

# Review of: "Social-Cultural Anthropology in the Oldest Department of Anthropology in India: Writing History or the Suppression of Records?"

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I am not an anthropologist and have never engaged with the University of Calcutta in any way. But I read the article with interest. As an academic who has spent his whole life being a cultural anthropologist in a renowned university such as the University of Calcutta, Prof. Guha is understandably enraged at his whole area of work being dismissed as "minor". That several others have contributed to cultural anthropology in the same University in the past to much acclaim and appreciation, whom the author duly lists in the paper, points to the fact that Partha Chatterjee may not have done his homework on this aspect before giving the talk.

However, the words "suppression of facts" in the title is too sensationist and can be toned down. Because we have no evidence to show that Partha Chatterjee is deliberately suppressing anything. He could just be simply mistaken or ill informed.

Sometimes being influential and well known in foreign lands can make academics dismissive of the work done by home grown colleagues who are not so much in the limelight. Prof. Guha is right in offering a counterview and the article should be published in the interests of presenting the correct facts and in the interests of all voices being heard in academia, from Columbia to Calcutta.