

# Capital in the East

A Conference to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the publication of Karl Marx's *Das Capital*  
(Rang Durbar, Swabhumi, 30-31 January 2018)

## Day 1: 30 January 2018

**09.00–09.30 am:** Registration

**09.30–10.30 am:** **Inaugural Session.**

Chair: Achin Chakraborty, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata

**09.30 –09.45 am:** **Welcome Address** by Achin Chakraborty, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata

**09.45–10.20 am:** **Inaugural Address** by Ranabir Samaddar, Calcutta Research Group, *Is There a Theory of Population in Marx's Capital?*

**10.20 –10.30 am:** **Vote of Thanks** by Apala Kundu, Calcutta Research Group

**10.30 – 11.00 am:** Tea

**11.00 – 12.30 pm:** **(Session I): Capital as Critique**

Chair: Samita Sen, Jadavpur University, and Calcutta Research Group;

Discussant: Anjan Chakrabarti, University of Calcutta

- Satyaki Roy (Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi) – *Global Production Network: The New Template of Power and Profit in the Regime of Empire*
- Pranab Kanti Basu (Visva-Bharati University)– *Commodity Fetishism*
- Manas Ranjan Bhowmick (Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandir) and Achin Chakraborty (Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata)- *Class Process and Cooperatives: A Developing Country Perspective*

**12.30 – 01:30 pm:** Lunch

**01.30– 03.00 pm:** **(Session 2): Commodities and Value**

Chair: Byasdeb Dasgupta, Kalyani University and Calcutta Research Group;

Discussant: Upal Chakrabarti, Presidency University

- Garima Dhabai (Presidency University) – *Textures of Commodity: Some Considerations on its Geometrical Dimensions*
- Sourav Kar Gupta (Independent post-doc researcher) – *Labour Power as Commodity: Interrogating a 'Value theory of Ideology'*
- Iman Mitra (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Patna and Calcutta Research Group) – *Land and the Theory of Rent in Capital: Method, Movement and Fictitiousness*

**03.00 – 03.30 pm:** Tea

**03.30 –05.00 pm:** **(Session 3): Population in Capital**

Chair: Arup Sen, Serampore College and Calcutta Research Group;

Discussant: Ritajyoti Bandopadhyay, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali

- Atig Ghosh (Visva-Bharati University and Calcutta Research Group) – *"An Abstract Law of Population Exists for Plants and Animals only": Negotiating the Principle of Reserve Army of Labour in the Postcolony*
- Rajesh Bhattacharya (Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta) – *Primitive Accumulation and Surplus Population: A Critique of Capitalocentrism in Marxian Theory*
- Maidul Islam (Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta)- *Land Acquisition and Notes on Combined Accumulation of Capital in Contemporary India*

**05.00 – 06:00 pm:** **Keynote Lecture** by Jon Solomon (Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3) – *From "Linguistic Context" to "Sinification": Marx, China, and Translation in the Postcolonial Condition.*  
Chair: Swati Ghosh, Rabindra Bharati University

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## **Day 2: 31 January 2018**

- 10.00 - 11.00 am:** **Special Lecture** by Seongjin Jeong, Gyeongsang National University - *Capital in Korea*
- 11:00 -11.30 am:** **Tea**
- 11.30 -01:00 pm:** **(Session 4): Reception of Capital**  
 Chair: Mahalaya Chatterjee, University of Calcutta  
 Discussant: Iman Mitra, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Patna and Calcutta Research Group
- Rajarshi Dasgupta (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) – *Capital in Bangla: Postcolonial Translations of Marx*
  - Mithilesh Kumar (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Patna and Calcutta Research Group) - *Karl Marx— From “Modern Rishi” to “Naye Yug Ka Vidhata”*
  - Kotesch Devulapally (Independent Researcher) : *Reception and Dissemination of Marx’s Capital in Telugu: Language Politics and the Communist Movement*
- 01:00 – 02:00 pm:** **Lunch**
- 02:00 – 03.30 pm:** **(Session 5): Globalisation, Finance, Inequality and Labour**  
 Chair: Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali  
 Discussant: Arup Sen, Serampore College and Calcutta Research Group
- Subhanil Chowdhury (Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata) – *Inequality in India: A Marxist Perspective*
  - Byasdeb Dasgupta (Kalyani University and Calcutta Research Group) – *A Re-Visit to the Idea of Finance Capital*
  - Supurna Banerjee (Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata) - *A day in the Life of the Plantation Workers: Understanding Working Day and its Limits through a Reading of Capital Vol. I*
- 03:30 – 04:00 pm:** **Tea**
- 04:00 -05:30pm:** **(Session 6) Labour Process and Unwaged Work**  
 Chair: Paula Banerjee, Sanskrit University and Calcutta Research Group;  
 Discussant: Ilina Sen, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Calcutta Research Group
- Swati Ghosh (Rabindra Bharati University) – *In Search of ‘Work’ as we knew it: Informality, Corporeality and Wage*
  - Samita Sen (Jadavpur University and Calcutta Research Group) – *The Problem of Reproduction: Waged and Unwaged Domestic Work*
  - Mahalaya Chatterjee (University of Calcutta) – *Sources of Unpaid Labour in India: A Marxian perspective*
- 05:30 – 06:40 pm:** **Valedictory Session – Capital in South East Asia and the Far East**  
 Chair: Samita Sen, Jadavpur University and Calcutta Research Group
- 05:30 -06.10 pm:** **Valedictory Lecture** by Bertil Arvid Lintner, *The Capital in Myanmar and Thailand*
- 06.10 -06.30 pm:** **Closing Remarks** by Anjan Chakrabarti, University of Calcutta
- 06.30-06.40 pm:** **Vote of Thanks** by Iman Mitra, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Patna and Calcutta Research Group