

Insecurities and Securities: Life, Livelihood and Planetary Concerns
A Conference organised by Calcutta Research Group (CRG)
28-30 September 2026, Kolkata, India

As the world stands at a critical juncture with traditional frameworks of governance, economics, and safety increasingly spiralling out of sync with lived realities—from fractured global geopolitical stability to the accelerating pulse of climate crisis—the definitions of security and development also get called for assessments. This conference is part of CRG’s sustained work on migration studies and is part of the research programme “Reimagining Security: Rights, Livelihood and Planetary Concerns (2026)” in collaboration with several institutes and universities. The conference seeks to move beyond academic and analytical critique towards reimaginings that bring together endeavours beyond theoretical explorations, through experiences of field, case studies and applications of audio-visual media, art and literature for documentation and expressions that offer new insights into policies, legal interventions and stories of championing peace and justice. This conference will aim to explore the intersections where human rights meet ecological limits, and where livelihoods, resource allocation and development avenues intersect with the possibilities of building on peace and security.

A collection of select essays shall be published in a volume or journal issue and CRG shall have the first right to refusal. The conference shall feature two segments: research paper presentations and creative sessions where participants will be presenting and discussing the creative pieces. The conference shall also have book discussion, film screening, face-to-face conversations.

The Calcutta Research Group (CRG) invites applications from frontline activists, journalists and media-persons, early career researchers, environment conservationists, social scientists and legal practitioners working in advocacy and consultation, economists, urban planners, development practitioners, on the following sub-themes that are distinct, yet cut across the sessions.

1. Insecurities of Life, Population on the Margins and Rights in Flux
2. Livelihoods, Resource Allocation and New Forms of Governance
3. Urban Regulations, City Planning and Sustainable Development
4. Laws, Conventions, Ecology and Climate Concerns
5. Labour, Solidarities and Ways to Security
6. Gender and Caste as Faultlines in the Map of Urban Security

Submit your applications through the [Google Form](#). **Application Deadline: 30 April 2026.**

Selected participants are expected to submit their presentations latest by 31 August 2026 in either of the formats mentioned below:

1. Research Article [5500-6000 words]
2. Creative Pieces [Reports or photo essays (3000-3500 words), Short documentaries (15-20 minutes’ duration), Interview/podcasts (15-20 minutes’ duration)].

Important Dates

Application Deadline: 30 April 2026.

Submission of Full Paper/Creative Pieces: 31 August 2026.

CRG will provide accommodation in Kolkata for 4 nights [Check-In: 27 September 2026; Check-Out: 1 October 2026]. No travel costs shall be covered for the conference.