

## AURITRO MAJUMDER – Short CV

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### RESEARCH AREAS:

Global Anglophone Literature; South Asian Literature; Critical Theory; History of Ideas

### EDUCATION

- PhD in English, Syracuse University, 2014
- School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University, 2012
- MA in English (First Class), Jadavpur University, 2009
- BA in English (First Class, Honours), Jadavpur University, 2007

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Articles and Book Chapters:

- “Toward a Materialist Critique of the Postnational: Haile Gerima’s Lukácsian Realism in *Harvest 3000 Years*.” *Research in African Literatures* 49.1 (2018), Forthcoming 8700 words.
- “World Literature, the *Geist* and the East, 1907-1942.” *History, Imperialism, Critique: New Essays in World Literature*. Ed. Asher Ghaffar (New York: Routledge, 2018): Forthcoming 7500 words.
- “The Case for Peripheral Aesthetics: Fredric Jameson, the World-System and Cultures of Emancipation.” *Interventions* 19.6 (2017): 781-796.
- “Gayatri Spivak, Planetarity, and the Labor of Imagining Internationalism.” *Mediations* 30.2 (2017): 15-28.
- “Caste, Race, and Intellectual History: Notes on a Singular Modernity.” *Crossing Borders: Essays on Literature, Culture and Society in Honor of Amritjit Singh*. Eds. Tapan Basu and Tasneem Shahnaaz (Lanham: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press; New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2017). 135-146.
- “Can Bengali Literature be Postcolonial?” *Comparative Literature Studies* 53.2 (2016): 417-425.
- “Naxalites”. *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Postcolonial Studies*. Eds. Sangeeta Ray and Henry Schwarz (Malden, Massachusetts: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016). Web, 3000 words.
- “The Poetics and Politics of Blackness: Literature as a Site of Transnational Contestation in Chanakya Sen’s *The Morning After* and Utpal Dutt’s *The Rights of Man*.” *Journal of Postcolonial Writing* 50.4 (2014): 423-436.
- “Representations and Re-presentations: Reading Coca-Cola Advertising, and the Visuals of Anti-Coke Struggles in India.” *Contentious Connections: Social Imagination in Globalizing South Asia*. Eds. Sirpa Tenhunen and Klaus Karttunen (Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014). 55-78.
- “Dilemmas of Parliamentary Communism: The Rise and Fall of the Left in West Bengal.” (Co-authored with Subho Basu). *Critical Asian Studies* 45.2 (2013): 167-200.
- “Frantz Fanon: Revisiting Anticolonialism.” *Modern Social Thinkers*. Ed. Pradip Basu (Calcutta: Setu, 2012). 144-161.

**In Progress:**

Monograph, *Insurgent Imaginations: World Literature and the Periphery*. (This book theorizes the transnational connections between South Asia, the United States, the Soviet Union, Africa and Latin America from the 1920s to the present, with emphasis on aesthetic form in fiction, drama, and cinema. Individual chapters focus on M.N. Roy, Mrinal Sen, Mahasweta Devi, Arundhati Roy, and Aravind Adiga.) 65,000 words, manuscript to be completed by August 2018.

Co-edited book, with Sandeep Banerjee and Subho Basu. *Cultures of the Cold War in South Asia*. (Working Title) (This edited anthology sheds light on the crucial importance of the Cold War in the development of postcolonial South Asia. Brings together fifteen interdisciplinary essays – from history, economics, political science, and cultural studies – covering Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka). 120,000 words, manuscript to be submitted to Routledge by March 2019.

**RECENT PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES**

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- 2018 “Spivak, Planerarity, and the Periphery.” INVITED. Colloque, “Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak dans le siècle.” Université Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3. Paris, France. June.
  - 2018 “Marxism’s Combined and Uneven Development.” INVITED. International Conference, Karl Marx – Life, Ideas, Influence: A Critical Examination on the Bicentenary. Asian Development Research Institute. Patna, India. June.
  - 2017 “Rabindranath Tagore: Totality at the Margins.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA. October.
  - 2017 “Against the Notion of Break.” Cultural Studies Association Conference. Georgetown University, Washington D.C., USA. May.
  - 2017 “Modernism/Realism: *Pace* Third Cinema.” Annual Africa Conference, University of Texas at Austin. USA. March-April.
  - 2017 “The Protocols of Humanist Reading, After Theory.” INVITED. Department of English, University of Florida. Gainesville, USA. March.
  - 2017 “Two Narratives of Hegel and Buddha: the Anticolonial and the Posthuman.” Convention of the Modern Language Association. Philadelphia, USA. January.
  - 2016 “Materialism from the Margins: M.N. Roy and the Unlikely Detours of Anticolonial Thought.” INVITED. Department of English, McGill University. Montreal, Canada. November.
  - 2016 “Peripheral Aesthetics and World Literature.” Convention of the Modern Language Association. Austin, USA. January.