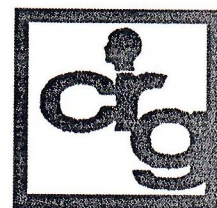


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1. INTRODUCTION

The 25th year of CRG's work in academic research was dotted with a host of events which were largely based on a few cardinal thematic concerns like climate change related migration, labour policies and subsequent displacement, displacement induced by the Covid-19 Pandemic and the aftermath of it, etc. The term of 2022–23 was designed in a way to meet the requirements of the ongoing Research Projects of CRG in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung [RLS]-South Asia, the Institute of Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, Deutsche Welle Akademie, European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations [EMMIR], Knowledge Democracy Collective, etc. The engagements can be broadly divided into two sections—research related events which included Workshops, Conferences, and Webinars, and Public Lectures; and project-based works which included publications of research, translations, etc.

While the research events were carried out by way of release of CFPs, invitations, etc., whereby scholars, academics, practitioners, and activists from the world over joined in both offline and online modes, the project section came to fruition through the engagement of researchers (staff and contracted) who through their expertise and field studies contributed to the existing gamut of research on Migration and Forced Migration Studies which is CRG's unflinching forte.

This report is a comprehensive account of all the programmes, events, publications, and other activities that the institute undertook in 2022–23. The detailed report has accounts of CRG's collaborations with other institutes on research programmes and activities—by the institute, researchers, members, and the Distinguished Chair. The report also has accounts of CRG's library and assets.

2. ANNUAL RESEARCH AND ORIENTATION WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL PROTECTION OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

The Annual Research and Orientation Programme on Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants is the flagship programme of CRG that aims to bring into focus a critical discourse on migration and displacement. In 2022 the Seventh phase of the programme was organised in collaboration with the Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung and other universities and institutions in India from November 13-19, 2022, in Kolkata, India. The programme is divided in two sections: 1] Four day “Workshop on Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants” [13–17 November 2022]; 2] Three-day Seventh Critical Studies Conference on “Migrant Asias: Refugees, Statelessness and Migrant Labour Regimes” [17-19 November 2022]. Participants in the workshop were selected from among applicants from South and South-East Asia, Europe, America, Nepal and assigned to modules based on their preferences, and their research interests.

2.1. Seventh Annual Research and Orientation Workshop on Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants

This year CRG designed and organised a distance segment of the Workshop prior to the physical event in Kolkata in November. The programme was divided into six working groups based on five thematic Modules, viz., A, B, C, D, E [Module E had two optional choice themes to select from] and each thematic module being assigned their respective coordinators.

Module A: Protection and Punishment: The Faultlines of Caste, Gender, Religion and Race
Coordinator: Nasreen Chowdhory.

Module B: Globalisation and Migrant Economy with Special Focus on Labour and Platform Economy

Coordinators: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury and Arup K. Sen.

Module C: Law and Jurisprudence on Protection of Refugees and Migrants

Coordinator: Sahana Basavapatna.

Module D: Statelessness

Coordinator: K. M. Parivelan.

Module E

Module E1: Pandemic, Migrants, Refugees and Public Health

Coordinator: Samir Kumar Das.

Or

Module E2: Ethics of Care and Protection

Coordinators: Manish K. Jha and Mouleshri Vyas.

Distant Segment [July–October 2022]

With the idea to remotely provide effective mentorship to the participants and guide them in formulating their research plan and in writing their abstracts and papers the distant segment of the Workshop was conducted from July–October 2022 prior to the physical event in November 2022. To this end, an online meeting with the participants and the resource persons was organised on 21 July 2022, where the design and the deliverables of the Workshop were explained. Following that, each module had three virtual meetings between the participants and the module tutors from July to September 2022. Besides these formal meetings, the tutors also mentored the participants through individual email communications throughout the distance segment of the programme. At the end of the distance segment, three participants discontinued due to personal issues and the Workshop moved onto the next phase with the remaining 24 participants. Two participants, from Afghanistan and Bulgaria, participated online.

The Seventh Annual Workshop [Offline Event, 13-17 November 2022]

The Workshop began with a lecture by Joris Schapendonk [Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, Radboud University, Nijmegen] on “Mobility and Resonance: How to Re-view Migrant Positionality and European Border Regimes”. The inaugural lecture was chaired by Byasdeb Dasgupta [Professor, Department of Economics, Kalyani University and CRG]. The Module sessions of the Workshop had two sections. The first section had Module lecture delivered by the respective Module tutors. The second part was reserved for research presentations by the participants. There were no parallel sessions. Khalid Beza [Module E2] and Alexandra Cooper [Module C] attended online. Tom Vickers [Associate Professor of Sociology, Nottingham Trent University, UK] was the evaluator for the Workshop. Special lectures were delivered by Amena Mohsin [Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh], Megan Bradley [Associate Professor and William Dawson Scholar, Political Science and International Development Studies, McGill University, Canada], Ayse Caglar [Professor of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna and Permanent Fellow, IWM]. Selected lectures were livestreamed on CRG’s Facebook page and uploaded on the institutes YouTube page.

The **Workshop Field Trip** was organised with the support of Know Your Neighbour to the Kolkata Port and the surrounding areas at Khidderpore, a trail through the migrant quarters of Kolkata which can be dated to the early years of the nineteenth century. The dock area under the Kolkata Port Trust is dotted with memorials to mark the transit route of the migrant labours since the mid-nineteenth century to overseas plantation colonies in Mauritius, Surinam, etc. 50 people participated in that tour.

The Telegraph published a long report on this field trip. For report, see: <https://www.telegraphindia.com/my-kolkata/news/kolkata-researchers-students-explore-port-areas-of-kidderpore-and-metiabruz/cid/1899114>

2.2. Seventh Critical Studies Conference: “Migrant Asias: Refugees, Statelessness and Migrant Labour Regimes” [17-19 November 2022]

The Conference was part of the 25 years of CRG in the field of migration and forced migration studies. The Conference envisaged to bring together scholars and activists to engage in a discussion on forced migration in Asia to critically look into how it is changing/forming/impacting the political and social contours of the region. Asia, with its multiple border regimes has become the key region of migrant origin, transit, and destination, and hence offers a varied and complex account of multiple mobilities that sometimes unfold simultaneously. The key theme of the Conference was: What motivates Asians to migrate? How do they organise their move and how are these migrants of differing hues “managed” or “cared for”? Can a migration lens offer us newer insights into what constitutes “Asia” as a region and whether it is more appropriate to study “Asias” instead of as “Asia”?

A total of 84 abstracts were received of which 20 were finally selected by the Selection Committee which comprised of Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury [Honorary Director, CRG and Professor, Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata], Samata Biswas [Assistant Professor, Department of English, The Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata and CRG] Ishita Dey [Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, South Asia University, Delhi and CRG], Sahana Basavapatna [Lawyer, Bengaluru and CRG], Sanam Roohi [Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, CEMIS, University of Gottingen, German and CRG] Anup Shekhar Chakraborty [Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Political Studies, Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata and CRG] and Sabir Ahamed [National Research Coordinator, Pratichi Trust, Kolkata and CRG]. The Selection Committee Meeting was held on June 7, 2022. A total number of 30 presentations were made during the Conference which included the selected papers, presentations by contracted researchers and CRG’s staff researchers. Additionally, there were 2 selected Panels. 13 presentations were made during the Conference out of the 20 selected abstracts. 6 presentations were made by Contracted Researchers, 2 from RLS and from 4 IWM. 1 online presentation was made by IWM Visiting Fellow Kamal Thapa Kshetri who could not travel to Kolkata but presented his research in the conference. CRG researchers, Rituparna Datta and Shatabdi Das also presented their papers. Emirilda Thabah, intern, CRG, also made her presentation. Samata Biswas also read her paper. The presentations were done through 10 panels out of which there were 6 parallel sessions and 4 standalone sessions on the themes of migration, migrant labour, solidarity and agency, refugee camps and protection policies, Partition and mobility in the region [Asia]. The participants of the Workshop also attended the Conference sessions. Participants from India, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Germany, Nepal, and other countries joined the Conference physically or online. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Sevasti Trubeta [Professor of Childhood and Migration, Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences, Germany on 17 November 2022.

The Jayanta Dasgupta Memorial Lecture on Labour and Labour Migration was delivered by Lydia Potts [Lecturer, Migration and Gender Studies in Cultural Studies and Social Sciences, Carl Von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg]. The valedictory lecture was delivered by Ranabir Samaddar [Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration, CRG]. All public lectures in the November Workshop and Conference were live streamed on CRG’s Facebook channel. The Workshop and Conference ended with the certificate distribution ceremony chaired by Paula Banerjee [Professor, Department of South and South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta, Kolkata and CRG], and Byasdeb Dasgupta distributed the certificate. The video message from the Resident Representative of RLS was played during the certificate distribution ceremony. The Workshop and Conference venue was Hotel Monotel [2, DM Block, Sector V, Bidhannagar, Kolkata, West Bengal 700091]. Participants of the workshop and Module Tutors stayed there. Conference participants stayed at Hotel The Sojourn [Plot No, KB 23, KB Block, Sector III, Bidhannagar, Kolkata, West Bengal 700098].

For report, see:

http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/CRG%207th%20Winter%20Workshop%20Report%202022.pdf

CRG's media segment, executed in collaboration with the Rosa-Luxemburg Stiftung-South Asia and the Institute of Human Sciences, Vienna. The segment is divided into two parts—Media Fellowship and Media Workshop.

3.1. Media Fellowship

For the year 2022, CRG selected 4 media fellows, 3 of whom were assigned under RLS and 1 under IWM. The media fellows under the **CRG-RLS media fellowship** programme were **Pallavi Sareen**, **Wahida Parveez**, and **Banhi Sarkar**. Pallavi Sareen [The Straight Line, Jammu & Kashmir] submitted a research report on the Gujjar Bakarwals of the Kashmir valley and has been published in the Policies and Practices series. Wahida Parveez [Doctoral Fellow, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi and Green Hub, Assam] made a short documentary on the issues of citizenship in Assam. The documentary is available in CRG repository. Banhi Sarkar [Independent Journalist and Researcher] did a photo essay on the gendered pattern of migration in the Sundarbans.

Muna Sunuwar [Journalist, Republica English Daily Nepal Republic Media] was the **IWM media fellow**. She was awarded a short-term media grant for an investigative study on the theme “Climate Migration, Disaster, Displacement and Media” Her research was on “Effects of Climate Change, and Pandemic on Nepali Migrant Workers and Their Families”. A part of her work “Melamchi Flash Floods Revisited: Accounts of Government Inaction and a Longing to Go Back” was published in a digital photobook *Waters off the Valley, Traversing the Delta* by CRG.

For details, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/IWM_Media_Researchs_2022.asp.

http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/RLS_Migration_2022_Media.asp

Pallavi Sareen's Report, see: <http://www.mcrg.ac.in/PP132.pdf>

Banhi Sarkar's photo essay,

http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/Media%20Fellowship/Full%20Papers/Banhi%20Sarkar%20Home%20and%20the%20World%20Photo%20Essay.pdf

3.2. Climate Migration, Disaster, Displacement and the Role of the Media: An Orientation Workshop [RLS-IWM-CJA-India 2022]

The Calcutta Research Group [CRG], along with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna and The Commonwealth Journalists Association-India [CJA-I] will hold a two day international workshop in Kolkata on 24–25 August 2022 on climate change and disaster reporting directed towards binding together the perspectives on climate disaster and the importance of reflecting on mitigation with special focus on the role of media in bringing climate change into public discourse. The meet will also strive to train young journalists on crucial issues related to climatic change and pandemic reporting and associated migrations as well as presentations of case studies and evolving ethical standards for unbiased reporting. The impacts of climate change on gender, caste, occupation, children, and varied sections of society, roles and responsibilities of government in the post-evacuation phase and the influences of media in forging implications on governance will remain among the focal themes of the Workshop. The Workshop had nearly 40 participants from Bangladesh, Nepal, and India. The Workshop discussed the problem regarding climate change from different aspects. The two-day Workshop raised several socio-political issues related with climate change and how the migrant has been unnecessarily blamed for this. The workshop was divided into five panel discussions and three special lectures on the different aspects of climate change. Many national and international media organisations participated in the Workshop like Deutsche Welle [Germany]; Daily Star, The Business Standard, Daily Bhorer Kagoj, Bangla Tribune [Bangladesh]; Republica English Daily, Third Pole [Nepal]; Ananda Bazaar Patrika, Press Trust of India etc. [India]. This year the focus was on reporting through local and independent media outlets like DownToEarth, Anga Khabar [Assam], The Straight Line [Jammu & Kashmir] etc. The event began with the lecture of Richard Mahapatra [DownToEarth, Delhi] on “Planet Replaced, People Displaced”. On the second day of the workshop James Goldie [360info, Monash University, Australia]

delivered a special lecture on “Climate Change, Migration and the Role of Climate Data”. The session was held on a hybrid platform and live streaming was made on CRG’s social media platforms. The valedictory lecture was delivered by Ramesh Bhusal [The Third Pole, Nepal] on “Reporting Migration through the lens of Migration and Displacement in South Asia”. For the detailed report, see: http://www.mcrgr.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/Media%20_Fellowship/Media%20Workshop%202022_Report.pdf

3.3. Creative Activities under Media Programme

3.3.1. Collaboration with 360info [Monash University, Australia] for News Series on Migration, Climate Change, etc.,

360info is an open access news wire platform through Creative Commons. Throughout 2022-23, CRG staff researchers and members have been authoring special report series on migration, climate change, etc. The series is co-edited by Bharat Bhushan. Migration’s Changing Face (2022) exploring the many facets of migration with some of the articles authored by CRG researchers, members, and associates. Cities after Colonialism (2023), that puts together overviews and essence of foresights from former colonial cities through the gamut of migrants, workers, social groups, struggles for equality, rights, allocation of space, healthcare, housing, sheathed by the function of town from history, their present and future. The series is a collective of 12 articles, out of which 2 articles have been written by CRG researchers Shatabdi Das and Rajat Kanti Sur and 4 articles have been written by members and senior scholars of CRG namely Ranbir Samaddar, Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay, Mahalaya Chatterjee, Paula Banerjee, Kaustubh Mani Sengupta, and one article by former CRG Winter Workshop-Conference participant Yordanos S. Estifanos. Further, CRG has been collaborating with 360info on a series on shock mobility, climate issues and others.

3.3.2. Columns and Podcast

As pedagogic tools of intervention in public discourse, CRG started the initiative “**Migration Matters**” in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung South Asia to discuss the emergent themes on migration through columns/podcasts involving rights activists, policy experts, educationists, public health activists etc. Bharat Bhushan [360info and Monash University] wrote 4 columns in CRG’s blog on migration RefugeeWatchOnline. A set of 7 podcasts by K.M. Parivelan [Chairperson and Associate Professor at Nodal Centre of Excellence for Human Rights Education & Centre for Statelessness and Refugee Studies, School of Law, Rights and Constitutional Governance, TISS, Mumbai] and others focusing on refugee and migrant lives were recorded in 2022. The podcast series is on open access and hosted in CRG Website. For detailed list of columns on RefugeeWatchOnline, see: Section 8.2. For details of the podcasts, see: Section 8.6.

3.4. South Asia Network for Communication, Displacement and Migration [SAN-CDM]

CRG in collaboration Deutsche Welle Akademie has started the SAN-CDM interdisciplinary network for journalists, migrants and refugees for reporting on migration. For details, see: Section 4.5.

4. RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

4.1. Justice, Protection, and Government of the People: A Two-Year Research and Orientation Programme on Protection and Democracy in a Post-Covid World [2021-2023]

As Covid pandemic reconfigured the notions of work, labour, and more specifically mobility, the horizon of the post-pandemic world remains even blurry as one tries to figure out the relations between governmentality and people in a complex maze of care and protection. Focusing on the lives of the people and bio-politics of the governed, and governmentality the “Justice, Protection and Government of the People: A Two-Year Research and Orientation Programme on Protection and Democracy in a Post-Covid World” [2021-2023] continue to develop Europe-South Asia Platform on Forced Migration studies and build on the earlier collaboration of 2020–22. The South-Asian segment of this Europe-Asia research platform is held at CRG under the Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies and led by the Director and

managed by two researchers and the administration-accounts department. The main research activities conducted with the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna [2022–23] are:

- Individual Research Projects: Staff Researchers and Contracted Researchers
- Investigative Field Visits and Authoring of a Primary Report on Precarious Labour in the time of the Pandemic and Lockdown
- An Oral History Research on Solidarity Practices in the Time of the Pandemic
- Media Segment Including Creative Media Output: Media Fellowship.
- Visiting Fellowships.
- Educator Training Programme: Teachers Workshop
- Public lectures
- Publications

4.1.1. Research

Staff Researchers

Shatabdi Das, conducted research on “Kolkata and Climate Crisis” and presented her working paper in the panel titled “Climate Migration: Crisis and Resource” in the *Seventh Critical Studies Conference ‘Migrant Asias: Refugees, Statelessness, and Migrant Labour Regimes’* in November 2022. Her research paper has been published as *Policies and Practices* 140. She was Visiting Fellow under the Europe-Asia research Platform on Forced Migration at the Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, in April 2022; a research article on her study on “Climate Hazards and Displacement in India” has been published in the *IWM post, Issue 130 [Fall/Winter 2022]*. She has jointly worked with Prajesh Aryal and Sadikshya Bhattacharai on the Report of the South Asian Labor Migration and Maritime Migrants Conference, Kathmandu, Nepal, 21-23 May 2022, published in the *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*. Shatabdi also presented her research titled “A Study on Urban Transformation in the Mining Region of Eastern India,” in the Workshop *Decoloniality and the Politics of the Urban* organised by The Geneva Graduate Institute, The Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities [IASH], University of Edinburgh Reversing the Gaze Project, University of Basel and University of Zurich, on 27 October 2022. She wrote *Black Days Ahead If Coal City Does Not Change* published with 360info on 12 January 2023.

Rituparna Datta, worked on “Bhootlane Ki Katha”: Living in the Coolie Lines and Construction of Dignity, Health and WellBeing 1830-1920.” She presented her working paper on Coolies, Climate and the Territories of Mobility in the panel “Labour and Transition: Then and Now” at the *Seventh Critical Studies Conference ‘Migrant Asias: Refugees, Statelessness, and Migrant Labour Regimes,’* on 19 November 2022. Her research paper *Witnessing the Birth of Nation: Narrative Frames of Refugee and Relief in Bangladesh Liberation War, 1971* was published as *Policies and Practices* 141.

For abstracts, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/IWM_Migration_Research_2022.asp

In 2023, Shatabdi Das will be working on “Climate Disaster Mitigation in Coastal Megacities of India” and Rituparna Datta’s research is on “Death in Diaspora: A Social History of Coolie Life in Mauritius”. For detailed report, see:

http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2023/CRG_ANNUAL_PLANNING_MEETING_2023_Report.pdf

Contracted Researchers

The contracted researchers have worked on varied themes in 2022–23 and selected research papers are published as occasional paper series *Policies and Practices* of CRG. The researchers presented their work at the Seventh Critical Studies Conference in November 2022. The contracted researchers are: Anita Sengupta [Director, Asia in Global Affairs, Kolkata] “The Pandemic and Governance in Central Asia”; Santi Sarkar [Assistant Professor, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal] “The Politics of Populist Policies in West Bengal”;

Sohini Sengupta [Assistant Professor, Centre for Community Organisation and Development Practice, School of Social Work, TISS Mumbai] “Indian Droughts, Drought Policy and Climate Change”; Ankita Singh [Doctoral Fellow, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, Delhi] and Johnny KD [Doctoral Fellow, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur] “Urban Renewal Stage in City’s Life and Its Impact in Slums and Slum Dwellers: A Case Study of Noida City”.

For abstracts see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/IWM_Migration_Research_2022.asp

In 2023, Anita Sengupta in continuation of the previous year’s work on the effects of the Pandemic in Central Asia, will be looking into the post-Covid pandemic popular politics in Central Asia, as “Migration, Recovery and Response: Democracy in Post-Covid Central Asia”; Paula Banerjee “Is Protection only a Legal Matter? Migrant Labour in South Asia”; Samir Kumar Das [Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Calcutta, Kolkata and CRG] “Governing the Pandemic: Negotiating Democracy in Our Time”. Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury has volunteered to write on “The Future of Indian Labour in the Platform Economy”.

Oral History Research on Solidarity Practices in the Time of Pandemic

In 2022, the research by Sangbida Lahiri [Doctoral Fellow, Department of South and South East Asian Studies University of Calcutta, Kolkata] culminated in the Bengali book *Covid-Kale Bipannata o Sanhati* [Progressive Publishers, 2023] aimed at exploring and developing a comprehensive understanding of the role and work of the women caregivers and community activists during the Pandemic. The awardees of Krishna Trust in the last nine years who are actively involved at the community level and working on education and public health issues among women and children in their respective localities participated in this investigative study.

For abstract, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/IWM_Migration_Research_2022.asp.

Primary Investigative Report on Precarious Labour and Pandemic

In 2022, the report on *Pandemic and Precarity* was conceived at a time when India and the world were still passing through the second wave of the Covid-19 lockdown and the world was still reeling under the pandemic shock when the felt mechanisms of precarity whether in life or forms of labour became visible. This Report was envisaged as a continuation of CRG’s ongoing efforts to understand the long Covid, its pre-Covid linkages and what the imagined futures will look in the post-Pandemic world. There are 12 contributions in the book that looks into the continued, combined, and newer paradigms of precarity in the life of a labourer during the Covid Pandemic. The Report will be published as a book volume by Sampark.

For details, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/IWM_Migration_Research_2022.asp

4.1.2. Visiting Fellowship

In 2022, two researchers from Bangladesh and Nepal were selected as Visiting Fellow. Due to certain unavoidable circumstances, Kamal Thapa Kshetri [Head, International Relation Division, Migrant Focal Person, National Human Rights Commission of Nepal] was not in a position to come to Kolkata in November at the time of the Winter Workshop. However, he presented his work “Nepali Labour Migration to India: A Growing Concern of Protection” via Zoom at the Seventh Critical Studies Conference and has been published in “Policies and Protection for the Migrants of Nepal,” *Policies & Practices* 143. Ameena Mohsin [Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh] was the Visiting Fellow from Bangladesh. She delivered a special lecture “The Politics of Space: Refugees, Displaces and Stranded” at the 2022 Winter Workshop and will be published in *Refugee Watch: A South Asian Journal in Forced Migration*, Issue 61, 2023.

For details, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/IWM_Migration_Research_2022.asp.

4.1.3. Dialogue with Caregivers

CRG in collaboration with IWM and the Krishna Trust has been engaged almost for a decade in giving recognition to women educationists, health activists, and caregivers working for the health and education of girl children and women.

The Ninth Krishna Memorial Lecture and Awards on 8 April 2022 was organised as a dialogue with caregivers at Hotel The Sojourn, Kolkata.

The Tenth Krishna Memorial Lecture and Awards was held on 10 February 2023, at Hotel The Sojourn, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

4.1.4. Three Day Summer Camp: South Asian Labour Migration & Maritime Migrants

CRG and the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna in collaboration with the Nepal Institute of Peace and Alliance for Social Dialogue organised a Summer Camp on “South Asian Labour Migration and Maritime Migrants” in Kathmandu on May 21-23, 2022. For details, see: Section 5.1.

4.1.5. Educator Training Programme: Teachers Workshop

In 2022 CRG organised the Third Teachers’ Workshop on *Teaching Migration: An Interdisciplinary Teachers Workshop in Migration and Forced Migration Studies* 9–10 September 2022. The theme was drawn from CRG’s previous years exercise on syllabus making in migration studies and for migrant children. For programme details see: Section 5.5.

4.1.6. Youth Meet: Crafting Peace and Justice Politics Today

CRG-IWM organised a Youth Meet in Darjeeling on the theme “Crafting Peace and Justice politics Today” from 25–27 January 2023. The Youth Meet was designed as a winter camp in an attempt to bring activists and young scholars together to initiate discourses that would transcend borders and bindings and help bring social leaders to the foreground to disperse the barriers that divide society, belongingness, and individuality, along with the state as an agency of change and would provide the bridges of solidarity, preservation of rights and unity. For details, see: Section 5.8.

4.1.7. Participation in Seminars, Conferences

CRG participated and floated panels in several International Conferences. For details see: Section 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4.

4.1.8. Public Lectures

For details of public lectures, see: Section 6.1.

4.1.9. Publications

In 2022, two issues of Journal Refugee Watch, and Policies and Practices issue 137–143 were published. Manjira Saha’s edited book *The Labour Train* has been translated into English by Purna Banerjee [Associate Professor, Presidency University, Kolkata] and will be published by FrontPage, Kolkata in 2023. The book *Refugees in West Bengal* edited by Pradip K. Bose has been translated by Prasit Das [Independent Researcher, Kolkata] into Bengal as *Paschim Banger Udbastura: Simante Rajniti o Sanghat*. The manuscript is currently in press and will be published by Progressive Publishers in 2023. New book project by Piya Srinivasan on climate change was commissioned with Yoda Press. A travelling exhibition by Dipanwita Saha on Calcutta Riots of 1946 was undertaken. CRG’s blog RefugeeWatchOnline regularly published news bytes/columns/essays/phot story on migration and forced migration. The three-part documentary series on the narrative of Calcutta as a migrant city was screened at various academic programmes and international forums in 2022. *Calcutta: A Migrant City* [the first film of the series] and the *City of Transit* [the third film of the series] was screened at the “Beyond Migration Kolkata/Guwahati Forum: The Art of Living Together,” at the Goethe Institute/ Max Mueller Bhavan, Kolkata, from 1-4 December 2022 and later by Goethe-Institut Sudarfrika in 2023. The films’ flyers, with QR codes that link to the YouTube videos of the films were distributes during the event. The film *Calcutta, Migrant City and City of Transit* were screened at the “Migration Research Methodology Workshop” organised at the Sivanath Sastri College, in Kolkata, in November 2022. The CRG films have been screened at the Teachers’ Workshop held in September 2022. The docuseries are also shown as part of the Under-Graduate six semester course on “Partition Text” in the Department of English of the Sanskrit College and

4.2. Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants [April–December 2022, completed] and Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants [January–March 2023, ongoing] in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung

In 2022, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung [RLS] project was on the theme of “Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants” [completed]. In 2023 the research theme is titled “Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants” [ongoing]. The Annual Research Planning meeting was held on 2 February 2023 to develop and build upon the ongoing research from 2022 and add a new dimension to the research agenda for 2023. In 2022–23 the broad research activities conducted with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung are:

- Research activities by the staff researchers and the contracted researchers under the broad theme of “Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants” [2022–23]
- Preparing a handbook of *Keywords in Migration and Refugee Studies* [2022–23]
- Annual Workshop and Conference on Global Protection of Migrants and Refugees [2022–23]
- Media Programme and Fellowship [2022]
- Follow-up Workshop [2022–23]
- Popular Book on Ports of Migration [2023]
- Workshop on Routes and Migration of Migration [2023]
- Two Policy Briefs on Climate Change and Migration [2023]
- Publications [2022–23]

For 2022 programme, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/RLS_Migration_2022_Home.asp

For 2023 programme, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2023/RLS_Migration_2023_Home.asp

For 2023 Annual Planning Meeting report, see:

http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2023/CRG_ANNUAL_PLANNING_MEETING_2023_Report.pdf

4.2.1. Research

In 2022, the two staff researchers, Debashree Chakraborty and Rajat Kanti Sur, and five contracted researchers Aafreen Gani Faridi [Assistant Professor at the Centre for Communication and Critical Thinking, JKLU, Rajasthan], Gorky Chakraborty [Faculty, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK)] and Shamik Roy Chowdhury [Former M.Phil scholar at Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata], Upasana Ghosh [Senior Lecturer, Indian Institute of Public Health, Bhubaneswar] and Debojyoti Das [Independent Researcher] submitted their respective research papers. They also presented their paper at the Seventh Critical Studies Conference. The themes of the research papers were broadly on climate migration, labour cooperatives, citizenship, ecology, and the protection of ethnic groups. All these research themes covered the broad idea of Global Protection Regimes. The research publication series also included a paper by Julian Guittirrez Castano, a participant in the 2022 Annual Workshop on Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants. The RLS-CRG research paper series [*Policies and Practices* 130–36] is available on the CRG website at: <http://www.mcrg.ac.in/pp.asp>.

For details, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/RLS_Migration_2022_Research_Segment.asp

In 2023, Rajat Kanti Sur will work on the role of labour unions in the informal sector and Debashree Chakraborty will work on the literary imagination of climate change and climate disaster. CRG has signed contracts with Kaustubh Mani Sengupta [Assistant Professor, Bankura University, West Bengal] and Francis

Adaikalam [Faculty, Loyola College, Chennai] for the popular book on ports. Sohini Sengupta and Shatabdi Das have been assigned to draft the policy brief on climate change and migration. For details, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2023/RLS_Migration_2023_Research_Segment.asp
http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2023/RLS_Migration_2023_Creative.asp

4.2.2. Handbook of Keywords in Migration and Refugee Studies

In 2022, CRG took the initiative to prepare a handbook of Keywords on Forced Migration and Refugee Studies and publish it electronically. A consultative meeting and roundtable discussion on the handbook was arranged in CRG on 29 June 2022 chaired by Paula Banerjee. The volume has been prepared for researchers, academicians, journalists and activists. 105 keywords have been incorporated in this volume. Paula Banerjee, Nasreen Chowdhury [Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi and CRG] and Priya Singh [Associate Director, Asia in Global Affairs, Kolkata] are the editors. In 2023 as a continuation and to keep the handbook updated with new conjectures and definitions it has been decided that new words would be incorporated once every three months. The report of the roundtable discussion is available at: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/Report_%20First%20Planning%20Meeting%20on%20Keywords.pdf

View the handbook at: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/Keywords.pdf

4.2.3. Follow-up Workshop

CRG, in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung-South Asia, organised a one-day workshop on “Climate Change, Informal Labour and Worldwide Protection Mechanisms”. For details, see: Section 3.2.

4.2.4. Workshop and Popular Books on Routes and Ports of Migration

In 2023, the project, “Routes and Ports of Migration” aims to trace the development and the functionality of ports in the Indian subcontinent. The deliverable of the project has been conceptualised in the form of a popular coffee table book. The postcolonial age of migration is much more dynamic with multiple interlocutors involved and our aim behind the publication of this book is to make the general reader aware of the importance of ports and the history of the “viapolitics” of migration associated with ports in India.

For details, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2023/RLS_Migration_2023_Creative.asp

4.3. European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations [EMMIR], in collaboration with the University of Oldenburg, Germany and Rabindra Bharati University, India [2022–27]

EMMIR is the first African-European-Asian Erasmus Mundus programme in migration studies run by a consortium of 9 partners in Europe, Africa, and Asia. Rabindra Bharati University [RBU] and CRG jointly collaborated as partnering institutions from Asia for the EMMIR programme. CRG is the financial partner and RBU is the co-partner as educational institute alongside CRG. Paula Banerjee is the co-ordinator for the project. The project aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills to deal with issues of migration in and to Europe and in a global context. Student’s mobility is understood as a key to mutual understanding of different views and cultures of migration and movement and will sharpen intercultural sensitivity. Graduating students will be awarded a joint degree by all EMMIR partnering institutions. In the EMMIR Edition 10 [2022–24] programme, Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, Paula Banerjee, Ranabir Samaddar and K.M. Parivelan have been involved in the coursework as instructors. The initial contributions from CRG-RBU for the year 2022 involved providing guidelines for the students during their stay in Kolkata for the third semester [2023] titled “First Steps in Kolkata”, to be included in the EMMIR Student Handbook; and the structuring of an equivalent system of grading between RBU, UOL, and other partner institutes. The Orientation and Intensive Phase [IP] of the EMMIR Programme was held in the University of Oldenburg from 1–30 September 2022. The module titled “Postcolonial Perspectives on Forced Migration: Contexts, Concepts, and Methods” [Working Group 4] was offered by the coordinators of CRG-RBU. On 8 September, the students were

formally introduced to the structure of the coursework offered under this course. Esme Starke, Vitor Amador, Vania Vergara, Ali Dad Mohammadi, and Eva Ann were the students who opted to join the Working Group 4. K.M. Parivelan was in charge of the classes and discussions for Working Group 4 from 9 September 2022 [online], and in person from 12 September 2022. The sessions largely covered the theme of forced migration in postcolonial contexts. Paula Banerjee also coordinated the classes online. On September 13, 2022, Ranabir Samaddar delivered the Partner Lecture titled “The Postcolonial Turn in Migration and Refugee Studies: A Question of Concepts and Contexts”. K.M. Parivelan returned to India on September 25, 2022. Paula Banerjee and Ranabir Samaddar visited the University of Oldenburg for the IP classes from 24 September–2 October 2022. The students presented individual research papers on 26 September 2022. In November 2022, Paula Banerjee and Ranabir Samaddar conducted workshops and delivered lectures. Paula Banerjee conducted a workshop on feminist methodologies in forced migration. Ranabir Samaddar delivered a lecture on “The Double Lives of Words in Refugee and Migration Studies”, on 25 November 2022, and a second lecture titled “Solidarity as Ethics of Care and Protection” on 28 November 2022. The teaching period for EMMIR Edition 10 Intensive Phase ended on 22 December 2022.

4.4. Discussion on ‘Climate Change-Related Mobility in the Borderlands’ project, in collaboration with Wageningen University [Netherlands], University of Ghana, University of Cape Coast [Ghana], United International University [Bangladesh], University of Melbourne, Deltares [2022–27]

CRG had discussion regarding collaboration with Wageningen University, University of Ghana, University of Cape Coast [Ghana], United International University [Bangladesh], University of Melbourne, Deltares, on the research project “Climate change-related mobility in the borderlands, 2022–2027”. There was an online meeting on 17 June 2022, attended by Shatabdi Das on preliminary introduction to the project and its collaborators, major objectives and phases of work plan. Two meetings were held on 8 July 2022 and 20 July 2022 at the CRG office premises and was attended by Ingrid Boas [Associate Professor, Environmental Policy Group, Wageningen University, Netherlands], and Madhurima Majumder [Doctoral Fellow, Wageningen University, Netherlands] on behalf of Wageningen University [during their visit to India and fieldwork in the Sundarbans as one of the borderlands in the research project], as well as CRG members and researchers. There was discussion on the possible areas of exploration, fieldwork by researchers engaged in the project and workshop/s with experts and fellow researchers engaged in climate-change, migration and mobility studies in the Sundarbans, and borderland studies. CRG literature was extensively discussed and shared with representatives from Wageningen University for planning of the phases of the research project. Beyond the preliminary discussion the project has not progressed and CRG has not received any funds.

4.5. South Asia Network in collaboration with Deutsche Welle Akademie [August 2022–March 2023, completed]

The Interdisciplinary South Asia Network of Experts on Information and Communication in Refugee and Migrant Settings was established between August–December 2022. The network, which is The South Asia Network for Communication, Displacement and Migration (SAN-CDM), is now hosted at CRG, and forms a part of CRG’s continuing programme on migration and media. The interdisciplinary network SAN-CDM was launched on 27 October 2022 in collaboration with DW Akademie with an online discussion on “Climate Disaster, Migration, and New Reporting: A South Asian Discussion.” In this inaugural discussion, five experts from South Asia spoke about climate change and its reportage in their respective locations. The discussion was moderated by eminent journalist and CRG member, Bharat Bhushan. This dialogue was also built on CRG’s media workshop on “Climate Migration, Disaster, Displacement and the Role of the Media” and set the agenda for the forthcoming activities of SAN-CDM. The second online event “The Unseen Game: Infrastructure, Labour and the City” was held on 15 December 2022 with five speakers from Bangladesh, Sri

Lanka, Nepal, and India. In this roundtable discussion, the focus was on highlighting the precarious existence of migrant workers, their contribution to the making of infrastructure and logistics in the modern metropolis, the condition of South Asian migrant workers in the Gulf countries, as well as the role and responsibilities of the media. SAN-CDM also organised an online workshop as part of its third online event, where Zobaer Ahmed of DW Akademie did a workshop with a small group of nominated participants who are working on refugees and forced migration across South Asia. In this need assessment session, the aim was to understand where the knowledge gaps are. To plan the inaugural conference, the DW Akademie team visited CRG between 30–31 January 2023. The inaugural conference “Displacements and Vulnerabilities: A Conference on Forced Migration and Media in South Asia” from 4–7 February 2023, at Lalitpur, Nepal, was organised with the support of DW Akademie and Nepal Institute of Peace. The inaugural conference was designed to address climate induced displacements and forced migration, but the discussions covered issues like employment, health and care, rural and urban development, and environmental protection, to name a few. SAN-CDM also produced two newsletters, in which the activities of the Network members were included and distributed electronically to all the stakeholders. Debasree Sarkar joined as the Media Officer for the DW Akademie project in July 2022.

The next phase of the project is scheduled to begin from May 2023.

The SAN-CDM network website: <https://mcrg.in/san-cdm/>. SAN-CDM social media handles are Facebook Page @South Asia Network for Communication, Displacement and Migration, Instagram: @sancdm, Twitter: @SanCdm.

4.6. Understanding Human Rights Course, in Collaboration with Department of Political Science, Sarojini Naidu College, Kolkata [2021–22, completed]

The Department of Political Science, Sarojini Naidu College for Women, started an add-on course on Human Rights to widen the scope and horizon for both Honours as well as General course students. Some of the crucial aspects like refugee rights, the situation of stateless persons, Internally Displaced Persons, the reality of forced migration etc., were not adequately addressed in the prescribed syllabus of the University. This prompted to initiate an add-on course, with the main aim of filling the gap in the current syllabus. Thus, an add-on course was framed, to complement the already existing syllabus of the University. The course was jointly run by Sarojini Naidu College and CRG. The course was distributed in three modules viz., “Understanding Human Rights”, “Human Rights and the Cases of Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, Stateless People”, and “Human Rights and Changing Times”. On completion of the course, certificates, jointly issued by both the partnering institution, were given to the students.

The course was initiated on December 10, 2021, on Human Rights Day. The course was also conducted through online mode, due to the ongoing pandemic. The coordinators for this course were Debjani Bhattacharya [Associate Professor, Department of Political Sciences, Sarojini Naidu College for Women, Kolkata] and Madhurilata Basu [Assistant Professor, Department of Political Sciences, Sarojini Naidu College for Women, Kolkata and CRG]. 20 students completed this course. Short documentaries, films were shown, and students were also taken out for field visits. Students completed this course with an increased knowledge base towards a broader understanding of Human Rights.

4.7. India’s Growing Migrant Worker Population and Housing Crisis, in collaboration with Knowledge Democracy Collective [March–December 2022, completed]

In the backdrop of a massive reverse migration that took place in India at the time of the Covid-19 lockdown, CRG and Knowledge Democracy Collective [KDC] collaborated to understand the housing and employment

problems of India's internal migrant workers. The studies will be conducted in Delhi and Kolkata. The main objectives of the project are:

- collect the disaggregated and isolated existing database on rural-urban migrant workers, various variables in terms of caste, religion, ethnicity, and gender and try to map how these groups faced differential difficulties. This part of the study will be statistical/quantitative in nature and based on historical data
- generate qualitative-ethnographic data on two sites of migrant workers
- document narratives about the migrant workers' housing and employment-related issues
- bring the policymakers, academics, collectives, and the workers in a dialogue

Kaveri and Imran Philip conducted a survey among migrant workers in Delhi and Kolkata respectively. The focus of the survey was the working and living conditions of these inter-state and intra-state migrant workers, working in construction, garments, and domestic sectors.

5. WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, AND MEETINGS

5.1. Three Day Summer Camp on South Asian Labour Migration & Maritime Migrants [IWM 2022]

CRG and the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna in collaboration with the Nepal Institute of Peace and Alliance for Social Dialogue organised a Summer Camp on 'South Asian Labour Migration and Maritime Migrants' in Kathmandu on 21–23 May 2022. The event provided a forum for a consultative and interactive discussion on the governance of labour migration in South Asia and to propose recommendations that promote the protection of migrants and refugees. The Summer camp had two major focuses: a) South Asian labour migration across land and sea with stress on the three major migrant sea routes-the Mediterranean, the Bay of Bengal and the Indo-Pacific, b) Country focus discussion on Nepal on the condition of outmigration and returnee labour migration in Nepal. The camp aimed to highlight how precarity remained the underlying operational tone of the mobile lives with not only varying regional dynamics but conditional status and claim of a migrant to nation dictated its right to protection and inclusive claims over rights of being protected. The geo-spatial-labouring zone thus cannot be looked only through the lens of the economic category of the developed and developing but also through the lens of behavioural sociologies of the labouring world and the role of the state to securitise its welfare. The event was attended by participants representing civil society organisations from Nepal, international non-government agencies [International Labour Organization, Nepal Section], human and migrant rights activists, migrant labour union activists, and scholars, from different parts of South Asia in addition to Europe, and the Indo-Pacific region [University of Bologna, Italy; University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; University of Calcutta, India; Asia Research Centre, University of Indonesia, Indonesia; Indian Institute of Migration and Development, India; Graduate Institute, Geneva, Social Science Baha, Nepal etc]. The Summer Camp critically reflected on the increased need for protection across the land and sea routes of migration. In view of the difficulties faced by the returnee migrants during the pandemic, it was even more necessary to develop a protection mechanism for the returnee migrants. From the perspective of human and migrants' rights, migration cannot be restricted or approached from a regulation perspective. Migration policies should strive for both vertical and horizontal coherence. A report of the Summer Camp was published in collaboration with the Scalabrini Migration Centre, Philippines in their *Asia Pacific Migration Journal* 31 (2), May 2022. For details, see:

http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/Summer_Camp/CFP%20-%20Program%20Schedule.pdf.

The report of the Summer Camp can be read at

http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/Summer_Camp/Report%20of%20Summer%20Camp%20on%20South%20Asian%20Labour%20Migration%20and%20Maritime%20Migrants.pdf

5.2. Climate Change, Informal Labour and Worldwide Protection Mechanisms [RLS 2022]

CRG, in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung-South Asia, organised a one-day workshop on “Climate Change, Informal Labour and Worldwide Protection Mechanisms” in collaboration with the Institute of

Development Studies Kolkata [IDSK]. Past participants from 2020 and 2021 Annual Workshops and scholars and experts from the field of media, journalism and social sciences participated in the Follow-up Workshop on June 3, 2022. For report, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/Follow-up_Report.pdf

5.3. CRG Panels at IASFM19 [IWM 2022]

The 19th International Association for the Study of Forced Migration' Conference themed on "Global Issues, Regional Approaches—Contexts, Challenges, Dialogues and Solutions," hosted by the Universidade Catolica de Santos, was held from 1–5 August 2022. Samata Biswas, Paula Banerjee and Nasreen Chowdhory from CRG participated in the panel discussion "Kolkata Declaration 2021: A Post-Colonial Engagement," on 5 August 2022. A report of the panel discussion was published in Journal Refugee watch Issue 60 [December 2022].

For a report on the discussion see: "Kolkata Declaration 2021: A Post-Colonial Engagement," <http://www.mcrg.ac.in/rw%20files/RW60/RW60.pdf>

For the panel theme abstracts see:

http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/IASFM19%20Book%20of%20accepted%20abstracts.pdf

For the details of the programme see:

http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/IASFM19%20Program%20Schedule.pdf

5.4. Climate Change, Conflict and Question of Labour and Migration [IWM 2022]

The Seminar on "Climate Change, Conflict and Question of Labour and Migration," was organised by the School of Social Work, School of Law, Rights and Constitutional Governance, Tata Institute of Social Sciences [TISS], Mumbai, in collaboration with the Calcutta Research Group, on 5 August 2022. The faculty members of TISS from the Schools of Social Work and Social and Political Sciences delivered lectures in the inaugural session of the seminar. The panel on climate change discussed the issues of resilience and migration in small-scale fisheries and blue economy, drought, and dislocation. Scholars presented their research on migration and healthcare, cases of flood and migration in Kosi region of Bihar and forced displacement in Sundarbans of West Bengal. The seminar concluded with the special lecture by Sanjay Barbora titled "A political ecology of the future from what is happening in Tinsukia district, Assam." The lecture was chaired and moderated by Byasdeb Dasgupta. The abstract of the lecture by Sanjay Barbora can be read at http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Friday_Lecture/Abstract/Sanjay_Barbora050822.pdf and the programme details are available at http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/TISS_Schedule.pdf

5.5. Teachers Workshop [IWM 2022]

Building on CRG's long engagement with the pedagogy of migration studies, this year's a two day Teachers' Workshop on *Teaching Migration: An Interdisciplinary Teachers Workshop in Migration and Forced Migration Studies* was organised by CRG from 9–10 September 2022. Faculties involved in the Humanities and Social Sciences in South Asia encounter issues of migration and forced migration in myriad ways. It has increasingly become part of teaching curricula and research interests. Bias against migrants can also be encountered in the classroom, and there is a greater need for sensitivity to navigate the challenges involved in teaching students who are themselves migrants and refugees. The theme was drawn from CRG's previous years exercise on syllabus making in migration studies and for migrant children. A total of 22 participants were selected to participate in the workshop through an open call for applications floated in various social media handles and on the website of CRG. The Workshop had a pan India representation with thirteen female participants and nine male participants. The themes covered were teaching cultural notions of home and belongingness of migrants, pedagogical methods, tools of simulation and sensitization required in teaching migration to migrants through the example of Rohingya, teaching migration in vulnerable geographies of itinerantly conflict zones; researching narratives of trauma and ethical boundaries; role of audio-visual aids and education etc. A few select presentations will be compiled as a reading resource on pedagogy of migration. For report, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/Teachers/Report%20Teachers%20Workshop%202022.pdf

The Pradip Bose Memorial Award ceremony was held at the end of the Teachers' Workshop programme, to commemorate the ingenious and pioneering work of Professor Pradip Bose as an eminent educationist and to accord honour and the prestigious recognition of contribution in the field of education by felicitating the special initiatives and contributions of scholars in vernacular languages. Authors Manjira Saha and Debashish Aich were given the Pradip Bose Memorial Award in 2022. Partha Chatterjee [Honorary Professor, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences Calcutta] discussed about the life and works of Pradip Basu in the same ceremony.

The detailed report, see:

http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/Brief%20Report_Pradip%20K%20Bose%20Award%202022.pdf

5.6. Digitized Migrants [IWM 2022]

The "Digitized Migrants" Conference under the *Europe-Asia Research Platform on Forced Migration* was organised by the Koç University, Istanbul, in collaboration with the Institute for Human Sciences [IWM] Vienna, and the Calcutta Research Group, in Istanbul, on 15–16 September 2022. Ranabir Samaddar chaired the panel 'Global Order, Digitalization and Bordering,' and Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury spoke on "Sojourn to Precarity and Unfreedom Through Digitized Borders" in the panel. Ishita Dey presented "Trust Networks, Platform Capitalism and India's Digital Economy," in the panel "Platforms and Labour". Manish K. Jha discussed "Migrant Visibility, Populist Politics and Digital Regulations," in the panel "Digital Infrastructures, Migrant Governance, and Forms of Power". Nasreen Chowdhury along with Shamna Thacham Poyil [Doctoral Fellow, University of Delhi, Delhi] deliberated on "The Refugee Figure: Understanding the Digitized Identity of Rohingyas," in the panel "Digital Power, Surveillance and Agency". Further details, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/Seminar_Series_on_Forced_Migration/Digitized_Migrants.pdf

5.7. Youth Meet [IWM 2023]

CRG organised the Youth Meet on "Crafting Peace and Justice Politics Today" from 25–27 January 2023 in Darjeeling, West Bengal, India. It was an attempt to gather minds across disciplines and professions to share their own experiences of justice, injustice, peace, and violence and what they considered is a way to bring a harmonious union of peace and justice and discuss the social experiments of peace and politics of justice today. Selected from a pool of more than 125 applications that CRG received, a total of fourteen candidates apart from researchers and senior colleagues from CRG and IWM participated in the event. The discussions over two and half days aimed to problematise the basic philosophical concern that things that we generally take for granted like questions of identity, justice, protection, etc., are they at all fixed, universal categories? How our own varied exposure and experience of difference can open a dialogue to re-problematise our continued notion of what one considers as "not a problem" and unsettle the set beliefs, notions, faiths, and understandings. And clear and clarify the very essence of our own understanding of these issues, on the contrary, these understandings stem from our traditional notions of "justice" and "peace" which are historically generated and are concrete products of experience rather than abstract questions of deliberation. For details see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2023/IWM_Migration_Youth_Meet_2023.asp

5.8. Forthcoming Workshops and Conferences [April 2023 onwards]

- Workshop on Development, Climate, Gender and New Geographies of Migration, July 2023.
- Media Workshop "Migrants and Roads: Reporting in the Wake of Disasters and Migration" July 2023.
- Teachers Workshop on Teaching Local Histories and Geographies of Climate-induced Migration, August 2023
- Eighth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop on Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants, November 2023
- Workshop on Routes and Ports of Migration, December 2023.

5.9. Meetings

- Meetings with representatives of the project “Climate Change-Related Mobility in the Borderlands” from Wageningen University [Netherlands] on 8 July 2022 and 20 July 2022. For further details see Section 2.4.
- First Introductory Meeting of Seventh Annual Research and Orientation Workshop on 21 July 2022
- Meeting with the Australian Consulate General Ms. Rowan Ainsworth and the Senior Research and Visits Officer for the Consulate, Angelina Nair on July 27, 2022, at CRG office. Since the Consulate is interested in looking forward to exploring the policy developments in India and the implications of the same for the Australia-India bilateral, they wanted to understand the current focus areas of CRG, connect with the key people and delve deeper into the policy scenario to explore possibilities for future collaborations.
- Annual Research Planning Meeting 3 February 2023 to discuss and plan the yearly research programme of CRG at Hotel The Sojourn. For Report, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2023/CRG_ANNUAL_PLANNING_MEETING_2023_Report.pdf
- Planning Meeting for Eighth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop [November 2023] on 25 February 2023.

6. PUBLIC LECTURES AND WEBINARS

6.1. Public Lectures

- **“Universalism of the Oppressed: B.R. Ambedkar’s *Annihilation of Caste*” [online]**
Ranabir Samaddar delivered the lecture on 8 June 2022. The session was moderated by Samata Biswas. The lecture was part of the series of events to mark the 25 Years of CRG.
Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7S5quSPRDo&t=732s>
- **“Development Dilemmas: A Political Ecology of the Future from What is Happening in Tinsukia District, Assam”**
Public Lecture by Sanjay Barbora [Professor, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati] at the seminar on “Climate Change, Conflict and Question of Labour and Migration” organised by CRG-TISS, Mumbai on 5 August 2022. The lecture was chaired and moderated by Byasdeb Dasgupta. The abstract of lecture available at: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/Friday_Lecture/Abstract/Sanjay_Barbora050822.pdf and the programme details are available at: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/TISS_Schedule.pdf
- **“Climate Change, Migration and the Role of Climate Data in Media” [online]**
Special Lecture titled by James Goldie on 25 August 2022. The Lecture was part of the Workshop on Climate Migration, Disaster, Displacement and the Role of the Media organized by Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung-South Asia, Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna and the Commonwealth Journalists’ Association [CJA–India], Kolkata.
Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ky6RLtEyXEc>
- **“Mobility and Resonance: How to Re-view Migrant Positionality and European Border Regimes”**
The inaugural lecture for the Seventh Annual Research and Orientation Workshop on Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants was delivered by Joris Schapendonk on 13 November 2022.

- **The International Organisation for Migration and the Global Governance of Migration: Colonial Unknowing, Commitments, Challenges”**

The special Lecture was delivered by Megan Bradley [McGill University, Canada] on 14 November 2022 at the Seventh Annual Research and Orientation Workshop on Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants. The session was chaired by Paula Banerjee. Video of lecture available at: <https://www.facebook.com/MahanirbanCalcuttaResearchGroup/videos/893630032016458/>

- **“Medicalisation of Racism and Classism in the Context of Migration”**

The inaugural lecture of the Seventh Critical Studies Conference was delivered by Sevasti Trubeta [Professor of Childhood and Migration, Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences, Germany] on 17 November 2022. The lecture is available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/MahanirbanCalcuttaResearchGroup/videos/1319555758449273/>

- **A Complete Landscape of [Im]mobility, Labour Regimes and the Coloniality of Power”**

The plenary lecture at the Seventh Critical Studies Conference was delivered by Ayse Caglar on 17 November 2022. The session was chaired by Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury. The lecture is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/MahanirbanCalcuttaResearchGroup/videos/691927592191224/>

- **“A Critical Genealogy of the Forced Migratory Labour in the Asian Mediterranean Sea”**

An online special lecture was delivered jointly by Joyce C.H Liu [Professor, Inter-Asia Cultural Studies, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan] and Jonathan Parhusip [Doctoral Fellow, National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan] at the Seventh critical Studies Conference on 18 November 2022. The lecture was chaired by Samata Biswas.

- **“An Intelligent Guide to the Responsibility Paradox”**

The lecture was delivered by Ranabir Samaddar at the valedictory session of Seventh Critical Studies Conference on 19 November 2022. The session was chaired by Professor Amena Mohsin. The lecture has been published as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series of CRG. The lecture was livestreamed on CRG’s social media channel on Facebook. The lecture is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/MahanirbanCalcuttaResearchGroup/videos/859276108422513>

6.2. Jayanta Dasgupta Memorial Lecture

In 2022, the Tenth Jayanta Dasgupta Memorial Lecture was delivered by Lydia Potts [Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Germany] titled “Gig Economy and Migration: The Future of the Work or of Precariat?” on 18 November 2022 at Hotel Monotel, Kolkata. The lecture was part of the Seventh Critical Studies Conference on “Migrant Asias: Refugees, Statelessness and Migrant Labour Regimes.” The session was chaired by Shibashish Chatterjee [Professor of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata]. In the 21st century, migrant labour is the main source of capitalist accumulation. Migrants who are legally declared as “essential workers” are paradoxically dispossessed from social and economic rights. The central hypothesis rests on the argument that the model of gig economy could be the blueprint of the future of work.

6.3. Krishna Memorial Lecture

The Ninth Krishna Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Sunandan Basu [Renowned neurosurgeon, Medica Super Speciality Hospital, Kolkata]. Dr. Basu spoke of the condition of women’s health in the country as well as in the state of West Bengal. He shared his experiences of visits to rural areas for the purpose of organising health camps during the COVID time and discussed the public health scenario

in rural West Bengal. While speaking on various health parameters, he highlighted that there is a huge chasm between provisions of men's health and women's health. He also emphasised the need for greater awareness of various aspects of public health in order to build a healthier tomorrow. The session was chaired by Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty [Eminent historian and CRG]. Social activists, feminist activists, human rights practitioners, and educationists from all over Bengal joined the dialogue and shared their experiences of marginalisation and emerging role as caregivers during the pandemic both at home and society at large. The recipients of the Ninth Krishna Memorial Awards for Women Educationists, Students & Caregivers [2022] were Dr. Subrata Goswami [Deputy Director (Medical), ESI MB Scheme, & Founder Endowed Chair (Pain Medicine), ESI Institute of Pain Management, Government of West Bengal], and Biswajit Mitra [Social Activist and Health Worker, Avijit Mitra Memorial & Charitable Society]. For report, see: [http://www.mcrg.ac.in/krishna_trust/Annual_Report\(21-22\).pdf](http://www.mcrg.ac.in/krishna_trust/Annual_Report(21-22).pdf)

The Tenth Krishna Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Abhay Shukla [Public Health Specialist, Sathi Cehat, India] titled, "Innovative Public Actions, New Politics of Health and Life Emerging from the Pandemic" on 10 February 2023 at Hotel The Sojourn, Kolkata. The lecture will be published jointly by CRG and Krishna Trust. He recalled how ordinary people like Anganwadi workers, autorickshaw drivers and common man became heroes, relentlessly serving people during the pandemic. A new politics of health developed through voluntary mobilization of the "public" and collaboration between effortless synergies of public and private to contribute to society—it was a turn when the individualistic mindset of the society was taking a turn towards the building up a health system for the "common" good which was the reflection of the collective spirit of the society. Two public libraries, Aharnish and Piyalir Bioghar [a project of Ebong Alap], received the Krishna Awards. Scholarships from the Krishna Trust were awarded to Sagarika Sardar and Shibani Patra, two girlchildren of Bali Dweep in the Sundarbans. The session was presided by Prasanta Ray [CRG] and Rajat Roy [Senior journalist and CRG] handed out the awards. Apart from this year's awardees, awardees from previous years were also present. The Tenth Krishna Memorial Lecture was delivered by Abhay Shukla [Public Health Activist]. The book Covidkale Bipannata o Sanghati and Ninth Krishna Memorial Lecture Booklet on "Humanity in the Covid-19 Era" were released by Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury.

6.4. Webinars

- **"The Conundrum of Trafficking and Statelessness in West Bengal"**

The lecture by Paula Banerjee on 28 February 2022 was part of the Seminar Series on Forced Migration Jointly hosted by University of Vienna and Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, looked into how the alien-ness of trafficked men and women in South Asia translates into sexual vulnerability; how a city's ecosystem is shaped by the trafficked by men and women, and what are the correlations between trafficking and statelessness. The lecture is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeWt_jB1NpA

- **"Governance of Forced Migration in South Asia: Need for a Decolonial Approach?"**

The lecture by Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury on 5 April 2022 was part of the Seminar Series on Forced Migration by University of Vienna and Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna. The discussion focused on examining the discussing and examining the nature of migration governance in South Asia and exploring the possibilities of emancipatory blueprint for the governance of migration considering the efficacy of a decolonial approach to governing human migration in South Asia in particular, and Global South in general. The lecture is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ocyDD1tssE>

- “As the West Goes to War, Crafting Peace Today”**
 The panel discussion was held on 25 April 2022 to reflect on the questions of responses and responsibilities of the migrant and refugee crisis in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine War. The panellists were: Marcello Musto [Professor of Sociological Theory, York University, Canada], Sandro Mezzadra [Professor, Department of the Arts, University of Bologna, Italy], Ranabir Samaddar. Moderator: Paula Banerjee. The discussion can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4GWHUccjFg>
 Report: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/Seminar_Series_on_Forced_Migration/CRG%20Report%20on%20As%20the%20West%20goes%20to%20war.pdf
- Climate, Disaster, Migration and News Reporting: A South Asian Discussion**
 SAN-CDM network was officially launched jointly by CRG and DW Akademie on 27 October 2022 through this webinar. The panellists were Fatema Abedin Nazla [Journalist, Bangladesh], Nidhi Jamwal [Gaon Connection, India], Nagraj Adve [India]. Bharat Bhushan [360info and CRG] moderated the session. For recording of lecture, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8mD15pg4Zs>
- The Unseen Game: Infrastructure, Labour and the City**
 The five speakers participating in this roundtable discussion were Pavithra Jayawardena [Department of International Relations, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka], Arup K Sen [CRG], Porimol Palma [Journalist, The Daily Star, Bangladesh], Som Prasad Lamichhane [Executive Director of Pravasi Nepal Co-ordination Committee, Nepal], and Francis Adaikalam [Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Loyola College, India]. The discussion focussed on the precarious existence of migrant workers and their contribution in making the infrastructure and logistics of modern cities a seamless experience. Condition of South Asian migrant workers in the Gulf countries, especially highlighted during the FIFA World Cup 2022 and the role of media in covering their issues were the concerns of this discussion. For recording of the discussion, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pul3SZQk9gE>
- “Researching ‘Journeys’: Challenges and Possibilities in Migration Studies”**
 The lecture by Ishita Dey on 14 December 2022 was part of Seminar Series on Forced Migration jointly hosted by University of Vienna and Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna. The lecture stressed on an ethnographic reading of ‘journeys’ beyond the consideration of just trajectory of arrival to destination points but to look into the course as an entry point to understand the rural-urban continuum of circular migration that shape lives in transit and decides the course of state infrastructure facilities. The lecture is available at: <https://www.iwm.at/event/researching-journeys-challenges-and-possibilities-in-migration-studies>
- “Urban and Environmental Histories: The Legacy of Mike Davis”**
 The panel discussion on 20 January 2023 was organised as a tribute to Mike Davis, the American born historian. The discussion was chaired by Sabyasachi Ray Chaudhary. Mike Davis was a pioneering radical historian of the US working class and a fierce critic of the economic, political, and military apparatuses of the US State machinery and of Empires in general. The panellists were Ravi A. Palat [Professor, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University, The State University of New York] and Sohini Sengupta. To listen to discussion, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/MahanirbanCalcuttaResearchGroup/videos/579846026877354/>

- **Book Discussion on *Imprints of the Populist Times***

The book discussion 19 March 2023 [online] on *Imprints of the Populist Times* by Ranabir Samaddar [Orient BlackSwan, 2023] was joined by Ranabir Samaddar, Sandro Mezzadra, and Samita Sen [Vere Harmsworth Professor of Imperial and Naval History, University of Cambridge and CRG]. The session was moderated by Samir Kumar Das. For details, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MC0fSDfeqmw&t=119s>

7. REPORT ON THE DISTINGUISHED CHAIR

Professor Ranabir Samaddar is the Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies since 2015. The Chair is thankful to the Members of CRG as well as to the funding institutions for enabling the activities of the Chair. Extension of collaborative activities with other institutions and implementation of the mandate of the Chair are in progress.

Chair's Page on CRG Website

The Chair's page on the CRG website has information on the Chair's activities since 2016. The lectures, talks, interviews, discussions, keynote addresses, paper presentations and book discussions of the Chair in conferences, workshops, courses, organised by universities and research institutes are enlisted [on the Distinguished Chair's page on CRG website] under the programmes and activities section. The publications of the Chair since 2015 can be found in the publications section of the webpage. The audio-visual repository in the webpage has a collection of the Chair's lectures, keynote speeches, interviews, panel discussions at sessions of conferences as well as online programmes of several research institutes and universities.

Chair's Associates

The Chair's associates are Shatabdi Das and Rituparna Datta.

Shatabdi Das is researcher at the Calcutta Research Group [2021-present] and is currently working on issues of development, environment, climate, and displacement in urban spaces. She was a Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, in April 2022. She was awarded PhD in Geography from the University of Calcutta [2020] for her research on the environmental impacts of industrialisation and urbanisation in the Asansol-Durgapur Planning Area of India. She has taught Geography in the PG Section of Sarsuna College, Kolkata [2014–17], and was previously a Junior Research Fellow earlier at the Centre for Urban Economic Studies, University of Calcutta [2013–14].

Rituparna Datta is researcher at the Calcutta Research Group [2021-present] and is currently working on the living conditions and architectural designs in indentured mobility, and the social history of coolies in Mauritius. Rituparna was awarded the MPhil degree from the Department of History of the University of Calcutta [2015]. She is editorial assistant with the Refugee Watch Journal.

Further details on the Chair's associates [with publication details], see: Section 4.1.

Activities of the Distinguished Chair

In the year under consideration, the Chair piloted CRG's research programmes and assisted in its orientation activities. He conceptualised the Summer Camp in Kathmandu, Nepal, and the Winter Camp in Darjeeling as a Youth Meet, to bring together pioneers, leaders, activists, community volunteers from varied social backdrops to voice their experiences, work and initiate discourses on care, protection, justice and peace for especially people vulnerable to conflicts, disasters, displacement and shock migration. He also completed his work on the critiques and alternatives to capitalism series, published by Routledge in 2023 as the book volume *Alternative Futures and the Present: Postcolonial Possibilities*. His efforts in bringing together scholars from different parts of the globe to share their experiences and studies on defining as well as emerging terms focusing on delineating and outlining concepts in the study of refugees and forced migrants, culminated in the conceptualisation and taking

forward the work on the handbook on “Keywords on Forced Migration and Refugee Studies”—a part of the volume [in the making] has been published online, and compiles brief explications of key terms used in the multidisciplinary field of refugee and forced migration studies. Ranabir Samaddar has also conceptualised a volume comprising primary field investigative reports on pandemic and precarity [edited by Rituparna Datta], that is in the final stages of publishing.

7.1. The Chair also continues to serve in various committees and board such as

- (i) IMéRA Chair in Transregional studies-EHESS [Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociale]/IMéRA [Mediterranean Institute for Advanced Research] at the Aix-Marseille University, Marseille [2023–].
- (ii) Fellow, Humanity’s Urban Future Research Programme, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research [CIFAR], 2023-2028.
- (iii) Member, Advisory Board, European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations [EMMIR] Programme, at the University of Oldenburg [2022].
- (iv) Member, Editorial Committee, Inventory, on Mobility and Socio-Economic Change, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology [2021–].
- (v) Member, Advisory Board, Human Migration Research, F1000 Research, Taylor & Francis Open Research Gateway [2021–23].
- (vi) Member, International Advisory Committee and Member of Jury of the ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, Hamburg, for Ph.D. Scholarship Programme in Beyond Borders [2020–23].
- (vii) Member, Advisory Board, and Fellow, Soft Authoritarianisms Research Group, University of Bremen [2019–23].
- (viii) Visiting Research Fellow and one of the Heads of Project for the *Europe-Asia Research Platform on Forced Migration*, Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna [2017–].

7.2. Visits and fellowships at various institutions

- (i) Resident Researcher and IMéRA Chair in Transregional studies-EHESS [Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociale]/IMéRA [Mediterranean Institute for Advanced Research], also known as Institute for Advanced Study [IAS] of Aix-Marseille University [February–July 2023] working on “Necessary Utopias” and “Biopolitics From Below”.
- (ii) Visited the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research [CIFAR], Naples, between February and July 2023, as Fellow in the *Humanity’s Urban Future Research Programme, 2023–28*.

Forthcoming

- (iii) Ranabir Samaddar as one of the Heads of Project for the *Europe-Asia Research Platform on Forced Migration*, Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, and Permanent Visiting Research Fellow of the institute, will be visiting the Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, Austria, in September 2023.

7.3. The publications in the year under consideration are

Books

- (i) *Alternative Futures and the Present: Postcolonial Possibilities*. London and New York: Routledge, 2023.
- (ii) *Imprints of the Populist Time*. Hyderabad: Orient BlackSwan, 2022.

Co-Edited volumes

- (i) Bandopadhyay, Ritajyoti, Paula Banerjee, and Ranabir Samaddar. *India’s Migrant Workers and the Pandemic*. London and New Delhi: Routledge and Social Science Press, 2022.

Chapters in edited volumes

- (i) "Towards a Postcolonial Theory of Crisis, Neoliberal Government, and Biopolitics from Below," in *Handbook on Governmentality*, Research Handbooks in Political Thought, edited by William Walters and Martina Tazzioli. Northampton, Mass: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., 2023.
- (ii) "For the Migrant, the Way is the Life," in *Viapolitics: Borders, Migration, and the Power of Locomotion*, edited by William Walters, Charles Heller, and Lorenzo Pezzani. Durham: Duke University Press, 2022.

Forthcoming

- (iii) "Refugees and Migrants as Subjects of Economy and Politics," in *New Frontiers in the Register of Migration and Refugee Studies*, edited by Nasreen Chowdhory. Springer, forthcoming.

Journal Publications

- (i) "A Compendium of Keywords in Refugee and Migration Studies is a Collective Work." *International Migration* 61, No. 1 (February 2023).
- (ii) (With Biao Xiang). "The Russia-Ukraine War: A View from the Southern Left." *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* 24, No. 1 (February 2023): 174-180.
- (iii) "An Intelligent Guide to the Discriminatory History of Responsibility." *CRG Chair Lecture Series*, Calcutta Research Group (December 2022): 1-22.
- (iv) (With Musto, Marcello, Paula Banerjee and Sandro Mezzadra). "As the West Goes to War, Crafting Peace Question Today, Report." *Refugee Watch*, No. 60 (December 2022): 92-104.
- (v) "Genocide: on the edge of an act called mass murder." *International Politics Reviews* 10 (2022): 20-25. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41312-022-00136-2>.

Online Publications

- (i) "Introduction." In *Keywords on Forced Migration and Refugee Studies*, edited by Paula Banerjee, Priya Singh and Nasreen Chowdhory. Kolkata: Calcutta Research Group, 2023.
- (ii) Samaddar, Ranabir. *Keywords on Forced Migration and Refugee Studies*, edited by Paula Banerjee, Priya Singh and Nasreen Chowdhory. Kolkata: Calcutta Research Group, 2023.
- (iii) "Why we should be talking about shock mobility?" *360info*, Shock Mobility Special Report Series. June 19, 2023.
- (iv) [With Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay]. "How riots formed Kolkata's ghettos." *360info*. January 12, 2023.
- (v) "The Right to be Neutral." *360info*, Monash University. May 24, 2022.
- (vi) "The Contentious Nature of Peace." War, Justice and Social Transformation, *Transnational Social Strike Platform*. April 25, 2022.

7.4. The following is a brief account of select interviews, lectures, panel discussion, and participation in Workshops and Conferences

a) Interviews

- (i) "A Southern View of the Ukraine War." *Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology*. March 15, 2022.
- (ii) "How Do Colonialism and Empire Shape Migration Today?" *MMB Insights and Sounds 2022*, Bristol University. October 25, 2022.
- (iii) "The Bottom-Up Biopolitics, a New Power Model and an Alternative Politics of Life." A Conversation with Ranabir Samaddar, Resident Researcher and EHESS / IMéRA Chair in Transregional Studies, IMéRA [Mediterranean Institute for Advanced Research/Institute for Advanced Studies of Aix-Marseille University]. July 3, 2023.

b) Lectures

- (i) "Democracy and Populist Discourses in the 20th Century." Lecture. Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata. 13 May 2022.

- (ii) “Universalism of the Oppressed: B.R. Ambedkar’s Annihilation of Caste.” Lecture. Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata. 8 June 2022.
- (iii) “What is Postcolonial in South Asian Migration and Refugee Studies?” Lecture. FFVT Summer School 2022 on Displacement, Governance and Human Rights, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg [University of Erlangen-Nuremberg]. 13 July 2022.
- (iv) Conducted workshops and delivered lectures in the “European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations [EMMIR] programme”, at the University of Oldenburg, in September, November and December 2022.
- (v) “Genocide: A Most Contentious Word and Concept of Modern Time.” Lecture. Serampore College, Serampore. 7 December 2022.
- (vi) “Popular Constitutionalism and Postcolonial Democracy in India.” Lecture. Views from Asia Pacific: Two Events with Ranabir Samaddar, Bologna University, Bologna. 13 December 2022.
- (vii) Lecture in the IMéRA [Mediterranean Institute for Advanced Research/Institute for Advanced Studies of Aix-Marseille University] Programme. Aix-Marseille University, Marseille. 16 March 2023.
- (viii) “The Practical Ethics of Care and Protection.” Lecture. Europe Underground Programme, Genoa University. 27 March 2023.
- (ix) “What make Keywords in Refugee and Migration Studies?” Opening Talk, Migrants, Refugees, States and Societies, The Association of the Friends of the Foundation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme, Paris. 24 April 2023.
- (x) “Humanity’s Urban Future Research Programme.” Lecture. Canadian Institute for Advanced Research [CIFAR], Naples. 10–11 June 2023.
- (xi) “Crisis, Conjuncture and Biopolitics from Below.” Inaugural Lecture. Two-Day Workshop at IMéRA [Mediterranean Institute for Advanced Research/Institute for Advanced Studies], Aix-Marseille University, in Marseille. 19–20 June 2023.
- (xii) “Keywords in Refugee and Migration Studies: Words in Motion across the World.” Lecture. Antiracism Work in Migration Context [Professorship: Childhood and Migration at the Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences] and the project Integrative Research on Democracy in Saxony-Anhalt, Institute for Democratic Culture of Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences. 23 June 2023.

Forthcoming

- (ii) Keynote Speech, “Ethic of Solidarity and Care.” 2023 Association for Cultural Studies [ACS] Institute, De-colonization in the 21st Century. International Centre for Cultural Studies, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan. 10 August 2023.

c) Panel Discussion/Webinar/Planning Meeting

- (i) Speaker in the webinar, “As the West Goes to War, Crafting Peace Today.” Calcutta Research Group. 25 April 2022.
- (ii) Planning Meeting in the CRG office premises in Kolkata, for the research project “Climate change-related mobility in the borderlands, 2022-2027,” with Ingrid Boas [Associate Professor, Environmental Policy Group, Wageningen University], Madhurima Majumder [PhD Research Scholar, Wageningen University] and CRG members and researchers. 20 July 2022. For details see Section 2.4.
- (iii) Speaker in panel discussion, “Soft Authoritarianisms and Geopolitical Complexities.” Young International Scholars Autumn Research School, Research Project on Soft Authoritarianisms. Bremen University. 27 October 2022.
- (iv) Speaker in the roundtable discussion, “The War in Ukraine and its Global Implications: Views from the Asia Pacific.” Views from Asia Pacific: Two Events with Ranabir Samaddar, University of Bologna. 15 December 2022.

- (v) Discussant in the Session on “Research Agendas by CRG’s Honorary Researchers.” Annual Planning Meeting of CRG, Kolkata. 3 February 2023.
- (vi) Book Discussion. Samaddar, Ranabir. *Imprints of the Populist Time*. Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan, 2022. 19 March 2023. The discussants in the online session were Ranabir Samaddar [CRG], Samita Sen [University of Cambridge and CRG], and Sandro Mezzadra [University of Bologna], speaking on several aspects of populism and populist regimes and critically examining the role of populism and populist policies in contemporary times, while Samir Kumar Das [University of Calcutta and CRG] moderated the session.
- (vii) Discussant, Member, International Advisory Committee and Member of Jury of the ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, Hamburg, for Ph.D. Scholarship Programme in “Beyond Borders.” ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, Hamburg. 13–15 April 2023.

d) Participation in Workshops and Conferences

- (i) Speaker in Panel Discussion “Digitisation of the Migrant World.” Summer Camp on South Asian Labour Migration and Maritime Migrants, organised by CRG in collaboration with Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, Nepal Institute of Peace [NIP], and Alliance for Social Dialogue [ASD], in Kathmandu, Nepal. 21–23 May 2022.
- (ii) Participated in the Follow-up Workshop on “Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants: Climate Change, Informal Labour and Worldwide Protection Mechanism”, organised by CRG in collaboration with Institute of Development Studies Kolkata [IDSK] and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung [RLS], in Kolkata. 3 June 2022.
- (iii) Discussant in the Session “Challenges of Migrant Labours in the Post-Pandemic Era.” Consultative Meeting on Defining Keywords in Refugee and Migration Studies, organised by CRG in collaboration with Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung [RLS], in Kolkata. 29 June 2022.
- (iv) Speaker in the Two-Day Workshop on “Humanity’s Urban Future”, organised by CIFAR in collaboration with the University of Cambridge, at the King’s College, University of Cambridge, in Cambridge, England, on 7–8 July 2022.
- (v) Chair and Discussant in the Online Session “Climate Change, Migration and the Role of Climate Data,” Lecture by James Goldie [360info and Monash University]. Media Workshop on “Climate Migration, Disaster, Displacement and the Role of the Media”, organised by CRG in collaboration with Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung [RLS], and Commonwealth Journalists Association [CJA-India], in Kolkata, 24–25 August 2022.
- (vi) Speaker in the Panel “Three Syllabi on Migration Studies: Centres and Margins.” Two-days Teachers’ Workshop on “Teaching Migration: An Interdisciplinary Teachers’ Workshop in Migration and Refugee Studies”, organised by CRG in collaboration with Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, in Kolkata, 9–10 September 2022.
- (vii) Discussant in the Panel “Global Order, Digitalisation and Bordering.” Digitized Migrants Conference, Koç University, Istanbul, organised by CRG, Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, and Koç University, Istanbul, in Istanbul. 15–16 September 2022.
- (viii) Conceptualisation of and discussion on the Travelling Photo Exhibition “The Calcutta Killings of 1946 and its Aftermath,” as part of the Seventh Annual Research and Orientation Workshop on Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants, organised by CRG in collaboration with Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung [RLS], in Kolkata. 13–17 November 2022.
- (ix) Valedictory Lecture, “An Intelligent Guide to the Responsibility Paradox.” Seventh Critical Studies Conference “Migrant Asias: Refugees, Statelessness and Migrant Labour Regimes”, 18-19 November 2022, organised by CRG in collaboration with Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung [RLS], in Kolkata. 19 November 2022.
- (x) Speaker in the Inaugural Session “‘Calcutta Riots’ and ‘Photo Display - Trail of Blood: Calcutta Killings of 1946 and Its Aftermath’.” A Youth Meet on Crafting Peace and Justice Politics Today,

- 25–27 January 2023, organised by CRG in collaboration with Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, in Darjeeling. 25 January 2023.
- (xi) Discussant in the Session “Child Protection: Issues and Concerns.” A Youth Meet on Crafting Peace and Justice Politics Today, 25–27 January 2023, organised by CRG in collaboration with Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, in Darjeeling. 27 January 2023.
 - (xii) Inaugural programme of the project on “Necessary Utopias”, IMéRA [Mediterranean Institute for Advanced Research/Institute for Advanced Studies] at Aix-Marseille University. 2 March 2023.
 - (xiii) Speaker and organiser of a Two-Day Workshop on “Crisis, Conjuncture and Biopolitics from Below,” as Chair of Excellence in Migration and Forced Migration Studies, EHESS/Iméra Chair in Transregional Studies [2022–23], IMéRA [Mediterranean Institute for Advanced Research/Institute for Advanced Studies], Aix-Marseille University, in Marseille. 19–20 June 2023.

Forthcoming

- (xiv) 2023 Association for Cultural Studies [ACS] Institute. “De-colonization in the 21st Century.” International Centre for Cultural Studies, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan. 10–15 August 2023 [postponed from January 2023].

e) Krishna Memorial Awards Programme

- (i) “Dialogue with Caregivers.” Ninth Krishna Memorial Awards Programme for Women Educationists, Students and Caregivers, and the Ninth Krishna Memorial Lecture by Sunandan Basu [2022], organised by CRG in collaboration with Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, and Krishna Trust, in Kolkata. 8 April 2022.
- (ii) “Inaugural Session and Introduction to the work of Krishna Trust and the ‘Dialogue with Caregivers’.” Tenth Krishna Memorial Awards Programme for Women Educationists, Students and Caregivers, and the Tenth Krishna Memorial Lecture by Abhay Shukla [2023], organised by CRG in collaboration with Institute for Human Sciences [IWM], Vienna, and Krishna Trust, in Kolkata. 10 February 2023.

8. PUBLICATIONS

8.1. Journal

CRG’s flagship Journal publication *Refugee Watch: A South Asian Journal on Forced Migration* [ISSN: 2347-405X] has been in circulation since 1998 deals with the issues of migration and mobility at various cross purposes. Paula Banerjee is the Editor and Samata Biswas is the Book Review Editor of the Journal. Issues 59–60 edited by Paula Banerjee has been published between January 2022 to March 2023.

- Issue 59: Deals with the community identity of the refugees and migratory routes from South Asia. <http://www.mcrg.ac.in/rw%20files/RW59/RW59.pdf>
 - Issue 60: A Special Issue on ‘Contemporary Wars and Politics of Dispossession: Afghanistan and Ukraine’. Nergis Canefe [York University, Canada] and Nasreen Chowdhory [University of Delhi, India] were the guest editors for this issue. <http://www.mcrg.ac.in/rw%20files/RW60/RW60.pdf>
- 2024 marking the 25 years of the Journal, two special issues on Partition and Migrant Asias will be published.

8.2. Online Journal: RefugeeWatchOnline

CRG maintains an online co-publication of Refugee Watch Online [RWO] hosted at <https://refugeewatchonline.wordpress.com/> and presents brief news, reports, views, and comments while drawing political and social attention to the human rights of the forcibly displaced persons. The editorial team have Anwesha Sengupta, Debarati Bagchi, Ananya Chatterjee, Sucharita Sengupta, and Samata Biswas. The

blog has its social media handles Facebook: @refugeewatchonline, Twitter handle: @rwatchonline and Instagram profile @refugeewatchonline.

April 2022

- A Report on “Women, Migration and Cultural Production: A Panel Discussion”
- Survivors of 1947 Partition are true ambassadors of Peace and Love in these Divided Lands
- Report on the Book Launch of Memories of Arrival: A Voice from the Margins by Adhir Biswas

May 2022

- Book Launch: Armenians of Calcutta by Alakananda Nag
- The Perceived Noncitizens: The Citizenship of Perception
- Report on “A Lecture on Migration and Sexual Violence’ by Chris Dolan
- Frontier Dreams: Afghanistan in the Bengali Literary Imagination” with Mou Banerjee
- Child Narrators and their Displacement: An Analysis of Neelkontho Pakhir Khonje
- A Report on Migrant Lives by Radhika Chopra
- A Report on Pedagogy of Migration Studies: A Roundtable
- Report on Exploring the Education Development Nexus Through a Migration (Im)mobility Lens

June 2022

- Bhutanese Refugees in Nepal: A Scandal that Rocks the Government

July 2022

- Refugees in their Own Land: The Forgotten People in the Indo-Bangladesh Enclaves
- A Report on Special Lecture on ‘Democracy and Populist Discourses in the 20th Century by Ranabir Samaddar’
- In the Language of Remembering: An Archive of the Passage of Memory
- Three Films on Migrant Workers: A View from KPFF 2022

August 2022

- LOW/HIGH: Navigating Cyclones and Covid-19 in the Sunderbans
- PR Botch-Up: Detention Centre Presented as EWS Housing for Rohingyas

September 2022

- Labour Migration: A Prospect for Bangladesh

October 2022

- The Not So Great Escape: Assam’s Trafficked Workers’ Horrific Account of Forced Labour in Arunachal Pradesh

November 2022

- Transhumance Pastoralism in Kashmir: Case of the Gujjar-Bakarwals
- A Report on ‘Climate Disaster, Migration, and News Reporting: A South Asian Discussion’
- Migrant Workers Death: The Dark Underbelly of Qatar Football Worldcup
- Media approach Towards Climate Refugees, Disaster and Displacement in South Asian Economy and Society

December 2022

- Floods, Papers and a Survival Strategy
- Optimism Bias: A Major Challenge in Refugee Responsibility Sharing
- A Report on ‘The Unseen Game: Infrastructure, Labour and the City’
- Three History Books for Children: Desher Bhasha, Desher Manush, Deshvaag
- The Blood-Stained Cup: Migrant workers in Qatar

March 2023

- A Lasting Laugh on the Last World: A Review of Orhan Pamuk’s Nights of Plague
- Daily wage Worker Suicide Unlikely to End Soon

8.3. Research Papers: Policies and Practices

CRG publishes a series of research papers with the aim of disseminating important works and findings for discussion among scholars, researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and activists. The occasional/working papers published by CRG as *Policies and Practices* is hosted at: <http://www.mcrg.ac.in/pp.asp>. The list of working papers published in 2022–23 is listed here:

Sr.	Title	Authors	Project	Year
143	Policies and Protection for the Migrants of Nepal	Som Niroula and Kamal Thapa Kshetri	IWM	2022
142	Indian Droughts, Drought Policy and Climate Change	Sohini Sengupta	IWM	2022
141	Witnessing the Birth of a Nation: Narrative Frames of Refugee and Relief in Bangladesh Liberation War 1971	Rituparna Datta	IWM	2022
140	Kolkata and Climate Crisis	Shatabdi Das	IWM	2022
139	Urban Renewal Stage in City's Life and its Impact on Slums and Slum Dwellers – A Case Study of Noida City	Johny K.D. and Ankita Singh	IWM	2022
138	Politics of Populist Policies in West Bengal	Santi Sarkar	IWM	2022
137	Pandemic and Governance in Central Asia	Anita Sengupta	IWM	2022
136	Theorising Race and Space in a Transnational Context.” Policies and Practices	Julián Gutiérrez Castaño	RLS	2022
135	Mitigating the Impact of COVID and Conflict: Empowering and Securing Futures of Children Belonging to Pastoral Communities of Jammu & Kashmir	Afreen Gani Faridi,	RLS	2022
134	Those Who Stay Behind: Lived Experiences from Indian Sundarbans Amidst Climate Change and Migration	Debojyoti Das and Upasana Ghosh	RLS	2022
133	Solidarity for Survival: Cooperative Building as a Solution to Overcome Vulnerability	Rajat Kanti Sur	RLS	2022
132	Impact of Climate Change on Nomads in Jammu and Kashmir with a View of Public Health Facilities	Pallavi Sareen	RLS	2022
131	Navigating Precarity: Analysing Multiple Narratives of Citizenship in Assam	Samik Roy Chowdhury and Gorky Chakraborty	RLS	2022
130	The Kaibarta Question in Barak Valley, Assam: A Curious Case of Settlements in Flux.	Debashree Chakraborty	RLS	2022

8.4. Distinguished Lecture Series

In 2022, Ranabir Samaddar's lecture on “An Intelligent Guide to the Responsibility Paradox” was published as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series in 2022. The discussion was part of the valedictory lecture in the Seventh Critical Studies Conference on “Migrant Asias:” [November 2022]. Full paper available at: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/DCL.pdf

8.5. Books

Published

- Banerjee, Paula, Priya Singh, and Nasreen Chowdhory, eds. *Keywords on Forced Migration and Refugee Studies*. Kolkata: Calcutta Research Group, 2023, e-book. Concept Note, http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/Abstracts/Concept_Note_Keywords.pdf
Link to the book: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/Keywords.pdf
- Lahiri, Sangbida. *Covid Kaal-e Biponnota o Sanghati*. Kolkata: Progressive Publishers, 2023.
- Bharat Bhushan, ed. *Media, Migrants in the Time of Pandemic: A Reader*. New York: Routledge, 2023.
- Jha, Manish K., and Ritam Sengupta. *Data Centres as Infrastructure: Frontiers of Digital Governance in Contemporary India*. Hyderabad: Orient BlackSwan, 2022.
- Samaddar, Ranabir. *Imprints of Populist Time*. Hyderabad: Orient BlackSwan, 2022.

Translations

- Saha, Manjira. *Labour Train*. Translated by Purna Banerjee. Kolkata: FrontPage, 2023.

Forthcoming

- Chowdhory, Nasreen, ed. *New Frontiers in the Registrar of Migration and Refugee Studies*. Singapore: Springer.
- Chakraborty, Subhas Ranjan, Paula Banerjee, and Kaustubh Mani Sengupta, eds. *The Long 2020-Reflections of Epidemiological Times*. Singapore: Springer.
- Srinivasan, Piya, ed. *Living with the Weather: Climate Change, Ecology and Displacement in South Asia*. New Delhi: Yoda Press.
- Banerjee, Paula, ed. *On the Margins of Protection*. Hyderabad: Orient BlackSwan.
- Krishna, Gopal, and Anamika Priyadarshini. *Mahamari ki Sarhad-e*. Translated by Ashok Jha and Pranav Jha. New Delhi: Aakar Books.
- Datta, Rituparna, ed. *Pandemic and Precarity*. Kolkata: Sampark.
- Bose, Pradip K., ed. *Paschim Bang-e Udbastura: Pratishthanik Udyog o Parichitir Sanghat*. Translated by Prasit Das. Kolkata: Progressive Publishers.

8.6. Audio-Visual Materials for Reading and Instructional Purposes

CRG in collaboration with IWM-RLS has been producing audio-visual material for reading and instruction purposes.

Films

Wahida Parveez prepared a short documentary on the issues of citizenship in the Barak valley of Assam through the lens of struggle and resilience of a Miya woman living in *char* at Beki River. The documentary was part of CRG-RLS Media Fellowship and was screened at the 2022 Media Workshop on “Climate Migration, Disaster, Displacement and the Role of the Media: An Orientation Workshop” on 24–25 August 2022.

For details, see:

http://www.mcrg.ac.in/RLS_Migration_2022/Media%20Fellowship/Abstracts/Wahida%20Parveez_Proposal.pdf

Podcasts

A series of podcasts on *Migration Matters* was conducted by CRG-RLS in 2022.

- K.M. Parivelan did three podcasts on migrant lives. The respondents of the podcasts are:
 - i. S. Sooriyakumary, Secretary of ERR (Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation) and a founding Member of ERR shared her views on how children’s education was promoted by ERR organisation both by advocating with Government of Tamil Nadu and providing directly the bridging courses/ tuition for refugee children. It was a conscious decision to promote education in order to build resilience and livelihoods for future sustainability.

- ii. Dina Sidhva, Lecturer at the Department of Social Work, University of South-West Scotland, UK., shared her candid views on challenges faced by refugee children vis-à-vis education.
- iii. Tashi Dhondup, President of the National Democratic Party of Tibet (NDPT) his views on Tibet in exile and the challenges faced by them in general and children in particular.
- Ranu Basu, York University, Toronto in conversation with Joris Schapendonk. The podcast jostled around the question of why migration matters in the context of Geography.
- Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury in conversation with Amena Mohsin discussed about the Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh and the “Jumma Refugees” who live there.
- Nasreen Chowdhury in conversation with K. M. Parivelan focused on the role of UNHCR in India.

Photo Documentation

Dipanwita Saha prepared a visual photo documentation “Trail of Blood: Part I: The Calcutta Killings of 1946 and its Aftermath” of the city of Calcutta by revisiting the localities for the Direct Action Day of 1946. A photo exhibition based on the project outcomes was curated by CRG at the Seventh Annual Research Workshop and Conference in November 2022. The photo-documentation was supported by IWM. View the photo-project at: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/IWM_Migration_2022/Trail%20of%20Blood%20Final.pdf

The photo-essays by Muna Sunuwar and Banhi Sarkar [CRG Media Fellows, 2022] will be published in the photobook *Waters off the Valley, Traversing the Delta* by CRG.

9. LIBRARY, WEBSITE, AND ASSETS

9.1. Library

The library of Calcutta Research Group holds a significantly specialised collection of print and audio resources on topics pertinent to areas of Social Science such as migration, forced migration, human rights, peace, justice, post-colonial democracy, migration studies, and more. This Resource Centre is linked with the Refugee Research Network, responsible for gathering information from several institutions and networks. The library has digital access, allowing members of several colleges, universities, research institutes, and NGOs, along with research scholars, students, and faculty, access to academic material. Books and CDs, however, are available only as hard copies in the library. In terms of numbers, the Library and Resource Centre has about 3497 books, 1383 documents, and 237 audio CDs, videos, and lectures on topics such as law, migration, food, environment, urbanization, displacement, minority rights, advocacy, child rights, human rights, and migration from Northeast India, India’s Look East Policy, and more. There are exclusive collections of newspaper clippings on Northeast India and archived materials on forced migration. The library also has a good collection of donated books on topics such as Modern India, human culture, the sociological imagination, Dalit literature, and more. The library has subscribed to Koha from the Bengal Library Association since November 2021. All Books and bibliographic data have been migrated to Koha. Users can access the library books collection through OPAC at: <https://mcrg-opac.blacloud.in/>. The library books are arranged in a systematic way as per DDC 23rd edition classification number-wise. Since the longevity of the data is very low on CD, all the digitised documented data of the library is backed up from CD to an external hard drive. A xerox machine has been installed in the library, so that readers can take printouts as required and a new air conditioner machine has been installed in the library. CRG has subscription with JSTOR and Economic and Political Weekly, and Project-Muse. The current library advisory committee consists of Samir Kumar Das, Purna Banerjee, Kishore Kumar Banerjee, Rajat Roy, Rajat Kanti Sur, and Lina Dey. They are responsible for determining the rules and modes of operation. Lina Dey is the current Librarian and is responsible for most of the library-related activities and R.K. Mahato has continued service as Library Assistant.

9.2. Website

The website of Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group is hosted at: <http://www.mcrg.ac.in>. The website not only acts as the digital platform for showcasing the activities of the institute but also serves as the repository of

the research and reference through its archiving of resources curated across various genres and is available on public domain except few restricted by either the copyright laws or are in the process of transmission into digital data. The website has been heuristically designed into seven segments: 1] research and programmes, 2] dialogues and conferences, 3] public lectures and seminars, 4] researchers and board members, 5] distinguished chair, 6] publications and reports, and 7] library and resource centre. The programmes of CRG are updated regularly on its website. The Living Archive resources have increased manifold and have been indexed on a temporal scale. A new secured portal is in the process of being updated for hosting the Eighth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference Programme on Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants. The website is updated and maintained by Samaresh Guchhait from the administrative unit of Calcutta Research Group with the support of the staff researchers.

9.3. Assets

An Asset Register is maintained by the office. During this period computer and accessories, one Air-conditioner [Daiken] was purchased. The old LG Air-conditioner that went out of order and beyond any repair was exchanged with the new one. The asset register is updated regularly, and the register is open for inspection.

9.4. 25 Years of CRG

To commemorate the 25 Years of CRG in 2023–24, a series of public lectures and conference were held. The public lecture series flagged off with the lecture of Ranabir Samaddar on “Universalism of the Oppressed: B.R. Ambedkar’s *Annihilation of Caste*”. The Seventh Critical Studies Conference on “Migrant Asias: Refugees, Statelessness and Migrant Labour Regimes” was organised as part of 25 Years celebration of CRG.

10. ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

The tenure of the Honorary Director, Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury has been extended till the next Annual General Meeting to be held on 28 August 2023. He heads all the administrative and research work. Rajat Kanti Sur, Rituparna Datta, Shatabdi Das and Debashree Chakraborty continued their work sincerely and efficiently as Project Researchers. Imran Philip and Kaveri left CRG after the completion of their project. Debasree Sarkar has joined as media officer under the DW Akademie project in July 2022. Shatabdi Das and Rituparna Datta continued to be Associates of the Distinguished Chair in Migration and Forced Migration Studies of CRG. For details of the staff researchers, see: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/CRG_Researchers_RPA.asp and http://www.mcrg.ac.in/CRG_Researchers_RPAssitances.asp.

During the period under report a research intern, Trisha Ghosh was attached with CRG for three months under the CRG internship programme. For details of the intern visit: http://www.mcrg.ac.in/CRG_Researchers_Intern.asp.

Binayak Mallick discontinued his service as Assistant Librarian and Information Manager in December 2022, and Lina Dey was selected and appointed as Assistant Librarian and Information Manager in March 2023. The services of Ashok Kumar Giri, Partha Pratim Sarkar, Samaresh Guchhait and Subhashree Rout were reconfirmed. The part-time service of R.K. Mahato as Library Assistant was also retained.

11. HIGHLIGHTS OF MEMBERS’ ACHIEVEMENTS

Anamika Priyadarshini organised a conference on “Economic Empowerment of Women in East India and the Role of Women’s Collectives” [March 2023 in collaboration with XISS-Ranchi and IAWS]; conducted a study on the prevalence of early marriage in Bihar [April 2022]. She will be working on the impact of male-outmigration on economic opportunities for women in rural Bihar in collaboration with APU and ANSISS”. A few of her notable co-authored publication are: “Time Poverty for Girls: Implications for Educational

Attainment and Workforce Participation,” [*Ideas for India*], “Child Marriage in Bihar: Why does it Persist?” [IDR], “Spousal Support and Work Performance during COVID-19 among Elected Women Representatives in Rural Bihar, India: A Cross Sectional Mixed-Method Study” [*eClinicalMedicine-The Lancet*].

Anup Shekhar Chakraborty co-edited books with Kaustav Chakraborty on *Queer and the Vernacular Languages in India: Studies in Contemporary Texts and Culture* [London/New Delhi: Taylor & Francis, Routledge, 2023], and with Parjanya Sen on *Death and Dying in Northeast India: Indigeneity and Afterlife*. [London/New Delhi: Taylor & Francis, Routledge, 2023]; and guest edited a special issue on “Politics and the People in India: Modern and Historical Perspectives” for *Humanities and Social Science Communications* [Springer Nature, UK]. He delivered lectures as a resource person in Refresher courses, Faculty Induction programs, and short-term Courses at various UGC HRDCs [North Bengal University; Jamia Millia Islamia; Kumaon University; Jadavpur University; Guru Ghasidas Bilaspur Central University; Mizoram Central University].

Nasreen Chowdhury wrote extensively on forced migration. She co-edited a book with Paula Banerjee *Gender, Identity and Migration in India* [Singapore: Palgrave and Macmillan, Springer Verlag, Singapore, 2022]; guest edited with Biswajit Mohanty a special issue on “Border, Dispossession, Rights and ‘Exception’ in Forced Migration: Insights from South Asia” for *Journal of Borderlands Studies*; co-authored article with Shamna T.P. on “The Practice of ‘Sanctuary’ and Refugee Protection in India. In Postcoloniality and Forced Migration: Mobility, Control, Agency”.

Paula Banerjee has been appointed as the IDRC Endowed Research Chair and Director of the Centre on Gender and Forced Displacement [CGFD] hosted by Gender and Development Studies, Department of Development and Sustainability, School of Environment, Resources and Development at the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand.

V. Ramaswamy, a literary translator, published two books this year: *Why There are No Noyontara Flowers in Agargaon Colony*, a collection of short stories, and the novel, and *I See the Face*, both by the Bangladeshi writer, Shahidul Zahir. Ramaswamy, together with his co-translator, Shahroza Nahrin, also received the prize from the Bangla Translation Foundation, Dhaka, for the best translated book of 2022, for Shahidul Zahir's *Life and Political Reality: Two Novellas*. Ramaswamy was a recipient of PEN England's inaugural PEN Presents translation grant, and his sample translation of the childhood memoir *Last Boy: An Untouchable Boy's Classroom*, was selected for showcasing by PEN.

12. ROLL OF CRG MEMBERS

Anjan Kumar Chakraborty and Debasish Roy Chowdhury were invited to be members of the Society. Both have accepted the invitations. CRG welcomes them to the Society. The present roll of members stands as follows and will be subject to revision after the AGM to be held on August 26, 2023:

1. Amit Prakash
2. Anamika Priyadarshini
3. Ananya Chatterjee
4. Anita Sengupta
5. Anjan Chakraborty
6. Anjoo Sharan Upadhyaya
7. Anjuman Ara Begum
8. Anup Shekhar Chakraborty
9. Arup Kumar Sen
10. Atig Ghosh
11. Bharat Bhushan
12. Bishnu Mohapatra



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13. Byasdeb Dasgupta
14. Debasish Roy Chowdhury
15. Gopal Krishna
16. Iman Mitra
17. Ishita Dey
18. Jishnu Dasgupta
19. K.M. Parivelan
20. Kalpana Kannabiran
21. Khesheli Chishi
22. Krishna Bandyopadhyay
23. Kumar Rana
24. Madhuresh Kumar
25. Madhurilata Basu
26. Mahalaya Chatterjee
27. Mandira Sen
28. Manish K. Jha
29. Manjuri Chatterji
30. Mouleshri Vyas
31. Nasreen Chowdhury
32. Nirmal Kumar Mahato
33. Nirmalya Banerjee
34. Paula Banerjee
35. Prasanta Ray
36. Rajat Roy
37. Rajesh Kharat
38. Ranabir Samaddar [Invitee]
39. Ritu Menon
40. Ruchira Goswami
41. Sabir Ahamed
42. Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury
43. Sahana Basavapatna
44. Samata Biswas
45. Samir Kumar Das
46. Samita Sen
47. Sanam Roohi
48. Sanjay Barbora
49. Sanjay Chaturvedi
50. Santi Sarkar
51. Shyamalendu Majumdar
52. Sibaji Pratim Basu
53. Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty
54. Subir Bhaumik
55. Sucharita Sengupta
56. Sudeep Basu
57. Sumona Dasgupta
58. Uttam Kumar Ray
59. V. Ramaswamy



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