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GENERAL SEMINAR

Simanti Dasgupta
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will give a talk titled:

“Emergence and Refusal: Rethinking Citizenship at the Intersection of Software and Water in Neoliberal Bangalore”

Based upon multi-sited ethnographic work in two otherwise unrelated areas—software development and water privatization – in Bangalore, this talk focuses on the politics of citizenship in the context of current neoliberal changes. Emerging market economies like India pose a specific epistemic and ethical urgency since the desire for drastic growth often buries the rights of the underprivileged. On the other hand, the increasing experience of dispossession generates dissent in the social margins and more importantly, triggers a refusal to engage with the prescribed script of the market economy. This presentation posits that the politics of emergence and refusal rather than being separate, constitute one another, that is, each marks the limit of the other in remaking how one belongs in the nation-state.

Date: Monday, 24th July, 2017 Time: 3 – 5 pm.
Venue: CSSSC’s Seminar Room, Patuli Campus.

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