

Seminar Notice

Construction of a socio-spatial identity: Narratives from neighborhood in the city of Kolkata

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Abstract:

Burabazaar, Kolkata, defies the notion of a space as a static entity. A bustling marketplace, it embodies heterogeneity and mobility, yet it is paradoxically perceived as a timeless enclave of Marwari migrants. This paper challenges this stereotype by examining the intricate interplay between the neighborhood and its inhabitants. Through ethnographic exploration, it aims to understand how Burabazaar's material, social, and cultural elements shape its identity and how this identity is projected onto its residents. It also tries to draw a juxtaposition between two neighbourhoods in the city that speaks of the community's mobility from a socio-spatial lens. The paper delves into the reciprocal relationship between the neighborhood and the community, and how they are mutually constructed through their daily interactions, thus contributing to a broader understanding of the city's para-culture.

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