

# THE STATE OF THE GLOBAL PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

(REVISED PROGRAMME)

## RESEARCH WORKSHOP

(25-28 November 2018)

Day 1: Sunday, 25 November 2018 || Venue: Pearl Hotel

05:30 pm - 06:00 pm	Registration & Tea
06:00 pm – 08:00 pm	Inaugural Session Chair: Anita Sengupta, MCRG, Kolkata
06:00 pm – 06:10 pm	Welcome Address: Anita Sengupta, MCRG, Kolkata
06:10 pm – 06:20 pm	Introductory Remarks by Neha Naqvi, Rosa Luxenburg Stiftung, New Delhi
06:20 pm – 07:00 pm	Outline of Organisational Structure of Workshop: Paula Banerjee, Sanskrit University & MCRG, Kolkata & Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, Rabindra Bharati University & MCRG, Kolkata
07:00 pm – 08:00 pm	Inaugural Panel Discussion: Race and Migration in South Africa
	▪ Laurence Juma, Rhodes University, Grahamstown - African Union’s Refugee Management and Protection Framework and the Cooperation Agenda of the Global Compact on Refugees
	▪ Melissa Steyn, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg -When Xenophobia is Afrophobia: Racialised Belonging at the Intersection of Race and Nation in Postapartheid South Africa

**Day 2: Monday, 26 November 2018 || Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency**

**09:30 am – 10:30 am**

**THEME LECTURE A**

**Promises and Paradoxes of the Global Compacts on Refugees and Migrants: The Need for New Global, Regional and National Responses**

**Chair: Nasreen Chowdhory**, *University of Delhi, New Delhi & MCRG, Kolkata*

▪ **Ranabir Samaddar**, *MCRG, Kolkata*

- Promises and Paradoxes of a Global Gaze

**10:30 am – 11:30 am**

**THEME LECTURE B**

**Racialisation of Migration: Race, Religion, Gender, and Other Faultlines in Forced Migration**

**Chair: Sanja Bojanic**, *Centre for Advanced Studies for South East Europe, University of Rijeka, Rijeka*

▪ **Paula Banerjee**, *Sanskrit University & MCRG, Kolkata*

- Responsibility to Protect: Questions of Race, Religion, Resource and the Unspoken Fourth

**11:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**Tea**

**Room – 1 || Module A**

**12:00 pm – 01:30 pm**

**Presentation and Discussion of Research Papers**

**Promises and Paradoxes of the Global Compacts on Refugees and Migrants: The Need for New Global, Regional and National Responses**

**Chair & Discussant: Nasreen Chowdhory**, *University of Delhi, New Delhi & MCRG, Kolkata*

▪ **Buddha Singh Kepchhaki**, *Pravasi Nepali Coordination Committee, Kathmandu*

-The Global Compacts on Refugees and Migrants,

▪ **G. M. Arifuzzaman**, *Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka, Dhaka*

- Regional and Global Responses to the Rohingya Repatriation Process: Opportunities and Challenges

▪ **Rajkumar Nagarajah**, *Ministry of Policy Planning, Sri Lanka*

-Mitigation of the Negative Impacts of Migration and Maximization of its Benefits in Sri Lanka

▪ **Sucharita Sengupta**, *Graduate Institute of International and Developmental Studies, Geneva*

-Revisiting Statelessness and Global Protection Regime: the Rohingyas

## Room – 2 || Module B

12:00 pm – 01:30 pm

**Presentation and Discussion of Research Papers**

**Racialisation of Migration: Race, Religion, Gender, and Other Faultlines in Forced Migration**

**Chair & Discussant: Paula Banerjee,**  
*Sanskrit University & MCRG, Kolkata*

- **Ajeet Kumar Pankaj**, *Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Manipur*  
-Buddhism and Dalit Migrants: Interrogating Everyday Forms of Counter-hegemonic Assertion
- **Daman Kaur Sethi**, *Child Rights Fellow, Assam*  
-The NRC Discord
- **Matan Kaminer**, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*  
- From 'A light unto the nations' to 'the land of the white man': Global Migration and Recent Shifts in the Racialization of Migrants in Israel
- **Reshmi Banerjee**, *Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi*  
-Hostility in History, Friction in Future: An Account of Marginalization in Myanmar
- **Sajeed Ahamed Fahurdeen**, *Equitas, Sri Lanka*  
-Forced Migration Caused by an Internal Armed Conflict in Sri Lanka: a Possible Reason for the Religious and Ethnic Violence after the War

01:30 pm – 02:30 pm

**Lunch**

02:30 pm – 03:30 pm:

**THEME LECTURE C**

**Power and Responsibility in the Global Protection System in the Context of Mixed and Massive Population Flows; The Need to redefine the "Responsibility to Protect"**

**Chair: Ranu Basu**, *Department of Geography, York University, Toronto*

▪ **Shibashis Chatterjee**, *School of International Relations & Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata*

-Population Flows, Refugees, and the Responsibility to Protect in the Global Protection System

03:30 pm – 04:30 pm

**THEME LECTURE D**

**Refugee and Immigrant Economies; Privatisation of Care and Protection**

**Chair: Hari Sharma**, *Alliance for Social Dialogue, Social Science Baha, Kathmandu*

- **Ranabir Samaddar**, *MCRG, Kolkata*

-Global Capitalism and Refugee and Migrant Labor

**04:30 pm - 05:30 pm**

Face to Face Interaction on Afghanistan, **Nayana Bose**, *UNHCR*

**06:00 pm – 07:00 pm**

**Light-and-Sound Display at Jorasanko Thakur Bari**

**Day 3: Tuesday, 27 November 2018 || Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency**

### **Room – 1 || Module C**

**09:30 am – 11:00 am**

**Presentation and Discussion of Research Papers**

**Power and Responsibility in the Global Protection System in the Context of Mixed and Massive Population Flows; The Need to Redefine the "Responsibility to Protect"**

**Chair & Discussant: Shibashis Chatterjee**, *School of International Relations & Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata*

- **Aditi Mukherjee**, *MCRG, Kolkata*

-Reining in the Trickle and the Floods? Migration, Governance and Evolving Regime of Shelter in Late Colonial Calcutta, 1939-1947

- **Mausumi Chetia**, *International Institute of Social Studies, Hague*

-The State's Role vis-à-vis the Responsibility to Protect: The Case of Internally Displaced People due to Riverbank Erosion, Assam (India)

- **Swatilekha Bhattacharya**, *Vidyasagar University, Midnapore*

-Accepting the Responsibility to Protect as an International Norm: The Structure and Implementation

### **Room – 2 || Module D**

**09:30 am – 11:00 am**

**Presentation and Discussion of Research Papers**

**Refugee and Immigrant Economies; Privatisation of Care and Protection**

**Chair & Discussant: Ranabir Samaddar**, *MCRG, Kolkata*

- **Apala Kundu**, *MCRG, Kolkata*

-Immigrant Economies and 'Economic War': Literary Reflections on the Expulsion of Asians from East Africa

- **Irene Peano**, *University of Lisbon, Lisbon*  
-Refugeeisation of the Agricultural Labor Force? Humanitarian Spectacles in and Around Italian Agro-industrial Enclaves
- **Janaina Galvao**, *Consultant, Brazil*  
-Bias Towards Skilled Migration in Brazil during the Lula Era: Influence of the Knowledge-Based Economy Paradigm
- **Jhumpa Bose**, *P. N. Das College, Palta*  
-Migration of Labor in Late Colonial Bengal: Urbanization and Socio-Economic Condition in Barrackpore Industrial Zone
- **Shatabdi Das**, *MCRG, Kolkata*  
-Migrants, Work and Sustenance in the Coalfields of Raniganj

**11:00 am – 11:30 am**                      **Tea**

**11:30 am – 12:30 pm**                      **THEME LECTURE E**  
  
**Statelessness, International Conventions and the Need for New Initiatives**  
  
**Chair: Federico Rahola**, *DISFOR, University of Genova, Genova*

- **Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury**, *Rabindra Bharati University & MCRG, Kolkata*  
-Addressing the New Frontiers of Statelessness

**12:30 pm – 01:30 pm**                      **THEME LECTURE F**  
  
**Migrants and Movements across Asia: Common Features with the European Scenario**  
  
**Chair: Meghna Guhathakurta**, *Research Initiatives, Bangladesh, Dhaka*

- **Anita Sengupta**, *MCRG, Kolkata*  
  
-Migrants and Movements Across Asia: Mobility, Global Migration Governance and the European Response

**01:30 pm – 02:30 pm**                      **Lunch**

**Room – 1 || Module E**

**02:30 pm – 04:00 pm**                      **Presentation and Discussion of Research Papers**  
  
**Statelessness, International Conventions and the Need for New Initiatives**  
  
**Chair & Discussant: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury**, *Rabindra Bharati University & MCRG, Kolkata*

- **Abdul Kalam Azad**, *Independent Researcher, Assam*  
-How Anti-immigrant Movements in Assam have made the Immigrants Resilient: A Post Draft-NRC Analysis

- **Jyotsna Srivastava**, *Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi*  
-Statelessness and Gendered Claim of States
- **M. Ibrahim Wani**, *University of Kashmir, Srinagar*  
-Migrants, Crises & Statelessness: Exploring Media Representations of Rohingya Refugees in India
- **Roopshree Joshi**, *World Education, Kathmandu*  
-‘We are Waiting’ - the Aspirations of Tibetan Children in Nepal

## Room – 2 || Module F

- 02:30 pm – 04:00 pm**                      **Presentation and Discussion of Research Papers**
- Migrants and Movements Across Asia: Common Features with the European Scenario**
- Chair & Discussant: Meghna Guhathakurta,**  
*Research Initiatives, Bangladesh, Dhaka*
- **Aditi Sabbarwal**, *UNHCR, New Delhi*  
-Refugee Livelihoods in India & Turkey - A Comparative Study
  - **Angela Smith**, *University of New South Wales, Sydney*  
-West Sentinel: An Island Solution?
  - **Santi Sarkar**, *Vidyasagar University, Midnapore*  
-Refugees, Asylum and Threat Perceptions: The Recent Cases of Rohingyas in South Asia and Syrian Refugees in Europe

**04:00 pm – 04:30 pm**                      **Tea**

**04:30 pm – 05:30 pm**                      **Face-to-Face Discussion on ‘Right to Return’ with Lucy Nusseibeh,** *Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND), East Jerusalem*

**Day 4: Wednesday, 28 November 2018 || Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency**

**09:30 am – 11:00 am**                      **Discussion of Position Papers for Modules A, B, C**  
**Chair: Priya Singh,** *MCRG, Kolkata*

**11:00 am – 11:30 am**                      **Tea**

**11:30 am – 01:00 pm**                      **Discussion of Position Papers for Modules D, E, F**  
**Chair: Priya Singh,** *MCRG, Kolkata*

**01:00 pm – 02:00 pm**                      **Lunch**

**02:00 pm – 07:00 pm**                      **Kolkata, A Migrant City: Field Trip**

# International Conference

(29-30 November 2018)

Day 1: Thursday, 29 November 2018 || Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency

09:00 am - 09:30 am	Registration & Tea
09:30 am - 11:00 am	Inaugural Session
09:30 am - 09:40 am	Chair: <b>Prasanta Ray</b> , <i>MCRG, Kolkata</i>
09:40 am – 09:50 am	Welcome Address: <b>Anita Sengupta</b> , <i>MCRG, Kolkata</i>
09:50 am – 10:00 am	Introductory Remarks: <b>Stefan Mentschel</b> , <i>Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, New Delhi</i>
10:00 am – 10:55 am	Inaugural Address: <b>Stefanie Kron</b> , <i>Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin</i>
	-Cities of Refuge and Solidarity: Achievements and Challenges ( <i>co-authored by Henrik Lebuhn, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin</i> )
10:55 am – 11:00 am	Vote of Thanks: <b>Apala Kundu</b> , <i>MCRG, Kolkata</i>
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Tea

## Room – 1 || Panel - I

11:30 am - 01:00 pm	<b>Global Compact on Refugees and Migrants: Promises and Paradoxes</b>
	<b>Moderator:</b> <b>Nasreen Chowdhory</b> , <i>University of Delhi, New Delhi &amp; MCRG, Kolkata</i>
	<b>Discussant:</b> <b>Manish K. Jha</b> , <i>Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai &amp; MCRG, Kolkata</i>
	▪ <b>Bandana Purkayastha</b> , <i>Sociology &amp; Asian/Asian American Studies, University of Connecticut, Connecticut</i> -Governing Refugees at a Distance
	▪ <b>Jennifer Hyndman</b> , <i>Departments of Social Science and Geography, &amp; Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto</i> -Deepening the Divide: Global Compacts and the Unofficial Pacts that Keep Refugees in Place

## Room – 2 || Panel - II

11:30 am - 01:00 pm

### **Racialisation of Migration: Race, Religion, Gender and Other Faultlines in Forced Migration**

**Moderator & Discussant: Sumona DasGupta,**  
*Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), New Delhi & MCRG, Kolkata*

- **Ranu Basu,** *Department of Geography, York University, Toronto*  
-Subalterity in Education within the Context of Displacement: From Ideology to Practice
- **Sanja Bojanić,** *Centre for Advanced Studies for South East Europe, University of Rijeka, Rijeka*  
-The Price to be Paid for a New Life

01:00 pm - 02:00 pm

Lunch

## Room – 1 || Panel - III

02:00 pm - 03:30 pm

### **Power and Responsibility in the Global Protection System: Need to Redefine the "Responsibility to Protect"**

**Moderator: Shibashis Chatterjee,**  
*Department of International Relations & Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata*

**Discussant: K M Parivelan,** *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai & MCRG Kolkata*

- **Jeevan Thiagarajah,** *Centre for Humanitarian Affairs (Gte), Colombo*  
-Protection as Responsibility: Fixing a Malfunctioning System
- **Ranabir Samaddar,** *MCRG, Kolkata*  
-Interrogating the Notion of Responsibility

## Room – 2 || Panel - IV

02:00 pm - 03:30 pm

### **Statelessness in South Asia: International Conventions and the Need for New Initiatives**

**Moderator: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury,**  
*Rabindra Bharati University & MCRG, Kolkata*

**Discussant: Sudeep Basu,** *School of Social Sciences, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar & MCRG, Kolkata*

- **Sahana Basavapatna,** *Factum Law, Bangalore & MCRG, Kolkata*  
-Confronting 'the man without a country': International Statelessness Law in 21<sup>st</sup> century South Asia



- **Sanjay Barbora**, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati & MCRG, Kolkata*  
- "Destinations: Where do displaced people go to in South Asia?"
- **Som Niroula**, *Alliance for Social Dialogue, Kathmandu*  
- Nepali Speaking South Bhutanese Refugee Population in Nepal: Possibilities of Statelessness

**03:30 pm - 04:00 pm**

**Tea**

**Room – 1 || Panel - V**

**04:00 pm - 06:00 pm**

**Global Capitalism and Refugee and Migrant Labor**

**Moderator: Anjan Chakrabarti**, *Department of Economics, Calcutta University, Kolkata*

**Discussant: Surabhi Singh**, *Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi*

- **Ayse Caglar**, *Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Vienna, Austria*  
- "Coloniality of Power", the Displaced and Claims of Justice
- **Byasdeb Dasgupta**, *Department of Economics, University of Kalyani, Kalyani & MCRG, Kolkata*  
- Refugee Economy – An Inside of Global Capitalism
- **Ilina Sen**, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai & MCRG, Kolkata*  
- Challenges Faced by Asian Women Domestic Workers in the Gulf: A Comparison of Experiences from South India (Kerala), Sri Lanka, and the Philippines
- **S Irudaya Rajan**, *Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA), Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram*  
- Dreaming Mobility and Buying Vulnerability: The State of the Global Protection System for Migrants

**Room – 2 || Panel - VI**

**04:00 pm - 06:00 pm**

**Refugee and Migrant 'Crisis' in the European/Mediterranean Region**

**Moderator: Sanjukta Bhattacharya**  
*Jadavpur University, Kolkata*

**Discussant: William Walters**, *Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Carleton University, Ottawa*

- **David Newman**, *Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University, Beersheba*  
- Borders at the Geographical and Geopolitical Interface: The Crisis of Refugee Migration between Europe, Asia and Africa

- **Federico Rahola**, *DISFOR, University of Genova, Genova*  
-The Leash and the Rip: Struggles and Conflicts Beneath Migrants and Asylum Seekers ‘Secondary Movements’
- **Giorgia Dona**, *Forced Migration and Refugee Studies & Centre for Migration, Refugees and Belonging, University of East London, London*  
-Techno-Border-Scapes: Protection, Survival and Belonging
- **Petar Bojanić**, *Centre for Ethics, Law and Applied Philosophy, Belgrade, & Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, Centre for Advanced Studies-South East Europe, University of Rijeka, Belgrade and Rijeka*  
-Some Conditions for a European Institutional Arrangements for Refugees

**Day 2: Friday, 30 November 2018 || Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency**

**Room – 1 || Panel - VII**

- 09:30 am - 11:00 am**                      **The Asian Migration Scenario: Afghanistan and Turkey**
- Moderator: Hari Sharma**, *Alliance for Social Dialogue, Social Science Baha, Kathmandu*
- Discussant: David Newman**, *Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University, Beersheba*
- **Mujib Ahmad Azizi**, *Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, Kabul*  
-Resource Crisis and Aspects of Internal Displacement in Afghanistan
  - **Paolo Novak**, *Development Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, London*  
-Afghan Migration in the Borderlands: Centre, Periphery and Back Again
  - **Priya Singh**, *MCRG, Kolkata*  
-Revisiting the Syrian Refugee Crisis

**Room – 2 || Roundtable Discussion**

- 09:30 am - 11:00 am**                      **The Asian Migration Scenario: NRC and Possibilities of Statelessness**
- Moderator: Paula Banerjee**, *Sanskrit University & MCRG, Kolkata*
- **Nasreen Chowdhory**, *University of Delhi, New Delhi & MCRG, Kolkata*  
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  - **Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury**, *Rabindra Bharati University & MCRG, Kolkata*  
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  - **Vipin Tripathi**, *IIT Delhi, New Delhi*

<b>11:00 am - 11:30 am</b>	<b>Tea</b>
<b>11:30 am - 01:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Discussion of the Draft Resolution of the Conference and Adoption</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Jennifer Hyndman</b>, <i>Departments of Social Science and Geography, &amp; Director, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto</i></p>
<b>01:00 pm - 02:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
	<b>Panel - VIII</b>
<b>02:00 pm - 03:00 pm</b>	<p><b>The Asian Migration Scenario: The Rohingya Refugee ‘Crisis’</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Paula Banerjee</b>, <i>Sanskrit University &amp; MCRG, Kolkata</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Meghna Guhathakurta</b>, <i>Research Initiatives Bangladesh, Dhaka</i> -The Imagined Terrain: Return, Citizenship and Justice in the Eyes of Rohingya Refugee Women</li> <li>▪ <b>Sumbul Rizvi</b>, <i>Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG), Dhaka</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Asif Munier</b>, <i>Consultant and Activist, Dhaka</i></li> </ul>
<b>03:00 pm - 04:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Special Lecture</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Sibaji Pratim Basu</b>, <i>Political Science with Rural Administration, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Itty Abraham</b>, <i>South East Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore</i> -From Abject to Agent: The Rohingya Quest to Become Digitally Visible</li> </ul>
<b>04:00 pm - 04:30 pm</b>	<b>Tea</b>
<b>04:30 pm - 06:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Concluding Session</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Prasanta Ray</b>, <i>MCRG, Kolkata</i></p>
<b>04:30 pm - 04:40 pm</b>	<b>Brief Remarks: Anita Sengupta</b> , <i>MCRG, Kolkata</i>
<b>04:40 pm - 04:50 pm</b>	<b>Release of Refugee Watch (Special Issue on Migrants, Communities and Political Ecology),</b>

**followed by Comments: Paula Banerjee, Sanskrit University & Editor, Refugee Watch, MCRG, Kolkata**

**4:50 pm – 5:05 pm**

**Release of the Resolution by Meghna Guhathakurta, Research Initiatives, Bangladesh, Dhaka**

**5:05 pm – 5:50 pm**

**Valedictory Address**

**William Walters, Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Carleton University, Ottawa**

-Towards an Aerial Geography of Forced Migration

**05:50 pm - 06:00 pm**

**Vote of Thanks: Aditi Mukherjee, MCRG, Kolkata**

## **Press Meet**

**on**

## **The State of the Global Protection System on Refugees and Migrants**

**06:00 pm - 06:15 pm**

**Tea & Snacks**

**6:15 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Jennifer Hyndman, Departments of Social Science and Geography, & Director, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto**

**Laurence Juma, Rhodes University, Grahamstown**

**Ranabir Samaddar, MCRG, Kolkata**

**William Walters, Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Carleton University, Ottawa**