

**CRG's Research and Orientation Programme in Migration and Forced Migration
Studies: Annual Planning Meeting
(In collaboration with RLS, IWM, and Other Universities and Institutions)
26-27 January 2021
Venue: Ras Manch –I Swambhumi, Kolkata**

26 January

1. 3-3.30 pm: Tea, registration and welcome session

Chair: Byasdeb Dasgupta, University of Kalyani, Kalyani and President Calcutta Research Group.

Welcome Note by Byasdeb Dasgupta, University of Kalyani, Kalyani and President Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata.

Introduction to the planning meeting by Ranabir Samaddar, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata.

2. 3.30-5 pm: Sixth winter workshop and conference (review and new suggestions for this year's workshop - the sixth research and orientation workshop - scheduled on 15-20 November 2021) / six themes of the workshop)

Chair: Manish K Jha, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Member Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata.

Introductory comments on the last year's workshop and the general programme by Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata and Member Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata.

- (a) Protection and punishment: race, caste, migration, and policing; (this will include issues of screening, deportation, detention, and protection; global situation and specific situations; exclusion and differential inclusion; Court rulings;
- (b) Access to public provision and distribution of food, public health, and education for refugees and migrant workers including undocumented migrant workers;
- (c) Refugees and migrants as political subjects; the phenomenon of solidarities, and alliance building
- (d) Ethics of care and protection (as ideology and an ensemble of practices);
- (e) Migration, law, and critical jurisprudence, in which legal anthropology will be an important component;
- (f) Envisioning protection in the light of the experiences of 2020.

5.00 pm -5.30 pm: Tea

3. 5.30-7 pm: Annual Research Programme of 2021

Chair: Sibaji Pratim Basu, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore and Member Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata.

Introductory note by Samir Kumar Das, University of Calcutta and Honorary Director, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata.

- (a) Precarious Conditions and the legality/Illegality and visibility/invisibility divide of migrants and refugees with special reference to refugee and migrant labour
- (b) Unequal Care, unequal protection, and unequal rights
- (c) Lawless oceans and seas: fishermen, migrants, and boat peoples
- (d) Care during the pandemic: cooperation, solidarity, and justice
- (e) Pandemic, economic restructuring, and migrant labour
- (f) Public health, education, and migrants and refugees
- (g) Cities, migrants, citizens, and aliens; sanctuary cities
- (h) Covid-19 jurisprudence
- (i) Bangladesh refugee crisis in 1971
- (j) The long 2020

Discussant/Summarization of the discussion by KM Parivelan, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Member Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata.

27 January

4. 9.30-11 am: Discussion on the Media Programme and Teachers' Workshop in 2021

Chair: Atig Ghosh, Visva-Bharati University, Shantiniketan and Member Calcutta Research Group.

- a) Reports of the working groups on the teacher's online course by Samata Biswas, The Sanskrit College and University and Member Calcutta Research Group.
- b) Reports of the working groups on the media programme by Rajat Kanti Sur, Calcutta Research Group and Rajat Ray, Eminent Journalist.

Discussants /Summarization of the discussion by Kaustubh Mani Sengupta, Bankura University, Bankura and Gopal Krishna, Toxic Watch, Patna.

11 am- 11.30 am: Tea

5. 11.30 am-1 pm: Discussion on last year's programmes on translation, preparation of the two Readers on media and law, and reporting on the audio-visual material for instruction

Chair: Nasreen Chowdhory, University of Delhi, Delhi and Vice-President, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata.

- a) Reports by Rajat Sur and Rajat Roy on Bengali and Hindi translations of the publications by Calcutta Research Group.
- b) Reports by Samata Biswas and Iman Mitra on audio-visual material for instruction.

Discussants/ Summarization of the discussion by Anamika Priyadarshini, Centre for Catalyzing Change, Patna and Sucharita Sengupta, The Graduate Institute, Geneva and Member Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata.

1pm – 2 pm Lunch

6. 2-3.30 pm: Discussion on creative activities in 2021 (mapping exercise, mobile photo-exhibition, and living archive)

Chair: Samata Biswas, The Sanskrit College and University and Member Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata.

Discussant/ Summarization of the discussion by Shreya Ghosh, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Migrant Workers Solidarity Network, New Delhi.

3.30 pm -3.45 pm: Tea

7. 4-6 pm (online session) Strengthening collaboration for the annual programme of Calcutta Research Group

Chair & Introductory note: Paula Banerjee, University of Calcutta and Member, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata.

- (a) South Asian and Southeast Asian participation in the overall programme.
- (b) Strengthening the Europe-Asia platform.
- (c) Proposal of a mid-year orientation camp of young scholars and solidarity activists of three regions – Europe, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.
- (d) Proposal for joint publications.
- (e) Greater participation from these regions in the winter workshop.
- (f) Miscellaneous.

Discussant/ Summarization of the discussion by Anwesha Sengupta, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata.

8. 6-6.30 pm: Concluding remarks by Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, Rabindra Bharati University and Member Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata.

6.30-6.35: Vote of Thanks