

**CONFERENCE ON  
'INDENTURED MIGRATION: HISTORY, MEMORY AND POPULAR  
CULTURE'**

**NOV. 28th & 29th 2010**

**G.B. PANT SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE,  
ALLAHABAD UNIVERSITY**

**Programme**

**Day- 1, Sunday, November 28, 2010**

**Inaugural Session (10:30 am – 1:00 pm)**

**Welcome Speech:** Prof. Pradeep Bhargava, Director, G B Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad

**Chair:** Prof. G K Chaddha, CEO, South Asian University, New Delhi

**Overview of the Conference:** Badri Narayan, G B Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad (10:30 am – 11:00 am)

**Inaugural Lecture (11:00 am -11:30 am):** Hon. Krishnedat Bajnath, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Suriname, New Delhi.

**Tea: 11:30 am**

**Theme Lecture I ((11:45 am to 12:30 pm)**

**(Process of de-industrialization in pre-colonial and colonial society)**

Prof. Shireen Moosvi, Professor, Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

**Theme Lecture II (12:30 pm to 1:15 pm)**

**(Kalkatyan ke yaad mein: Experiences and memories on migration, a Diaspora perspective)**

Maurits Safdar H. Hassankhan, Eminent Historian & Surinamese [politician](#) (ex Minister for Interior Affairs and Culture, Govt. of Suriname).

**Presidential Remarks** (1:15 pm to 1:45 pm): Prof. G K Chaddha

**Lunch: 1:45 - 2:30 pm**

**I Session (2:30 pm – 4:00 pm)**

**Multiple Migrations**

**Chair:** Maurits Safdar H. Hassankhan

**Special Lecture:** Prof. N. Jayaram, Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai

**Title of lecture: The Sociology of Indentured Labour: The Case of Trinidad**

**Speakers:**

Rila Mukherji, Professor, Department of History, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

**Title of lecture: Pressures in the Bay World between the 15th-17th centuries resulting in migration and ultimately a slave trade**

Giriraj Kishore, eminent litterateur and novelist, winner of Padma Shree Award

**Title of lecture: Pehla Girmitiya: Prawasi Bhartiyaon ke bare mein**

**Tea: 4.00 pm**

**II Session (4:15 pm-6:00 pm)**

**Discussing Indentured Labour Migration Experience**

**Chair:** Prof. N. Jayaram

**Speakers:**

Amit K.Mishra, Lecturer, Centre for the Study of Indian Diaspora, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad.

**Title of lecture: Arising From Indenture: Indian Labour Diaspora in Mauritius and Fiji**

Anil Persaud, Guyanese Historian (Indentured migration and commodity history)

**Title of lecture: From Indentured to PIO: History and Memory and traces of roots**

Kathinka Sinha Kerkhoff, Dutch Historian, International Institute of Social History (IISH), Ranchi.

**Title of lecture: Muslims and the politics of identity among people of Indian origin in Suriname 1873-1947)**

**Dinner: 8:30 pm**

## **Day- 2 , Monday, November 29, 2010**

**I Session (10:30 am – 12:30 noon)**

**Diasporic Identities and Memories**

**Chair:** Peggy Mohan, A Trinidadian Socio-linguist.

**Special Lecture:** Crispin Bates, Reader, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh.

**Title of lecture: Mutating Identities? Military Recruits and Labour Migrants 1810-1857**

**Speakers:**

Ishrat Alam, Member-Secretary, Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi

**Title of lecture: Migration of Indentured Labour in 17<sup>th</sup> century**

Dr. N. Mohkamsing, Assistant Professor, Leiden Institute for Religious Studies, Leiden University, The Netherlands

**Title of lecture: History of Music in Carribean: A case of Suriname**

Dr Neerja Arun, Co-ordinator, Study Abroad Program, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

**Title of lecture: Indian “auxiliaries” in Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902**

**Tea: 12.00 noon**

**II Session (12:15 pm – 2:00 pm)**

**Memory, Representation and Visual Culture**

**Chair:** Dr. Ishrat Alam

**Speakers:**

Lalit Joshi, Professor, Department of Medieval/ Modern history, University of Allahabad, Allahabad.

**Title of lecture: Reengaging the Homeland; the Bollywood audience in Fiji**

Peggy Mohan

**Title of lecture: Indentured Memories: Language, Culture and History**

Surabhi Sharma, Documentary film maker and scholar working on film and society, Mumbai

**Title of lecture: Film and Representation: Story of Indentured Migration**

Devendra Choubey, Associate Professor, Centre of Indian Languages, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

**Title of lecture: History and Memory in Contemporary Mauritian Social life in special context of Mauritian literature**

**Lunch: 2:00 pm**

**Valedictory Session (4:00 pm – 5:30 pm)**

**Chair:** Prof. Ravi Srivastava, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

**Valedictory Lecture:** Shri VN Rai, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha

**Vote of thanks**