

A brief Report

Visiting Research Fellowship on Calcutta Research Group (CRG)

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I was invited by the Calcutta Research Group (CRG) as a visiting research fellow in connection with CRG's migration and forced migration programme 'Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants' for a two-week period, November 14-26, 2021. During my visit to CRG, I also participated in CRG's Sixth Annual Research and Orientation Program organized from 15-20 November 2021. During my Stay at Calcutta as a research fellow, I visited the library of CRG, conducted desk review there for my research on 'Statelessness and the Plight of Women in Nepal'. I also consulted and interacted with the CRG chair, executive director and board about my research article and get input from their side. The most important role CRG played to enhance my knowledge on migration, forced migration refugees and statelessness through the CRG's Sixth Annual Research and Orientation Program. I also worked as rapporteur on one session of the workshop.

The Key thematic issues I learned from the Research and Orientation Program:

- Protection and Punishment (race, caste, and policing);
- Migrant workers and the refugee: complicated terrains of welfare and asymmetric social protection;
- Refugees and migrants as subjects of economics, politics, and gender division;
- Forced Migration, law and critical jurisprudence
- Derogation of rights of refugees and migrants, and situations of statelessness;
- Protection Ethics and Practices of Care and Solidarity

Under these thematic issues, I had an opportunity to engage with the tutors, presenters, researchers and participants of the workshop who represented from the different parts of the world including south Asia, Asia Pacific and Europe. This helped me to enhance my knowledge on the refugee, migrants and statelessness. These learnings became useful for my research paper as well. Various issues like climate, disaster, displacement and the refugees, migration and labor, the global governance on migration and refugee, war displacement and migrant labor, statelessness and migration, economy of migration and refugee and so on were presented and discussed in the workshop that became a good source of knowledge for me. The participation in the workshop also gave me the skills and confidence to link the issues of my paper (statelessness with some theory) since I was more engaged in the field in Nepal and working directly with the evidences.

Visit to CRG Library:

After the participation in workshop and conference, I visited CRG's library for a week. In library, I did the desk review, literature review for my research paper. The books I read and reviewed in CRG library for my research paper are:

- Women, Migration and Citizenship: Making Local, Nationals and Transnational Connections; Edited by Evangelia, Tastsoglou and Alexandra Dobrowolsky
- The state of being statelessness (The same writers Paula, anusua and Atiz)
- The Journals and publications of CRG

Writing the Research Paper

At CRG library I continued writing my research paper and have made a draft version of the research report. (The draft research report is attached in the email of CRG)

Abstract of research

This paper focuses from the perspective of women who are rendered statelessness as a result of discriminatory policies, discriminatory procedures, administrative hurdles/ barriers. This paper tries to explore how women have been discriminated by the state, society and family on the process of accessing citizenship that has led them to live a life of statelessness in their own country. How women's independent identity has been undermined by the states that they are denied to get the citizenship by themselves and to confer the citizenship to their children without the support of their husband and male family members. This has creating the statelessness in Nepal. The paper further explores how the discrimination and unequal treatment to women impacts on the lives of women from different case that they are deprived of exercising their civil political and socio –economic rights. The paper is based on literature review, focus group discussions and case studies.

