

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

Professor Rosinka Chaudhuri

will give a talk titled:

**‘On the Colonization of India’: Public Meetings (1829), Debates (1976) and Disputes  
(1996)**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, 1829, a large public meeting was held amidst much excitement at the Town Hall in Calcutta. The speakers, principally from the British mercantile community in Calcutta, but including, prominently, Dwarkanath Tagore and Rammohun Roy, spoke on behalf of a petition to be sent to the English Parliament arguing for what they called ‘The Colonization of India’. The debate centred on the upcoming renewal of the Charter Act, and this community pressed for further abolishing remaining monopolies the East India Company held. I will show how the disputes generated on the subject played out in Calcutta at the time, and also, crucially, show how Rammohun’s involvement in the event and his later evidence before the Select Committee seem to have been misread by leading historians affiliated to the CSSSC in the 1970’s.

Date: Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, 3 – 5 pm  
Venue: CSSSC’s Seminar Room, Patuli Campus

Trina Nileena Banerjee  
(Convener, Seminar Committee)

All faculty members, students and associates of the Centre are invited to attend.