-45 ISSN (Online): 2321-0613.
- (2022). **“Covid-19 Pandemic and Challenges Faced by Front-Line Healthcare Workers: A Study in Select Districts of West Bengal”** with co-author, Indranil Sarkar *South Asian Journal of Participative Development*, Vol. 22, No.1, Pp. 94-130 ISSN 09762701.
- (2013). **“Domestic Violence against Married Women in Burdwan: Some Reflections from Selected Case Studies”**, *Journal of Social Work and Social Development*, Vol. 4 No 01 & 02, Pp. 97-115, ISSN: 2229-6468 (UGC Listed).