

Sumantra Bose - Biography

Sumantra Bose joined the London School of Economics (LSE) in 1999. After completing high school in India, he received his BA, with highest honours in political science, from Amherst College, Massachusetts, USA (1992), and subsequently received MA, M.Phil and Ph.D. (1998) degrees in political science at Columbia University, New York, USA. His research has been supported by numerous grants and awards from institutions in both the UK and the USA, including the Social Science Research Council, New York, and the Nuffield Foundation, London. Bose has been visiting faculty at Wellesley College, USA and Bogazici (Bosphorus) University in Istanbul, Turkey. He has given invited lectures and seminars at numerous universities including Harvard, Stanford, Princeton, MIT and Columbia in the US and Oxford and Cambridge in the UK. He has served as consultant to the United States' Department of State, the United Nations and the UK's Department for International Development, and appears regularly as expert analyst and commentator on major international media including CNN International and the BBC. He also serves as expert reviewer for a number of academic journals and presses. Bose's forthcoming work is a comparative study of peace processes to end protracted conflicts in South Asia (Kashmir, Sri Lanka), Southeastern Europe (Bosnia), the eastern Mediterranean (Cyprus) and the Middle East (Israel and Palestine).

Core areas of research and supervision

1. Ethnic and national conflicts and democratic management of such conflicts, with particular expertise in the Indian subcontinent (especially Kashmir) and the former Yugoslavia (esp. Bosnia & Herzegovina)
2. Design and operation of democratic institutions in divided societies: party and electoral systems, and federal and consociational structures
3. Democratic theory, especially debates on sovereignty and citizenship
4. International peace-building interventions in post-conflict societies, and peace processes generally
5. Contemporary Indian politics

Teaching

- GV465 War, Peace and the Politics of National Self-Determination
- GV436 National and Ethnic Conflict Regulation (seminar, sole teacher)
- GV467 Introduction to Comparative Politics (lecture and seminar, co-teacher)
- GV4A9 Comparative Politics Skills (lecture, co-teacher)
- GV310 Democracy and Democratisation (lecture, co-teacher)

Recent publications

- (forthcoming 2006) *Contested Lands: War and Peace in Israel-Palestine, Kashmir, Bosnia, Cyprus and Sri Lanka* (Cambridge, Mass. and London: Harvard University Press)
- (2003) *Kashmir: Roots of Conflict, Paths to Peace* (Cambridge, Mass. and London: Harvard University Press)
- (2002) *Bosnia after Dayton: Nationalist Partition and International Intervention* (New York: Oxford University Press)
- (1997) *The Challenge in Kashmir: Democracy, Self-Determination and a Just Peace* (New Delhi, Thousand Oaks and London: Sage Publications)
- (1994) *States, Nations, Sovereignty: Sri Lanka, India and the Tamil Eelam Movement* (New Delhi, Thousand Oaks and London: Sage Publications)
- Articles in many journals including *Comparative Political Studies*, *Survival: The IISS Quarterly*, *Security Dialogue*, *Journal of International Affairs*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Development*, and *Economic and Political Weekly*; numerous chapter contributions to edited volumes; feature and e-seminar contributions to <http://www.fathom.com>.