

Introductory Event for the Project in association with The Asiatic Society (West Bengal, India) and network building session including Lunch:

Date: 20th December, 2019

Time: 10:30-4:30 pm

Venue: Humayun Kabir Hall, Asiatic Society, 1, Park Street, Kolkata : 700 016

The project 'Other from Within' explores the post-1947 histories of Indian Anthropology and Sociology as distinctive intellectual fields, outside western paradigms. It will involve an analysis of the thinking of Indian anthropologists, and the connections between their work and institutions (such as museums), and communities that formed the subject of anthropological research. It is more broadly about teaching, researching and publishing on anthropology related topics in post-independence India. This colloquium is the first event of this project that is being hosted by the Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

The [Asiatic Society](#) was founded by Sir William Jones in Calcutta in 1784. It is An Institute of National Importance declared by an Act of Parliament under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The Asiatic Society has a significant role to play in the development of Anthropology as a discipline in India and is an important resource centre for this project.

Draft Programme:

10:45-11:00: Welcome address by Prof. S B Chakrabarti,

11:00-11:30: Introductory panel on the project explaining the research aims and objectives and collaboration possibilities with local institutions and academics followed by a discussion with all present.

11:00- 12:00: Discussion session topic, Disciplinary/Intellectual trends in institutions:
Topic introduction and panel co-ordinator: Prof. Bates

In this panel will discuss the history of Anthropology in India as a discipline that was institutionalised academically and socially and its various interdisciplinary linkages.

12:00-1:00: Lunch

1:00-3:00: Discussion session topic: Heritage and Museums

Topic introduction and panel co-ordinator: Prof. Gould

In this session, we will explore how museums and tangible heritage have reflected anthropological projects and trends, and will discuss how museums have historically managed questions of agency, indigeneity and systems of classification.

3:00-3:30: Concluding session: future collaborations.

List of participants:

Project Representatives present on the day: Prof. Crispin Bates, Prof. William Gould, Dr. Arunima Bhattacharya

Prof Satyabrata Chakrabarti (The Secretary of the Asiatic Society)

Prof. Ranjana Ray (Secretary, Anthropology, Asiatic Society)

Prof. Swapan Kumar Pramanik (Vice President, The Asiatic Society, Calcutta)

Prof Arun Bandyopadhyay (Historical and Archaeological Secretary, Asiatic Society)

Prof. Samir Kumar Das (Member, Asiatic Society)

Prof. Sarit Chaudhari (Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya)

Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava (Director, Anthropological Society of India)

Prof. Shubha Ray (Faculty, Calcutta University),

Dr. Piyali Sur (HOD, Sociology, JU),

Dr. Upal Chakrabarti (faculty Sociology, Presidency University),

Prof. Suhrita Saha , (HOD, Sociology, Presidency University)

Dr. Sumahan Bandyopadhyay (Vidyasagar University)

Purba Hossain (Doctoral candidate, University of Leeds)

Prof. Bhangya Bhukya (University of Hyderabad)
Prof. Shubho Basu (History and Classical Studies, McGill University)