

# Global Protection of Migrants & Refugees

## Fourth Annual Research & Orientation Workshop & Conference

In collaboration with  
**Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung**  
25 -29 November 2019, Kolkata

### Research Workshop

**Day 1: 25 November 2019**

Venue: Hotel Sojourn

**05:00 pm- 05:30 pm: Registration & Tea**

**05:30 pm- 08:00 pm: Inaugural Session**

**Chair:** Byasdeb Dasgupta, *University of Kalyani, Kalyani & President, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**05:30 pm- 05:40 pm: Welcome Remarks:** Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta & Honorary Director, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**05:40 pm- 06:10 pm: Outline of the Structure of the Workshop:** Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata* & Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**06:10 pm- 06:25 pm: Reflections on the Kolkata Declaration 2018:** Ranabir Samaddar, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**06:25 pm- 07:25 pm: Inaugural Panel: In the Eye of the Migrant Storm: Greece 2015**

- Deborah Valencia, *The Melissa Network, Greece*
- Olga Lafazani, *University of Thessaly, Volos*

**07:25 pm - 07:30 pm: Vote of Thanks**

**Day 2: 26 November 2019**

Venue: Hotel Monotel

**09:30 am - 10:30 am: Theme Lecture for Module A: *Global Protection Regime for Refugees and Migrants***

Chair: Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Theme Lecture by Nasreen Chowdhory, *University of Delhi, New Delhi & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**10:30 am- 11:00 am:** Discussion

11:00 am – 11:30 am: Tea

**11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Theme Lecture for Module B: Gender, Race, Religion and other Fault Lines in the Protection Regime**

Chair: Lydia Potts, *University of Oldenburg, Oldenburg*

Theme Lecture by Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**12:30 pm- 01:00 pm:** Discussion

**01:00-02:00 pm: Lunch**

**ROOM 1: Module A**

**02:00 pm- 03:30 pm: Presentation of research papers by participants of Module A**

Chair: Nasreen Chowdhory, *University of Delhi, New Delhi & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

- Alkistis Prepi, *National Technical University of Athens, Athens* & Konstantinos Gousis, *University of Roehampton, London*  
**Migration, Vulnerability, Resilience: A Series of Unfortunate Events**
- Ambar Ghosh, *Jadavpur University & Observer Research Foundation, Kolkata*  
**The Questions of Contested Territoriality and Identity Under a Liberal Constitutional Framework: A Case Study of the National Register for Citizens (NRC) Drafting Procedure in Assam**
- Divita Shandilya, *ActionAid India, New Delhi*  
**Regional Responses to the Global Compact and Learnings for South Asia**
- Mastoureh Fathi, *University College Cork, Cork*  
**Home, Art and Memory: Refugee Women's Narratives of Displacement in Turkey**
- Aditi Mukherjee, *Calcutta Research Group & Leiden University, Kolkata*  
**Labour Migrants in the Canal Side Shanties in Kolkata**

## ROOM 2: Module B

**02:00 pm- 03:30 pm: Presentation of research papers by participants of Module B**

Chair: Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

- Ekata Baksi, *Centre for Women's Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*  
**Rethinking refugee women: A study of Partition induced forced-migration through the intersecting lenses of caste, labour, generation and region**
- Kusumika Ghosh, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*  
**The Displaced Woman: Narratives from Survivors of the Partition of Bengal in 1947**
- Preeshita Biswas, *Presidency University, Kolkata*  
**A Dialogue at the Threshold: Analysing Marginal Existence in Bury Me My Love, Kuroshitsuji and The Alienist**
- Sarah Nandi, *Sanskrit College & University, Kolkata*  
**Surviving Gender: An Investigation of Gender Based Violence Rehabilitation Programs in 1971 Urban Bengali Refugee Communities**
- Shubhra Seth, *Indraprastha College for Women, New Delhi*  
**Responsibility to Rehabilitate: Gendered Travails of Internally Displaced Persons in India**

03:30 pm - 04:00 pm: Tea

**04:00 pm- 05:00 pm: Theme Lecture for Module E: *Statelessness***

Chair: Nasreen Chowdhory, *University of Delhi, New Delhi & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Theme Lecture by Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**05:00 pm – 05:30 pm: Discussion**

## 03:00 pm- 04:30 pm: Public Lecture

**Venue: School of International Relations & Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University**

Liza Schuster, *City, University of London, London* and Reza Hussaini, *Kabul University, Kabul & Graduate School for Social Research, Warsaw*

**The Role of Formal and Informal Institutions and Asylum Seeking from Afghanistan**

**Day 3: 27 November 2019**

Venue: Hotel Monotel

**09:30 am - 10:30 am: Theme Lecture for Module C: *Neo-Liberalism, Immigrant Economies and Labour***

Chair: Ravi Palat, *State University of New York, Binghamton*

Theme Lecture by Ranabir Samaddar, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**10:30 am – 11:00 am:** Discussion

11:00 am – 11:30 am: Tea

**11:30 am – 01:00 pm: Theme Lecture for Module D: *Borderlands and Migrant Labour***

Chair: Subir Bhaumik, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Theme lecture by Byasdeb Dasgupta, *University of Kalyani, Kalyani & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**12:30 pm – 01:00 pm:** Discussion

**01:00-02:00 pm: Lunch**

**ROOM 1: Module C**

**02:00 pm- 03:30 pm: Presentation of research papers by participants of Module C**

Chair: Ranabir Samaddar, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

- Amrita Hari, *Carleton University, Ottawa*  
**The Political Process of Citizenship: Deconstructing the Privileged Category of Highly Skilled Immigration to Canada**
- Anindita Chakrabarty, *Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai*  
**The Constructed Bangladeshis in Assam- the Political Economy of the Narrative of Illegal Migration**
- Anoushka Roy, *National Law School of India University, Bangalore*  
**The In-Betweens: An Enquiry into the Quality of Life of Self-employed North-Easterns in Kolkata, India**
- Sugandha Nagpal, *O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat*  
**Negotiating Im(mobility): Left-Behind Migrant Wives**
- Yordanos Seifu *Independent Researcher, Addis Ababa*  
**Irregular Migration in a Neoliberal Order: Ethiopian Migrants to South Africa (jointly authored by Yordanos Seifu, Lydia Potts and Tanya Zack)**

**ROOM 2: Module D**

**02:00 pm- 03:30 pm: Presentation of research papers by participants of Module D**

Chair: Byasdeb Dasgupta, *University of Kalyani, Kalyani & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

- Marvi Slathia, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*  
**Life of West Pakistan Refugees at Jammu Borders**
- Mohamed Shafeeq Karinkurayil, *Manipal Centre for Humanities, Manipal*  
**Novel as a Genre of Migration: Reading Temporary People**
- Sanika Banerjee, *Vidyasagar University, Midnapore*  
**Violence against Women in West Bengal-Bangladesh Borderland**
- Shatabdi Das, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*  
**Labour in Borderland: Ichhamati River in North 24 Parganas**

03:30 pm - 04:00 pm: Tea

**04:00 pm – 05:30 pm: Panel Discussion on Migration, Displacement and Resilience**

**Chair:** Liza Schuster, *City, University of London, London*

- Som Niroula, *Alliance for Social Dialogue, Kathmandu*  
**Protracted Internal Displacement in Post-Earthquake Response**
- Shatabdi Das, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*  
**A Social Mapping of Displacement in India**

**03:00 pm – 04:30 pm: Public Lecture**

**Venue: Rabindra Bharati University**

Ravi Palat, *State University of New York, Binghamton*

**Rice and Nomads in Asian History**

**Day 4: 28 November, 2019**

Venue: Hotel Monotel

**09:30 am - 10:30 am: Theme Lecture for Module F: *Laws of Asylum and Protection***

Chair: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

Simon Behrman, *Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham* & Oishik Sircar, *O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat*

**10:30 am – 11:00 am: Discussion**

**ROOM 1: Module E**

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm: Presentation of research papers by participants of Module E**

11:00 am – 12:30 pm: Chair: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

- Biswajit Mohanty, *Deshbandhu College, New Delhi*  
**Media Portrayal of Rohingya Refugees in India**
- Neetu Pokharel, *Alliance for Social Dialogue ( ASD), Kathmandu*  
**Statelessness and the Plight of Women in Nepal**
- Sreetapa Chakrabarty, *Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata*  
**Gendering Refugee Crisis in South Asia – The Case of Rohingya Refugee Women**
- Suchismita Majumder, *University of Kalyani, Kalyani*  
**Difficulty and Uncertainty: A Focus on Young Rohingyas in Children’s Homes of West Bengal**

## ROOM 2: Module F

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm: Presentation of research papers by participants of Module F**

Chair: Oishik Sircar, *Jindal Global Law School, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat & Simon Behrman, Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham*

- Anusha Ravishankar, *Junior Lawyer, Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), New Delhi*  
**The Long Haul of a Lone Ranger**
- Md. Niamot Ali, *Daffodil International University, Dhaka*  
**Sociological Understanding of Asylum and Protection Policies of India: Where do Rohingyas Stand?**
- Mujib Ahmad Azizi, *Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, Kabul*  
**Afghan Refugees and Issues of Protection, Rights, and Justice**
- Rachel Irene D'Silva, *Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar*  
**The Forced Migration of Rohingya to India and Challenges for Refugee Protection**
- Yuvraj Rathore, *Migration and Asylum Project (MAP), New Delhi*

## 12:30-01:30 pm: Lunch

**Field Trip: Kolkata: A Migrant City**

**Field Trip 1: Visit to migrant settlements in Metiabruz, Coordinated by Mr Sabir Ahmed**

**Field Trip 2: Visit to Priya Manna Bustee in Howrah, Coordinated by Mr V Ramaswamy**

## Conference

29 November 2019, Kolkata

Venue: Hotel Monotel

### Registration

**09:00 am – 09:30 am: Inaugural Session**

**Chair:** Prasanta Ray, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Welcome Remarks:** Ranabir Samaddar, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

### 09:30 am- 11:00 am: ROOM 1

Chair: Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Presentation of the Report of Research Workshop Working Groups A, B, C**

### 09:30 am- 11:00 am: ROOM 2

Chair: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Presentation of the Report of Research Workshop Working Groups D, E, F**

11:00-11:30 am: Tea

### 11:30 am – 01:00 pm: ROOM 1, Panel 1

**Auto Ethnography as Research Method**

**Chair:** Anne McCall, *Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans*

**Discussant:** Prasanta Ray, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

- Samata Biswas, *Sanskrit College and University & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*  
**Re-membering Migration(s): The Culture and Politics of Memoirs and Archives**
- Shahram Khosravi, *Stockholm University, Stockholm*  
**Autoethnography and Decoloniality**
- Yordanos S Estifanos, *Independent Researcher, Addis Ababa*  
**Auto-ethnography as a Research Method: Lessons from Field Research In South Africa's Informal Economy**

**11:30 am – 01:00 pm: ROOM 2, Panel 2**

### **Migration Crisis in the Global South: Issues of Protection and Rehabilitation**

**Chair:** Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta and Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Discussant:** Sheila Meintjes, *University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg*

- Liza Schuster, *Department of Sociology, City, University of London, London* & Reza Hussaini, *Kabul University, Kabul* & Graduate School for Social Research, Warsaw  
**The Development of Afghanistan's Comprehensive Migration Policy: A critical analysis**
- Lucy Nusseibeh, *Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND) & Nonviolent Peaceforce, East Jerusalem*
- Orzala Nemat, *Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, Kabul* & Wali Mohammad Kandiwal, *Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, Kabul*  
**Afghanistan: The Rhetoric of Peace Talks and the Future of Migration 'crisis'**

**01:00 pm – 02:00 pm: Lunch**

**02:00 pm – 03:30 pm: ROOM 1, Panel 3**

### **Laws and Asylum Policies in the Global South**

**Chair:** Hari Sharma, *Social Science Baha, Kathmandu*

**Discussant:** Ruchira Goswami, *West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata*

- Oishik Sircir, *Jindal Global Law School, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat*  
**Can There be a Refugee Jurisprudence? A Minor Pedagogical Inquiry**
- Simon Behrman, *School of Law, Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham*  
**When India was a Party to the 1951 Refugee Convention: A Counterfactual History**
- Sumaiya Islam, *Open Society Justice Initiative, New York*  
**In Search of Refuge in South Asia: An Overview of the Legal and Policy Framework for Protection Seekers in Pakistan, Bangladesh and India**

**02:00 pm – 03:30 pm: ROOM 2, Panel 4**



## **Conflict and the Future of Global Protection Mechanism**

**Chair:** Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Discussant:** Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

- Bina D'Costa, *Department of International Relations, Australian National University, Canberra*  
**From Muddy Boots to Business Class: To the Emergency Frontlines and Back**
- Jeevan Thiagarajah, *Center for Humanitarian Affairs (Gte), Colombo*  
**Protection as Responsibility: Fixing a Malfunctioning System**
- Meghna Guhathakurta, *Research Initiatives Bangladesh, Dhaka*  
**Protection of Women in Armed Conflict in Bangladesh: The Making of a National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security**

### **03:30 pm – 05:00pm: Panel 5 (Plenary session)**

## **Migration, Citizenship and Neoliberalism**

**Chair:** Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

**Discussant:** Anjan Chakrabarti, *University of Calcutta, Kolkata*

- Lydia Potts, *University of Oldenburg, Oldenburg*
- Ravi Palat, *State University of New York, Binghamton*  
**Neo-liberalism, Migration, and the Rise of Populism in the Contemporary World**
- Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta and Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*  
**Citizens, Governance and Democratic Politics**

### **05:00 pm - 06:30 pm: Concluding Session**

- **05:00 pm - 05:10 pm: Welcome Remarks by Chair:** Shyamalendu Majumdar, *Sivanath Sastri College & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- **05:10 pm - 05:20 pm: Summing Up:** Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta and Honorary Director, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- **05:20 pm - 05:30 pm: Distribution of Certificates to Workshop Participants by** Stefan Mentschel, *Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, New Delhi*
- **05:30 pm - 06:15 pm: Book Discussion on** *The Arc of Protection: Toward a New International Refugee Regime* by T. Alexander Aleinikoff & Leah Zamore

#### **Moderator:**

Ranabir Samaddar, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

#### **Discussants:**

- Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*
- Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*

- **06:15 pm - 06:25 pm: Remarks by Workshop Participants**
- **06:25 pm - 06:30 pm: Vote of Thanks:** Shatabdi Das, *Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata*