

THE STATE OF THE GLOBAL PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

International Conference

(29-30 November 2018)

Day 1: Thursday, 29 November 2018 || Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency

09:00 am - 09:30 am

Registration & Tea

09:30am - 11:00 am

Inaugural Session

Chair: Prasanta Ray, *MCRG, Kolkata*

Welcome Address: Anita Sengupta, *MCRG, Kolkata*

Introductory Remarks: Representative from the *Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung*

Inaugural Address: Stefanie Kron, *Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin*

-Cities of Refuge and Solidarity: Achievements and Challenges (*co-authored by Henrik Lebuhn, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin*)

Vote of Thanks: Apala Kundu, *MCRG, Kolkata*

11:00 am - 11:30am

Tea

Room – 1 || Panel - I

11:30am - 01:00pm
Promises

**Global Compact on Refugees and Migrants:
and Paradoxes**

Moderator: Nasreen Chowdhory, *University of Delhi, New Delhi & MCRG, Kolkata*

Discussant: Manish K. Jha, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai & MCRG, Kolkata*

▪ Anuj Bhatia, *IOM, New Delhi*
-TBC

▪ Bandana Purkayastha, *Sociology & Asian/Asian American Studies, University of Connecticut, Connecticut*
-Governing Refugees at a Distance

- **Jennifer Hyndman**, *Departments of Social Science and Geography, & Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto*
-Deepening the Divide: Global Compacts and the Unofficial Pacts that Keep Refugees in Place

Room – 2 || Panel - II

11:30am - 01:00pm

Racialisation of Migration: Race, Religion, Gender and Other Faultlines in Forced Migration

Moderator: Paula Banerjee, *Sanskrit University & MCRG, Kolkata*

Discussant: Sumona Dasgupta, *Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), New Delhi & MCRG, Kolkata*

- **Ranu Basu**, *Department of Geography, York University, Toronto*
-Subalterity in Education within the Context of Displacement: From Ideology to Practice
- **Sanja Bojanić**, *Centre for Advanced Studies for South East Europe, University of Rijeka, Rijeka*
-The Price to be Paid for a New Life

01:00pm - 02:00pm

Lunch

Room – 1 || Panel - III

02:00 pm - 03:30 pm

Power and Responsibility in the Global Protection System: Need to redefine the "Responsibility to Protect"

Moderator: Shibashis Chatterjee,
Department of International Relations & Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Discussant: K M Parivelan, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai & MCRG Kolkata*

- **Jeevan Thiagarajah**, *Centre for Humanitarian Affairs (Gte), Colombo*
-Protection as Responsibility: Fixing a Malfunctioning System
- **Paula Banerjee**, *Sanskrit University & MCRG, Kolkata*
-Women Refugees and the Responsibility to Protect
- **Ranabir Samaddar**, *MCRG, Kolkata*
-Interrogating the Notion of Responsibility

Room – 2 || Panel - IV

02:00 pm - 03:30 pm

Statelessness in South Asia: International Conventions and the Need for New Initiatives

Moderator: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & MCRG, Kolkata*

Discussant: Sudeep Basu, *School of Social Sciences, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar & MCRG, Kolkata*

- **Sahana Basavapatna,** *Factum Law, Bangalore & MCRG, Kolkata*
-Confronting ‘the man without a country’: International Statelessness Law in 21st century South Asia
- **Sanjay Barbora,** *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati & MCRG, Kolkata*
-"Destinations: Where do displaced people go to in South Asia?"
- **Som Niroula,** *Alliance for Social Dialogue, Kathmandu*
-Nepali Speaking South Bhutanese Refugee Population in Nepal: Possibilities of Statelessness

03:30 pm - 04:00 pm

Tea

Room – 1 || Panel - V

04:00pm - 06:00pm

Global Capitalism and Refugee and Migrant Labor

Moderator: Anjan Chakrabarti, *Department of Economics, Calcutta University, Kolkata*

Discussant: Surabhi Singh, *Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi*

- **Ayse Caglar,** *Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Vienna, Austria*
-“Coloniality of Power”, the Displaced and Claims of Justice
- **Byasdeb Dasgupta,** *Department of Economics, University of Kalyani, Kalyani & MCRG, Kolkata*
-Refugee Economy – An Inside of Global Capitalism
- **Iilina Sen,** *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai & MCRG, Kolkata*
-Challenges Faced by Asian Women Domestic Workers in the Gulf: A Comparison of Experiences from South India (Kerala), Sri Lanka, and the Philippines
- **S Irudaya Rajan,** *Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA), Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram*
-Dreaming Mobility and Buying Vulnerability: The State of the Global Protection System for Migrants

Room – 2 || Panel - VI

04:00pm - 06:00pm

Refugee and Migrant ‘Crisis’ in the European/Mediterranean Region

Moderator: Sanjukta Bhattacharya

Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Discussant: William Walters, *Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Carleton University, Ottawa*

▪ **David Newman**, *Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University, Beersheba*

-Borders at the Geographical and Geopolitical Interface: The Crisis of Refugee Migration between Europe, Asia and Africa

▪ **Federico Rahola**, *DISFOR, University of Genova, Genova*

-The Leash and the Rip: Struggles and Conflicts Beneath Migrants and Asylum Seekers 'Secondary Movements'

▪ **Giorgia Dona**, *Forced Migration and Refugee Studies & Centre for Migration, Refugees and Belonging, University of East London, London*

-Techno-Border-Scapes: Protection, Survival and Belonging

▪ **Petar Bojanić**, *Centre for Ethics, Law and Applied Philosophy, Belgrade, Director, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, Centre for Advanced Studies- South East Europe, University of Rijeka, Belgrade and Rijeka*

-Some Conditions for a European Institutional Arrangements for Refugees

Day 2: Friday, 30 November 2018 || Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency

Room – 1 || Panel - VII

09:30am - 11:00am

The Asian Migration Scenario: Afghanistan and Turkey

Moderator: Hari Sharma, *Alliance for Social Dialogue, Social Science Baha, Kathmandu*

Discussant: David Newman, *Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University, Beersheba*

▪ **Mujib Ahmad Azizi**, *Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, Kabul*

-Resource Crisis and Aspects of Internal Displacement in Afghanistan

▪ **Paolo Novak**, *Development Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London*

-Afghan Migration in the Borderlands: Centre, Periphery and Back Again

▪ **Priya Singh**, *MCRG, Kolkata*

-Revisiting the Syrian Refugee Crisis

Room – 2 || Roundtable Discussion

09:30am - 11:00am

The Asian Migration Scenario: NRC and Possibilities of Statelessness

Moderator: Ranabir Samaddar, MCRG, Kolkata

- **Nasreen Chowdhury**, *University of Delhi, New Delhi & MCRG, Kolkata*
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- **Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury**, *Rabindra Bharati University & MCRG, Kolkata*
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- **Vipin Tripathi**, *IIT Delhi, New Delhi*
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11:00pm - 11:30pm

Tea

11:30pm - 01:00pm

Discussion of the Draft Resolution of the Conference and Adoption

Chair: Jennifer Hyndman, *Departments of Social Science and Geography, & Director, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto*

01:00pm - 02:00pm

Lunch

Panel - VIII

02:00pm-03:00pm
Refugee

The Asian Migration Scenario: The Rohingya ‘Crisis’

Moderator: Paula Banerjee, *Sanskrit University & MCRG, Kolkata*

- **Meghna Guhathakurta**, *Research Initiatives, Bangladesh, Dhaka*
-The Imagined Terrain: Return, Citizenship and Justice in the Eyes of Rohingya Refugee Women
- **Sumbul Rizvi**, *Senior Coordinator, Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), Dhaka*
TBC

03:00pm - 04:00pm

Special Lecture

Chair: Sibaji Pratim Basu, *Political Science with Rural Administration, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore*

- **Itty Abraham**, *South East Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore*
-From Abject to Agent: The Rohingya Quest to Become Digitally Visible

04:00pm - 04:30pm

Tea

04:30pm - 06:30pm

Concluding Session

	Chair: Prasanta Ray, MCRG, Kolkata
04:30pm - 04:40pm	Brief Remarks: Anita Sengupta, MCRG, Kolkata
04:40pm - 04:50pm	Release of Refugee Watch (Special Issue on Migrants, Communities and Political Ecology), followed by Brief Comments: Paula Banerjee, Sanskrit University & MCRG, Kolkata
4:50pm – 5:00pm	Closing Remarks by Chief Guest: Stefan Mentschel, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia Regional Office, New Delhi
5:00pm – 5:15pm	Special Address by Guest of Honour: Dr. Partha Chatterjee, Hon. Minister-in-Charge, Department of Higher Education and School Education, Government of West Bengal
5:15pm – 5:30pm	Release of the Resolution by Meghna Guhathakurta, Research Initiatives, Bangladesh, Dhaka
5:30pm – 6:25pm	Valedictory Address
	▪ William Walters, Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Carleton University, Ottawa
	-Towards an Aerial Geography of Forced Migration
06:25pm - 06:30pm	Vote of Thanks: Aditi Mukherjee, MCRG, Kolkata

Press Meet

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on Refugees and Migrants**

06:30pm - 06:45pm **Tea & Snacks**

6:45pm – 7:30pm **Jennifer Hyndman, Departments of Social Science and Geography, & Director, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto**

Laurence Juma, *Rhodes University, Grahamstown*

Ranabir Samaddar, *MCRG, Kolkata*

William Walters, *Department of Political Science and
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