

**National Conference**  
**on**  
**Archaeology, Heritage and Religion in South Asia**

**Wednesday, 14 March 2018**  
**AJC Bose Auditorium**

**Under the auspices of the**  
**Department of History, Presidency University, Kolkata**

**Programme Schedule**

**10:00 – 11:00 AM : INAUGURAL SESSION**

- Welcome Addresses by **Dr Soumen Mukherjee**, HoD (History)
- Brief Speech by the Guest of Honour, **Prof B D Chattopadhyaya**
- Introduction to the Theme by **Dr Swarupa Gupta**
- “Archaeological Methodology for the Reconstruction of Our Past” – **Prof Vasant Shinde**

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM : SESSION II – ANCIENT PERIOD**

**Chair: Prof B D Chattopadhyaya**

**Discussant: Prof B P Sahu**

- “The Malarial Malady: An Alternative Argument in the Context of Harappan Decline” – **Arkaprava Sarkar**
- “Ceramic Traditions of Early Harappan & Harappan Cultures: Distribution Of Pottery Types in Harappan Assemblages” - **Bhargodev Sengupta**
- “The Path to Plunder: The Dark Side of Archaeology in Colonial and Post-colonial India” - **Samayita Banerjee**
- “Understanding Violence: An Approach towards Comprehending the Evolution of Society” – **Shreya Dutta**

**12:30 – 12:45 PM : TEA**

**12:45 – 02:00 PM : SESSION III: MEDIEVAL PERIOD**

**Chair: Prof Najaf Haider**

**Discussant: Prof Madhuparna Roychaudhury**

- “The Many Lives of a Mughal City: An Attempt at Historical Archaeology of the Purana Qila in Delhi” – **Debdutta Sanyal**
- “Divination, Astrology and Islam in South Asia: Beliefs and Practices” – **Sajjad Hasan**
- “The Devotee and the Other: Unravelling Bhakti in Tulsi’s Ramcharitmanas” – **Nidhi Shukla**

**02:00 – 03:00 PM : LUNCH**

**03:00 – 04:30 PM : SESSION IV – MODERN PERIOD - RELIGION AND NATIONALISM**

**Chair: Prof Kingshuk Chatterjee**

**Discussant: Dr Rajarshi Ghose**

- “Monists contra Monotheists? Religion, Nationalism, Race, and Hinduness in the Relationship between the Arya Samaj and the Theosophical Society, 1877-1882” – **Anashya Ghoshal**
- “Religious Nationalism and Nationalized Religiosity: A case study on the Christians of Mizoram and the Tai Ahom of Assam” – **Nabajyoti Ghosh**
- “Forged Identities: The Bengali Catholic Community of Kolkata” – **Priscilla Rozario**
- “Dooars and its emerging Borderland Identity” - **Somoshree De**

**4:30 – 5:00 PM : TEA**

**05:00 – 06:15 PM : SESSION V: MODERN PERIOD - RELIGION AND HERITAGE**

**Chair: Prof Kingshuk Chatterjee**

**Discussant: Dr Rajarshi Ghose**

- “The Changing Landscape of Hinduism Studies: A Few Remarks” – **Dr Arpita Mitra**
- “The Female Guru as Jagat-Mata: Making of a Religious Heritage (18th-20th Century)” – **Arkamitra Ghatak**
- University as a Heritage Space: Moving beyond the Physical - **Debopam Sen and Karan Dutta**

**06:15 – 06:20 PM : VOTE OF THANKS by Dr Sajjad Alam Rizvi**