

Two-Day International Conference

on

**Contextualising Culture, Situating Society:
Interrogating India's Modernity**



Organized by

Department of History

University of Kalayani

16th & 17th March, 2023 (Thursday & Friday)

Venue

Department of History & Campus Seminar Hall

University of Kalayani

Exploring the Theme

India has witnessed seventy-five eventful years after its independence. The *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* is being celebrated throughout the country to commemorate the occasion. In this crossroad we think, it is the responsibility of the historians to look into matter in a critical way. It is the high time to interrogate India's journey towards modernity. After the end of colonial rule of nearly two centuries India achieved freedom through its struggle for independence. At the same time it has encountered with the Western notion of modernity. It has even questioned the dichotomy of the rulers as the colonial rule did not follow the western philosophy of welfare state during its long rule in India.

The freedom movement tried to uphold the spirit of nation-building which can be considered as an essential factor to move towards modernity. The fellow-feeling was a part of this process of nation making. After independence, the nation-state started to introduce various schemes for the welfare of the people. Now it is the time to evaluate the endeavour of the state in a historical way.

Meanwhile the focus of history writing has changed drastically. Primarily the historians were concerned with the political history. Now the historians are more concerned about the social and cultural history of the common people. Basically everyman's history has become the historian's craft. From this viewpoint it is necessary to contextualise culture and situate society while interrogating India's encounter with the notion of modernity.

The proposed conference wants to explore this multi-dimensional theme in a critical way which is the need of the hour. It is the most righteous way to look into the past through questioning different notions regarding modernity.

Sub-themes

- Different Aspects of the Concept of 'Unity in Diversity' of 'Bharatavarsha' in the Historical Context.
- Society and State in India - Forces of Continuity and Change.
- Cultural History of India - Centre and the Periphery - The Problem of Marginality.
- The Changing Culture of India - Mainstream and the Parallel Ones.
- Memory and Culture - Regional Studies.
- Memory in History - Macro & Micro Studies.
- Society and State in India - Encounter with Modernity - Colonial & Post-Colonial Period and the Period of Globalization.
- Post-Colonial and Postmodern approach to the Study of Indian History.

Call for Papers

Interested participants are requested to send original, authentic, scholarly, unpublished research papers on the theme in English or Bengali within 3000 words including endnotes, six key words and an abstract of not more than 300 words (.Doc File/MS Word) to kuhistseminar@gmail.com.

Participants are requested to use Unicode font (Kalpurush/Vrinda) for Bengali (Font Size 14 with 1.15 Spacing) and Times New Roman for English (Font Size 12 with 1.15 Spacing). Selected and presented papers will be published in the proceedings volume with ISBN. Participants have to submit the full paper within the stipulated time. After getting the acceptance letter participants should submit the registration fees.

Dates

- Last date of Full Paper Submission: 19.02.2023
- Acceptance Letter: Will be Issued by 28.02.2023
- Date of Opening of Spot Registration: 06.02.2023
- Date of Opening of Registration through Bank Transfer: 16.02.2023
- Last Date of Registration: 10.03.2023
- Registration Fees: Faculty/Employed Participant: ₹ 1000
Research Scholar/Freelance Researcher: ₹ 500
Student: ₹ 100 (Present PG Student of the Department of History, KU)

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