

Teaching Local Histories and Geographies of Climate-induced Migration

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The Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna, has been organising inter-disciplinary workshops and online teaching and research orientation courses for teachers of schools, colleges, and universities as well as researchers on methodology, syllabus making, and pedagogy in migration and refugee studies since 2020. Teachers and researchers from varied disciplines, across the globe have come together for interactions and deliberations on the scope, prospects, and methods of teaching migration as well as education for students from migrant and refugee families. CRG will be organising the teachers' workshop this year with a focus on the dissemination of syllabus on teaching migration studies and the methods of teaching local histories and geographies of climate-induced migration through the approaches of community involvement, alternate resources, ethics, and the role of environmental education in building perceptions on climate-induced migration. This year CRG's attempts to bring together learnings on teaching local anthropology on climate through the approach of 'field school', discussing the challenges of teaching climate, displacement and the role of disaster policies, looking through the lenses of narratives in literature, festivals and folklore in stressing on the significance of environmental awareness and education on conservation of heritage and natural resources. The workshop looks forward to deliberations on the understanding of the influences of local histories and geographies on migration, while the discourse foregrounds the integral attributes of ethics in migration studies and the invaluable contribution of alternative resources in vernacular medium and translation/transliteration, new vocabulary on geographies of mobility, perceptions in climate-induced slow onset of landscape transformations, sudden migration and tools such as excursions, training with stakeholders, community approaches to teaching migration studies for young learners along with the objectives of developing curriculum frameworks for micro-regions.

The Workshop is part of CRG's ongoing initiative on [online pedagogy course](#), orientation courses, [workshop on syllabus making and research methods](#), and [interdisciplinary workshop in teaching migration and refugee studies](#) for teachers of schools, colleges, universities, and social activities working closely with migrants and refugees and initiating a nuanced pedagogy on and for migrants and migration studies.