

International Conference on
The Migrant and the State: From Colonialism to Neoliberalism

Organized by: Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Patna Centre
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Nov. 29 – Dec. 1, 2018

Venue: Hotel The Panache, South Gandhi Maidan, Patna

Programme Schedule

Day 1: November 29, 2018

09:00 a.m. – 09:30 a.m. — Registration

09:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. — Inaugural Session

09:30 a.m. – 09:35 a.m. — Welcome (Shaheena Ahluwalia, Research and Programme Associate, TISS Patna Centre)

09:35 a.m. – 09:45 a.m. — Introduction to the conference (Rajeshwar Mishra, Professor, TISS Patna Centre)

09:45 a.m. – 09:55 a.m. — Opening remarks by Dipak Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, Labour Resources Department, Government of Bihar

09:55 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. — Chair's concluding remarks by S. Siva Raju, Deputy Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. — **Presidential Lecture**

10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. — Introduction of the Chair and Presidential Speaker (Mithilesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, TISS Patna Centre)

10:05 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. — **Speaker:** Immanuel Ness, Professor of Political Science, City University of New York. Title: "*Global Capitalism, and Political Economy of Contemporary International Migration*"

11:05 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. — Chair's concluding remarks.

Chair – Narayana Jayaram, Professor (Retd.) TISS Mumbai and Visiting Professor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. — Tea

Academic Sessions

Session I: 11:30 a.m. – 01:00 p.m. Panel 1: Colonial Confrontations and Making of Migrant Subjects

Speakers

1. Sanjeev Kumar, Research Scholar, Ambedkar University Delhi and Sweety, Azim Premji foundation, Bengaluru
“Walking Towards Jackfruit: History of Migration into Region around Santhal Pargana”
2. Sunny Ruchi Ecka, Research Scholar, University of Hyderabad
“Changing Destinations of Tribal Emigration from Ranchi District, 1830 - 1930”
3. Ankana Das, Research Scholar, Jadavpur University, Kolkata and Sanoj Stephen Hembrom, Research Scholar, IIT Dhanbad
“Santal Migrant Laborers in the Sundarbans: Effects of Colonization on Prevalent Social, Cultural and Political Life”

Discussant: Dhiraj Kumar Nite, Assistant Professor, Ambedkar University Delhi

Chair: Ratneshwar Mishra, Professor (Retd) and former HoD, History Deptt., LNM Mithila University

01:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m. — Lunch

02.00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m. Special Lecture I

Speaker: Anil Persaud, Assistant Professor, Ambedkar University Delhi

“Following Slavery and the Question of the Witness”

Chair: Daisy Narain, Professor, Deptt. of History, Patna University

03:00 p.m. – 03:15 p.m. — Tea

Session II: 03:15 p.m. – 04:45 p.m. Panel 2: Moving Population, Managing Peoples

Speakers

1. Kumari Nidhi, Research Scholar, University of Allahabad
“Migration of Tribes since Colonialism to Contemporary Era: Study of Santhal Pargana Region in Jharkhand”
2. Eram Alam, Assistant Professor, Harvard University, US
“Documenting Difference: Standardizing Foreign Medical Graduates”
3. Arun P.A., Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai
“Towards a more Inclusive Society: A Study on the Assimilation and Wellbeing of the Migrant Children in Kerala”

Discussant: Amit Prakash, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Chair: Shanker Dutt, Professor and HoD, Deptt. of English, Patna University

04:45 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. — Tea

05:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m. Special Lecture II

Speaker: Indrajit Roy, Lecturer, University of York, UK

“Fragmented Citizenship: Mobility and Contestations over the Right to have Rights”

Chair: Aditya Raj, Assistant Professor, IIT Patna

Day 2: November 30, 2018

09:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Keynote Lecture

Speaker: R. B. Bhagat, Professor, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai

“Migration, Citizenship and Indian Society: A Policy Perspective”

Chair: Ravi Raman, Member, Planning Board, Government of Kerala

Session I: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Panel 3: Of Human Bondage and Flight from Countryside

Speakers

1. Sohini Sengupta, Assistant Professor, TISS Mumbai
“Freedom Talk of Ploughmen: Bondage, Dependence and Mobility in Seasonal Migration”
2. Shatabdi Saha, Research Scholar, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Kolkata
“Impact of Destination Choice and Remittance on Migrants’ Household in Selected Areas of Sunderbans”
3. Nandan Kumar, Programme Officer, TISS Mumbai and Tanusree Dutta, Research Scholar, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai
“Out-migration as a Process of Livelihood Diversification: Is it a Distress Sale of Household Labour?”

Discussant: Pushpendra, Professor, TISS Patna

Chair: Pramod Kumar Sinha, Professor, Deptt. of Sociology, TM Bhagalpur University

11.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m. — Tea

Session II: 11.45 a.m. – 01.15 p.m. Panel 4: Frictions—Political Articulations of Migrants

Speakers

1. Abirbhab Bhattacharjee, Associate Investigator, UGC Minor Research Project and Susanta Bhattacharya, Faculty, Sarat Centenary College, Hoogly
“Migration in Twenty-First Century: State, Corporate Capital and Resistance”

2. Anandita Biswas, Assistant Professor, Diamond Harbour Women's University, Kolkata
"Sons of the Soil Movement and the Rise of the Sena Politics in Maharashtra – An Overview"
3. Sushma Rai, Assistant Professor, Mrinalini Datta Mahavidyapith, Kolkata
"The Gorkhaland Movement and the Migration of Gorkhas from the Darjeeling Hills"

Discussant: Manish Jha, Professor, TISS Mumbai

Chair: Srikant, Director, Jagjivan Ram Institute of Parliamentary Studies and Political Research, Patna

01.15 p.m. – 02.15 p.m. — Lunch

Session III: 02.15 p.m. – 03.45 p.m. Panel 5: Splintered Urbanity, Entangled Migrants

Speakers

1. Suvrata Chowdhary, Assistant Professor, Presidency University, Kolkata
"Finding Foot in the Urban Market Space: Migrants/Economic Actors in the Weekly Markets of Delhi"
2. Monita Mitra, Assistant Professor, Humanities, Om Dayal Group of Institutions, College of Engineering and Architecture, Uluberia, West Bengal
"From the Unorganised to Organised – Issues and Challenges of the New Migrant Women Workforce in the City of Kolkata"
3. Sheema Fatima, Faculty, Kamla Raheja Vidyanidhi School of Architecture and Environment Studies, Mumbai
"Why Differentiate: A Spatial History of Migrants in Urban Patna"

Discussant: Amita Bhide, Professor, TISS Mumbai

Chair: Nandini Mehta, HoD, Deptt. of Economics, JD Women's College, Patna

03.45 p.m. – 04.00 p.m. — Tea

Session IV: 04.00 p.m. – 06.00 p.m. Special Panel on Portable Citizenship

Panellists

Ravi Raman, Member, Planning Board, Government of Kerala

Harsh Mander, Writer and human rights activist, Delhi

Priyanka Jain, Aajeevika Bureau, Udaipur

Umi Daniel, Head of Migration, Aide et Action

Moderator: Indrajit Roy, University of York

06:00 p.m. – 06:15 p.m. — Tea

06.15 p.m. – 07.15 p.m. Special Lecture III

Speaker: Ala Uddin, Professor, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh

“The Rohingya Exodus: A Methodical Massacre at Rohingya Villages in Myanmar”

Chair: Muniba Sami, Professor, Deptt. of English, Patna University

Day 3: December 1, 2018

Session I: 09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Panel 6: Mobile and Intersectional Subjectivities—Gender, Ethnic, and Religious Identities

Speakers

1. Shruti Pandey, Junior Research Fellow, G.B Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad
“Female Labor Migration in India: Insights from Census Data”
2. Sharon Rose, Assistant Professor, Mary Matha Arts and Science College, Mananthavady
“Malabar Migration and the Gendered Christian Identity: A Study of Girideepam (1961- 71)”
3. Ashlesha Rai, Research Scholar, Sikkim University
“International Migration of Women from Darjeeling District: The Question of Empowerment”

Discussant: Nilanjana Ray, Assistant Professor, TISS Hyderabad

Chair: Anuradha Sen, Associate Professor, Deptt. of English, AN College, Patna

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. — Tea

Session II: 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Panel 7: Borders of Citizenship and Belongingness

Speakers

1. Bipasha Rosy Lakra, Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
“Who are the ‘Sons of the Soil’? Examining Adivasis amidst the Tribes in Assam”
2. Oyindrila Chattopadhyay, Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
“Living as the ‘Other’ in Khasi Society: A Case of the Bihari Population in Shillong”
3. Anindita Chakrabarty, Research Scholar, TISS Mumbai
“Migrant Identity at the Intersection of Post-colonialism and Modernity”

Discussant: Jagannath Ambagudia, Associate Professor, TISS Guwahati

Chair: Jose Kalapura, Director, Xavier Institute of Social Research, Patna

12:15 p.m. – 01:00 p.m. – Meeting on the proposal of establishing *Association for Migration Studies in India*.

Moderator: Pushpendra, Professor, TISS Patna

01:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m. —Lunch

Session III: 02:00 p.m. – 03:15 p.m. Panel 8: Emplacing Diasporas

Speakers

1. Divya Kumar, Assistant Professor, Patna University
“Dynamics of Dispersed People: A Study of Siddis of India”
2. Rakesh Ranjan, Assistant Professor, TISS Patna
“From Labor Quarters to Little India Street: Role of State Economic Policies and Development of Indian Immigrant Entrepreneurship in Malaysia”

Discussant: Mithilesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, TISS Patna

Chair: Prabhat P. Ghosh, Professor, Asian Development Research Institute, Patna

03:15 p.m. – 03:30 p.m. — Tea

Session IV: 03:30 p.m. – 05.00 p.m. Panel 9: Living and Roaming Labour

Speakers

1. Swatahsiddha Sarkar, Professor, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling
“Labor Migration in the Tea Plantations: Colonial and Neo-Liberal Trajectories of Plantation Labor in the Dooars Tea Belt of West Bengal”
2. Tanusree Dutta, Research Scholar, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai and Nandan Kumar, Programme Officer, TISS Mumbai
“Changing Pattern of Inter-state Migration in India in the Era of Globalization: Does it Follow the Geography of Emerging Inequality?”
3. Babur Hussain, Research Scholar, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru and Elizabeth Mariam, Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
“Informality in a Conflict Zone: A Case of Construction Workers in Kashmir”

Discussant: Sohini Sengupta, Assistant Professor, TISS Mumbai

Chair: Sanjay Kumar, Professor and HoD, Labour and Social Welfare Deptt., A.N. College, Patna

05.00 p.m. – 06.00 p.m. — Valedictory Session

05:00 p.m. – 05:05 p.m. — Welcome (Shaheena Ahluwalia)

05:05 p.m. – 05:50 p.m. — Speaker: S. Irudaya Rajan

Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

“The Future of Migration from Bihar”

05:50 p.m. – 05:55 p.m. — Chair’s concluding remarks.

Chair – Surinder Jaswal

Professor and Deputy Director (Research), Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

05:55 p.m. – 06:00 p.m. — Vote of thanks (Mithilesh Kumar)