

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

Professor Partha Chatterjee

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will give a talk titled:

**“AMBEDKAR’S THEORY OF MINORITY RIGHTS”**

Ambedkar had a robust theory of minority rights which can be put together from his submissions to the Simon Commission, the Round Table Conferences and the Constituent Assembly as well as his book on the Pakistan question. This theory gives overwhelming importance to the collective will of a minority community to determine its own political destiny. While acknowledging the importance of cultural identity in certain situations, Ambedkar was principally concerned with ensuring equal rights for those groups that had been reduced to the status of minorities because of discrimination, oppression and poverty. For Ambedkar, the instrument for bringing about equality was political power and effective state action.

Date: Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2017    Time: 3 – 5 pm.  
Venue: CSSSC’s Seminar Room, Patuli Campus.

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