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YOUTH MEET

Deadline: 6 February 2024

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Urban Caregiving and Protection: Histories and Contemporary Practices

29-30 March 2024

Bolpur, India

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A Two-Day Youth Meet
Urban Caregiving and Protection: Histories and Contemporary Practices
29-30 March 2024, Bolpur, India

Organised by
Calcutta Research Group
In collaboration with
Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna

Urban centres have become magnets of magnanimity, of growth and wealth where capital has become the relentless superpower consuming every living being within its structure of preparing the infrastructures for a classic modern urbanity relevant to liberal global economy. This diabolical urban process on the one hand is visually co-relatable in major cities and its catering hinterlands with high-rises and glass charades, metro rails/tubes, multilane roads, upscale markets, multinational corporations, an ever-sprawling gig economy, thronging the service sectors, creating the easier life-system, more comfortable and competitive; while on the other it comes with a dialogic process of receding camaraderie, more individual time as opposed to family time and much less community involvement, pleasure and leisure that come at the cost of vulnerability of life and living, consuming everything that caters to this urbanity; labour migrants, refugees, citizens, the human-non-human interaction is scaled at the cost of other rather than harmonious interjections. Urban landscapes today are increasingly shadowing the ecological fragility with increasing instances of floods, inundation, epidemics, etc. This two-day Meet will try to delve on questions of future urbanity within the model of urban caregiving, and protection, and find the historical linkages to contemporary caregiving practices. To seek how urbanity becomes both a method and recourse to the understanding and provision of protection and care; how proactive are smart cities today in their autonomy of protection and balanced social justice for migrants, invisible citizens, without negatively impacting the climatic conditions of the future. Will this urbanity be part of the placemaking practices or a transitory recourse of flux for further urban sprawl where the present recedes into the gerontology of the past and the new consumes the peri-urban and its consequential rural.

The Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna, invites application from Indian participants for a Two-Day Youth Meet on “**Urban Caregiving and Protection: Histories and Contemporary Practices**” on 29-30 March 2024, in Bolpur (near Shantiniketan), West Bengal, India. The Youth Meet will be a platform for sharing participants’ experiences of community engagement and invites applications from young scholars, activists, film makers, lawyers, media practitioners, academicians, environmentalists, indigenous rights/child rights/labour rights/gender rights activists, photographers, playwrights, artists and others, in India. Applications from underrepresented communities are encouraged for this Meet. Applicants should be within 45 years of age. Selected participants will be encouraged to present and share their experiences through photo essays, one act plays, documentary films, story sessions, podcasts, songs, mix media representations, poetry reading and other creative engagements in the Youth Meet. Participants will be required to submit report/essays of 1000 words, or creative pieces on “Urban Caregiving and Protection: Histories and Contemporary Practices”, related to the theme of their presentation in the programme.

For participation in the programme CRG will reimburse up to 2AC train fare (round way) for overnight journey to Bolpur and provide 3 nights’ stay (twin sharing accommodation) and local hospitality at the venue of the programme.

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Attachments: SOP/Motivation Letter (500-700 words), CV, Photo & Bio-Note (100 words).

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