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Early Qualifications:

BA (Hon) in Political Science and Economics (CU), MA in Political Science (CU), PH.D in Politics and Public Administration from the Department of Political Science, Calcutta University.

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Positions held:

Professor Chaudhuri taught Political Science in different Colleges (Calcutta University). He was a Post Graduate Guest Faculty in the Department of Political Science, Calcutta University, Department of Political Science with Rural Administration, Vidyasagar University, in NSOU Kolkata and Rabindra Bharati University in Distance Education System. Visited Soviet Russia and presented Two Papers in International Political Science Congress, and delivered a special lecture on “Indian Political Science today”, Paris, France, and Frankfurt, Germany.

In short, more than 44 years of College and university teaching and equal number of years in Research Experience(both Normative and Empirical) till November 2011; many Seminar participations either as Paper giver or Chair.

Amiya K. Chaudhuri till 2009 was Guest Faculty in the Department of Law, Calcutta University teaching Political Theory and Thought and, occasionally International Relations and in 2010 declined to accept next offer. He was a member of the UG Board of Studies in Political Science at Calcutta University (Chairman UG BOS in Political Science), Distance Education, Rabindra Bharati University and Netaji Subhas Open University (Public Administration), West Bengal. He has been associated with Centre for the Study of developing Societies (CSDS) since 1996 when he first assisted in conducting the Surveys of the 1996 Parliamentary and Assembly Elections in West Bengal. He was the WB state coordinator for the 1998, 1999 and 2001, 2004 Parliamentary and Assembly elections, and presently member of Lokniti (Institute of Comparative Democracy) Network of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi-110054.

Research Projects:

(1) ICSSR sponsored, “Indian Judiciary Supreme court and Four High Courts” (completed in 1977)

(2) ICSSR sponsored, “Evolution of West Bengal Legislature 1862-1987” (completed in 1998)

(3) University of Pennsylvania Institute of Advanced Studies in India (UPIASI) sponsored, “Coalition Politics in West Bengal” (completed 2006).under the auspices of the UPIASI on Parliamentary Elections 2004 and Assembly Elections 2006.

MAKAIAS: Politics and Political Economy of the state of Bihar (completed in December 2008 and Published in January 2010)

MAKAIAS, the Project on West Bengal since Partition; the Final Draft is completed to be submitted by the end of December, 2011. Completed, to be published from Sipra, New Delhi,2012.

(4) Peoples' Perception of Democracy, Politics and Political Culture (MAKAIAS) working.

Research interests:

Comparative Political Systems

State Politics and Governance in India

Area Studies : Bangladesh and Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka

Delivered Lectures;

- Moscow State University in n1979 Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow Spoke on the Coalition Government of India 1977-79.
- Delivered lectures in Sorbonne University.
- Invited from Peter Drucker Institute, California, USA, for a month to deliver six lectures on Contemporary Politics and Administration in West Bengal and India and the State Politics, in 2008, (but could not attend for personal and family reasons; although any time I intend, the invitation still stands valid.
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- Delivered several lectures on invitation in Indian Universities, like in Bihar,. MS. University, Gwalior, Vadodara, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, Ujjain, Madras, Kerala, Jabbalpur, Meerut, UP, Pune, Viswa Bharati Guwahati, Itanagar (Arunachal) and Bangalore University and UPAISI in India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- Delivered several lectures on different topics social, politics and Political Economy of the country in West Bengal like Calcutta University, Rabindra Bharati, Burdwan, Vidyasagar universities, Viswa Bharati University and several others Institute and Institutions for the last many years.

Selected Publications:

A few selected Articles in Professional / Refereed journals

A Conceptual Framework of Panchayati Raj, “The Calcutta Journal of Political Studies”, (Bilingual), New Series, Vol 1 Nos 1&2, April 2001- 2002.

- Social Liberation: The Search for a Correct Perspective, “West Bengal Political Science Review” Vol 1, Jan-Dec“1998.
- Control, Politics and Perspective of a State Legislature, “The Indian Journal of Political Science, Vol. LIV, No. 1, Jan-March. 1993.

- Question Hour and Zero Hour in West Bengal Legislature, “The Calcutta Journal of Political Studies, Vol X No 1&2, 1991.
- Middle Class: An Amorphous Identity and Contradictions “ Lokayat” (English), New Delhi, October 15 2004
- Legislature of A state in Perspective, “Indian Journal of Political Science”, Jan-July, 1993.
- India’s Socio-Political Development-Constraints & Consequences: A Recent Scenario, “Journal of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies, Vol.XIII, No.2, July-September 1979.
- Political Culture in Post-Independence India: West Bengal and Its Political Idiom, “The Calcutta Review”, (A Calcutta University Journal), Vol.V, Nos. 1&2, 1979.
- Relevance of Political Sociology to the Study of Parties with Reference to Indian Party System, “ The Calcutta Review”, New Series, Vol. III, No.4, April –June, 1978.
- A Note on Naxalism- Its Making in Contemporary Indian political Thought, “The Calcutta Review”, New Series, Vol. III, No. I, July-September 1977.
- Judicial Appointments in High Courts, “The Indian Journal of Political Science, Vol XXXVIII, No 4, Oct-Dec”1977.
- Minority Government: Coalition Politics Indian Experiments, “Indian Journal of Political Science, Vol. LXVI, No. 2, Apr. –June, 2005.
- Electoral Politics West Bengal: A predominant Party Government (1977-2006), Asia Annual 2006, MAKAIAS, 2007.
- Coalition Politics; Left Front in a Unique Coalition in West Bengal, A UPIASI, Project (2004- 2006) submitted (Forthcoming soon from Oxford University Press, 2007)
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri “Politics, Governance, Political Economy of Development Or Stagnation: West Bengal 2009.” India Economy Review (IER), IIPM, Vol VII, March 31 , 2010
- “Sorry state of Education System during the Left Front Regime of West Bengal (1978-2010)” A Bengali Journal Tehai,edited by Saptarshi Bhattacharya, January Issue, 2011, Kolkata
- Soviet Russia Bhanganer sei Dingulo (lengthy article based on the reportage of Three Journalists located in falling Soviet Russia on those fateful days, Sukanta a monthly journal, Special Number, Howrah, 1999.
- “Ekti Bisforok Sloganer Bastabayan” (An explosive Slogan that that came to be a reality (a very big and main article written in Bengali, a part of a literature on change of Regime or Paribortan in West Bengal) Pala badal’11, Madhumoy Pal (ed), angchill, Kolkata, October 2011.
- “Bhoy Theke Abhoy”(Freedom from Fear), based on a writings of Arefin Khan, a special Manabadhikar issue, No 3, 41 year October-December, 2007,Kolkata, edited by Mahasweta Devi
A number of Articles on “Gandhi”, “Soviet Revolution”, “ “Jalliunabag”, “Indian Federalism”, “Kashmir” “state of Human Right in India”, “Speaking Within” etc in Bengali Journals like Darpane Muktamon, Majhi, Janabani Samajbhabnai, Subhas National Economic Planning in a Bengali Fortnightly of Subhas Chandra and a number of Little Magazine.
- Achal Ayaton Dhulisat O Mamatar Ksmatayan, cover story, D. Statesman, August 27, 2012.

- Madya bati Nirbachan: Sambhabow, Ekdin, August 13, 2012
- Astam Panchayat Nirbachan, Rajya and Rajniti, Special Festival Number 2012, Jago Bangla, Kolkata.
- Oitihashik Utthan, Mamata Banerjee, Samasmaika Bangla, by monthly, January-February, 2013.

Articles in Edited Volumes:

- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “ Regime Changes in West Bengal and Parliamentary Elections 1999”, Wallace and Roy (eds), India’s 1999 Elections and 20th Century Politics, Sage, New Delhi, Thousand Oaks and London, 2003.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “ Appointment of a Chief Justice – The Study of the Controversy in a New Perspective, Verinder Grover (ed), Political Process and Role of Courts, New Delhi, 1997
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “Legislature and the Process of Development: A Study of West Bengal Legislature in a New Political Context, R.B. Jain (ed), The Legislative Process in Development, Gitanjali Publishing House, New Delhi, 1985.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “ The Judges of the Supreme Court and the philosophy of a Judge”, Ram Avatar Sharma (ed), Justice and Social Order in India, Intellectual Publishing House, New Delhi, First Edition, 1984.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “Political Sociology and Political Parties”, L.S Rathore (Ed), Political Sociology, Meenakshi Prakashan, Meerut, New Delhi, 1981.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “Regime Changes in West Bengal and the 1999 Parliamentary Elections”, Paul Wallace and Ramashray (eds), India’s 1999 Elections and 20th Century Politics, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2003.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, A predominant Party Government in a Coalition situation, Asian Annual 2006, Suchandana Chatterjee (ed), Standard Publishing, New Delhi, 2007.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “CPI(M)” Dominance and „Other“ Parties in West Bengal”, Paul Wallace and Ramashray Roy (eds), India’s 2004 Elections: Grassroots and National Perspectives, Sage Publications, New Delhi, Thousand Oaks, London, 2007.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “ In Search of Good Governance”, Anita Sen Gupta (ed), Asia Annual 2007, Manohar, New Delhi, 2008
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “Social and Political Ideas of Professor RK. Dasgupta (a comprehensive assessment in Bengali language) Hridayer Uchcharan, Deys Publications Kolkata, 2002.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “National Planning of Subhas Chandra” (revised and enlarged) Desbesh Ray Chaudhuri (ed), Sangrami Subhas Chandra (Bengali), Progressive Publishing, Kolkata, 2008.
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri, “Mapping a Political Challenge” Paul Wallace & Ramashray (eds), Indian Politics and Parliamentary Election 2009, Sage Publications, Thousand Oks, California, 2011
- Amiya K. Chaudhuri “National Economic Planning”, conceptualized by Subhas Chandra Bose”, A commemorative Volume on the birth Centenary of Bose, edited by D. Roy Chaudhuri and TK Banerjee, Progressive Publishing Co. Kolkata, 2006.

- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): A Political Analysis, Ramifications FDI, edited by D. Sen, Kolkata, 2013.
- Oitihasik Uthan, Samosamoik Bangla (a by monthly journal) edited by Sayandev, Kolkata, 2013
- *Mamata Banerjee r, Khamatayan*, Sahanagarik, (a monthly Bengali Journal edited by Sayandev Banerjee), Kolkata, 2012.
- *Naraendra Modi vs Mamata, Samosamayikm* , June, 2014.
- *Amiya K, Chaudhuri, Coalition Politics in West Bengal, in Coalition Politics of India, Edited by Sridharan, Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2014.*
- “West Bengal Election 2014: Dethroning the LF after 34 Years,” *Modi Led BJP sweep: India’s Parliamentary Elections 2014, Edited by Paul Wallace,(ed), Sage, 2014, New Delhi*

Authored Books:

- Legislative Control over Public Administration, Minerva Associate, Calcutta, 1993.
- Legislative Control over Public Administration: India, Revised edition, Willis New York, 1998.
- Contemporary Politics and Changing Economy of Bihar, Shipra Publications, Delhi, 2010.
- Bharater Bartaman Rajniti O Prasashanik Bikriti, Sujan Publication, Calcutta, 1998; to be reprinted soon in 2012.
- Bharater Samasamayik Rajnitir Kusilab, Sujan Publications, Kolkata 2008; all copies of the book have been exhausted and a revised edition to be reprinted as early as possible.
- Bahota Samoyer Sthir Chitra Prasanga Paschimbanga, Gangchil.January 2013 ,
- Bharater Bartaman Rajnithir Preskhapat, Sujan, Kolkata, April 2012.
- West Bengal in Perspective: politics and governance, Shipra Publicatios, Delhi, 2014
- Dairly’s Chchera Pata, Nibandha Guchcha, Ganchil, Kolkata, 2015. (to formally released in Boi Mela 26th January, 2015.

Monograph

- Appointment of Supreme Court Judges and Supersession ICSSR, Kolkata 1977, ICSSR (1973-74)
- Evolution and Development of West Bengal Legislature (1862-20001), Mimeo, Kolkata, 1999, ICSSR.
- “Electoral Politics in West Bengal (1952-2001): A Predominant Party in the Coalition with a Difference” (mimeo), Kolkata, CSDS, 2002.
- Coalition Politics in West Bengal (1977-2008), with a postscript, UPAISI, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, 2014

Review articles and Book Reviews: Quite A Number, both in English and Bengali International Political Science Review, Journal of Indian Journal of Political Science, Indian Political Science Association journal of Political Studies Jodhpur, West Bengal Journal of Political Science, Calcutta, Journal of Administrative Science, Madras University, Tamil Nadu., Calcutta Journal of Political Studies, Journal of Political Studies, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, Indian Book Chronicles (IBC) Jaipur, Dainik Statesman, Bartaman, Sambad Pratidin etc.

Edited: a Bengali Journal “Rastra” (stopped since 1998). 200 post edits, features, Review articles and Book Reviews in different Bengali newspapers, professional Journals and Magazines like “Pratyahik Sambad”, (Kolkata) “Khabarer Kagaj”, (Kolkata) “Dainik Statesman” (Kolkata) “Alipurbarata” (Kolkata), and other Bengali Magazines, (Published from Kolkata, and Districts, WB). Presently occasionally writing Features and Post edits in Bartaman, Sambad Pratidin and Dainik Statesman (particular mention may be made of “Relooking Sainbari Massacre in 1970, Marichjhapi Massacre in 1979, Women Reservation Bill as passed in Rajya Sabha, March 2010).

Delivered a few Memorial Lectures: The latest being,

- Memorial Lectures: Satindra Nath Memorial Lecture in Jadavpur University (NEC) on “Contemporary scenario of Indian Democracy: roles of the National and Regional Political Parties” April 11, 2010.
- Frequent Television and radio Broadcast (including Voice of America) as expert Political Commentator and Psephology.
- More about Chaudhuri
- Life Member:
- Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi.
- New Public Administration Association, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh
- Indian Political Science Association (presently located in Meerut, UP)
- West Bengal Political Science Association (one of the founder members in the second phase, 1980)
- All India Federation of College and University Teachers Organization.
- West Bengal College and University Teachers Association (WBCUTA).
- Council of Political Studies, Kolkata.

Social Activities: During the Bangladesh Liberation Movement

During Bangladesh Liberation movement Calcutta University by a resolution formed a committee “Calcutta University Bangladesh Sahayak Samity” to help Teachers who had to take shelter in and around Calcutta. Teachers of all categories from Vice-Chancellor down to the ordinary Primary School Teachers including A.R.Mullick VC Chittagong University and

Professor Anisuzzaman and many others. The Samity was headed by the VC, Calcutta and Professor Dilip Chakraborty a Member of Syndicate and leader of West Bengal College and University Teachers Organization as the General Secretary. AS a young College teacher I was Assistant Secretary. A large number of teachers in WB were associated. Nearly Ten Thousand Teachers of that country used to get some amount of money so that they could have a minimum financial support. By organizing different cultural programmes in different parts of India, like Calcutta, New Delhi, Bombay etc, and from individual and collective donations we collected a huge amount of resources to extend help to the displaced teachers. To mobilize Indian elite public opinion in favour of the Bangladesh liberation war and with a purpose to create pressure on Government of India, Ms. Indira Gandhi being the Prime Minister, to recognize Bangladesh as New Nation I attended a number of Seminars in JNU, New Delhi, Jaipur, Rajasthan, Poona Maharashtra, Madras University, Madras (still not renamed Tamil Nadu). Occasionally People like Mizanur Rahaman (later he became the Prime Minister of Bangladesh) Professor of Chittagong University, Dr. Annisuzsaman were with me while we attended the seminar at YMCA Guest House at New Delhi organized by Professor Saral Chatterjee former Principal of Srirampur College. Still a remaining Fund of nearly 50 Lakhs has been still in the suspense account of the Calcutta University. For the purpose to reiterate,, as a representative of the Bangladesh Sahayak Samity I was to participate in many Seminars in large City Universities like the JNU Delhi, Bombay University, and Madras University, to mobilize elite opinions in the Country. Thus came to help the cause, Professor Aloo Dastur and Prof. Usha Mehta of Bombay University, Prof Parimal Das of the JNU, to name a few only. I had a very hectic time and had to visit many border areas of West Bengal to write report for Samiti's monthly Bulletins to bring into focus on the inhuman conditions of the temporarily migrant teachers. After the Liberation movement was complete, the Dhaka University counter organization in a function issued 20 certificates to the members involved in the Samiti activities signed by Professor Annisuzsaman, besides others of the Bangladesh teachers Organization. I still hold the Certificate; personally I could not attend the function though. A large amount of Money (50 lakh) was given to the Jahangir Nagar University, Dhaka. Some amount of money may be 40/50 lakh are still kept in the suspense account of the CU as reported by the present VC of Calcutta University.

West Bengal during 2006 to 2011

During Internal Emergency and before the Elections in 1977;

- By attending and organizing different seminars to help Jayprakash Narayana Movent I played a small part and contribute my mite.
- Active participant as a Change Agent during the Civil Society Groups
- Movement from September, 2006 to May 2011. During this period, I wrote several invited Articles(not less than 30 in numbers) in widely circulated language dailies, like Bartaman, Dainik Statesman, Sambad Pratidin, Weeklies like Saptaha and monthly like Saha Nagarik, Samosamayik Bangla, Bijalpa and a few others.

Members: Life member: 11PA, New Delhi.
Life member: Nepasi, Hyderabad.
Life member: Indian Political Science Association.
Life member: (1979-1990) International Political Association.
Life member, IFACTO and WBCUTA.

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