

Two-day Conference
On
Ethnographies in the Post Pandemic

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16 - 17 January, 2024 IDSK Auditorium, Salt Lake Campus

Programme

January 16, 2024 (Tuesday)

10am	Registration
10.30am	Welcome Note by Indrani Chakrabarti (Director, IDSK) Supurna Banerjee & Anindya Raychaudhuri (convenors)
11am -12.30noon Keynote Session	Chair: Ruchira Goswami (TBC) <i>Nupi Maanbi: The Other Indian</i> : Santa Khurai (All Manipur Nupi Maanbi Association)
12.30pm -1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm – 3pm	
Parallel Session 1 (6 th Floor)	Chair : Anwasha Sengupta Belonging and Unbelonging <i>Living like a Phoenix: Rohingyas amidst the Covid crisis in Bangladesh Camps</i> : Sucharita Sengupta (Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group) <i>Connecting with the disconnected: Reshaping ethnographic tools in documenting nonbinary social psychology</i> : Zobaida Nasreen (University of Dhaka, Bangladesh) <i>Trust and Belonging in an Urban Howrah Neighbourhood: A Post-Pandemic Study</i> : Rahul Singh (Presidency University, Kolkata)
Parallel Session 1 (5 th Floor)	Chair: Eesha Kunduri Sense and Affect <i>An Ethnographic Exploration of The Taste-Making Process of Bengali Sweets</i> : Anirban Saha (Presidency University, Kolkata & Ghani Khan Choudhury Institute of Engineering & Technology, Malda)

Smelling without Smells: Presenting Sensory Ethnographies in the Digital Space : **Shivani Kapoor**
(O.P. Jindal Global University, New Delhi)

Between 'stench' and 'aroma': Understanding smell as critical ethnography : **Supurna Banerjee**
(Institute of Development Studies Kolkata)

3pm - 3.30pm

Tea

3.30pm – 5pm

Parallel Session 2
(6th Floor)

Chair: Dhiren Borisa
Activism within and beyond the State

Doing reflexive and empathetic research with vulnerable communities : **Ishita Chatterjee** (O.P. Jindal Global University, New Delhi) & **Ratoola Kundu** (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai)

Catching our breath: An auto/ethnographic account of creating and studying citizen led initiatives during the second wave :
Padmini Ray Murray (Design Beku, Bengaluru)

Making Everything Count ! : Studying society in the post-Pandemic context : **Shoma Choudhury Lahiri** (St Xavier's College, Kolkata)

Parallel Session 2
(5th Floor)

Chair: Shivani Kapoor
Remote Ethnography

Internet Video Culture during Covid-19 : **Ghulam Hussain**
(Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, New Delhi)

Use of remote ethnographic methods in monitoring and evaluation during COVID-19 in Afghanistan : **Nabhojit Dey** (Adroit Associates)

Challenges of Online Education Confronted by Teachers and Students during Covid-19 Pandemic: A Sociological Analysis of Higher Education Institutions in Kolkata : **Samadrita Bhattacharjee**
(Jadavpur University, Kolkata)

January 17, 2024 (Wednesday)

10am -11am

Spotlight Session

Chair: Anindya Raychaudhuri

Understanding the Field

Un-disciplining ethnography: Collaboration, engagement, and refusals : **Esha Kunduri** (University of Minnesota, USA)

Studying Election during the COVID-19 pandemic: Notes from Fieldwork : **Praskanva Sinharay** (Centre for Financial Accountability, New Delhi)

11am -11.15am

Tea

11.15am – 12.30pm

Chair: Supurna Banerjee

Roundtable Discussion

Ethnography in IDSK : **Nandini Ghosh & Bidhan Kanti Das**
(Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata)

12.30pm -1.30pm

Lunch

1.30pm – 3pm

Parallel Session 3
(6th Floor)

Chair: Nandini Ghosh

Health and Beyond

‘Potent’ Narcotics in the ‘Impotent’ State: Exploring Narcotics as a site of Knowledge Production : **Sharannyo Banerjee**
(Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata)

“Can you hear me?”: Vertigo, Covid-19 and Glitchy Ethnography :
Anindya Raychaudhuri (Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata & University of St Andrews, Scotland, UK)

A Study of Health Services Delivery in select Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics (Anwasha Clinics) under RKSK in Birbhum District of West Bengal : **Monojit Garai** (Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata)

Parallel Session 3
(5th Floor)

Chair: Praskanva Sinharay

Queering Ethnography

Stories of Hope and Resilience: Sexual Mappings of the City through its Undesirables : **Dhiren Bhorisa** (O.P. Jindal Global University, Delhi)

Lesbian Standpoint: Articulating Liveability with Uma : **Niharika Banerjea** (O.P. Jindal Global University, New Delhi)

Hegemonic discourses of anti-LGBTQIA+ violence in Bangladesh: a digital ethnography of online interactions on social media :
Muhammad Ahsan Habib (Tilburg University, Netherlands)

3pm - 3.15pm

Tea

3.15pm – 4.45pm

Chair: Achin Chakraborty
Valedictory Session

‘Emerging like a genie’: Intimate Ethnographies in
Post-Covid Times : **Samir Kumar Das**
(Dept. of Political Science, University of Calcutta)

4.45pm – 5pm

Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks

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