

INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS FRONTIERS LOGISTICS, GOVERNANCE AND SOCIETY

An International Conference

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Date: September 2-September 3, 2018 || Venue: Swabhumi, Kolkata

Day 1 (September 2, 2018)

- 09.15 am -09.45 am** **Registration**
- 09.45 am -10.00 am** **Inaugural Session**
Ranabir Samaddar, *Distinguished Chair, Mahanirban
Calcutta Research Group (MCRG), Kolkata*
- 10.00 am - 11.30 am** **Panel Discussion I**
Politics of Infrastructure: Agencies and Interests
Moderator: Bishnu Mahapatra, Independent Researcher

Panelists:

Subir Bhowmik, *Eminent Journalist*

‘China’s Belt & Road Initiative: A South Asian Perspective and Case for Harmony with India’s Act East Policy’

Mouleshri Vyas, *Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai*

‘The Long Road to Urban Infrastructure Projects’

K.M. Parivelan, *Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai*

‘Challenges emanating from Competing International Transshipment Ports in Sri Lanka and India’

Madhuresh Kumar, *National Alliance of People’s Movement, New Delhi*

‘Infrastructure Financing in India, Role of IFIs’

11.30 pm – 11.45 pm **Tea**

11.45 pm -01.30 pm **Panel Discussion II**
***Beyond the Cosmopolitan: Infrastructure,
Connectivity and Development***

Moderator: Manish Jha, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences,
Mumbai*

Panelists:

Ishita Dey, *Centre for Development Practice, Ambedkar University, New Delhi*

‘Politics and Poetics of Infrastructure in Rural India’

Sanjay Barbora, *Tata Institute of Social Science, Guwahati*

‘Building Blocks, Talking about Guwahati’s water-logging’

Atig Ghosh, *Visva Bharati University, Bolpur*

‘Metro-polarities: Siliguri in the Grip of Neoliberal Transformation’

Anup Sekhar Chakraborty, *Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata*

‘Politico-Ethnic Mood Swings and Infrastructural Developments in the Hills Darjeeling and Kalimpong (2011-2017)’

Dilshaad Hossain, *Independent Researcher, Kolkata*

‘Rural Infrastructure Connectivity and Development’

01.30 pm – 02.30 pm **Lunch**

02.30 pm - 03.30 pm **Special Lecture**
Data Centres as Logistical Infrastructure and the Geopolitics of Automation

Speaker: Brett Neilson, *Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University*

03.30 pm - 03.45 pm **Tea**

03.45 pm - 05.00 pm **Panel Discussion III**
Data Centres in India

Moderator: Brett Neilson, *Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University*

Panelists:

Manish Jha and Rishi Jha, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai*

‘Data, Society and the City: Technology, Territory and Population’

Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay, *IISER, Mohali*

‘Data Economy, Big Data and the Data Centre: The Early History of the Indian Statistical Institute’

Ritam Sengupta, *Independent Researcher*

‘An Ethnography of Recently Introduced Data Management Schemes in West Bengal, India’

Day 2 (September 3, 2018)

10.00 am -10.30 am **Tea and Registration**

10.30 am-12.30pm **Panel Discussion IV**

Infrastructural Alliances and Global Governance

Moderator: Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay, IISER, Mohali

Panelists:

Byasdeb Dasgupta, *University of Kalyani, Kalyani*

‘Does Global Finance Matter for Infrastructural Alliances?’

Arup Sen, *Serampore College, Serampore*

‘Reading the Story of Chinese Capital in Pakistan’

Iman Mitra, *Independent Scholar, Kolkata*

‘The Financialised Infrastructure of a “Seamless Asia”’

Gopal Krishna, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Patna*

‘Trade in End-of-life Ships: An Inquiry into the Impact of Reverse Logistics in Ship Recycling and Shipping industry’

12.30 pm -01.30 pm **Lunch**

01.30 pm -02.30 pm **Special Lecture**
On infrastructures: The Cosco container terminals and the surrounding Perama Hills

Speaker: Nelli Kampouri, *Centre for Gender Studies, Panteion University, Athens*

02.30 pm **Vote of Thanks**