

**CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, CALCUTTA,  
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**GENERAL SEMINAR**

**Maidul Islam.**

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will give a talk titled:

**“Towards a Radical Democratic Politics in India”**

This seminar is based on the epilogue of my forthcoming book, *Indian Muslim(s) After Liberalisation*. The book discusses four themes in the context of neoliberal economic reforms: (a) socio-economic conditions of Indian Muslims, (b) the cultural stereotypes and vilifications of the Muslims in popular Hindi cinema, (c) the response of the state in dealing with the problems of Muslim minorities and (d) the limitations of the conservative section of the Muslim leadership to challenge the neoliberal establishment. Throughout the period of neoliberal regime in India, economic inequality has grown. At the same time, deprivation among Dalits, Adivasis, Muslims and Women are relatively higher than any other social groups. In such a context, who could articulate an alternative politics that could resist the neoliberal dispensation or if possible, to struggle to transcend the neoliberal policy regime in India? There are three routes for a potential radical democratic politics in India: 1) Leftwing populism 2) Ambedkarite social democracy and 3) Federalist political outlook.

Date: Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

Time: 3 – 5 pm.

Venue: CSSSC’s Seminar Room, Patuli Campus.

Trina Nileena Banerjee  
(Convener, Seminar Committee)  
All are welcome to attend.