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# **GLOBAL PROTECTION OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

**5th Annual Research &  
Orientation Workshop &  
Conference**

**16-21 November 2020**

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Venue: ITC Royal Bengal

**Research Workshop**

**Day 1: 16 November 2020**  
**05:00 pm- 05:30 pm: Registration & Tea**

**05:30- 08:00 pm:** Inaugural Session

**Chair:** Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta & Honorary Director, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**05:30- 05:40 pm:** Welcome Remarks: Byasdeb Dasgupta, *University of Kalyani & President, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**05:40- 05:50 pm:** Introducing CRG and its programmes by Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta & Honorary Director, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**05:50-06:00 pm:** Introduction by participants and all other attendees

**06:00-06:25 pm:** Introducing the workshop, laying out the plan and other details of the workshop including the rules, and assigning reporting responsibilities by Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata* and Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**06:25- 07:55 pm:** Inaugural panel discussion: **“Twenty Years of The Marginal Nation”**

**Moderator:** Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta & Honorary Director, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Panelists:**

- Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

- Nasreen Chowdhory, *University of Delhi, Delhi & Vice-President, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- Samata Biswas, *The Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**07:55- 08:00 pm:** Vote of Thanks by Kusumika Ghosh, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

### Day 2: 17 November 2020

**09:30- 11:00 am:** *Parallel sessions for Modules A & B*

**Module A: Global protection of refugees and migrants with emphasis on protection in the time of a pandemic**

Module Coordinator: Nasreen Chowdhory, *University of Delhi, Delhi & Vice President, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Module Participants:

- Sehal Jain, *University of Rajasthan, Rajasthan*  
**“Refugees and the pandemic: Double jeopardy of Statelessness and Pandemic”**
- Kusumika Ghosh, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*  
**“How Protected are the Refugees: A Comparative study of the contemporary states of Germany and India in light of the Geneva Convention, 1951”**
- Sabahat Ambreen, *Jadavpur University, Kolkata*  
**“COVID-19 and Mixed Migration in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: Crisis Within a Crisis”**

**Module B: Migrants and the epidemic: Gender, race, and other vulnerabilities**

Module Coordinator: Samata Biswas, *The Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Module Participants:

- Ankita Singh, *Malaviya Centre for Peace Research, Banaras Hindu University, Banaras*  
**“Challenges and Opportunities before Local Governments: Covid-19 and State of Affairs for Migrants”**
- Somali Bhattacharya, *University of Calcutta, Kolkata*

**“Gendered Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Migrant Labour and Contesting Citizenship”**

- Gurmeet Kaur, *Punjab University, Chandigarh*

**“Socio Economic Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Refugee Women in India”**

- Surbhi Mehta, *Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace & Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi*

**“Enduring Epidemic in Exile: A Study of Tibetan Refugees”**

11:00 am – 11:30 am: Tea

11:30 am – 1:00 pm: *Parallel sessions for Modules A & B Continued.*

01:00-02:00 pm: Lunch

**Special Public Session (Virtual)**

02:00- 03:30 pm: *Pedagogy of Migration and Refugee Studies in Postcolonial Context*

**Moderator:** Shalini Randeria, *Graduate Institute, Geneva & Rector, Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna*

**Panelists:**

- Samata Biswas, *The Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- Nasreen Chowdhory, *University of Delhi, Delhi & Vice-President, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

03:30 pm - 04:00 pm: Tea

04:00- 05:30 pm: *Parallel Sessions for Modules C & D*

**Module C: Neoliberalism, migrant labour, and the burden of the epidemic**

Module Coordinators: Arup Kumar Sen, *Serampore College & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Iman Mitra, *Shiv Nadar University, Noida & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Module Participants:**

- Aravind Unni, *Indo Global Social Service Society, New Delhi & Kerala*

**“Locating the Migrant in the Urban during COVID-19 Pandemic: A view from Policy and Practice”**

- Rajat Kanti Sur, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*  
**“Effects of Migration in Nautanki performances: the role of media in the Bhojpuri popular stage performances in Bihar”**
- Zeba, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*  
**“Philosophical concerns of Neoliberalism: Interrogating the Role of the state in relation to vulnerable socio economic groups”**

**Module D: Statelessness with emphasis on de facto statelessness and the rightlessness of sections of population**

Module Coordinator: KM Parivelan, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Module Participants:

- Sampurna Bhaumik, *University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad*  
**“Spatializing identity and Citizenship: Critical geopolitics of borders in post-colonial South Asia”**
- Ritambhara Malaviya, *Kamla Nehru College, University of Delhi, Delhi*  
**“Understanding the perils of statelessness through an analysis of the newspaper coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic in India”**
- Srinita Bhattacharjee, *Centre for Study of Indian Diaspora, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad*  
**“Rethinking Diaspora: Refugee as Subaltern Migrant”**
- Shamna Thacham Poyil, *University of Delhi, Delhi*  
**“Constructing the stateless in Myanmar”**
- Chandra Prakash Y, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai*  
**“Social Contract without Citizenship Inclusion or Exclusion: A Case of Uphill Country Tamils in Sri Lanka and India”**

**Day 3: 18 November 2020**

**09:30- 11:00am: Parallel Sessions for Modules C & D Continued**

**11:00 am – 11:30 am: Tea**

**11:30 am – 01:00 pm: Parallel Sessions for Modules E & F**

## **Module E: Legal regimes of protection and the time of the pandemic**

Module Coordinator: Oishik Sircar, *Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat*

Module Participants:

- Piya Srinivasan, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*  
**“Migrant Workers and the Pandemic: A socio-legal enquiry into the Interstate Migrant Workmen Act, 1979”**
- Moitrayee Sengupta, *Jadavpur University, Kolkata*  
**“Legal Framework of Climate Induced Migration”**
- Farhana Latief, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*  
**“Damned by Development: Hydropower projects and the human and environmental costs in Jammu Kashmir”**

## **Module F: Ethics of care, public health, and the migrants and refugees**

Module Coordinator: Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta, Kolkata & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Module Participants:

- Deeksha, *School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai*  
**“Migration for healthcare: exploring access to healthcare as a factor for internal migration in India”**
- Saima Farhad, *University of Kashmir, Kashmir*  
**“Migrants and Families: Everyday Contact and Strategies of Care”**
- Utsa Sarmin, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*  
**“The Crisis of Public Health Among East Bengali Refugees in 1971”**

**01:00-02:00 pm: Lunch**

**02:00- 03:30 pm: Parallel Sessions for Modules E & F Continued.**

**03:30 - 04:00 pm: Tea**

**Special Public Session (Virtual)**

**04:00– 05:30 pm: Pedagogy of Migration and Refugee Studies in the European Context**

**Moderator:** Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta & Honorary Director, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Panelists:**

- Ayse Caglar, *Vienna University & Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna*
- Laura Hammond, *School of Oriental and African Studies, London & London International Development Centre Migration Leadership Team*
- Charles Heller, *Forensic Architect, Goldsmiths, University of London*

**Day 4: 19 November 2020**

**Plenary Sessions**

**09:30 - 11:00 am:** Reports on the workshop Modules: A, B & C

**Moderator:** Sumona Dasgupta, *Independent Researcher, Delhi & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**11:00-11:30 am: Tea Break**

**11.30 am– 1 pm:** Reports on the workshop Modules: D, E & F

**Moderator:** Rajesh Kharat, *University of Mumbai, Mumbai & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**1pm-2pm: Lunch Break**

**2 – 3.30 pm: A Special Virtual and Public Session on Covid-19 in South Asia: Perspectives on Migrant Labour, Society, and the State**

**Moderator:** Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Panelists:**

- Meghna Guhathakurta, *Research Initiatives, Bangladesh & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- Reza Hussaini, *Afghanistan Public Policy Research Organisation, Afghanistan*
- Jeevan Thiagrajah, *Center for Humanitarian Affairs, Colombo, Sri Lanka*
- Hari Sharma, *Alliance for Social Dialogue & Social Science Baha, Kathmandu, Nepal*
- Saqib Jaffarey (TBC), *City, University of London, UK*

**3:30-4:00 pm: Tea Break**

**4 – 5.30 pm: Film Screening:** Calcutta: A Migrant City - Part I and Part II

**Moderator:** Iman Mitra, *Shiv Nadar University, Noida & Calcutta Research Group*

Rajat Roy, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Resource Person: Samata Biswas, *The Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Conference**  
**Day 1: 20 November 2020**

**09:00-09:15 am:** Registration & Tea

**09:15- 09:30 am:** Welcome Address by Shyamalendu Majumdar, *Shivnath Shastri College & Secretary, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**9:30-11 am: Migrants, Refugees and Public Health in the Time of an Epidemic**

Moderator: Ranabir Samaddar, *Distinguished Chair on Migration and Forced Migration Studies, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Panelists:

- Ishita Dey, *South Asian University, Delhi & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- Iman Mitra, *Shiv Nadar University, Noida & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- Manish Jha & Mouleshri Vyas, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**11:00-11:30 am: Tea Break**

**11:30 am- 1 pm: A Special Virtual and Public Session on New Perspectives of Protection of Refugees and Migrants in Southeast Asia**

Moderator: Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Discussant: Sara Hossain, *Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), Bangladesh*

Panelists:

- Naiyana Thanawattho, *Asylum Access, Thailand*
- Maalini Ramalo, *Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas, Malaysia*
- TBC

**1-2 pm: Lunch Break**

**2:00-5:30 pm: Kolkata, A Migrant City: A Bus Tour (without Disembarking)**

**Resource Persons:**

Samata Biswas, *The Sanskrit College and University & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Sabir Ahamed *Pratichi Trust, Kolkata, Know your Neighbours, Kolkata & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Rajat Kanti Sur, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*



**7:30-8:30 PM: Migrants, Refugees and Statelessness in Europe-I (virtual)**

**Moderator:** Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Panelists:**

- Dogus Simsek, *Research Fellow, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (IWM), Vienna*
- Neda Deneva-Faje, *Research Fellow, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (IWM), Vienna*
- Mert Kocak, *Research Fellow, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (IWM), Vienna*

**Day 2: 21 November 2020**

**9.30- 11 am (parallel sessions): *Migrants, Refugees, and New Issues and Perspectives on Protection***

**Session I: Moderator:** Sumona Dasgupta, *Independent Researcher, Delhi & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Panelists:**

- Anjuman Ara Begum, *Purba Bharati Educational Trust, Guwahati & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- Nasreen Chowdhory, *University of Delhi, Delhi and Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata & Shamna Thacham Poyil, University of Delhi, Delhi*
- Francis Adaikalam, *Loyola College, Chennai*

**Session II: Moderator:** Rajesh Kharat, *University of Mumbai, Mumbai, & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Panelists:**

- Jyothi Krishnan, *Independent Researcher, Kerala*
- Biswajit Mohanty, *Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi, Delhi*
- Sohini Sengupta, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai*
- Rajat Roy, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**11:00-11:30 am: Tea Break**

**11.30 am - 1 pm (parallel sessions):**

**Session I: *Migrants, Refugees, and Issues of Statelessness in Europe-II***

**Moderator:** Iman Mitra, *Shiv Nadar University, Noida & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Panelists:**

- Nergis Canefe, *York University, Canada*
- Muge Dalkiran (Alexandridis), *Research Fellow, IWM, Vienna*
- Gonca Savas Dogan, *Research Fellow, IWM, Vienna*
- Meric Caglar, *Research Fellow, IWM, Vienna*

## **Session II: Migrants, Refugees, and Issues of Statelessness in South Asia**

**Moderator:** Manish Jha, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Panelists:**

- Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta, Kolkata & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- Shibashis Chatterjee, *Jadavpur University, Kolkata*

### **1-2 pm: Lunch Break**

## **2- 3.30 pm: Plenary and Virtual Session: Face-to-face session with Migrant Solidarity Forum**

**Moderator:** Manish Jha, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Panelists:**

- Nasiruddin Haider Khan, *Independent Journalist, Lucknow*
- Anamika Priyadarshini, *Centre for Catalyzing Change, Patna*
- Gopal Krishna, *Toxic Watch, Patna*
- Shreya Ghosh, *Migrant Workers Solidarity Network, Delhi*

### **3:30-4:00 pm: Tea Break**

### **04:00-6:00pm: Concluding Session**

**Chair:** Ranabir Samaddar, *Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies*

**04:00- 05:15 pm:** Closing Panel discussion: *Refugees and Migrants in the Post Covid-19 world*

**Panelists:**

- Luiza Bialasiewicz, *University of Amsterdam & Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna*
- Alessandro Monsutti, *Graduate Institute, Geneva*
- Alex Aleinikoff, *Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, The New School, New York*
- **05:15- 05:40 pm:** Award of certificates and participants' comments
- **05:40- 06:00 pm:** Remarks by Jakob Littmann from *Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung* and Ayse Caglar from *Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna*
- **06:00- 06:10 pm:** Closing remarks by the Chair, Ranabir Samaddar, *Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- **06:10- 06:15 pm:** Vote of Thanks by Piya Srinivasan, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*