



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Two-Day Interdisciplinary International Seminar on
Heritage, Culture & Identity:
Re-Negotiating Spaces of Memory in a Time of Rapid Urbanisation
to be Organised by Sarat Centenary College on 20 & 21 January 2020

Since the 1990s, after the effects of Globalisation started spreading all over, the process of urbanisation has entered rapid stage of acceleration. As per global data, 54% of total global population was living in urban areas in 2014 and it is projected that by the year 2050 the figure will reach 66%. This is probably the largest urban growth wave that the world has ever witnessed in its history. However, such rapid growth wave has created huge impacts on the heritage and culture of both the urban and rural spaces. Along with the question of environmental conservation, the question of conservation of tangible and intangible heritage, as two of the important components of cultural environment, is now one of the greatest challenges of our times. Balancing the requirement of rapid urbanisation, especially in places marked by high population density, with the need for conservation of cultural and environmental heritage has made this challenge even more difficult. The dynamics has been continuously mutating the cultural space and forcing individuals to undergo a process of redefining their identities induced by the changing cultural space. Thus, in this time of rapid urbanisation, hybridisation is the most common form through which new spaces are emerging to redefine our relations with our heritage – whether tangible or intangible – around us and this, in turn, is forcing us to re-configure the patterns of culture and identity, in which memory as linked with space, plays a crucial role. Such changes also inevitably raise questions of agency, social hierarchy, and sustainability which demand nuanced answers that take into account diverse variables.

This interdisciplinary international seminar proposes to bring together researchers from various fields working in the disciplines of architecture, humanities and social sciences to deliberate on the following keywords and subtopics –

Keywords: rapid urbanisation; heritage; culture; memory; identity

Subtopics (indicative only, not exhaustive):

- Rapid Urbanisation and Heritage / Cultural Space / Identity
- Rapid Urbanisation and Migration / Cultural Demography / Economy / Environment
- Heritage and Spaces of Memory / Culture / Identity
- Heritage and Civic Awareness / Policy Implementation / Digital Initiatives
- Rapid Urbanisation / Heritage and their Representation in Literature / Media

Abstracts in English with 3-5 keywords and short bio-note are invited for this seminar. Abstracts are to be typewritten in Times New Roman, 12, double-spaced with 1" margin on all sides, in .doc/.docx format.



Important Dates and Information about the Seminar

e-Mail Abstracts to: psjourn@sccollegednk.ac.in

Content for Subject Line of e-Mail: "Abstract for Heritage Seminar"

Please maintain all communications in this regard on this email thread.

Last Date for Abstract Submission: 30 November 2019

Acceptance of Abstracts will be Communicated Within: 14 December 2019

Last Date for Submission of Full Paper: 10 January 2020

Registration Opens: 16 December 2019

Registration Closes: 11 January 2020

Registration Fees: ₹1500 (₹1000 for Research Scholars)

Spot Registration Fees: ₹2000

Registration fees (non-refundable) include participation of one participant on both days of the seminar, seminar kit, lunch and refreshments during the schedule of the seminar. Registration fees do not include accommodation and conveyance of the participant. Organisers will not provide any travelling allowance or accommodation to the participants. However, assistance regarding travel and accommodation may be sought at psjourn@sccollegednk.ac.in. Participants are requested to avoid spot registration and transfer/deposit the registration fees to the bank account within 11 January 2020. Bank account details will be informed at the time of acceptance of abstracts. Please email us the soft copy of the transaction receipt bearing the transaction number. Confirmation of registration will be sent through reply email.

Date of the Seminar: 20 & 21 January, 2020

Venue of the Seminar: Sarat Centenary College, Dhaniakhali, Hooghly, WB-71302

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