

List of the Calcutta Research Group's holdings (documents) on city/urban

Policies and Practices published by CRG:

Sl. No.	Name	Author	Date Published	Link to the document
1.	Kolkata and Mumbai: Climate Disaster Mitigation in Coastal Megacities of India.	Shatabdi Das	2023	Kolkata and Mumbai: Climate Disaster Mitigation in Coastal Megacities of India
2.	Platformed Precarity: A Tale of Two Cities in India.	Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury	2023	Platformed Precarity: A Tale of Two Cities in India
3.	Kolkata and Climate Crisis.	Shatabdi Das	2022	Kolkata and Climate Crisis Shatabdi Das
4.	Urban Renewal Stage in City's Life & Its Impact on Slums and Slum Dwellers: A Case Study of Noida City.	Johny K. D. and Ankita Singh	2022	Urban Renewal Stage in City's Life & Its Impact on Slums and Slum Dwellers: A Case Study of Noida City
5.	The Urban Turn.	Subir Sinha, Livio Boni, and Ranabir Samaddar	2018	http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP96.pdf
6.	People, Politics and Protests IV: Occupy College Street: Notes from the Sixties.	Ranabir Samaddar	2017	People, Politics and Protests IV - Occupy College Street: Notes from the Sixties
7.	The Importance of Being Siliguri, or the Lack Thereof: Border-Effect and the "Untimely" City in North Bengal.	Atig Ghosh	2016	The Importance of Being Siliguri, or the Lack Thereof Border-Effect and the "Untimely" City in North Bengal
8.	People, Politics and Protests I: Calcutta & West Bengal, 1950s-1960s.	Sucharita Sengupta, Paula Banerjee, and Anwesha Sengupta	2016	People, Politics and Protests I : Calcutta and West Bengal, 1950s - 1960s
9.	Kolkata as a Logistical Hub with Special Reference to the Kolkata Port – Chapter 2, In	Iman Kumar Mitra & Mithilesh Kumar	2016	http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP78.pdf

	Logistical Spaces III: Hubs, Connectivity and Transit.			
10.	Cities, Rural Migrants and the Urban Poor – III: Migration and the Urban Question in Delhi.	Amit Prakash, Ishita Dey, and Mithilesh Kumar	2016	Cities, Rural Migrants & the Urban Poor-III : Migration & the Urban Question in Delhi
11.	Cities, Rural Migrants and the Urban Poor – II: Migration and the Urban Question in Mumbai.	Manish K. Jha & Pushpendra, Mouleshri Vyas, Ritambhara Hebbar & Mahuya Bandyopadhyay, Simpreet Singh	2015	Homeless Migrants in Mumbai: Life and Labour in Urban Space
12.	Cities, Rural Migrants and the Urban Poor – I: Migration and the Urban Question in Kolkata.	Kaustubh Mani Sengupta, Iman Kumar Mitra & Debarati Bagchi	2015	http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP72.pdf
13.	The Stateless People – Rohingyas in Hyderabad, India – Chapter 2, In Rohingyas in India: Birth of a Stateless Community.	Priyanca Mathur Velath and Kriti Chopra.	2015	http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP71.pdf
14.	Policing a Riot-torn City: Kolkata, 16-18 August 1946.	Ranabir Samaddar	2015	Policing a Riot-torn City: Kolkata, 16-18 August 1946 Ranabir Samaddar
15.	Accumulation under Post-Colonial Capitalism – IV: Mobile Labour and the New Urban.	Mithilesh Kumar, Shruti Dubey, Sushmita Pati	2014	Accumulation under Post-Colonial Capitalism-IV Mobile Labour and the New Urban
16.	Social Impact of the City Planning Machinery: Case Study of Road-Widening in Bangalore.	Sanam Roohi	2013	Social Impact of the City Planning Machinery (Case Study of Road-Widening in Bangalore)
17.	The Chronicle of a Forgotten Movement: 1959 Food Movement Revisited.	Sibaji Pratim Basu	2012	The Chronicle of a Forgotten Movement: 1959 Food Movement Revisited
18.	Place of Poor in Urban Space.	Manish K. Jha	2011	Place of Poor in Urban Space

19.	Tales of Two Cities.	Ishita Dey and Sanam Roohi, Tiina Kanninen	2009	Tales of Two Cities
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Research Reports:

Sl. No.	Title of the Report	Year published	Link to the report
1.	The Ordinary City and Explorations of an Urban Future.	2017	http://www.mcr g.ac.in/Rural_Migrant s/Ford_Final_Report.pdf
2.	Cities, Rural Migrants and the Urban Poor: Issues of Violence and Social Justice – Research briefs with policy implications.	2015	Cities, Rural Migrants and the Urban Poor: Issues of Violence and Social Justice

Articles published in the journal Refugee Watch:

Sl. No.	Article	Author	Issue Name and Number	Page No.	Date Published	Download link
1.	Between Cities and Borders: Environmental Migration and Urban Mobility in the GBM Delta.	Somali Bhattacharyya	Issue 64 & 65 (Special issue); Teaching Migration: Responding to a Mobile Time	112-128	June and December 2024	http://www.mcr g.ac.in/rw%20files/RW64_65/RW64_65.pdf
2.	Calcutta Riots of August 1946: Muslim Experiences from the Troubled Times.	Sohini Majumdar	Issue 61 & 62; Politics, Space, Memory: Identity Making in the Wake of Partition	14-33	June and December 2023	http://www.mcr g.ac.in/rw%20files/RW61_62/RW61_62.pdf
3.	City as a Method.	Ayşe Çağlar	Issue 58; A Special Issue on Displacements & Disposessions	48-56	December 2021	http://www.mcr g.ac.in/rw%20files/RW58/RW58.pdf
4.	Refugee Labour and the Politics of Care in Satellite Cities: The Case Study of Eskişehir, Turkey.	Meriç Çağlar Chesley	Issue 58; A Special Issue on Displacements & Disposessions	71-90	December 2021	http://www.mcr g.ac.in/rw%20files/RW58/RW58.pdf

5.	Pandemics, Public Health, and Sanitation Workers in Mumbai: Crisis of Work and Life.	Mouleshri Vyas & Manish K. Jha	Issue 57; A Special Issue on Public Health	14-33	June 2021	http://www.mcr.g.ac.in/rw%20files/RW57/RW57.pdf
6.	Trust and Everyday Healthcare at a Resettlement Colony in Delhi.	Ishita Dey	Issue 57; A Special Issue on Public Health	34-43	June 2021	http://www.mcr.g.ac.in/rw%20files/RW57/RW57.pdf
7.	Calcutta: Migrant City.	Samata Biswas	Issue 55; Contemporary Perspectives on Internal Displacements in South Asia	108-114	June 2020	http://www.mcr.g.ac.in/rw%20files/RW55/RW55.pdf
8.	Remaking Caste and Work: Calcutta Municipal Methars and Their Strikes in 1920.	Tanika Sarkar	Issue 50; Refugees, Migrants, Violence and The Transformation of Cities	30-43	December 2017	http://www.mcr.g.ac.in/rw%20files/RW50/RW50.pdf
9.	Criminalizing the Migrant: Street Carriers and the Colonial State in 19th-20th Century Calcutta and Bengal.	Somdatta Chakraborty	Issue 50; Refugees, Migrants, Violence and The Transformation of Cities	44-57	December 2017	http://www.mcr.g.ac.in/rw%20files/RW50/RW50.pdf
10.	The Small Town in India: 'Subaltern Urbanisation' and Beyond.	Ritam Sengupta	Issue 50; Refugees, Migrants, Violence and The Transformation of Cities	58-79	December 2017	http://www.mcr.g.ac.in/rw%20files/RW50/RW50.pdf
11.	A Colonial, Modern and Urban Interface: Jaffa and the Politics of Exclusion.	Priya Singh	Issue 50; Refugees, Migrants, Violence and The Transformation of Cities	80-90	December 2017	http://www.mcr.g.ac.in/rw%20files/RW50/RW50.pdf
12.	Need of a Gender Centric Approach under Resettlement Policy.	Gargi Sengupta	Issue 50; Refugees, Migrants, Violence and The Transformation of Cities	91-100	December 2017	http://www.mcr.g.ac.in/rw%20files/RW50/RW50.pdf

13.	The Plight of Dwelling: East-Bengali Refugees and the Struggle for Land in Kolkata.	Annemiek Prins	Issue 43 & 44	32-52	June & December 2014	
14.	Reality of Protection: Case of Urban Refugees Residing in Nepal.	Laxman Lamichhane	Issue 42	17-30	December 2013	
15.	Eviction, Housing and Livelihood in Chennai.	V. Francis Adaikalam	Issue 36; Refugee, Memory and the State	31-52	December 2010	
16.	Organizing for Exile! "Self-Help" among Tibetan Refugees in an Indian Town.	Sudeep Basu	Issue 35	1-13	June 2010	

Articles published in the blog Refugee Watch Online:

Sl. No.	Name of the Article	Author	Date Published	Link to the post
1.	Kitaiskii Bazar	Anita Sengupta	March 2017	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2017/03/30/kitaiskii-bazar/
2.	The sweat of Kolkata: Paying homage to its people and their "labour-power"	Giorgio Grappi	March 2017	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2017/03/09/the-sweat-of-kolkata-paying-homage-to-its-people-and-their-labour-power/
3.	Finding Home: Place-Making Among Afghan Refugees in Delhi	Srajan Srivastava	September 2025	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2025/09/27/finding-home-place-making-among-afghan-refugees-in-delhi/

4.	Threading the Daily Life through Home-Based Work	Tahseen Fatima	November 2025	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2025/11/26/threading-the-daily-life-through-home-based-work/
5.	Migrant Identities in Transition: A Study of Hindu Pakistani Communities in Delhi	Pulkit Buttan	August 2025	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2025/08/25/oral-narrative-migrant-identities-in-transition-a-study-of-hindu-pakistani-communities-in-delhi/
6.	“Running along the Algorithmic Way” – A Book Review	Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury	May 2024	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2024/05/02/running-along-the-algorithmic-way-a-book-review/
7.	Hooghly: A river, a book, an exhibition and a sonic experiment	Samata Biswas	December 2021	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2021/12/29/hooghly-a-river-a-book-an-exhibition-and-a-sonic-experiment/
8.	‘As Mizo as I could be’: Territorial gatekeepers and the social suffering of Chins in Aizawl	Lallian Thangsing	April 2018	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2018/04/02/as-mizo-as-i-could-be-territorial-gatekeepers-and-the-social-suffering-of-chins-in-aizawl/
9.	Book Launch: Armenians of Calcutta, by Alakananda Nag	Tamoha Majumdar	May 2022	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2022/05/31/book-launch-armenians-in-calcutta-by-alakananda-nag/
10.	Violence in the City: Calcutta Riots of 1946 and Experiences of Muslim Residents	Sohini Majumdar	July 2021	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2021/07/15/violence-in-the-city-calcutta-riots-of-1946-and-experiences-of-muslim-residents/
11.	‘Care’ for Tourists or Refugees? Diary of a traveler from Cox’s Bazar	Sucharita Sengupta	March 2025	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2025/03/31/care-for-tourists-or-

				refugees-diary-of-a-traveler-from-coxs-bazar/
12.	A Walk Along the Chitpur Lockgate Trail	Debasree Sarkar	December 2025	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2025/12/24/a-walk-along-the-chitpur-lockgate-trail/
13.	Mizoram Diary: Traversing the Frontiers	Snehashish Mitra	May 2018	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2018/05/23/mizoram-diary-traversing-the-frontiers/
14.	Webinar on ‘The Chinese Heritage of Bombay’ as a part of ‘Uncovering Urban Legacies’	Rishiraj Sen	June 2022	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2022/06/30/webinar-on-the-chinese-heritage-of-bombay-as-a-part-of-uncovering-urban-legacies/
15.	Bhalobashar Shohor: a filmic paeen to modern everyday heroes	Asmita Das	May 2018	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2018/05/11/bhalobashar-shohor-a-filmic-paeen-to-modern-everyday-heroes/
16.	Migrant worker deaths: The dark underbelly of Qatar Football World Cup	Bharat Bhushan	November 2022	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2022/11/08/migrant-worker-deaths-the-dark-underbelly-of-qatar-football-world-cup/
17.	A Report: How One State can Learn from Another – Migrant Workers in Kolkata	Swati Bhattacharjee and Abhijnan Sarkar	April 2020	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2020/04/20/a-report-how-one-state-can-learn-from-another-migrant-workers-in-kolkata/
18.	A Report on “The Unseen Game: Infrastructure, Labour, and the City”	Supratik Sinha	December 2022	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2022/12/27/a-report-on-the-unseen-game-infrastructure-labour-and-the-city/
19.	Tale of a Migrant City: CRG’s documentary on refugee	Shreya Das	January 2021	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2021/01/

	colonies			10/tale-of-a-migrant-city-crgs-documentary-on-refugee-colonies/
20.	Between Two Worlds: Love, Loss and Longing	Blessy Mathew	May 2024	https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/2024/05/15/between-two-worlds-love-loss-and-longing/
21.	Dark World of Women Workers in a Modern City	Arup Kumar Sen	January 2017	https://refugeewatchonline.blogspot.com/2017/01/dark-world-of-women-workers-in-modern_6.html
22.	Homeless Migrants in Mumbai: Life and Labour in Urban Space	Manish K. Jha and Pushpendra	November 2016	https://refugeewatchonline.blogspot.com/2016/11/homeless-migrants-in-mumbai-life-and_22.html
23.	Settling the Bazaar: The Colony Market and the Refugees	Tista Das	September 2016	https://refugeewatchonline.blogspot.com/2016/09/settling-bazaar-colony-market-and_11.html
24.	The Fort of Freedom: A study of 'Refugeehood' through the formation of 'Azadgarh Colony'	Sucharita Sengupta	September 2016	https://refugeewatchonline.blogspot.com/2016/09/the-fort-of-freedom-study-on.html
25.	Outside the Pail: Refugees beyond Camp or Colony in Post-Partition Calcutta	Kaustubh Mani Sengupta	September 2016	https://refugeewatchonline.blogspot.com/2016/09/outside-pail-refugees-beyond-camp-or.html
26.	Urbanization: Constructing the city and lives of the people	Anish Bhandari	April 2016	https://refugeewatchonline.blogspot.com/2016/04/urbanization-constructing-city-and.html
27.	A Place for the Poor: Slum Dwelling in Dhaka City	Annemiek Prins	April 2014	https://refugeewatchonline.blogspot.com/2014/04/a-place-for-poor-slum-dwelling-in-dhaka.html
28.	Riots and Displacement: Voices from the Camps of the Muzzafarnagar	Umakantha V	December 2013	https://refugeewatchonline.blogspot.com/2013/12/riots-and-displacement-voices-from.html

29.	Forced Eviction and the Right to Housing: A Study of Ejjipura in Bangalore	Priyanca Mathur Velath	December 2013	https://refugeewatchonline.blogspot.com/2013/12/forced-eviction-and-right-to-housing.html
30.	Access to Health Care for Refugees in New Delhi	Sahana Basavapatna	March 2009	https://refugeewatchonline.blogspot.com/2009/03/access-to-health-care-for-refugees-in.html

Link to the City Lights lecture series

Inspired by Charlie Chaplin's 1931 film of the same name, the City Lights lecture series explores the poetics of precarity in urban environments. It focuses on the creation and transformation of the city, considering its historical context, social and economic inequalities, physical features, and ongoing development. The lectures examine how the past influences the present and how the city is constantly evolving through planning exercises, infrastructure projects, and technological advancements. Finally, it delves into the complex interplay between the city's history, its present state, and its future aspirations. The entire series of lectures can be found here: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBF-WP5vW1ksNy4fzKV6CxtadVivJ0Ukj&si=Z8tCITa7_x4txRPP

Links to lectures from the online course on 'Making and Unmaking of Cities' organised by CRG in February-March 2025

1. Inaugural Lecture - 'What are Urban Virtues?' by Simon Goldhill, University of Cambridge <https://youtu.be/E-aC6dmQfG4?si=8GYRRTt435iDBJYz>
2. 'Urbanism and the Infrastructural Fetish' by Himanshu Burte, IIT Bombay <https://youtu.be/xCAjUfYidVE?si=L0mNHQM2L2Arqquk>
3. 'Rent as a Category of Analysis in Urban Improvement' by Iman K. Mitra, Shiv Nadar University https://youtu.be/Db8V1TmuA-I?si=aRnLHT3Fi_EAhENN
4. 'Urban Labour in Kolkata: New Forms of Precarity in a Postindustrial City' by Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, Rabindra Bharati University https://youtu.be/2DVB_8e9SoA?si=Hv1BbXHtj0ydUsry
5. 'City, Environment and Climate Change' by Shatabdi Das, Calcutta Research Group https://youtu.be/J1dl5B_-KxU?si=BR0IjIFaes8n8U
6. 'Maids in Movement: Modes of Collectivisation and Strategies of Resistance' by Samita Sen, University of Cambridge https://youtu.be/tAGJMF9kOpg?si=KNbn_CYghk2fi3uo
7. 'Urban Political Ecology in an Age of Climate Change' by Roger Keil, York University <https://youtu.be/Cq0d5zC67qQ?si=Stz6PYtWMJBF8qMD>
8. 'Urban Divides: Continuity, Changes, and Building Solidarity' by Mouleshri Vyas, Tata Institute of Social Sciences <https://youtu.be/i9Jc1AWu7lw?si=W7AEYAxHGsaB2-il>

9. Keynote lecture - 'Spatial Justice' by Diane E. Davis, Harvard University
https://youtu.be/jrAG3KOOOV0?si=NIEibkJPg4iR_wn0
10. 'The Resilient City?: Covid-19 and the Migrant Female Subalterns in Kolkata' by Paula Banerjee, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok <https://youtu.be/OS8vrP5UFAA?si=hXdw2-FdcEjXYBgQ>
11. 'Streets and the Making of Cities' by Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay, IISER Mohali
<https://youtu.be/ZhKCjYgQ77A?si=rL2z5AnVg2EKiC9C>
12. 'Hinterland and City: Internal Migrations and Urban Ecology' by John Hutnyk, Ton Duc Thang University, Vietnam <https://youtu.be/zYp9Y3GxNNg?si=ebVnylOJOr8ka3Z>
13. 'City Fictions, Cities in Fiction' by Samata Biswas, Sanskrit College and University
<https://youtu.be/ef6YNwL4rw?si=tv3Qx4FmbPVAvg9H>