

CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, CALCUTTA (CSSSC)  
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*Orientation Programme on  
Scheduled Castes and Other Marginalized Groups  
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***Discrimination, Citizenship, Equality: Interrogations and Contestations***

CSSSC, Seminar Room 2 November 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013

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## SCHEDULE

### Day 1 – 18th November, Monday

- 10.00 (Onwards): Registration
- 10.30 – 10.45: Welcome Address: Tapati Guha Thakurta, Director, CSSSC
- 10.45 – 11.00: Opening Statement: Orientation Programme Organizing Committee: Dwaipayan Bhattacharyya, Soumyabrata Choudhury, Kiran Keshavamurthy, Manabi Majumdar
- 11.00 – 11.15: Tea Break
- 11.15 – 1.00: Inaugural Address and Discussion:  
Gopal Guru: Moral Foundations of Discrimination: What are the grounds for its defence?  
Chair: Manas Ray
- 1.00 – 2.00: Lunch

### Session I

- 2.00 – 4.30: *Politics, Religion and The Dalit Movement – I*  
Chair: Manas Ghosh

#### **Speakers:**

*Postcolonial State and Dalit Christians – Forms of Discrimination in Kerala:* Jestin T Varghese

*Life, Songs and Citizenship in Dalit Christianity*  
Vinil Baby Paul

*Caste Politics, Culture and Identity – Reading Tamil Dalit History*  
P Vellaisamy

### **Day 2 – 19th November, Tuesday**

10.30 – 12.00: *From Quest for Equality and Justice to Violence and Contestations – The Scheduled Castes of West Bengal in Indian context*  
Rup Kumar Barman  
Chair: Kiran Keshavamurthy

#### **Session I**

12.00 – 1.30: *Politics, Religion and The Dalit Movement – II*  
Chair: Rajarshi Ghose

#### **Speakers:**

*Religion, Caste and Culture – Iyothee Thass and Counter-Cultural Imaginary:*  
Dickens Leonard

*Caste of the Land – The Myth and Reality of Kerala Model*  
Joby Mathew

1.30 – 2.30 Lunch

#### **Session II**

2.30 – 4.00 *New Social and Political Alliances – I*  
Chair: Ritajyoti Bandyopadhyay

#### **Speakers:**

*Reconfiguration of Muslim “Politics” after 1990s – Crisis of Modernity and Mobilization for a New Democracy*  
Sadique PK

*Growing Up – Tales of Familiarity, Tales of Unfamiliarity*  
Sarvani Bandyopadhyay

4.00 – 4.15 Tea Break

### **Session III**

4.15 – 5.45 *New Social and Political Alliances – II*  
Chair: Rahul Mukhopadhyay

**Speakers:**

*New Social Alliance and After:*  
Mousim Mondal

*Understanding the Politics of New Dalit Alliances in Contemporary West Bengal:*  
Praskanva Sinharay

### **Day 3 – 21st November, Thursday**

10.30 – 12.00: *Caste and Gender – A Necessary or Contingent relationship?*  
Mary E John  
Chair: Anirban Das

### **Session I**

12.00 – 1.30: *Collective Rights, The Women's Question and Other Marginalities – I*  
Chair: Priya Sangameswaran

**Speakers:**

*The Socio-Economic Condition of Malayali Tribe in Tamil Nadu During 1800-1947*  
V Thukkan

*Social Construction of Masculinities and Violence Against Women*  
Dr Silambarasan S

1.30 – 2.30: Lunch

### **Session II**

2.30 – 4.00: *Collective Rights, The Women's Question and Other Marginalities – I*  
Chair: Trina Nileena Banerjee

**Speakers:**

*Interrogating the Interpellations: Certain Theses and Teachings on 18<sup>th</sup> Century Women's History in Tamil Nadu*

Prabhu B

*Women's Education and Gender Bias in the Fishing Community in Puducherry Region:*

Sivakumar I and Usha V.T

**Day 4 – 22nd November, Friday**

10.30 – 12.00: Social Discrimination and Economic Inequality—Exploring the Linkages: an overview of Western Bengal  
Santosh Rana  
Chair: Lakshmi Subramanian

**Session I**

12.00 – 1.30: *Reading Ambedkar Today*  
Chair: Soumyabrata Choudhury

**Speakers:**

*Ambedkar's Thoughts on Liberty, Equality and Fraternity*

Parthasarathi Muthukaruppan

*Misinterpreting Ambedkar's Writings:*

Kiran S Agawane

1.30 – 2.30: Lunch

**Closing Session**

2.30 – 4.00: *Artisans, Higher Education And Research:*  
Kancha Ilaiah  
Chair: Rosinka Chaudhuri