

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON EXPLORING SOUTH ASIA: STATE, RELIGION AND SOCIETY 8th and 9th March, 2017



Organized By: Department of History University of Gour Banga, Mokdumpur, Malda, W.B., India PIN-732103

Call for Papers:

This is for your kind acknowledgement that the Department of History, University of Gour Banga is going to organize an International Seminar on "Exploring south Asia: State, Religion and Society". In this regard, I on behalf of the organizing committee invite all the faculty members, research scholars, freelance writers to participate and present your research paper.

With warm regards.

Dr. Koushiki Dasgupta, Convener, Seminar Organizing Committee, Department of History, UGB

Aims and Objective of the Seminar:

South Asia is a term used to represent the southern region of the Asian Continent, which comprises the sub-Himalayan SAARC countries. South Asia is even more abundantly diverse, distinct, and indeed distinguished on several aspects. This region, perhaps most obviously, is the dearth of academic interest, reliable information and insightful research on its history and people. Recently historians have included some points and problems of social history which highlighted the deep rooted cause of the different social movement of South Asia. So, it is needed to explore the genesis, factors and functions of the growth of ethnic conflict, sub-national movements, state patterns, inter-racial relations, religion, question of tolerance, in recent time and the social structure of the region.

A deep structural cleavage in society tends to reopen itself in its cultural formations. South Asian societies are no exceptions. The commonly perceived inner divergences in the religious-cultural domains of South Asia, variously labeled as high and low, elite and folk, intellectual and popular, do seem to correspond largely to their broad societal division. This seminar is an attempt to visualize in general and lead towards a reasonable solution on issues and problems generated in this region. Therefore, this seminar proposes to highlight on the following sub-themes:

Sub-themes of the Seminars

- 1. History and historiography.
- 2. Ethnicity, regional and sub-national movement
- 3. Society and religion.
- 4. Caste movements
- 5. History of science and technology
- 6. Gender question, games and sports
- 7. Partition and aftermath
- 8. Migration and demographic changes
- 9. Question of nation state, nationalism
- 10. Princely states
- 11. State formation
- 12. Indigenous people: land, identity and security
- 13. Civil society and the Media
- 14. Environmental issues
- 15. Literature, Art and performing arts.
- 16. Religion and politics
- 17. Violence, Memory, and the Politics of Reconciliation
- 18. Conception of the Unitary State: Theory and Practice

Submission of the Abstract: The abstract on the concerned themes must be typed in the Times New Roman, Font (12 pt) in 1.5 spacing within 250 words. All abstracts should be sent to the following email: sarkaranil71@yahoo.in, ppd91@gmail.com, hosneara1983@gmail.com, mikmartshawang@gmail.com, nirmalkmahato@gmail.com

Last date of the abstract submission: 25th February, 2017.

Submission of the Paper:

The soft copy of the main paper must be submitted within 4000 words within 2nd March 2017. **Publication:**

Selected papers will be published in a book form with an ISBN number.

Registration Fee: Paper presenters: Rs. 500/- (per individual) Students: Rs. 200/- **How to reach Gour Banga University:** Malda is a district town located at the heart of West Bengal and is well connected to the entire India through rail and bus services. University is situated on NH 34 and Central Bus Terminus is adjacent to the University. Auto and Toto are available at reasonable rates throughout the day and night from the Railway Station.

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