

**10 September 2009**

**Venue: Hotel Pearl, 35 Z Radha Madhab Dutta Garden Lane, Kolkata - 700 010 (Opp The Hyatt Regency on EM Bypass)**

**Pre Conference Roundtable**

5.00-5.20pm *Tea and Registration*  
5.20-5.30pm Welcome Address : Samir Kumar Das (University of Calcutta and CRG)  
5.30-7.00 pm Round Table on “*My Right of Return*” by Edward Said  
Participants: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury (Rabindra Bharati University & CRG), Stephen Wright (Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art, Paris); Brett Neilson (University of Western Sydney); Pradip Kumar Bose (CRG)  
Moderator: Ranabir Samaddar (CRG)

**11 September 2009**

**Venue: Academy of Fine Arts 2, Cathedral Road, Kolkata-71**

9.30-9.40am *Introductory Remarks by Ranabir Samaddar, Director, CRG*

9:40-11:10 am **Session I: *Empires, Population Flows and Identity Construction***  
East Prussia and the German Empire: Imperial Formation, Partition and Forced Migration after World War II- Christine de Gemeaux (François Rabelais University)  
Imperial Cosmologies: the United States as a Case Study- Philip Golub (Institute of European Studies Universite Paris 8)  
Outside the Democratic Empire or Inside? Reflections on the People living on the Edge - Samir Kumar Das  
Chair: Prasanta Ray (Presidency College, Kolkata, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata & CRG)  
Discussant: Brett Neilson

11:10-11:30 am *Tea Break*

11:30-1:00 pm **Session II: *Colonialism and Migration***  
Land of Five Rivers, Canal Colonies and Oceanic Flows to Southeast Asia- Anjali Gera Roy (Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur)  
Colonialism, Resource Crisis and Migration in Nineteenth Century India- Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty (West Bengal Police Archives and CRG)  
Filius nulus in Terra Nulus: the Migration of British Children to the White ‘Colonies’ After the Second World War!- Martine Spensky (Universite Blaise Pascal)  
Chair: Paula Banerjee (University of Calcutta and CRG)  
Discussant: Pradip Kr. Bose

1:00-2:00 pm *Lunch Break*

2:00-3:30 pm **Session III: *Migration, Nation States and Citizenship (I)***  
Imperialism within States: Political Exclusion and Democracy in Nepal, India and Sri Lanka - Mahendra Lawoti (Western Michigan University)  
Beyond and Beneath the Nation-State: Bangladeshi Indigenous People’s Activism between Marginalisation and Self-Assertion - Eva Gerharz (University of Bielefeld)  
Challenging the Sacred Space of the Nation: an Argument for Soft Borders - Julie Mostov (Drexel University)  
Chair: Pradip Kumar Bose  
Discussant: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury

3:30-4:00 pm *Tea Break*

4:00-5:30 pm **Session IV: *Migration, Nation States and Citizenship (II)***  
The Collapse of State Socialism in the Former 'Soviet Bloc' and Global Labour Migration - József Böröcz (Rutgers University)  
Special Economic Zones - The Emerging Scenario of Citizenship in India- Ishita Dey (CRG)  
The Refugee as a Mobile Subject - Paolo Novak (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)  
Chair: Martine Spensky  
Discussant: Samir Kumar Das

**12 September 2009**

**Venue: Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata**

9:30- 11:00 am **Session V: *Return to the Labour Question in Migration Studies***  
Why Should We Study Immigration Flows in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries? - Ranabir Samaddar (CRG)  
Bonded Migration: Bangladeshi workers in temporary contract work in Singapore - Mahua Sarkar (Binghamton University)  
Fragmented Labour and Elusive Solidarity: The Migrant Workers in the Brickfields of Bengal - Swati Ghosh (Rabindra Bharati University)  
Chair: Stephen Wright  
Discussant: Byasdeb Dasgupta, (University of Kalyani)

11:00-11:30 am *Tea Break*

11:30-1:00 pm **Session VI: *Migration and Representation***  
The Image of Migrants in the European Media: The Case of France and Spain - Anne Marie Autissier (Institute of European Studies, University of Paris 8)  
In an Open Labyrinth: Conceptual Migration and Forced Displacement - Stephen Wright  
Translating Feminism across Imperial Borders - Dina Siddiqi (Brac University, Bangladesh)  
Chair: David Ludden (New York University)  
Discussant: Tapati Guhathakurta (Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata)

1:00-2:00 pm *Lunch Break*

2:00-3:30 pm

**Session VII: Migration and Issues of Justice**

Pearl Harbor Echoes: Of War, Relocation and Documentation of the Japanese American Internment Experience - Somdatta Mandal  
(Visva Bharati University)

Strengthening Policy Responses to Migrant Smuggling and Human Trafficking - Ravi Tripathi (Dr Ram Manohar

Lohiya National

Law University & Youth Initiative Network)

Critical Climatics, Forced Migration and Social Justice - Arun G. Mukhopadhyay

Chair: Ranabir Samaddar

Discussant: Shibaji Pratim Basu (Sri Chaitanya College, Habra)

3:30-4:00 pm

*Tea Break*

4.00 PM

Opening Remarks - Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty

4.30 PM

**Public Lecture on 'Spatial Reorganization of North Eastern Parts of British India, 1905 to Present' - David Ludden, New York University.**

5.30 PM

Concluding Remarks - Ranabir Samaddar, Director, Calcutta Research Group.

5.40 PM

Vote of Thanks - Samir Kumar Das

*The Programme will be chaired by Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty.*

Registration Fee: 300 INR

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(Tentative Schedule- Subject to Change)