

A THREE-DAY ONLINE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2021

**SURENDRANATH COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**
(in collaboration with the IQAC)

(HIS)STORIES OF SLAVERY: RESEARCH PERSPECTIVES ON NARRATIVES OF ENSLAVEMENT & FREEDOM

NOVEMBER 7 - 9, 2021

PLATFORM: 

MEETING LINK:

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Activity Report

Name of the event: Three-Day Online International Conference

Topic: (His)stories of Slavery: Research Perspectives on Narratives of Enslavement & Freedom

Invited Speakers: Titas De Sarkar, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, Dr. Swati Moitra, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Gurudas College, Kolkata, Prof. Ini Uko, Professor, Department of English, University of Uyo, Nigeria, Ms. Monikinkini Basu, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata.

Number of Technical Sessions: Seven, five Paper Presenters to each, along with distinguished Chairs.

Date: 07.11.2021 to 09.11.2021

Time: 10:00 AM to 5 PM

Webinar Platform: Zoom

No. of participants: 120-150 each day, approx.

Summary:

The event began with an initial address delivered by the Head of the Department, Dr. Shayeari Dutta, followed by the inaugural address by the Principal of Surenranath College, Dr. Indranil Kar.

The keynote address on the first day of the conference was delivered by Titas De Sarkar. His talk brilliantly addressed the nuances of the notion of friendship as a response to the experiences of slavery. The first technical session on the first day was chaired by Dr. Pinky Isha, Assistant Professor, Rabindra Bharati University. The papers in the first technical session engaged with the negotiations of slavery in the Afro-American, Diasporic and South Asian experiences of slavery. The second technical session was chaired by Dr. Shoaib Ekram, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Rabindra Bharati University. The discussion in the second technical session offered an insight into the cultural specificities of hierarchy and slavery, the minority discourse in the post-colonial nation states, the regimes of domestic slavery colonial Calcutta and so on.

The most insightful first plenary talk was delivered by Dr. Swati Moitra, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Gurudas College, Kolkata. The second plenary talk was delivered by the esteemed Professor, Dr. Ini Uko, Professor, Department of English, University of Uyo, Nigeria. Professor Uko's very well researched and insightful talk offered a fresh perspective on the status of slavery of black women within the conceptual parameters of enslavement. The third technical session was chaired by Dr. Shyamasree Basu, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Vidyasagar

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Metropolitan College. The session had five engaging papers to engage with the issues of post-slavery. The fourth technical session was chaired by Dr. Madhumita Majumdar, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Diamond Harbour Women's University. The session had five exemplary papers that deliberated on the nuances of slavery and the different subject positions at the context of the post-humanist and capitalist world.

The third and the concluding day of the conference started with the Plenary talk by Ms. Monikinkini Basu, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata. Professor Basu's excellent and lucid talk on the research methodology was extremely helpful for the novice researchers. After Miss Basu's wonderful plenary talk, the three technical sessions of the day had a series of papers engaging with diverse areas of research and discipline. The 5th technical session was chaired by Professor Pradip Ranjan Sengupta, retired Associate Professor of English. The session had five well researched papers to offer a diverse and inter-disciplinary engagement with the manifestations of slavery. The 6th technical session was chaired by Dr. Asha Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Gender Studies, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata. The session had four brilliant papers to deal with the experiences of psychological slavery as a result of the patriarchal and capitalist structure of the society. The seventh and the concluding technical session was chaired by Dr. Swati Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Vijaygarh Jyotish Roy College, Kolkata. The session had five wonderful papers and dealt with various perspectives of slavery. At the concluding section of the conference, Dr. Suchandra Chatterjee, the IQAC coordinator of Surendranath College delivered the formal note of conclusion. The final and the formal Valedictory note of the conference was delivered by Jahira Hossain, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Surendranath College, Kolkata.

YouTube Links:

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