

**Programme of the Sixth Critical Studies Conference**  
on  
*Refugees, Migrant, Violence and the Transformation of Cites*  
organised  
by  
**Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (CRG)**

Venue: Swabhumi, Kolkata || Date: 23-25 August, 2017

**Day 1**

**23 August 2017**

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| <b>05.30 - 06.00 pm</b> | Tea & Registration  |
| <b>06.00 - 06.15 pm</b> | Welcome Address by Paula Banerjee, Director, Calcutta Research Group  |
| <b>06.15 - 07.15 pm</b> | Keynote Address by Subir Sinha, SOAS, London on <i>Separation, Mobility and the Ordinary City: On Migrants' Subjection and Subjectivity</i> |
| <b>07.15 - 07.20 pm</b> | Vote of Thanks by Anita Sengupta, Senior Researcher & Programme Coordinator, Calcutta Research Group (CRG)                                  |

**Day 2**

**24 August 2017**

**09:30 – 11.00 am**

**Panel 1(A) [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi] Crisis, Violence and the Public Space**  
(Discussant: Pushpendra Kr. Singh, TISS, Patna; Chair: Sanjeeb Mukherjee, University of Calcutta)

- Nasreen Chowdhory (University of Delhi, Dept. of Political Science): *Camps and Cities: The Making of Citizens at the Margins*
- Vardhna (University of Delhi, Dept. of Human Development and Childhood Studies): *Un-settled/Re-settled lives: Aftermath of Muzaffarnagar (2013)*
- Somdatta Chakraborty (MCRG): *Criminalizing the Migrant: Street carriers and the Colonial State in the 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century Calcutta and Bengal*

**Panel 1(B) [Venue: Sabhaghar 1, Swabhumi] Identity and Inclusion**  
(Discussant: Sudeep Basu, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar; Chair: Parivelan K.M., TISS, Mumbai)

- Radhika Raj (TISS, Mumbai, Centre for Urban Policy and Governance): *The Production of a 'Migrant' versus the 'Local': The Case of a right-wing all-male organization on the margins of the city*
- Prasad R (Loyola College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum, University of Kerala): *Interstate Migrant Workers in Malayalam Films: A Critical Review*
- Annapurna Neti (APU, Bangalore) & Puja Guha (APU, Bangalore): *Street-food Vending: From Precarious Existence to Social Inclusion – Case Stories from Bangalore*

**11.00 – 11.30 am     Tea     [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]**

**11.30 – 01.00 pm**

**Panel 2(A) [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi] The Urban Question and the North-East**  
(Discussant: Paula Banerjee, University of Calcutta; Chair: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, Rabindra Bharati University)

- Anup Shekhar Chakraborty (NIAS, Kolkata, Dept. of Political Studies and Political Science): *Social Imaginaries and Medical Dystopia: 'Health Migrations and Care-givers' in Kolkata City from Mizoram*
- Snehashish Mitra (NIAS, IISC, Bangalore): *Urbanisation by the Border: Refreshing the frontier space in Northeast India*

**Panel 2(B) [Venue: Sabhaghar 1, Swabhumi] Urban Governance**  
(Discussant: Amit Prakash, J.N.U.; Chair: Atig Ghosh, Visva-Bharati University)

- V. Ramaswamy (MCRG) & V. Srinivasan (): *The Role of the State in Urban Violence against Marginalized Castes: Manual Scavenging in India today*
- Zahra Yasmoon (Ansal University, Gurgaon) & Mrunali Balki (Ansal University, Gurgaon): *Transformation of Smaller Cities as an advent of sprawling development and compacting core: Change in Urban Life/Environment*
- Rumki Basu (Jamia Milia Islamia, Dept. of Political Science, Delhi) & Moitree Dey (Matasundari College for Women, University of Delhi): *Citizenship, Urban Governance and Access to Civic Services: Delhi Municipal Elections 2017*

**01.00 – 02.00 pm      Lunch      [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]**

**02.00 – 03.30 pm**

**Panel 3(A)      [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi] Gender, Movements and the City**  
(Discussant: Kalpana Kannabiran, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad;  
Chair: Swati Ghosh, Rabindra Bharati University)

- Nora S. von Kitzing (Witwatersrand University, Dept. of International Development, South Africa): *Gender-based Violence on less advantaged migrant women in peri-urban Johannesburg and how they respond*
- Oindrila DuttaGupta (J.N.U., Centre for International Politics, Organisation, Diplomacy and Disarmament): *Gender, Migration and the City: An Alternative Perspective from the Global South*
- Mithun Som (Anveshi, City Project Team): *Migrant Women's aspirations in the city*

**Panel 3(B)      [Venue: Sabhagar 1, Swabhumi] Revisiting the Migration Archives from the Brahmaputra Valley through an Inter-Disciplinary Perspective**  
(Discussant: Xonzoi Barbora, TISS Guwahati; Chair: Bishnu Mohapatra, FCT, Baroda)

- Murchana Roychoudhury (TISS, Hyderabad, Inter-disciplinary Social Sciences): *Exploring the Environment and Migration Nexus in the Brahmaputra Valley*
- Shiladitya Ray (TISS, Hyderabad, Development Studies): *Exploring Sub-National State-led Responses to Climate Change: A Case Study of Assam State Action Plan on Climate Change*
- Nabajyoti Deka (IIT Kharagpur, Dept of Economics): *Environmental Migration and the Dynamics of Labor Economics: Narratives from the Bank of River Brahmaputra in post-colonial Assam*

**03.30 – 04.00 pm      Tea      [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]**

**04.00 – 05.30 pm      Plenary Session 1 [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]**

- **Discussion on Key Texts of Urban Studies**  
(Chair: Ranabir Samaddar, MCRG)
- 1. Friedrich Engels, *The Condition of the Working Class in England*: Samita Sen (Jadavpur University)

2. David Harvey, *Rebel Cities*: Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay (IISER, Mohali)
3. Henri Lefebvre, *The Production of Space and other writings*: Atig Ghosh (Visva-Bharati University)
4. Walter Benjamin, *Paris the Capital of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and other writings*: Subhoranjan Dasgupta (Eminent Literary Critic and Analyst)

### **Day 3**

**25 August 2017**

**09.30 – 11.00 am**

**Panel 4(A) [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi] Socio-Spatial Restructuring of Kolkata**  
**(Discussant:** Somdatta Chakraborty, MCRG; **Chair:** Sibaji Pratim Basu, Vidyasagar University)

- Souvanic Roy (IEST, Shibpur) & Tathagata Chatterji (XIMB, Bhubaneswar): *Post-Industrial Urban Regeneration in a Transitional Metropolis: Implications for the Right to Adequate Housing and Environmental Justice in Urban Core*
- Ratoola Kundu (TISS, Mumbai, Dept of Habitat Studies): *The ‘invisibles’ in New Town Rajarhat: The Politics of place-making by new migrants and the internally displaced refugees of urban development*
- Anushyama Mukherjee (TISS, Mumbai, Centre for Urban Policy and Governance): *Negotiating the right to the street: Emerging tensions between new and existing hawkers in Kolkata*

**Panel 4(B) [Venue: Sabhaghar 1, Swabhumi] Economies of Inhabitation: Refugees at the Urban Frontier**  
**(Discussant:** Byasdeb Dasgupta, University of Kalyani; **Chair:** Arup Sen, Serampore College)

- Garima Dhabai (Presidency University, Dept. of Political Science): *The ‘Entrepreneurial’ Refugee in the Bazaars: Sindhi Migrants in Jaipur’s Walled City*
- Himadri Chatterjee (JNU, Centre for Political Studies): *Land and Labour at the ‘Borders’ of Kolkata: Refugee Lives in-between Town and Country*
- Rajarshi Dasgupta (JNU, Centre for Political Studies): *Geneva Camp Mohammadpur and New Suburbs in Dhaka*

**11.00 – 11.30 am      Tea    [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]**

**11.30 – 01.00 pm**

**Panel 5(A)    [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi] Vulnerable Bodies: Marginal Subjectivities in Post-Colonial Calcutta**

**(Discussant:** Ishita Dey, Ambedkar University; **Chair:** Anjoo Sharan Upadhyay, Benares Hindu University)

- Samata Biswas (Bethune College, University of Calcutta): *The (Un)Sanitary City*
- Anwesha Sengupta (IDSK): *The Congested City: Towards an Understanding of the Crowd in Calcutta in 1950s and 1960s*
- Supurna Banerjee (IDSK): *Labour, Precarity And the City: Exploring the making of the urban labour in Calcutta*

**Panel 5(B)    [Venue: Sabhaghar 1, Swabhumi] Rent, Infrastructure and Urban Improvement in Colonial Calcutta**

**(Discussant:** Subhash Ranjan Chakrabarti, Eminent Historian, **Chair:** Prasanta Ray, IDSK)

- Kaustubh Mani Sengupta (Bankura University, Dept. of History): *Infrastructural Development and the Issue of Compensation in Colonial Calcutta*
- Iman Mitra (TISS, Patna): *The Rental Economy of a City: Calcutta Improvement Trust and the Politics of Urbanisation in the Twentieth Century*
- Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay (IISER, Mohali) & Ujaan Ghosh (Independent Researcher): *Class and Tenancy Question in Calcutta, 1912-1922*

**01.00 – 02.00 pm      Lunch            [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]**

**02.00 – 03.30 pm**

**Panel 6(A)    [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi] Gender, Everyday Life and the Making of the Cityscape**

**(Discussant:** Sanam Roohi, St. Joseph's College, Bangalore; **Chair:** Samita Sen, Jadavpur University)

- Lalitha Kamath (TISS, Mumbai, Centre for Urban Policy and Governance) & Radhika Raj (TISS Mumbai, Centre for Urban Policy and Governance): *The Politics of Home Making: Migrant journeys and water encounters in a New City*
- Maggie Paul (TISS, Mumbai, Centre for Social and Organisational Leadership) & Yogita Naruka (TISS, Mumbai, School of Development Studies): *Jed-o-Jehad of Everyday: Two Cases of Negotiating Space Making*
- Mahuya Bandyopadhyay (TISS, Mumbai, School of Development Studies): *Paabandi, Izzat, Galat Saubat: Negotiating Public Lives and Intimate Relationships in a Working-Class Muslim Neighbourhood*

**03.30 – 04.00 pm**      **Tea**    [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]

**04.00 – 05.30 pm**      **Plenary Session 2** [Venue: Rang Durbar, Swabhumi]

- Screening of film '*Do the right thing*' (1989) by **Spike Lee** and discussion

**05.30 – 6.00 pm**      Closing Remarks by Ranabir Samaddar, Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies, CRG  
Vote of Thanks by Ritam Sengupta, Research&Programme Associate, MCRG  
Chair: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury

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