

**Sixth Annual Research & Orientation Workshop & Conference
on
Global Protection of Migrants and Refugees**

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Workshop

15 November (Day 1)

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4:30-5:00 pm: Registration

Inaugural Session

Chair: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & CRG, India*

5:00-5:05 pm: Welcome note by Byasdeb Dasgupta, *University of Kalyani & CRG, India*

5:05-5:15 pm: Introduction to CRG and its programmes by Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & Honorary Director CRG, India*

5:15-5:30 pm: Introductions of participants

5:30-5:40 pm: Introducing the Workshop along with the assignments by Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & CRG, India*

5:40-7:10 pm: Panel discussion on **“After the Pandemic: Recalling the Kolkata Declaration of 2018”**

Chair: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & CRG, India*

Speakers: Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & CRG, India*; Meghna Guhathakurta, *Research Initiative Bangladesh, Bangladesh*; Ayse Caglar, *IWM, Vienna*

Discussant: Nasreen Chowdhory, *University of Delhi & CRG, India*

7:10-8:00 pm: Inaugural lecture on **“The Politics and Practice of Refugee Participation in the Governance of the Global Refugee Regime”** by James Milner, *Carleton University, Canada*, and Rez Gardi, *Refugees Seeking Equal Access at the Table (R-SEAT), New Zealand*

Chair: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & CRG, India*

8:00 pm: Vote of thanks, Rajat Kanti Sur, *CRG, India*

16 November (Day 2)

9:00-9:30 am: Registration

9:30-11:00 am: Module A & B Presentations (parallel sessions) – Discussion initiated by the respective module tutors followed by presentations by participants

Module A: Protection and Punishment (Race, Caste, and Policing)

Module Tutor: Nasreen Chowdhory, *University of Delhi & CRG, India*

Module Participants:

- Ankur Tamuli Phukan, *CRG, India*, ‘**Practices, Contingencies, Politics of the Locals and the Indian State: An Overview from Assam**’
- Rituparna Datta, *CRG, India*, ‘**“Witnessing the Birth of a Nation”: Narrative Frames of Refugee and Relief in the Liberation War 1971**’
- Sarulakshmi R., *Kamla Nehru College, Delhi, India*, ‘**International Law & The Orderly Movement of People**’

Module B: Migrant Workers and the Refugee: Complicated Terrains of Welfare and Asymmetric Social Protection

Module Tutor: Manish K. Jha, *TISS Mumbai, & CRG, India* & Mouleshri Vyas, *TISS Mumbai, & CRG, India*

Module Participants:

- Farseen Ali P.V., *Madras School of Social Work, Chennai India*, ‘**Managing Refugees without a National Policy: Reflections from India’s Experience with Tibetan and Rohingya Refugees**’
- Sunita Panth Chettri, *National Institute of Technology, Sikkim, India*, ‘**Threat to Social Security of Migrants and Refugees during Covid-19 Pandemic in India: A Socio- Legal Dimension**’

- Dogus Simsek, *Kingston University London, UK*, **‘Forced displacement and access to the labour market: The case of Gaziantep’**

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

11:30 am-1:00 pm: **Modules A and B** (parallel sessions continued) – Presentations by participants

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

2:00-3:30 pm: Module C [Refugees and Migrants as Subjects of Economics, Politics, and Gender Division] Special lecture on **“From Stateless Migrant Plantation Labour to Landless War-torn Labour in Northern Sri Lanka”** by Ahilan Kadirgamar, *University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka*

Chair: Parivelan K.M., *TISS Mumbai, & CRG, India*

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

4:00-5:30 pm: Film show (Calcutta a Migrant City I and II) followed by discussion

Moderator: Iman Mitra, *Shiv Nadar University & CRG, India (TBC)*, & Samata Biswas, *The Sanskrit College & University & CRG, India*

5:30-6:00 pm: *Break*

6:00 pm-7:00 pm: Module A [Protection and Punishment (Race, Caste, and Policing)] Keynote lecture on **“Protection and Punishment–The Paradox of Global Governance”** by Paolo Novak, *School of Oriental and African Studies, UK*

Chair: Nasreen Chowdhory, *University of Delhi & CRG, India.*

17 November (Day 3)

8:45-9:00 am: **Registration**

9:00-10:00 am: Module E [Derogation of Rights of Refugees and Migrants, and Situations of Statelessness] Special lecture on **“Fishermen, Statelessness, and the Sea”** by Joyce C.H. Liu, *National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan*

Chair: Ranabir Samaddar, *CRG, India*

10:00-11:00 am: Module C [Refugees and Migrants as Subjects of Economics, Politics, and Gender Division] Special lecture on “**War, Displacement and Migrant Labour in Iraq**” by Umut Kuruüzüm, *Istanbul Technical University, Turkey*

Chair: Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & CRG, India*

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

11.30 am-1:00 pm: Modules C & D Presentations (parallel sessions) – Discussion initiated by the respective module tutors followed by presentations by participants

Module C: Refugees and Migrants as Subjects of Economics, Politics, and Gender Division

Module Tutors: Ranabir Samaddar, *CRG, India* & Arup Kumar Sen, *Serampore College & CRG, India*

Module Participants:

- Aditi Mishra, *TISS Mumbai, India*, ‘**Internal Migration of Nomadic communities: A Study of Varanasi City**’
- Anisha Bordoloi, *Independent Researcher, Assam, India*, ‘**In Search of the “Suitable Coolie”:** Homogenisation and Colonial Migration of Labour to the Tea Gardens of Assam’
- Kasturi Datta, *University of Delhi, India*, ‘**Migrant Labour as Subjects of Economy and Objects of State Protection: The Predicaments of Circular Migration in the Construction Industry during the Pandemic**’
- Nisharuddin Khan, *IDSK, India*, “**Let’s return to our own Home—**” Muslim Return Migrations in Post-Partition Bengal, 1947-1964
- Suman Mandal, *IACER, Nepal*, ‘**A Report on Status of Women Migrant Workers of Nepal**’

Module D: Forced Migration, Law, and Critical Jurisprudence

Module Tutor: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & CRG, India*

Module Participants:

- Monika Verma, *National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan*, ‘**A gradual anomaly in Citizenship: In Particular Reference to Non-citizens/Refugees in India**’
- Shimul Datta, *IIT Kharagpur, India*, ‘**The Missing Link between Migration to Trafficking in West Bengal**’
- Sreetapa Chakrabarty, *Rabindra Bharati University, India*, ‘**Children of a Lesser God: Rightlessness of Rohingya Refugee Children in Malaysia and Bangladesh**’
- Gulzina Daniyarova, *Osh State University, Kyrgyzstan*, ‘**Women’s Labor Migration from Kyrgyzstan to Russia: Causes and Consequences**’

- Thi Trang Nguyen, *National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taiwan*, ‘**The Conflict of Interests within the French Imperial Biopolitical Logistics and its Impact on the Recruitment of Vietnamese labours to Pacific Island**’
- Mujib Ahmad Azizi, *AREU, Afghanistan*, ‘**War, Conflict, Climate Change and Internal Displacement in Afghanistan**’

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

2:00-3:30 pm: Modules C & D (parallel sessions continued) – Presentations by participants

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

4:00-5:30 pm: A Special Session: Two Presentations on “**Climate Change, Ecology, Displacement, and the State**” – Podcasts by Utsa Sarmin, *Independent Researcher, India*; Research Paper Presentation by Piya Srinivasan, *Independent Researcher, India*

Discussant: Ingrid Boas, *Wageningen University, Netherlands*

Moderator: Sanjay Chaturvedi, *South Asian University & CRG, India*

5:30-6:00 pm: *Break*

6:00-7:00 pm: Module B [Migrant Workers and the Refugee: Complicated Terrains of Welfare and Asymmetric Social Protection] Keynote lecture on “**Back to Square One**” by Shahram Khosravi, *Stockholm University, Sweden*

Chair: Mouleshri Vyas, *TISS Mumbai & CRG, India*

18 November (Day 4)

9:00-9:30 am: Registration

9:30-11:00 am: Module F [Protection Ethics and Practices of Care and Solidarity] Special lecture on “**Layers of Solidarity**” by Ranabir Samaddar, *CRG, India*

Chair: Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta & CRG, India*

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

11:30 am-1:00 pm: Modules E & F Presentations (parallel sessions) – Discussion initiated by the respective module tutors followed by presentations by participants

Module E: Derogation of Rights of Refugees and Migrants, and Situations of Statelessness

Module Tutor: Parivelan K.M., *TISS Mumbai & CRG, India*

Module Participants:

- Gurvinder Kour, *Dept. of Higher Education, Jammu & Kashmir*, ‘**Contested Displacement & Fractured Rights: The Case of POJK Displaced Persons in J & K**’
- Roshni Sharma, *Jain (deemed-to-be) University, Bengaluru, India*, ‘**Uprooted Women and Citizenship**’
- Neetu Pokharel, *Alliance for Social Dialogue, Nepal*, ‘**Statelessness and the Plight of women in Nepal**’
- Salwa Jahan, *Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Bangladesh*, ‘**A stateless population in-between fragile commitments: Assessing roles of Myanmar and Bangladesh in governance of a protracted Rohingya refugee crisis.**’
- Coline Schupfer, *Open Society Justice Initiative, UK*, ‘**In Harm’s Way: The Relocation of Rohingya Refugees to Bhashan Char**’
- Niloy Biswas, *University of Dhaka, Bangladesh*, ‘**Home[state]less Rohingyas in Quandary: The Discursive Exposé of Rohingya Narratives from Cox’s Bazaar Camps**’

Module F: Protection Ethics and Practices of Care and Solidarity

Module Tutor: Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta & CRG, India*

Module Participants:

- Azeemah Saleem, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*, ‘**The Conceptualization of the State Linguistic Policies and Educational System for Analyzing Community Solidarity Practices and Protection of Refugees**’
- Anand Upendran, *CRG, India*, ‘**Judicial Function and the Afterlife of the *Korematsu Decision***’
- Priyankar Dey, *CRG, India*, ‘**Politics of Health in Post-Partition Bengal: A Historical Investigation into Practices of Care and Solidarity, 1947-1966**’

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

2:00-3:30 pm: **Modules E & F** (parallel sessions continued) – Presentations by participants

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

4:00-5:30 pm: Panel discussion on “**Solidarity with migrants and refugees during the COVID times**”

Chair: Arup Kumar Sen, *Serampore College & CRG, India*

Speakers: Punyabrata Gun, *Public Health Expert and Health Rights Activist, India*; Siddhartha Gupta, *Public Health Expert and Health Rights Activist, India*; Shreya Ghosh, *Migrant Workers Solidarity Network, India*

Discussant: Samir Kumar Das, *University of Calcutta & CRG, India*

5:30-6:00 pm: *Break*

6:00-7:00 pm: Module D [Forced Migration, Law and Critical Jurisprudence] Keynote lecture on **“Production of Statelessness in Europe”** by Elspeth Guild, *Queen Mary University of London, UK*
Chair: Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & CRG, India*

8:00-9:00 pm: **Dinner Discussion** with participants by Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & CRG, India*; & Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & CRG, India*

Conference

19 November (Day 5)

9:00-9:15 am: Registration

9:15-9:30 am: Welcome address by Shyamalendu Majumdar, *Sivanath Sastri College & CRG, India*

Session I (9:30-11:00 am): Inaugural lecture on **“Climate Disaster, Migration, and Responses from Below”** by Sanjay Chaturvedi, *South Asian University, India, & CRG, India*
Chair: Samata Biswas, *The Sanskrit College & University & CRG, India*

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

Session II (Parallel sessions IIA and IIB – 11:30 am-1:00 pm): Workshop reports on 6 modules

Session IIA: Workshop Report Presentations for Modules A, B, & C
Moderator: Rajesh Kharat, *University of Mumbai & CRG, India*

Session IIB: Workshop Report Presentations for Modules D, E, & F
Moderator: Rajat Kanti Sur, *CRG, India* & Shatabdi Das, *CRG, India*

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

Session III (2:00-3:30 pm): Perspectives on Long 2020

Moderator: Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty, *The Asiatic Society & CRG, India*.

Speaker: Atig Ghosh, *Visva-Bharati University & CRG, India* [TBC]; Iman Mitra, *Shiv Nadar University & CRG, India*; Samata Biswas, *The Sanskrit College and University & CRG, India*; Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & CRG, India*

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

Session IV (4:00-5:00 pm): Panel discussion on “**Migrant Asia: Experiences from Afghanistan & Indonesia**”

Chair: Anita Sengupta, *Director of Asia in Global Affairs, & CRG, India*

Speakers: Fahmi Panimbang, *Solidar Suisse, Indonesia*; Liza Schuster, *City, University of London, UK*; Reza Hussaini, *City, University of London, UK*

Discussant: Sumaiya Islam, *Open Society Foundations, UK*

5:00-5:30 pm: *Break*

Session V (5:30-6:30 pm): Keynote lecture on “**Facilitating Human Mobility? The Global Compacts**” by Francois Crepeau, *McGill University, Canada*

Chair: Ranabir Samaddar, *CRG, India*

6:30-8:00 pm: *Break*

Session VI (8:00-9:00 pm): **Dinner Conversation** with Kanak Mani Dixit, *Editor and Publisher, Nepal*

Moderator: Byasdeb Dasgupta, *University of Kalyani & CRG, India*

20 November (Day 6)

8:45-9:00 am: **Registration**

Session VII (9:00-10:30 am): “**Law and Protection Strategies: Presentation of a Report on ‘Access to Justice’**” by Hamsa Vijayaraghavan, *Migration and Asylum Project, India*

Chair: Ranabir Samaddar, *CRG, India*.

Discussants: Oishik Sircar, *Jindal Global Law School, India* and Ridwanul Hoque, *University of Dhaka, Bangladesh*

10:30-11:00 am: *Tea Break*

Session VIII (Parallel sessions VIIIA and VIIIB – 11:00 am-12:30 pm): Panel discussion on “**Climate Change, Ecology, Displacement, and the State**”

Session VIIIA: “Climate Change, Ecology, Displacement, and the State”

Chair: Sanjay Chaturvedi, *South Asian University & CRG, India*

Speakers: Mujib Ahmad Azizi, *Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, Afghanistan*; Shatabdi Das, *CRG, India*; Anjuman Ara Begum, *Apex Professional University, India*

Discussant: Jayanta Roy Chowdhury, *PTI India*

Session VIIIB: “Climate Change, Ecology, Displacement, and the State”

Chair: Kanak Mani Dixit, *Editor and Publisher, Nepal*

Speakers: Dipanjan Sinha, *Independent Journalist, India*; Sohini Sengupta, *TISS Mumbai, India*;
Som Niroula, *Alliance for Social Dialogue, Nepal*
Discussant: Aniruddha Mukhopadhyay, *University of Calcutta, India*

12:30-1:30 pm: *Lunch*

Session IX (1:30-3:00 pm): Panel discussion on “**Seventy years of the Refugee Convention of 1951**”

Chair: Paula Banerjee, *University of Calcutta & CRG, India*

Speakers: Sara Hossain, *Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust, Bangladesh*; Ulrike Krause, *Osnabruck University, Germany*; Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & CRG, India*.

3:00-3:30 pm: **CRG Declaration titled ‘An Appeal for a Coherent Refugee Policy for Afghanistan’**

3:30-4:00 pm: *Tea Break & Press Meet*

Session X (4:15-6:15 pm): *Valedictory Session*

4:15-5:15 pm: **Jayanta Dasgupta Memorial Lecture: “Migrants, Migrant Economy, and the Philippines”** by Walden Bello, *State University of New York at Binghamton, USA*

Chair: Ranabir Samaddar, *CRG, India*

5:15-5:30 pm: **Closing remarks:** Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, *Rabindra Bharati University & CRG, India*

5:30-5:45 pm: **Certification of workshop participants:** Byasdeb Dasgupta, *Kalyani University & CRG, India*

5:45-6:00 pm: **Remarks by Participants**

6:00-6:10 pm: **Remarks from RLS**

6:10-6:20 pm: **Remarks from IWM**

6:20-6:30 pm: **Vote of thanks:** Shatabdi Das, *CRG, India*

Evaluators: Amena Mohsin, *University of Dhaka, Bangladesh [Online]*

Pampa Mukherjee, *Panjab University, Chandigarh, India*

Gunther Rautz, *EURAC [Online]*

Forced Migration Desk: Anand Upendran, Ankur Tamuli Phukan, Priyankar Dey, Rajat Kanti Sur, Rituparna Datta and Shatabdi Das (Please contact the desk in case of any queries and/or clarifications)

[This schedule is subject to last minute changes. The timings given in the schedule are in IST]