

Young Scholars International Conference

“Margins and Connections”

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Date: 7 – 8 February 2019

Venue: Committee Room, School of Social Sciences -I, Jawaharlal Nehru
University, Delhi

DAY 1: 7 February 2019

Inaugural Session:

9.30am - 10am

Welcome Speech:

Prof. Bhagat Oinam, Chairperson, Special Centre for the Study of North East India,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Introducing the Conference:

Dr. G. Amarjit Sharma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Tea Break: 10am - 10.15am

10.15 - 11 am: Keynote Address

“Postcolonial Northeast: Margins and Connections”

Prof. Samir Kumar Das,
University of Calcutta, Kolkata

Session I: Nation-State in the Borderland

11 am - 12.10 pm

Chair: Prof. Nivedita Menon, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

“Methodological nationalism and the trends of writing sociology in India”

Sangay Tamang
Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati

“Spatializing Nation-State at the Borderland: A Case Study of Tawang”

Sherin Ajin
National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru

Session II: Territorial Border and Social Boundary

12.10 pm – 1.20 pm

Chair: Prof. Tiplut Nongbri, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi

“Binding a Society: The conflicted borderland between India and Bangladesh”

Sampurna Bhaumik, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

“‘Domestic borders’ and Hmar Peoples Convention (Democratic) Ethnic Organization”

Deborah Darlianmawii, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

Lunch Break: 1.20 pm – 2.10 pm

Session III: Empire, Soldiers and Frontier

2.10 pm – 3.20 pm

Chair: Prof. Joy L.K. Pachuau, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

“Soldiering the Frontier: The Empire’s Sepoys in the North East Frontier”

Mutum Kenedy Singh, University of Delhi, Delhi

“Disputed Pillars at the Margin of History: Manipur-Mayanmar Boundary and India’s Strategic Silence”

Malem Ningthouja, Former Fellow, IAS, Shimla

Tea Break: 3.20-3.25

Session IV: Religious Institutions and Networks

3.25 pm – 4.35 pm

Chair: Prof. Susan Visvanathan, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

“‘Centering the Margin’: Mission Networks in the India Burma Borderland”

Sorun Asaiwo, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

“Rumtek Monastery: A Controversial Tibetan Monastery in Exile”

Binita Rai, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

DAY 2: 8 February 2019

Session V: Mobility, Belongingness and Periphery

9.30 am – 10.40 am

Chair: Dr. A. Bimol Akoijam, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

“‘Precarity’ of the Territorialized State: Bringing Peripheries at the Frontline”

Ananya Sharma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

“Reconstructing (?) Centre-Periphery Relations: Study of North-eastern Food Culture in Delhi”

Rashi Bhargava, University of Delhi, Delhi

Tea Break: 10.40- 10.45 am

Session VI: Digital Practices and Social Space

10.45 am -12.5 pm

Chair: Dr. Chitrlekha, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

“Media infrastructures and digital practices: Case studies from the North East of India”

Khetrimayum Monish Singh, Centre for Internet and Society, New Delhi

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Rajiv K Mishra, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

“The social of Char-chaporis scapes”

Suraj Gogoi, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Session VII: Encountering Development at the Border

12.5 pm - 1.15 pm

Chair: Prof. Amit Prakash, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

“‘Integrated Check Post’ in a Border Town: Locating People’s Narratives of Displacements”

S Seigoulien Haokip, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

“Voices from the Margins: of Violence and the broken promises of Development”

Robert Lunkhopao, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Lunch Break: 1.15pm - 2pm

Session VIII: Security, Livelihood and Developmental Cooperation

2 pm -3.10 pm

Chair: Dr. Rakhee Bhattacharjee, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

“Security and Livelihood: Documenting Perspectives along the Eastern Himalayan Border”

Anderson Glashan, Ashoka University, Sonipat

Developmental Cooperation, Militarism and Conflict in the Contiguous Areas of Bangladesh, North East India and Myanmar”

Jiten Yumnam, Centre for Research and Advocacy Manipur, Imphal

Tea Break: 3.10 pm - 3.15 pm

Panel Discussion: Margins and Connections: New Frontiers of Understanding North East India and Its Neighbours

3.15 pm - 4.35 pm

Chair: Prof. Samir Kumar Das, University of Calcutta, Kolkata

Speakers:

Dr. Sworgajyoti Gohain, Ashoka University, Sonipat

Dr. Jangkhomang Guite, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Dr. G. Amarjit Sharma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Vote of Thanks: 4. 35pm