



# Diaspora 7th Colloquium 2022-2023



## UNIVERSITY OF KALYANI



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In the academic world, Diaspora Studies encompasses a wide field constituting diverse domains and disciplines. It includes within its ambit, social sciences like Political Science, Economics, Sociology and sub-fields like International Relations, Migration Studies, Culture Studies, Human Rights Studies, Film Studies etc. It also draws copiously from subjects like History, Literature. Significantly, Diaspora studies cuts across disciplines that fall under the purview of science for example Geography, Psychology, Environmental Science and Anthropology. In the present world, the walls of separation between disciplines are being dismantled and no Social Science is isolated from its counterparts.

The Centre for Studies on Bengali Diaspora University of Kalyani is organizing in blended mode, a trans-disciplinary yearlong colloquium with the objective of providing necessary academic and research inputs to students and scholars of various disciplines with the intention of enriching their knowledge of the mother discipline as well as related domains of knowledge.

The lecture series seeks to address the requirements with a multidisciplinary perspective. Students and scholars within and outside the stream of Social Science, will have a rich exposure and experience of new insights and this would help build an enduring bridge between social science and physical science thereby ensuring academic excellence at the trans-disciplinary level. The resource persons have been categorized at two levels. internal and external. The program will be for one academic year with one lecture of one hour's duration every month.

## Indentured Labour Immigration in the South West Indian Ocean

April 11 2023

3.00 pm IST  
VIRTUAL

Google Meet joining info :

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nfi-tauv-gxn>



**Dr. Vijaya Teelock**

**Mauritian Historian and Writer  
SPEAKER**

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Vijaya Teelock was born in Mauritius, the daughter of Rizuya Sahay (born in Kobe, Japan) and Boodhun Teelock, a Mauritian doctor who was also the former Mauritian High Commissioner in London. She studied History and was the Professor at University of Mauritius. She was the Vice-Chairperson of the Truth and Justice Commission of Mauritius. She also held the position of president of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund.

She is a prolific researcher on Identity, Slavery and Colonialism. Some of her books are: *Bitter Sugar: Sugar and Slavery in 19th Century Mauritius*, *History, Memory, and Identity*, *Transition from Slavery in Zanzibar and Mauritius* and many more.