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**ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS**

- M. Phil (1997) and Ph. D (2005) in Ancient Indian History from Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Title of Ph. D: Buddhism and Maritime Networks in Early Medieval Coastal Orissa.
- MA (History) with a first class from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar in 1994
- Junior Research Fellowship, UGC-1994

**AREA OF EXPERTISE/INTERESTS**

- State Formation in different societies
- Buddhist iconography
- Maritime archaeology
- IT & Archaeology
- Study of elections.

**PUBLISHED RESEARCH WORKS**

**Books**

1. *Vajrayana Buddhism- Study in Social Iconography*, Pratibha Prakashan, New Delhi, 2009

**Articles/Papers**

**International**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (2008) "Religion in the making of modern India: A Historical Profile" in *India: Some reviews of Literature related to Religions and Development*, Working paper 10, Religion and Development Research Program, Birmingham University, 2008: 19-42.

**URL:**

[http://www.rad.bham.ac.uk/files/resourcesmodule/@random454f80f60b3f4/1226574606\\_working\\_paper\\_10\\_\\_web\\_version.pdf](http://www.rad.bham.ac.uk/files/resourcesmodule/@random454f80f60b3f4/1226574606_working_paper_10__web_version.pdf)

2. - \_\_\_\_\_ (2008) Some Demographic aspects of the religious communities of India, in *India: Some reviews of Literature related to Religions and Development*, Working paper 10, *Religion and Development Research program*, Birmingham University: 43-62.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ (1997) Lucy Blue, Eric Kentley, Sean McGrail and Umakant Mishra (1997): "The Patia Fishing Boat of Orissa: A Case Study in Ethnoarchaeology", *South Asian Studies*, Volume 13: 189-207.

**URL:** <http://www.basas.org.uk/journal/issues/v13.htm>

**National:**

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (2002) "Terrorism – A Psychological Study," *Journal of Peace Studies*, vol. 9, Issue 1, 2002.

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5. \_\_\_\_\_ (2000) "An Ethnographic Study of the Fishermen and their Boats: Its Importance in the Maritime Archaeology of Ancient Orissa," in K K Basa & Pradeep Mohanty(eds.) *Archaeology of Orissa*, Pratibha Prakashan, New Delhi: 614-635.

**Under Publication**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ "Multiple Gods, Goddesses and Buddhas- Locating Buddhism in the religious dynamics of early medieval Orissa" in Herman Kulke, Nivedita Mohantay, et. al (eds) *Imaging Orissa*, Prafulla Pathagar (Forthcoming)
2. - \_\_\_\_\_ "Vajrayana Buddhism as a religion of laities in 5<sup>th</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> centuries Orissa (India)" in Birendra Prasad (ed) *Monasteries, Shrines and Society: Buddhist and Brahmanical Religious Institutions in India in their Socio-Economic Context*, Delhi: Manak Publications (forthcoming)

## Presentation

### International

- "Some Indigenous Plank Boats of Orissa Coast" in International Conference held **in Lyon, France** on the 'Seafaring Communities of the Indian Ocean (4<sup>th</sup> century BC - 15<sup>th</sup> century AD)' from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July 1996. Title of the Paper:
- "Early historical material culture of Orissa," in International Workshop on *Archaeology as History*, India International Centre, **New Delhi**, 6-8 March 2002.
- "Conceptualising Interreligious Equations between Brahmanical religions and Buddhism in the poly-religious landscape of Orissa," in International Conference on Buddhist heritage of Gujarat, MS University, **Varoda**, 15-17 January, 2010.

### National

- "Vajrayana Buddhism as a social and instrumental religion" in National Seminar on Buddhist Heritage in Orissa, 13-14 September 2008, Kedanath Gabesana Pratisthan, Bhubaneswar, Orissa

## Associations with International Academic Projects

- Boats of South Asia Project, **Oxford University**, 1996 (RESEARCH DIRECTOR, PROF Sean Mcgrail, Oxford University) ( Research Assistant)
- Digital Temple Atlas of Orissa, **Tubingen University**, Germany, 2002 (RESEARCH DIRECTOR, PROF H von Stitencron, Tubingen University) (Research Assistant)
- Religion and Development Research Program , **Birmingham University** & JNU, 2005-06 (RESEARCH DIRECTOR, PROF. Carol Rakodi, International Development Dept, Birmingham University) ( Deputy Country Coordinator)

## PERSONAL INFO

- Born in April 1973 in Cuttack, Orissa, residing in Cuttack
- Married; one son

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