

NEWSLETTER

December, 2023



**SOUTH ASIA NETWORK FOR COMMUNICATION,
DISPLACEMENT AND MIGRATION (SAN-CDM)**

**SAN-CDM hosted its second in-person conference "Connecting the Dots:
Debating Displacement in South Asia", on November 3-6, 2023, in Lalitpur (Kathmandu)**



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Displacement and Migration (SAN-CDM)**

PRESENTS ITS SECOND IN-PERSON CONFERENCE

**CONNECTING THE DOTS:
DEBATING DISPLACEMENT IN
SOUTH ASIA**

organised by

Calcutta Research Group
in collaboration with **DW Akademie** and **Nepal
Institute of Peace**

**03-06 NOVEMBER, 2023
LALITPUR, NEPAL**



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SHOCK/ MOBILITY

Displacement in South Asia

organised by

Calcutta Research Group (CRG), in collaboration with DW Akademie

Registration Link: <https://shorturl.at/gop26>

DATE: 11 DECEMBER (MONDAY), 2023

TIME: 6:30 PM

Moderator: Bharat Bhusan

Speakers:

- Babloo Loitongbam (Human Rights Alert)
- Jayanta Roy Chowdhury (Senior Journalist)
- Som Niroula (Alliance for Social Dialogue)
- MBM Fairouz (Vedivelli)
- Zia Ur Rehman (Senior Journalist)



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SAN-CDM organised its second online event on "Shock/ Mobility: Displacement in South Asia", on December 11, 2023.



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REPORTING AT RISK

Conflict, Disaster, and Journalism Today

organised by

Calcutta Research Group (CRG), in collaboration with DW Akademie

[Click here for registration](#)

DATE: 29 DECEMBER, 2023

TIME: 6:30PM IST

Moderator: Bharat Bhusan

Speakers:

- Patricia Mukhim
- Bashana Abeyawardane
- Swati Bhattacharjee
- Gulalai Najib
- Aireen Jaman
- Nirasha Piyawadini



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SAN-CDM organised its third online event "Reporting at Risk: Conflict, Disasters, and Journalism Today" on December 29, 2023.



**SAN-CDM was featured in the Immigrant and Refugee Research Network
December 2023 Newsletter:**

Miscellaneous

- The South Asia Network for Communication, Displacement and Migration (SAN-CDM) conducted its second in-person conference in Lalitpur, Nepal. The conference was titled "[Connecting the Dots: Debating Displacement in South Asia](#)" and included media persons interested in migration and refugee issues from Nepal, Bhutan, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh, with online participation from journalists in exile from Afghanistan. The organizers of the conference were Calcutta Research Group in collaboration with DW Akademie and Nepal Institute for Peace.

Surabhi Singh published a text opinion piece on "Why the Women's Reservation Bill Isn't a Cause of Celebration Yet: Nor is There Room for Pessimism" in Newsreel Asia: News is Best Told in Stories, on October 3, 2023. <https://www.newsreel.asia/articles/why-the-womens-reservation-bill-isnt-cause-for-celebration-yet/>

In the Network of Women in Media, India (NWMI), SAN-CDM network member **Annie Philip** and Ritwika Mitra published an article titled "For the government, people are just voters, not citizens: Madhuri, Jagrit Adivasi Dalit Sangathan". Ritwika & Annie had met at the CRG Media Workshop in Kolkata in July this year.

Rajat Kanti Sur taught Archival Research Methods in the Workshop on Research Methods and Publication at the Department of HSS, IIT KHARAGPUR (4-10 December 2023). Rajat Kanti Sur published "Solidarity among the 'Social Outcasts': Sex Workers in Kolkata during the Pandemic" in Rituparna Datta (ed.), *Pandemic and Precarity* (Kolkata: Sampark, 2023). Rajat also assisted in and contributed to *Post-colonial Compendium: Keywords in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies* (London: Front page Publications, 2023).

Ramu Sapkota jointly published an article titled "The Malaysia-Nepal migrant scam nexus" in the *Nepali Times* on November 20, 2023. <https://t.co/4cAYDBYGH2>

Samata Biswas taught a module on "Media and Migration" at the Eighth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference on Global Protection of Migrants and Refugees, organised by Calcutta Research Group in November 2023. In SAN-CDM's continuing attempt to enhance the representation of migrants and refugees in media, the reworked course assignments are being published serially on [Refugee Watch Online](#).

Samata also moderated a discussion on "Digital Democracy" titled "Digital Dilemmas: Democracy and Public Discourse Online" on November 30, 2023.

For the government, people are just voters, not citizens: Madhuri, Jagrit Adivasi Dalit Sangathan

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By Ritwika Mitra



Protest at Badwani, Madhya Pradesh, against medical negligence leading to death of a 25-year-old Adivasi woman. Photo courtesy: Madhuri, JADS

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Nasreen Chowdhory taught the Module A on “Shock Migration in the Wake of Crises Like War, Famine, Flood, other Natural Disasters, and Pandemic”, at the Eighth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference on Global Protection of Migrants and Refugees, organised by Calcutta Research Group in November 2023.

Nasreen Chowdhory wrote “(Re)Interrogating Camp and Refugees in Forced Migration Studies”, in the Refugee Watch -A South Asia Journal on Forced Migration, published by the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, Volume 61&62, Pages: 4-13 (ISSN 2347405X), 2023.

Nasreen Chowdhory jointly with T P Shamna published “Protection and Mobility in the Time of the Pandemic” in Routledge Handbook of South Asian Migrations (edited by A K. Sahoo, Routledge, London. ISBN: 978-1-032-35544-3; ISBN: 978-1-032-35545-0; ISBN: 978-1-003-32736-3. pp. 139-152, <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003327363-15>) in December 7, 2023.

Nasreen Chowdhory, Paula Banerjee and Priya Singh jointly published the Postcolonial Compendium: Keywords in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies (Frontpage Publications, Kolkata, India (ISBN 9789381043592), 263 pages.) in 2023

Samata Biswas and **Nasreen Chowdhory** participated in an online discussion titled “Dispossession, Border and Exception in South Asia”, organised by Speaking from Margin in December 2023.

Anuja published an article titled “MP’s Bundelkhand, migrant workers far from poll spotlight” on November 14, 2023, in Deccan Herald



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Sulochana Ramiah Mohan published “Indentured labour soared after the abolition of slavery in 1834” in Ceylon Today, on November 11, 2023. <https://ceylontoday.lk/2023/11/11/indentured-labour-soared-after-the-abolition-of-slavery-in-1834/>

As a follow up to the SAN-CDM conference in Nepal in November 2023, **Surabhi Singh** published “[Discovering the South Asian Identity: The Unifying Force of Migration and Displacement](#)”, [Newsreel Asia, November 16, 2023.](#)

Debasree Sarkar published a two-part essay titled The Politics of Representation in Films: Documenting Displacement and Visualizing the Vulnerable in December 2023 on Refugee Watch Online. Debasree also participated in the Eighth Annual Research and Orientation Workshop and Conference on Global Protection of Migrants and Refugees, organised by Calcutta Research Group in November 2023 and presented a paper on the representation of refugee hood in the American media franchise Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Shambhu Kattel published “[North Korea Shuts Nepal Mission](#)”, in [The Annapurna Express, November 8.](#)

Niruka Sanjeewani published an article titled “Is the EU breaching its own human rights policies in dealing with Ukrainian refugees?” in The Loop: ECPR’s Political Science Blog, on December 21, 2023. She also contributed a chapter titled “Political Realities of Forced Migration Instigated in the Spectrum of Ethnicity: The Story of Sri Lanka and India” in the book Geopolitics of India-Sri Lanka Relations: The Way Forward, published by KDU Press in 2023.

Suchandra Ghatak, “ইজরায়েল-প্যালেস্টাইন যুদ্ধের ছায়া কলকাতায়! অনির্দিষ্ট কালের জন্য তালাবন্ধ তিন সিনাগগ” (The Aftermath of the Israel-Palestine war in Kolkata! Three synagogues locked indefinitely), Anandabazar Online, November 14, 2023. [Israel-Hamas Conflict | Synagogues in Kolkata are closed for indefinite period as Israel-Palestine crisis is at peak dgtl - Anandabazar](#)