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#### **AREAS OF INTEREST**

Political Philosophy, Public Policy, Development Studies and Indian Government and Politics.

#### **CURRENT RESEARCH AREA**

Politics of life and death, Euthanasia, End of life care and Elderly care.

#### EDUCATION

Pursuing PhD in Political Science, Centre for Political Studies, JNU, New Delhi

PhD Research Topic: Care for the Elderly and Terminally Ill: Issues and Policies in India

Cleared UGC NET June 2015

M.Phil Research Topic: Euthanasia in the Indian Context: A political Perspective.

M.Phil in Political Science from Centre for Political Studies- CGPA: 6.5

MA in Political Science from Centre for Political Studies -CGPA: 6. Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2012.

BA (Political Hons) CGPA: 6.28, St.Xavier's College, Kolkata, 2010.

ISC, std-12th: 89%, St.Joseph's High School, Matigara, dist- Darjeeling, 2007.

ICSE, std-10th: 70%, St. Joseph's High School, Matigara, dist-Darjeeling, 2005.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Intern, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, April 15- June 15, 2015.

Assistant Professor (Political Science), G.D. Goenka University, Gurgaon-Sohna Road, August 10, 2015- Till Present.

(Designed Syllabus for 6 Political Science Papers and 4 other Subsidiary Papers in G.D. Goenka University)

# **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Newspaper Article

Biswas. M. (2015). The Right to die and other matters of Life and Death. The Economic Times.

Biswas. M. (2016). All Deserve a Good Death, Allow Refusal for Treatment. The Economic Times.

# **Contribution to Edited Volume**

Biswas, Minakshi. (2015). *The Discourse on Development as Economic Growth to Sustainable Development* Twenty First Century Publications, Patiala, titled *Eco-Investment and Innovations for Green Growth Economy*, 7-18.

# **Online** Publication

Biswas, M. (2016). Time to Reopen the Euthanasia Debate', The Wire.

Biswas, M. (2016). Is Passive Euthanasia going to be Legal in India? The Wire.

# Publication in Journal

Biswas, M. (2015). Living well till death. *Journal of cancer research and therapeutics*, *11*(2), 257.

# **AWARDS/ ACTIVITIES**

Active member of NSS in college (St.Xavier's College, Kolkata), participated in polio campaigns, taught children as a part of the NSS activity.

Worked at Cheshire Home (for mentally and physically disabled),

Serampore, Dist-Hooghly.

Awarded Indira Gandhi Single Girl Child Scholarship 2010-2012

Co-Chaired a Technical Session in International Conference on "Eco-Investment and Innovation for Inclusive Green Growth: Possible Pathways for Eradication of Poverty and Sustainable Development", 25-26 March, 2014, Department of Economics, Kurukshetra University.

Research Intern at Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, April- 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

Conducted Workshop on Palliative Care and Counselling by CanSupport at G.D Goenka University, 4-5 April 2016.

Conducted guest lectures and visits for the students of Department of Political Science at G.D Goenka University.

# SELECT PRESENTATIONS

# 'Euthanasia and the Principle of Autonomy: A comparative Study of India and

**Japan'**,International Conference on "Perceptions of Life and Death" held on 14-15 February, 2014, University of Delhi, Department of East Asian Studies.

'Liberalization and Its Aftermath: A study of the co-existence of the 'Affluence' and the 'Poor'', National Seminar on "Social Change in Contemporary India: Psychological Dimensions and Social Response" held on 21-22 March, 2014, Department of Psychology, Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi.

'The Discourse on Development: From Development as Economic Growth to Sustainable Development', International Conference on "Eco-Investment and Innovation for Inclusive Green Growth: Possible Pathways for Eradication of Poverty and Sustainable Development', 25-26 March, 2014, Department of Economics, Kurukshetra University.

'Humiliation and the Caste Question: A study of Ambedkar's Conversion to Buddhism', International Seminar onUnderstanding Dr Ambedkar's Concept of Dhamma: Transforming Self and Society, 14-15 April, 2014, School for Ambedkar Studies, Babasaheb Bhibrao Ambedkar University,Lucknow.

'Development and its Challenges: An Analysis of the Economic Reforms and Problems of Widening Poverty', International Conference on "Human Rights: National and International Perspectives", 19-21 March, National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi, Kerala.

'Dalit Identity and the Issue of Humiliation: A Study of their experiences of Social Segregation', National Seminar on New Dalit Agenda of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century organized by the Indus Research Centre, New Delhi and IIPA, New Delhi, 11-12 April, 2015.

**'Multiculturalism: Recognizing and Accommodating Diversity in the Contemporary Times'**, National Seminar Sponsored by ICSSR on Democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Prospects and Challenges organized by Shaheed Bhagat Singh (Eve) College, University of Delhi, Venue- India International Centre.

# LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English, Hindi, Bengali