

Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants

SEVENTH ANNUAL RESEARCH AND ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

in collaboration with

Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung and Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna

13-17 November 2022, Monotel Kolkata

13 November: Day 1

5:30 pm-6:00 pm: Registration & Tea

Inaugural Session (Hybrid)

Chair: Byasdeb Dasgupta, University of Kalyani, and Calcutta Research Group, India

6:00 pm-6:10 pm: Welcome Address by Byasdeb Dasgupta

6:10 pm-6:20 pm: Introduction to Calcutta Research Group and its programme by Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, Rabindra Bharati University, and Calcutta Research Group, India

6:20 pm-6:35 pm: Introduction of Participants

6:35 pm-6:50 pm: Introducing the Workshop, assignments and responsibilities by Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury

6:50 pm-7:30 pm: Inaugural Lecture

“Mobility and Resonance: How to Re-view Migrant Positionality and European Border Regimes”

Speaker: Joris Schapendonk, Radboud University, Netherlands

7:30 pm-7:35 pm: Vote of Thanks by Debashree Chakraborty, Calcutta Research Group, India

7:30 pm: Welcome Dinner

14 November: Day 2

9:00 am-9:30 am: Registration

9:30 am-10:30 am: Module Lecture

“Module A: Protection and Punishment: The Faultlines of Caste, Gender, Religion and Race”

Speaker: Nasreen Chowdhory, University of Delhi, and Calcutta Research Group, India

10:30 am-11:00 am: Tea Break

11:00 am-12:30 pm: Presentations by the participants of Module A

1. Akanksha Kapoor, *University of Delhi, India*
“Refugee Protection and the state in South Asia”
2. Debashree Chakraborty, *Calcutta Research Group, India*
“Tracing Kaibartta Migration in the Valley of Southern Assam”
3. Julian Gutierrez Castano, *York University, Canada*
“Forced Displacement and Racialisation”
4. Lalnundika Darlong, *Tripura University, India*
“Social Exclusion and Feminization of Poverty: (Re) Negotiating the Protection of Rights of Displaced Bru Women”
5. Priyanka Chak, *South Asian University, India*
“Migration, Gender and Race: The word ‘Rohingya’ as Bullying”

12:30 pm-1:30 pm: Lunch Break

1:30 pm-2:30 pm: Module Lecture

“Module B: Globalisation and Migrant Economy with Special Focus on Labour and Platform Economy”

Speakers: Arup K. Sen, *Serampore College, and Calcutta Research Group, India*; and Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury

2:30 pm-4:00 pm: Presentations by the participants of Module B

1. Afreen Gani Faridi, *J. K. Lakshmiapat University, India*
“Mitigating the Impact of Covid and Conflict: Empowering & Securing Futures of Children Belonging to Pastoral Communities of Jammu and Kashmir”
2. Anasma Gayari, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*
“Political Subjectivity and India’s New Service Sector: A Study of Migrant Labour from the North-East Region in Delhi-NCR”
3. Imran Philip, *Calcutta Research Group, India*
“Gender, Labour and Migration: Situating Women Migrant Workers in Kolkata”
4. Nivash Prakash, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*
“Crisis, vulnerabilities, and multiple subjectivities: A case study of Migrant labor in Delhi”

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

4:30 pm-6:15 pm: Visualising Migration in Kolkata: Historical and Contemporary Experiences

4:30 pm-5:00 pm: “Trail of Blood: Part I: The Calcutta Killings of 1946 and its Afterlives” Inauguration of a travelling photo exhibition

Artist: Dipanwita Saha, *Software Engineer, IBM, and Visual Artist, India.*

5:00 pm-6:15 pm: Film Show (*Calcutta, A Migrant City: I,II,III*)

Introduction: Samata Biswas, *The Sanskrit College and University, and Calcutta Research Group, India*

6:15 pm-7:30 pm: Break

7:30 pm-8:10 pm: Special Online Lecture (Hybrid)

“The International Organisation for Migration and the Global Governance of Migration: Colonial Unknowing, Commitments, Challenges”

Speaker: Megan Bradley, *McGill University, Canada*

Chair: Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta, and Calcutta Research Group, India*

8:10 pm-8:30 pm: Discussion and Q&A

15 November: Day 3

9:00 am-9:30 am: Registration

9:30 am-10:30 am: Module Lecture

“Module D: Statelessness”

Speaker: K.M. Parivelan, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences-Mumbai, and Calcutta Research Group, India*

10:30 am-11:00 am: Tea Break

11:00 am-12:30 pm: Presentations by the participants of Module D

- 1. Abu Faisal Md Khaled, *Bangladesh University of Professionals, Bangladesh*
“The Rohingyas and Statelessness: Constructing and Contesting Diaspora Identity on Social Media Platforms”**
- 2. Marufa Akhter, *Independent University, Bangladesh*
“Forced Displacement and Lost Agency of Rohingya Women”**
- 3. Md. Atique Rehman, *University of Dhaka, Bangladesh*
“Construction of hegemonic masculinity in stateless condition: A study on the critical discourse analysis of Rohingya Men in Bangladesh”**
- 4. Sharmistha Mallik, *University of Calcutta, India*
“Climate Change: A New Threat in the Making and Unmaking of Statelessness”**

12:30 pm-1:30 pm: Lunch Break

1:30 pm-2:30 pm: Module Lecture (Hybrid)

“Module C: Law and Jurisprudence on Protection of Refugees and Migrants”

Speaker: Sahana Basavapatna, *Calcutta Research Group, India*

2:30 pm-4:00 pm: Presentations by the participants of Module C

1. **Alexandra Cooper**, *Foundation for Access to Rights, United Kingdom*
“The Difficulty in Navigating Refugee and Migration Law in Unestablished National Legal Frameworks” (online)
2. **D. G. Niruka Sanjeevani**, *General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka*
“The Shifts of Migration Patterns in Sri Lanka: Analysing the Impact of Ongoing Financial Crisis on the Growth of Out-migration”
3. **Sudha Rawat**, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*
“Nation, Language and Violence during Sri Lankan Civil War: Voices and Narratives of the Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees in India”

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

4:30 pm-5:30 pm: Special Lecture

“The Politics of Space: Refugees, Displaced and Stranded”

Speaker: *Amena Mohsin, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh*

Chair: *Lydia Potts, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Germany*

16 November: Day 4

9:00 am-9:30 am: Registration

9:30 am-10:00 am: Introduction to the Field Trip: “Calcutta, A Migrant City”

Coordinator: *Sabir Ahamed, Pratichi (India) Trust, and Calcutta Research Group, India*

10:00 am- 11:00 am: Parallel Sessions: Module E-1 & Module E-2

Room 2: Module Lecture

“Module E-1: Pandemic, Migrants, Refugees and Public Health”

Speaker: *Samir Kumar Das, University of Calcutta, and Calcutta Research Group, India*

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

11:30 am-1:00 pm: Presentations by the participants of Module E-1

1. **Chaitali Biswas**, *Ananda Bazar Patrika, India*
“Pandemic and the Crisis of Class Equalisation”
2. **Dishari Sarkar**, *Sarojini Naidu College for Women, India*
“Re-Thinking Media Representation of Migrant Domestic Workers in Bengali Mainstream Dailies during the Pandemic: A Feminist Perspective”
3. **Miriam Jaehn**, *National University of Singapore, Singapore*
“Intimate Encounters and Shifting Im/mobilities: Rethinking Anthropological Practices During a Pandemic”

4. **Tarak Nath Sahu, *Vidyasagar University, India***
“The Predicament of Migrant Workers for the Sudden Spurt of COVID 19: With Special Reference to Gold Jewellery Sector”

Room 1: Module Lecture

“Module E-2: Ethics of Care and Protection” (Hybrid)

Speakers: Manish K. Jha, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences-Mumbai, and Calcutta Research Group, India*

Mouleshri Vyas, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences-Mumbai, and Calcutta Research Group, India*

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

11:30 am-1:00 pm: Presentations by the participants of Module E-2

1. **Ambika Rai, *University of North Bengal, India***
“Navigating Gender Dimensions in Transitional Labour Mobility among the Bharias (Head Porters) in Darjeeling Hill Town”
2. **Kaveri, *Calcutta Research Group, India***
“The Politics of Protection of Refugees and Migrants”
3. **Khalid Beza, *Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, Afghanistan***
“Negative Impacts of not considering the Ethics and Care of Protection” (Online)
4. **Subha Srishti, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences-Mumbai, India***
“Left Behind Women in Flood Affected Kosi Region of Bihar”

1:00 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch Break

2:00 pm-6:00 pm: Field Trip

Coordinator: Sabir Ahamed

7:00 pm: Dinner (Outside) (TBC)

17 November: Day 5

9:00 am-9:30 am: Registration

9:30 am-10:30 am: Presentations of Rapporteurs’ Reports by the Participants (Reporting on the module presentations, lectures, film show and the field trip)

Parallel Sessions

Room 1: Reporting on Modules A, B, C and Film Show

Moderator: Sahana Basavapatna

Room 2: Reporting on Modules D, E-1, E-2 and Field Trip

Moderator: Samata Biswas

10:30 am-11:00 am: Tea Break

11:00 am-12:00 pm: Feedback Session with the Workshop Participants (including the feedback of the field trip)

Moderators: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, and
Tom Vickers, Nottingham Trent University, UK.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Plenary Lecture of the Workshop (Hybrid)

“A Complex Landscape of (Im)mobility, Labour Regimes and the Coloniality of Power”

Speaker: Ayse Caglar, University of Vienna, and Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna, Austria

Chair: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury

12:30 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch Break

Seventh Critical Studies Conference

**MIGRANT ASIAS:
REFUGEES, STATELESSNESS & MIGRANT LABOUR REGIMES**

17-19 November 2022

Venue: Hotel Monotel, Kolkata

17 November 2022

4:30pm–5:00pm: Registration & Tea

5:00pm–5:30pm: Inaugural Session (Hybrid)

Chair: Shyamalendu Majumdar, *Calcutta Research Group and Sivanath Sastri College, India*

5:00pm–5:10pm: Welcome Address

Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Calcutta Research Group and Rabindra Bharati University, India*

5:10pm–5:30pm: Introducing the Conference

Ishita Dey, *Calcutta Research Group & South Asian University, India*

5:30pm–5:40pm: Self Introduction by the Conference Participants

5:40pm–6:30pm: Keynote Lecture

“Medicalisation of Racism and Classism in the Context of Migration”

Speaker: Sevasti Trubeta, *Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences, Germany*

18 November 2022

9:00am–9:30am: Registration

9:30am–11:00am: Parallel Sessions

Room 1: Panel 1A-Seeing Like a State

Chair and Discussant: Arup K. Sen, *Serampore College, and Calcutta Research Group, India*

Panellists:

1. **Ajeet Kumar Pankaj**, *Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, India*; **Manish K. Jha**, *TISS-Mumbai, India*; **Saima Farhad**, *University of Kashmir, India*; and **M. Ibrahim Wani**, *University of Kashmir, India*
“Document’ and North-Indian Labour Migrants: Governing Labour Mobility in Manipur”
2. **Baidehi Das**, *University of Hyderabad, India*
“Exploring ‘recent histories’ of Re-Bordering Along Indo-Bangladesh Border: Stories Emerging from Villages Lying Along Porous Borders of North Twenty-Four Parganas in West Bengal”
3. **Yojak Tamang**, *Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, India*
“The Seasonal Migrant Labourers Living on the Edges of the State”

Room 2: Panel 1B-Seeing Like a State

Chair and Discussant: Anup Shekhar Chakraborty, *Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, and Calcutta Research Group, India*

Panellists:

1. **Sonika Gupta**, *IIT Madras, India*
“Tibetan Rehabilitation in Arunachal: Local State and Geopolitical Anxieties”
2. **William Singh**, *Pachhunga University College, India*
“Border Crossings in Mizoram: Desirables and Unwanted Communities”
3. **Santi Sarkar**, *Vidyasagar University, and Calcutta Research Group, India*
“The Politics of Populist Policies in West Bengal”
4. **Gorky Chakraborty**, *IDSK, India*, and **Samik Roy Chowdhury**, *IDSK, India*
“Navigating Precarity-Analysing Multiple Narratives of Citizenship in Assam”

11:00am–11:30am: Tea Break

11:30am–1:00pm: Parallel Sessions

Room 2: Panel 2A-Metamorphosis of the Migrant: State, Migration and Identity Politics

Chair and Discussant: Manish K. Jha, *Calcutta Research Group and TISS, Mumbai, India*

Panellists:

1. **Rajarshi Dasgupta**, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*
“Metamorphosis of the Migrant: State, Migrant and Identity Politics”
2. **Anasma Gayari**, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*
“A Cosmopolitan Race: Representations of Northeast Migrants in Delhi- NCR”
3. **Krishanu Bharagava Neog**, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*
“Migrant as Political Entrepreneur”
4. **Bidhan Golay**, *Sikkim University, India*
“The Migrant at Home: A Case of the Gorkha Conundrum”

Room 1: Panel 2B-Climate Migration: Documents and Distractions

Chair and Discussant: **Nirmal Kumar Mahato**, *Vidyasagar University, and Calcutta Research Group, India*

Panellists:

1. **Sampurna Das**, *University of Delhi, India*
“Thin documents, Thick claims: Reflections of Liminal Citizenship in the Floodplains of Assam, India”
2. **Upasana Ghosh**, *Indian Institute of Public Health, India*, and **Debojyoti Das**, *India*
“Climate Refugees: Health and Livelihood in the Bay of Bengal – India and Bangladesh” (Hybrid)
3. **Sohini Sengupta**, *TISS-Mumbai, India*
“Indian Droughts, Drought Policy and Climate Change”

1:00pm–2:00pm: Lunch Break

2:00pm–3:00pm: Special Lecture (online) (Record only)

“A Critical Genealogy of the Forced Migratory Labour in the Asian Mediterranean Sea”

Speaker: **Joyce C.H. Liu**, *National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan*, and **Jonathan Parhusip**, *National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan*

Chair: **Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury**

3:00pm–3:30pm: Tea Break

3:30pm–5:00pm: Panel 3-Partition: Texts and Contexts (Room 1)

Chair and Discussant: **Samir Kumar Das**, *University of Calcutta, and Calcutta Research Group, India*

Panellists:

1. **Anindya Sen**, *Assam University, India*, and **Debashree Chakraborty**, *Calcutta Research Group, India*
“Partition, Migration and Identity Formation: Narratives from Southern Assam”
2. **Anushmita Mukherjee**, *North Bengal University, India*
““Those forgotten after Partition’: Migration and Identity in Debesh Roy’s Select Works”

3. **Samata Biswas**, *The Sanskrit College and University, and Calcutta Research Group, India*
“What Does the Border Mean for Children? Narratives from the Indo- Bangladesh Borderlands in Manjira Saha’s *Chhotoder Border*”

5:00pm–5:15pm: Tea Break

5:30pm–6:15pm: Jayanta Dasgupta Memorial Lecture (Hybrid)

“Gig Economy and Migration - The Future of the Work or of Precariat?”

Speaker: **Lydia Potts**, *Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Germany*

Chair: **Shibashis Chatterjee**, *Jadavpur University, India*

19 November 2022

9:00am–9:30am: Registration

9:30am–11:00am: Parallel Sessions

Room 2: Panel 4A-Solidarity and Agency: Case Studies

Chair and Discussant: **Sahana Basavapatna**, *Calcutta Research Group, India*

Panellists:

1. **Rajat Kanti Sur**, *Calcutta Research Group, India*
“Solidarity for Survival: Cooperative Building as a Method to Overcome Vulnerability”
2. **Joseph K. Lalfakzuala**, *Government T. Romana College, India*
“People’s Response to the Influx of Myanmar Refugee in Mizoram: Implication and Limitation of the State policy”
3. **Deeksha**, *TISS-Mumbai, India*
“On the move for Care: Conceptualising Migration for Healthcare in Asia”
4. **Johnny KD**, *IIT Kanpur, India*, and **Ankita Singh**, *National Institute of Education Planning and Administration, India*
“Urban Renewal in City’s Life and its Impact on Slums and Slum Dwellers – A Case Study of Noida City”

Room 1: Panel 6B-Asian Mobilities

Chair and Discussant: **Ruchira Goswami**, *West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, India*

Panellists:

1. **Ali Dad Mohammadi**, *Porsesh Research and Studies Organisation, Afghanistan*
“The Tragedy of Overload: Suppression to Exodus of Afghan Hindus and Sikhs (1992-2021)” (Ishita Dey will read his paper)

2. Anita Sengupta, *Asia in Global Affairs*, and *Calcutta Research Group*, India
“The Pandemic and Governance in Central Asia”

11:00am–11:30am: Tea Break

11:30am–1:00pm: Parallel Sessions

Room 1: Panel 5A-Migration and Refugee Issues in and around Central Asia: A Socio-Cultural Perspective

Chair and Discussant: Anita Sengupta

Panellists:

1. Ritika Joshi, *University of Delhi*, India
“The Silk Road Migration Trend: Past & Present”
2. Nandini Bhattacharya, *Calcutta Girls College*, India
“Labour Migration and its Social Impact on Post-Soviet Tajikistan: An Overview through Cinematic Lenses”
3. Veena Ramachandran, *Birla Institute of Technology and Science-Pilani*, India
“Redefining Statelessness and the State: A Case Study of the Tibetan Youth in Exile in India”
4. Rajarshi Chakrabarti, *Jawaharlal Nehru University*, India
“The Afghan Refugee Issue in the Aftermath of the Taliban Takeover”

Room 2: Panel 5B-Climate Migration: Crisis and Resources

Chair and Discussant: Sohini Sengupta

Panellists:

1. Nirmal Kumar Mahato, *Vidyasagar University*, India
“Climate Migrants, Resource Scarcity and the Sustainability Issue: The Case of Jungle Mahals Region”
2. Shatabdi Das, *Calcutta Research Group*, India
“Kolkata and Climate Crisis”

1:00pm–2:00pm: Lunch

2:00pm–3:30pm: Parallel Sessions

Room 1: Panel 4B-Labour and Transition: Then and Now

Chair and Discussant: Ishita Dey, *South Asian University*, India

Panellists:

1. Raj Kumar Thakur, *Assam University*, India
“‘Coolie’ Question in the Age of Transition, the 1940s to 1960s”
2. Kamal Thapa Khsetri, *National Human Rights Commission*, Nepal (Hybrid)
“Protection of Nepalese Workers in India and Nepal”
3. Rituparna Datta, *Calcutta Research Group*, India

“Coolies, Climate and the Territories of Mobility”

4. Emirilda Thabah, *Calcutta Research Group, India*
“Coal Mining Labours in Meghalaya”

3:30pm–4:00pm: Tea

4:00pm–5:30pm: Valedictory Lecture

“An Intelligent Guide to the Responsibility Paradox”

Speaker: Ranabir Samaddar, *Calcutta Research Group, India*

Chair: Amena Mohsin

5:30pm-5:40pm: Distribution of Certificates

5:40pm-5:55pm: Remarks by Participants and Partner Institutions (RLS & IWM)

5:55pm-6:00pm: Vote of Thanks: Shatabdi Das

Farewell Dinner

**This schedule is tentative and subject to last minute changes*