

Europe-Asia Research Platform on Forced Migration
Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group & Institute for Human Sciences

Sites of Statelessness: Laws, Cities, Seas

A Research Workshop at the IWM Library, 15-16 September 2021

Safety regulations

All on-site participants must present

- either proof that they have been vaccinated with an approved Covid-19 vaccine
- or a negative Covid-test result not older than 72 hours (PCR)
- or a medical certificate in German or English that they have recovered from a Covid-19 infection within the last six months

to be admitted into the IWM Library.

All on-site participants must wear face masks at the IWM (unless seated at the IWM Library).

All times indicated are Central European Summer Time.

Workshop schedule

Wednesday,
15 September 2021

10.00-10.30 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Ivan Vejvoda, Acting Rector,
Institute for Human Sciences (IWM)

Introductory Remarks

Ayşe Çağlar, IWM and University of Vienna,
Ranabir Samaddar, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (MCRG);
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The Sea as a Site of Statelessness

10.30 a.m.

Samata Biswas, The Sanskrit College and University
“Subjects at Sea: Re-presentation of Queer, Lascar, (Indentured)
Worker and the Other”

Discussant: Lydia Potts, University of Oldenburg

11.15 a.m.

Joyce C.H. Liu, Yu-Fan Chiu, and Jonathan Parhusip,
National Yangming Jiaotong University
“Flags of Convenience, Law for Sale, and Statelessness at Sea”

Discussant: Johanna Markkula, University of Oslo

12.00-12.15 p.m.

Coffee break

- 12.15 p.m. Sibel Karadağ, Kadir Has University
„Governing Migrant Mobilities in the Aegean Sea”

Discussant: Olga Lafazani, Harokopio University
- 1.00 p.m. Amade M’Charek, University of Amsterdam
“Death, Water and Harraga: Defying Borders and Making Connections”

Discussant: Giorgio Grappi, University of Bologna
- 2.00-3.00 p.m. Lunch
- 3.00 p.m. Subhas Chakraborty, The Asiatic Society
“The Tragic Journey of Komagataru: Empire, Immigrants and Anxiety”

Discussant: Nefissa Naguib, University of Oslo
- 3.45 p.m. Sucharita Sengupta, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
“Lost in the Sea?”

Discussant: Paolo Novak, SOAS University of London
- 4.30 p.m. End of Day 1
- 7.30 p.m. Dinner

Thursday,
16 September 2021

Cities as a Site of Statelessness

- 10.30 a.m. Paula Banerjee, MCRG and University of Calcutta
“The Conundrum of Trafficking and Statelessness in West Bengal”

Discussant: Giorgia Donà, University of East London
- 11.15 a.m. Nasreen Chowdhory and Shamna Thacham Poyil, University of Delhi
“Dispossession and Camps: The Curious Case of South Asia”

Discussant: Ayşe Çağlar, IWM and University of Vienna
- 12.15-12.45 p.m. Coffee break

Law as a Site of Statelessness

- 12.45 p.m. Nergis Canefe, York University
“The Banality of Statelessness: The Impossibility of Counting the Subjects of the Global Polity”

Discussant: Sheila Meintjes, University of the Witwatersrand

- 1.30 p.m. Elspeth Guild, Queen Mary University of London, and Sandra Mantu, Radboud University Nijmegen
“Production of Statelessness in Europe”

Discussant: Romola Sanyal, London School of Economics
- 2.15-3.15 p.m. Lunch
- 3.15 p.m. Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, MCRG
“(Il)Legal Sites of Statelessness in South Asia”

Discussant: Luiza Bialasiewicz, University of Amsterdam
- 4.00 p.m. **Concluding Remarks**
Ahmet İçduygu, Koç University
- 5.00 p.m. End of Day 2
- 7.30 p.m. Dinner