

Day 1: 13 November 2024

9:30 am–10:00 am: REGISTRATION

10:00 am–11:30 am: Inaugural Session

Chair: *Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, President, Calcutta Research Group, and Professor, Rabindra Bharati University, India*

10:00 am–10.15 am: Welcome Address

Speaker: *Shyamalendu Majumdar, Director, Calcutta Research Group, India*

10:15 am–10:45 am: Introduction by Conference Participants

10:50 am–11:30 am: Introducing the Conference

Speaker: *Ranabir Samaddar, CIFAR Fellow, and Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies, Calcutta Research Group, India*

11:30 am–12:00 pm: TEA BREAK

Parallel Sessions 1A & 1B: 12:00 pm–1:30 pm

Session 1A: Room 1: Transition from a Postcolonial City to a Maximum City [Hybrid Session]

Moderator: *Byasdeb Dasgupta, Professor, University of Kalyani, and Member, Calcutta Research Group, India*

Presentations

1. The City and Its Margins: Making and Re-imagining of Slums and Work from Bombay to Third Mumbai

Manish K. Jha, Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, and Member, Calcutta Research Group, India; Mouleshri Vyas, Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, and Member, Calcutta Research Group, India

2. The Calcutta Improvement Trust and the Southern Urban Question, 1910s-1960s

Ritajyoti Bandopadhyay, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Mohali, India; Iman K. Mitra, Assistant Professor, Shiv Nadar University, and Member, Calcutta Research Group, India; Kaustubh Mani Sengupta, Assistant Professor, Shiv Nadar University, India

3. Port City to Portray the Image of a Country: A Critical Study of Chittagong Port City, Bangladesh

Muhammad Faridul Alam, Professor, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh

Session 1B: Room 2: Work and Entrepreneurship in Urban Economy

Moderator: Mahalaya Chatterjee, *Professor, University of Calcutta, and Member, Calcutta Research Group, India*

Presentations

1. Platform-Based Migrant Workers in Changing Urban Fabric: Examining the De-Territorialized City in “Atmanirbhar” India

Ambi, Research Scholar, Indian Council of World Affairs, Delhi, India

2. Functional or Cultural: Urban Belonging in Contemporary Platform Economies

Tanushree Kaushal, Doctoral Fellow, Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland

3. Entrepreneurialism and the Southern City: Renewals and Refusals of/in the Informal Economy

Vrinda Chopra, Senior Writing Fellow, Ashoka University, Haryana, India

1:30 pm–2:30 pm: LUNCH BREAK

Session 2: 2:30 pm–4:00 pm: Documentary Screening: ‘Calcutta, A Migrant City’

Moderator: Iman Mitra

4:00 pm–4:30 pm: TEA BREAK

Parallel Sessions: 3A & 3B: 4:30 pm–6:00 pm

Session 3A: Room 1: Expanding Urbanising Worlds [Hybrid Session]

Moderator: Paolo Novak, *Senior Lecturer, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK*

Presentations

1. Organised Chaos or Induced Disorder? Reading Beirut Through Its Contradictions

Christine Mady, Lecturer, Aalto University, Finland

2. With Gramsci in the Southern Park: Moments of Hegemonic Green Planning in Athens

George Kandylis, Senior Research Fellow, National Centre for Social Research, Athens, Greece; Penny (Panagiota) Koutrolikou, Associate Professor, National Technical University of Athens, Greece; Fereniki Vatavali, Architect-Urban Planner Applied Researcher, National Centre for Social Sciences, Athens, Greece

3. Same but Different? Logistics Workers and Employment Conditions in the Mediterranean Port Cities of Naples and Marseille

Andrea Bottalico, Researcher, University of Naples Federico II, Italy; Enrica Morlicchio, Professor, University of Naples Federico II, Italy

Session 3B: Room 2: Conflicts and Protests in Urban Spaces

Moderator: Arup Sen, *Member, Calcutta Research Group, India*

Presentations

1. Merapani Town: A Bordering Space Growing in the Disputed Space of Assam and Nagaland

Chiranjib Boruah, *Doctoral Fellow, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati, India*

2. Who Buys? Who Sells? Understanding the Changing Contours of Property in Kolkata

Sreya Sen, *Assistant Professor, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, India*

3. “Michhil” Migrants in the Making of the Urban: Ethnography of a Migrant-Led Protest March in Angamaly, Kerala

Johns Thomas, *Doctoral Fellow, South Asian University, New Delhi, India*

Day 2: 14 November 2024

9:00 am-9:30 am: REGISTRATION

Parallel Sessions 4A & 4B: 9:30 am-11:00 am

Session 4A: Room 1: Representations of the South Asian City I

Moderator: Abhijit Roy, *Professor, Jadavpur University, India*

Presentations

1. Exploring Urban Margins: (Re)Presentations of Resilience in Mathangi Subramanian’s A People’s History of Heaven

Amrita Talukdar, *Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna, India*; **Priyanka Tripathi**, *Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna, India*

2. Calcutta in Films: Representing the South Asian City

Sukanya Mitra, *Assistant Professor, Loreto College, Kolkata, India*

3. Refugees and the History of an Urban Fringe: Namasudra Refugees in North 24 Parganas

Aditi Mukherjee, *Assistant Professor, GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, India*

Session 4B: Room 2: Representations of the South Asian City II

Moderator: Iman Mitra

Presentations

1. Calcutta and Birth of Theatre

Shyamalendu Majumdar

2. City as a Character in Contemporary Indian Fiction

Debashree Chakraborty, *Researcher, Calcutta Research Group, India*

3. Calcutta Biologigraphies

Rituparna Datta, *Researcher, Calcutta Research Group, India*

11:00 am-11:30 am: TEA BREAK

Parallel Sessions 5A & 5B: 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Session 5A: Room 1: Belonging to the City [Hybrid Session]

Moderator: Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty, *Member, Calcutta Research Group, India*

Presentations

1. Creation or Gentrification? Downtown Marseille as a Site of Conflicting Public Reasons of Space

Sami Everett, *Research Fellow à la Faculty of Asian and Middle East Studies à Cambridge, Aix-Marseille Université, France*; **Pierre Sintès**, *Architect and Professor, Aix-Marseille Université, France*

2. Governing Religious Diversity from Above and Below: Marseilles 16th Century to the Present

Arundhati Virmani, *Faculty, School of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences, EHESS, Marseilles, France*; **Jean Boutier**, *Directeur d'études (Prof.) Emeritus, EHESS, Marseilles, France*

3. Barbonita to Sex Workers: The “Dirty” History of Commercial Sex Life in Kolkata

Paula Banerjee, *IDRC Chair, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, and Member, Calcutta Research Group, India*; **Rajat Kanti Sur**, *Researcher, Calcutta Research Group, India*; **Sangbida Lahiri**, *Assistant Professor, JK Lakshmipat University, Jaipur, and Calcutta Research Group, India*

Session 5B: Room 2: Urban Divides

Moderator: Nasreen Chowdhory, *Professor, University of Delhi, and Member, Calcutta Research Group, India*

Presentations

1. Navigating Urban Inequality: Water Supply in State Interaction in Rangpuri Pahadi, Delhi

Yogita Agarwal, *Doctoral Fellow, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India*

2. Tracing Muslim Internal Displacement Since Partition: A Case of Segregated Urbanisation of Muslim Localities in Delhi

Azeemah Saleem, *Assistant Professor, JK Lakshmipat University, Jaipur, India*

3. The Promise of City and Education: Exploring Aspiration on the Margins of Delhi

Sriti Ganguly, *Assistant Professor, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, India*

1:00 pm-2:00 pm: LUNCH BREAK

Parallel Sessions 6A & 6B: 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Session 6A: Room 1: Becoming a Southern City in a Globalised World [Hybrid Session]

Moderator: Joyce C.H. Liu, *Professor/Director, International Center for Cultural Studies, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan*

Presentations

1. Continuities between the Financial and Refugee Crisis: Management and Resistance, Notes from Athens

Olga Lafazani, *Marie Curie Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of European Ethnology, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany*; **Thanasis Tyrovolas**, *Doctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, National and Kapodistrian, University of Athens, Greece*

2. The Southern City and the Capitalist Fantasy and Realities of a People-Centred Economy

Arnab Bhattacharya, *Doctoral Fellow, Gran Sasso Science Institute, L'Aquila, Italy*; **Ugo Rossi**, *Professor of Economic and Political Geography, Gran Sasso Science Institute, L'Aquila, Italy*

3. What is the “South” in Southern City?

Niccolò Cuppini, *University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland*; **Sandro Mezzadra**, *Professor, University of Bologna, Italy*

Session 6B: Room 2: City, Climate and Infrastructure

Moderator: Arundhati Virmani, *Faculty, School of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS), Marseilles, France*

Presentations

1. Smoke, Dust and Betrayal: Nineteenth Century Market Towns in Climate Change

Sohini Sengupta, *Associate Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India*; **Ajit Kumar Pankaj**, *Assistant Professor, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Regional Campus Manipur, India*

2. Melting Cities: Reading Heat Waves as Embodied and Gendered Phenomenon in Urban Living

Deepshikha Dasgupta, *Academic Associate, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta, India*

3. Stories of a Traffic Circle: Can System's Thinking and Assemblage Be in Conversation for a Southern Mobility Justice

Alokeparna Sengupta, Associate Professor, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, India

3:30 pm–4:00 pm: TEA BREAK

Session 7: 4:00 pm–5:00 pm: Making and Unmaking of Cities

Moderator: Ranabir Samaddar

Presentations

1. Buildings Communicate

Paolo Novak

2. Ghost Towns of Bengal

Shatabdi Das, Researcher, Calcutta Research Group, India

Closing Session: 5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Chair: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury

5:00 pm–6:00 pm: Book Release and Discussion by Achin Chakraborty, Professor, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK), and Member, Calcutta Research Group, India

The Long 2020: Reflections of Epidemiological Times

Edited by Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty, Paula Banerjee, and Kaustubh Mani Sengupta (Springer, 2024)

6:00 pm–7:00 pm: Remarks and Distribution of Certificates by H.E. Katharina Wieser, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka, Austrian Embassy, New Delhi, India

7:00 pm–7:10 pm: Remarks by Participants

7:10 pm–7:15 pm: Vote of Thanks

Debashree Chakraborty

*******This schedule is tentative and subject to last minute changes. The schedule timings are mentioned according to Indian Standard Time (IST).**