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Research:

Specialization: syntax, formal semantics & logic, pragmatics, endangered languages, language documentation

Areas of interest: attitude predicates, clausal complementation, nominalization, factivity and veridicality, gerunds, situation semantics, event semantics, exclamatives, modality, questions, complex predicates, discourse particles, field linguistics, experimental semantics and pragmatics

Education:

2016-2021	PhD in Linguistics (awarded on 12 th November 2021) Dissertation title: Gerunds, Embedded Finite Declarative CPs, and Attitudes in Bangla Institute: School of Languages and Linguistics, Jadavpur University Supervisors: Dr. Samir Karmakar (Jadavpur University) & Prof. Sujata Ghosh (ISI Chennai)
2013-2015	MA in Linguistics, Jadavpur University with 90.44% (gold medalist)
2010-2013	BA in Bengali literature, Jadavpur University with 74.10% (gold medalist)
2010	Higher Secondary (W.B.C.H.S.E) with 82.80% in pure science
2008	Madhyamik (W.B.B.S.E) with 92.75%

Peer-reviewed journals:

In press	Banerjee, A. Factivity alternation: A case study on Bangla attitude verb <i>b^hab-</i> . Italian Journal of Linguistics. (SCOPUS & WoS-indexed)
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- 2019 Banerjee, A. On Belief Reports in *Bangla*. *Jadavpur Journal of Language and Linguistics (JJLL)*, 3(2): 29-41. (UGC-CARE listed)
- 2018 Ghosh, S.S, Karmakar, S & Banerjee, A. Finding Structural Dependency: A Study of Bangla NPI *ar*. *Jadavpur Journal of Language and Linguistics (JJLL)*, 2(2): 139-148. (UGC-CARE listed)
- 2017 Ghosh, S., Karmakar, S., Banerjee, A. Functional Significance of Contextual Distribution: Discourse Particle *ar* in Bangla. *Acta Linguistica Asiatica*, 7(1): 23-39. (SCOPUS-indexed)

Peer-reviewed conference proceedings:

- 2024 Banerjee, A., Chandra, P. Economy Constraints on Phrasal Causatives. In the Proceedings of 14th GLOW in Asia (GLOW in Asia XIV).
- 2024 Banerjee, A., Banerjee, K., Bhatt, R. Egocentric questions: The view from Bangla and Hindi-Urdu. In the Proceedings of 13th (formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages ((f)ASAL-13).
- To appear Banerjee, A., Banerjee, K., Bhatt, R. Egocentric Questions in Bangla. In Proceedings of the 41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 41). Cascadilla Press.
- 2023 Banerjee, A. Factive Complements are not Always Unique Entities: A Case Study with Bangla *remember*. In Proceedings of 29th Workshop on Logic, Language, Information and Computation (WoLLIC 2023). LNCS vol. 13923. Springer.
- 2023 Banerjee, A. Response-stance predicates with two types of finite clauses in Bangla. In Proceedings of 46th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 46).
- 2022 Banerjee, A. Use of Attitude Verbs as a Device to Encode States of Mind: Navigating them Compositionally in Linguistic Discourse. In Proceedings of 8th Mining Intelligence and Knowledge Exploration (MIKE 2021). LNAI vol. 13119. Springer (LNCS series). 174-181.

- 2022 Banerjee, A. Composing with gerunds and QC clauses: A case of factivity alternation in Bangla. In Proceedings of 11th (Formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages ((F)ASAL 11).
- 2021 Bhadra, D., Banerjee, A. What gerund complements tell us about deontic necessity modals. In Proceedings of 25th Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB 25).
- 2020 Banerjee, A., Karmakar, S. How light verbs shed light on attitude building. In Proceedings of 22nd Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 22). 21-37.

Presentations at refereed conferences:

- 2024 The paper titled “Revisiting headedness in Bangla: towards a head-final analysis and CP-adjunction” with Saurov Syed and Kousani Banerjee at 14th Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL 14) to be held at Stony Brook University from 4-6th April, 2024.
- 2024 The poster titled “Economy Constraints on Phrasal Causatives” with Pritha Chandra at GLOW in Asia XIV held at The Chinese University of Hong Kong from 6-8th March, 2024.
- 2023 The paper titled “English prohibitive modals: semantics and clausal complementation” with Diti Bhadra at 28th Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB 28) held at Ruhr University Bochum (RUB) from 5-8th September, 2023.
- 2023 The paper titled “Factive Complements are not Always Unique Entities: A Case Study with Bangla *remember*” at 29th Workshop on Logic, Language, Information and Computation (WoLLIC 2023) held at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of Dalhousie University from 11-14th July, 2023.
- 2023 The poster titled “Egocentric Questions in Bangla” with Rajesh Bhatt and Kousani Banerjee at 41st West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 41) held at University of California, Santa Cruz from 5-7th May, 2023.
- 2023 The paper titled “Egocentric Questions in Bangla” with Rajesh Bhatt and Kousani Banerjee at 13th (formal) Approaches to South

- Asian Languages ((f)ASAL 13) held at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor from 31st March to 2nd April 2023.
- 2023 The poster titled “Obligation, prohibition, non-finite complementation” with Diti Bhadra at 53rd North East Linguistics Society (NELS 53) held at University of Göttingen from 12-14th January, 2023.
- 2022 The paper titled “Response-stance predicates with two types of finite CPs in Bangla” at 46th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 46) held virtually from 18-20th March, 2022.
- 2022 The paper titled “Composing RSPs with two types of finite CPs: Bangla in focus” at 30th Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 30) held at University of Nantes, France from 25-27th January, 2022.
- 2021 The paper titled “Role of Speech Rhythms in Shaping Meaning Inferences: An Experimental Study in Bangla” with Archi Banerjee, Shankha Sanyal, Souvik Kumar Das at The International Conference cum Workshop on Rhythm of Happiness (ICRH 2021) held at IIT Kharagpur in collaboration with the School of Languages and Linguistics and Sir C. V. Raman Centre for Physics and Music, Jadavpur University from 10-12th December, 2021.
- 2021 The paper titled “Use of Attitude Verbs as a Device to Encode States of Mind: Navigating them Compositionally in Linguistic Discourse” at 8th Mining Intelligence and Knowledge Exploration (MIKE 2021) held at Tunisia from 1-3rd November, 2021.
- 2021 The paper titled “Embedding gerunds and QC clauses: A case of factivity alternation in Bangla” at 11th (Formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages ((F)ASAL 11) held at University of Minnesota from 26-28th March, 2021.
- 2021 The paper titled “Negative *what*-exclamatives in Bangla” at 11th (Formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages ((F)ASAL 11) with Kousani Banerjee held at University of Minnesota from 26-28th March, 2021.
- 2020 The paper titled “What gerunds tell us about deontic necessity” at 25th Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB 25) with Diti Bhadra held at

University College London and Queen Mary University of London from 3-9th September, 2020.

- 2020 The paper titled “How light verbs shed light on attitude building”, presented at 22nd Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 22) with Samir Karmakar held at Gyeongsang National University, Jinju, Korea from 12-14th August, 2020.
- 2019 The paper titled “Gerunds and Bangla Clause-embedding Verbs”, presented at 31st European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLI 31) Student session held at University of Latvia, Riga from 5-16th August, 2019.
- 2019 The poster titled “Gerunds in Deontic Ground”, presented at 9th Formal Approaches to South Asian Languages (FASAL-9) with Diti Bhadra held at Reed College, Portland, USA from 16-17th March, 2019.
- 2019 The paper titled “Factivity and nominalization: A study on ‘mind-predicates’ in Bangla”, presented at 8th Indian Conference on Logic and its Applications -2019 (ICLA-2019) with Samir Karmakar and Sujata Ghosh held at Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) from 3-5th March, 2019.
- 2019 The paper titled “Static and dynamic *thinking*: A case of lexicalization in Bangla”, presented at the 13th Students’ Conference of Linguistics in India (SCONLI-13) held at ISM Dhanbad from 24-25th January, 2019.
- 2018 The paper titled “Co-locational Pattern: A Study of Bangla “ar”, presented with Soumya Sankar Ghosh at 46th All India Conference of Dravidian Linguistics (AICDL-46) & International Symposium on Linguistic Ecology and Language Technology held at Jadavpur University from 21st to 23rd June, 2018.
- 2018 The paper titled “Embedded At-issue Clauses and (Un)involved Sourcehood”, presented at 46th All India Conference of Dravidian Linguistics (AICDL-46) & International Symposium on Linguistic Ecology and Language Technology held at Jadavpur University from 21st to 23rd June, 2018.

2017 The paper titled “Grammar as Graph: A Lexicalist Treatment of Traditional Bangla Grammar”, presented with Samir Karmakar, Soumya Ghosh and Sayantani Banerjee at 7th Indian Conference on Logic and its Applications -2017 (ICLA-2017) held at Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT Kanpur) from 5-7th January, 2017.

2016 The paper titled “Significance of Structures in Cognition: A Study on Bangla Counting System”, presented with Avijit Mallick at the 10th Students’ Conference of Linguistics in India (SCONLI-10) held at RTM Nagpur University from 5-6th March, 2016.

Conference organized:

2017 Organized 11th Students’ Conference of Linguistics in India (SCONLI 11) jointly with Soumya Sankar Ghosh at Jadavpur University from 28th - 30th January, 2017.

Invited talks/lectures:

2024 (November) Conducted a workshop on the topic “Language and Legal Issues: Introducing Forensic Linguistics” as part of the Internship Program “Sociology of Linguistic Communication in the 21st Century” organized by the School of Languages and Linguistics, Jadavpur University.

2024 (February) Conducted a workshop “Data collection for Developing Technology for Smaller Languages of India” at India Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur.

2023 (September) Conducted a workshop on “Linguistic Field Survey and Analysis from the viewpoint of syntactic analysis with a focus on Bangla”, at Jadavpur University on 8th September, 2023.

2022 (November) Delivered four talks at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur which were a part of the course entitled “Introduction to Languages and Linguistics” offered by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the institute.

Teaching assignments:

2025 (Jan) – Present	Assistant Professor in the Department of English Language and Literature, Adamas University, Kolkata.
2023 (July)-2024 (Dec)	Teaching Assistant for Linguistics at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS), Kolkata.
2023 (March-mid June)	Taught MA Linguistics (Syntax) in the 2 nd semester, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
2022 Nov – 2023 Jan	Taught MA Linguistics (Introduction to Linguistics) in the 1 st semester, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
2022 (Sept-Nov)	Taught MA Linguistics (Logic and Mathematics in Linguistics) in the 3 rd semester, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
2022 (March-June)	Taught MA Linguistics (Semantics) in the 2 nd semester, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
2020	Teaching Assistant for MA Linguistics (Semantics) in the 2 nd semester (January-June), Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
2017	Teaching Assistant for ED Linguistics in the 1 st semester (July-December), Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
2016	Teaching Assistant for ED Linguistics in the 4 th semester (January-June), Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

Fellowships and grants:

2019	Received RUSA 2.0 grant from Jadavpur University for the coverage of the visit to ESSLLI 31 in Riga, Latvia.
2018	Awarded UGC-NET Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) in Linguistics.
2016	Awarded UGC-NET Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in Linguistics.

Summer school:

2019 Attended the 31st European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI 31) Student session held at University of Latvia, Riga from 5-16th August, 2019.

Reviewing committee:

2024 (December) SCONLI 15, University of Delhi
2024 (August) FRSM-24, CSJM University, Kanpur
2024 (January) ICLCC conference, Adamas University
2023 (November) SCONLI 14 conference, IIT Kharagpur
2022 (June) Synthese (Journal)

Languages and technical skills:

Bengali (native)	Persian (beginners)	MS Office (advanced)
Hindi (fluent)	LaTeX (advanced)	Python (basic)
English (fluent)	Lambda calculator (advanced)	Praat (intermediate)
Prolog		

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