

Programme of the Sixth Critical Studies Conference
on
Refugees, Migrant, Violence and the Transformation of Cites
organised
by
Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (CRG)

Venue: Swabhumi, Kolkata || Date: 23-25 August, 2017

Day 1

23 August 2017

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| 05.30 - 06.00 pm | Tea & Registration |
| 06.00 - 06.15 pm | Welcome Address by Paula Banerjee, Director, Calcutta Research Group |
| 06.15 - 07.15 pm | Keynote Address by Subir Sinha, SOAS, London on <i>Separation, Mobility and the Ordinary City: On Migrants' Subjection and Subjectivity</i> |
| 07.15 - 07.20 pm | Vote of Thanks by Anita Sengupta, Senior Researcher & Programme Coordinator, Calcutta Research Group (CRG) |

Day 2

24 August 2017

09:30 – 11.00 am

Panel 1(A) [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi] Crisis, Violence and the Public Space
(Discussant: Pushpendra Kr. Singh, TISS, Patna; Chair: Sanjeeb Mukherjee, University of Calcutta)

- Nasreen Chowdhory (University of Delhi, Dept. of Political Science): *Camps and Cities: The Making of Citizens at the Margins*
- Vardhna (University of Delhi, Dept. of Human Development and Childhood Studies): *Un-settled/Re-settled lives: Aftermath of Muzaffarnagar (2013)*
- Somdatta Chakraborty (MCRG): *Criminalizing the Migrant: Street carriers and the Colonial State in the 19th-20th century Calcutta and Bengal*

Panel 1(B) [Venue: Sabhaghar 1, Swabhumi] Identity and Inclusion

(Discussant: Sudeep Basu, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar; **Chair:** Parivelan K.M., TISS, Mumbai)

- Radhika Raj (TISS, Mumbai, Centre for Urban Policy and Governance): *The Production of a 'Migrant' versus the 'Local': The Case of a right-wing all-male organization on the margins of the city*
- Prasad R (Loyola College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum, University of Kerala): *Interstate Migrant Workers in Malayalam Films: A Critical Review*
- Annapurna Neti (APU, Bangalore) & Puja Guha (APU, Bangalore): *Street-food Vending: From Precarious Existence to Social Inclusion – Case Stories from Bangalore*

11.00 – 11.30 am Tea [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]

11.30 – 01.00 pm

Panel 2(A) [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi] The Urban Question and the North-East

(Discussant: Paula Banerjee, University of Calcutta; **Chair:** Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, Rabindra Bharati University)

- Anup Shekhar Chakraborty (NIAS, Kolkata, Dept. of Political Studies and Political Science): *Social Imaginaries and Medical Dystopia: 'Health Migrations and Care-givers' in Kolkata City from Mizoram*
- Snehashish Mitra (NIAS, IISC, Bangalore): *Urbanisation by the Border: Refreshing the frontier space in Northeast India*
- Debarati Sarkar (Delhi School of Economics, Dept. of Sociology): *The Intersectionality of Citizenship and Gender in the Livelihood Strategies of Protracted Refugees: A Case Study of Rohingya Refugees in Delhi, India*

Panel 2(B) [Venue: Sabhaghar 1, Swabhumi] Urban Governance

(Discussant: Amit Prakash, J.N.U.; **Chair:** Atig Ghosh, Visva-Bharati University)

- V. Ramaswamy (MCRG) & V. Srinivasan (): *The Role of the State in Urban Violence against Marginalized Castes: Manual Scavenging in India today*
- Zahra Yasmoon (Ansal University, Gurgaon) & Mrunali Balki (Ansal University, Gurgaon): *Transformation of Smaller Cities as an advent of sprawling development and compacting core: Change in Urban Life/Environment*

- Rumki Basu (Jamia Milia Islamia, Dept. of Political Science, Delhi) & Moitree Dey (Matasundari College for Women, University of Delhi): *Citizenship, Urban Governance and Access to Civic Services: Delhi Municipal Elections 2017*

01.00 – 02.00 pm Lunch [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]

02.00 – 03.30 pm

Panel 3(A) [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi] Gender, Movements and the City
(Discussant: Kalpana Kannabiran, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad;
Chair: Swati Ghosh, Rabindra Bharati University)

- Nora S. von Kitzing (Witwatersrand University, Dept. of International Development, South Africa): *Gender-based Violence on less advantaged migrant women in peri-urban Johannesburg and how they respond*
- Oindrila DuttaGupta (J.N.U., Centre for International Politics, Organisation, Diplomacy and Disarmament): *Gender, Migration and the City: An Alternative Perspective from the Global South*
- Mithun Som (Anveshi, City Project Team): *Migrant Women's aspirations in the city*

Panel 3(B) [Venue: Sabhaghar 1, Swabhumi] Revisiting the Migration Archives from the Brahmaputra Valley through an Inter-Disciplinary Perspective
(Discussant: Xonzoi Barbora, TISS Guwahati; **Chair:** Bishnu Mohapatra, FCT, Baroda)

- Murchana Roychoudhury (TISS, Hyderabad, Inter-disciplinary Social Sciences): *Exploring the Environment and Migration Nexus in the Brahmaputra Valley*
- Shiladitya Ray (TISS, Hyderabad, Development Studies): *Exploring Sub-National State-led Responses to Climate Change: A Case Study of Assam State Action Plan on Climate Change*
- Nabajyoti Deka (IIT Kharagpur, Dept of Economics): *Environmental Migration and the Dynamics of Labor Economics: Narratives from the Bank of River Brahmaputra in post-colonial Assam*

03.30 – 04.00 pm Tea [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]

04.00 – 05.30 pm Plenary Session 1 [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]

- **Discussion on Key Texts of Urban Studies**

(**Chair:** Ranabir Samaddar, MCRG)

1. Friedrich Engels, *The Condition of the Working Class in England*: Samita Sen (Jadavpur University)
2. David Harvey, *Social Justice and the City*: Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay (IISER, Mohali)
3. Henri Lefebvre, *The Production of Space and other writings*: Atig Ghosh (Visva-Bharati University)
4. Walter Benjamin, *Paris the Capital of the 19th Century and other writings*: Subhoranjan Dasgupta (Eminent Literary Critic and Analyst)

Day 3

25 August 2017

09.30 – 11.00 am

Panel 4(A) [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi] Socio-Spatial Restructuring of Kolkata
(**Discussant:** Somdatta Chakraborty, MCRG; **Chair:** Sibaji Pratim Basu, Vidyasagar University)

- Souvanic Roy (IEST, Shibpur) & Tathagata Chatterji (XIMB, Bhubaneswar): *Post-Industrial Urban Regeneration in a Transitional Metropolis: Implications for the Right to Adequate Housing and Environmental Justice in Urban Core*
- Ratoola Kundu (TISS, Mumbai, Dept of Habitat Studies): *The ‘invisibles’ in New Town Rajarhat: The Politics of place-making by new migrants and the internally displaced refugees of urban development*
- Anushyama Mukherjee (TISS, Mumbai, Centre for Urban Policy and Governance): *Negotiating the right to the street: Emerging tensions between new and existing hawkers in Kolkata*

Panel 4(B) [Venue: Sabhaghar 1, Swabhumi] Economies of Inhabitation: Refugees at the Urban Frontier
(**Discussant:** Byasdeb Dasgupta, University of Kalyani; **Chair:** Arup Sen, Serampore College)

- Garima Dhabai (Presidency University, Dept. of Political Science): *The ‘Entrepreneurial’ Refugee in the Bazaars: Sindhi Migrants in Jaipur’s Walled City*

- Himadri Chatterjee (JNU, Centre for Political Studies): *Land and Labour at the 'Borders' of Kolkata: Refugee Lives in-between Town and Country*
- Rajarshi Dasgupta (JNU, Centre for Political Studies): *Geneva Camp Mohammadpur and New Suburbs in Dhaka*

11.00 – 11.30 am Tea [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]

11.30 – 01.00 pm

Panel 5(A) [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi] Vulnerable Bodies: Marginal Subjectivities in Post-Colonial Calcutta

(Discussant: Ishita Dey, Delhi University; **Chair:** Anjoo Sharan Upadhyay, Benares Hindu Univesity)

- Samata Biswas (Bethune College, University of Calcutta): *The (Un)Sanitary City*
- Anwasha Sengupta (IDSK): *The Congested City: Towards an Understanding of the Crowd in Calcutta in 1950s and 1960s*
- Supurna Banerjee (IDSK): *Labour, Precarity And the City: Exploring the making of the urban labour in Calcutta*

Panel 5(B) [Venue: Sabhaghar 1, Swabhumi] Rent, Infrastructure and Urban Improvement in Colonial Calcutta

(Discussant: Subhash Ranjan Chakrabarti, Eminent Historian, **Chair:** Prasanta Ray, IDSK)

- Kaustubh Mani Sengupta (Bankura University, Dept. of History): *Infrastructural Development and the Issue of Compensation in Colonial Calcutta*
- Iman Mitra (TISS, Patna): *The Rental Economy of a City: Calcutta Improvement Trust and the Politics of Urbanisation in the Twentieth Century*
- Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay (IISER, Mohali): *Class and Tenancy Question in Calcutta, 1912-1922*

01.00 – 02.00 pm Lunch [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]

02.00 – 03.30 pm

Panel 6(A) [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi] Gender, Everyday Life and the Making of the Cityscape

(Discussant: Sanam Roohi, St. Joseph's College, Bangalore; **Chair:** Samita Sen, Jadavpur University)

- Lalitha Kamath (TISS, Mumbai, Centre for Urban Policy and Governance) & Radhika Raj (TISS Mumbai, Centre for Urban Policy and Governance): *The Politics of Home Making: Migrant journeys and water encounters in a New City*
- Maggie Paul (TISS, Mumbai, Centre for Social and Organisational Leadership) & Yogita Naruka (TISS, Mumbai, School of Development Studies): *Jed-o-Jehad of Everyday: Two Cases of Negotiating Space Making*
- Mahuya Bandyopadhyay (TISS, Mumbai, School of Development Studies): *Paabandi, Izzat, Galat Saubat: Negotiating Public Lives and Intimate Relationships in a Working-Class Muslim Neighbourhood*

03.30 – 04.00 pm Tea [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]

04.00 – 05.30 pm Plenary Session 2 [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]

- Screening of film '*Do the right thing*' (1989) by **Spike Lee** and discussion

05.30 – 6.00 pm Closing Remarks by Ranabir Samaddar, Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies, CRG
Vote of Thanks by Ritam Sengupta, Research & Programme Associate, MCRG
Chair: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury

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