



Young Researchers' Workshop : Migration and Mobility

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Migrations within and beyond India has been driven significantly by the mobility aspirations of those who move and has been seen as contributing to their economic and social mobility. Migrations in that sense have been aiding a diverse range of spatial mobility in terms of caste, class and gender, albeit structural and institutional impediments. The Young Researchers' Workshop invites applications from researchers working on different aspects of migrations in/from colonial and contemporary India with a historical orientation and preferably with a focus on issues of mobility, for a 5 day workshop to present their ongoing work and receive feedback from experienced scholars and from their own peer group.

The aim of the workshop is to think of new ways of doing the history of migration in/from India. It seeks to bring together a set of researchers currently working on diverse aspects of migration from colonial and contemporary India – which includes but not restricted to the questions of state, institutions and processes; recruitment, brokerage and deployment; marginalities and their intersections; agency and negotiations; aspirations and everydayness; barriers to mobility; caste, class and gender; exploitation, precarities and resistance; lifecycle changes at home and destination; reproduction of authority and power; social fields and culture; etc. We encourage young researchers at different stages of their PhD and at early post-doctoral phase to apply; and 15 researchers will be selected after evaluating their application for this rigorous workshop. The workshop will have sessions being conducted by senior scholars with a select number of readings in such a way to expose the cutting-edge themes and methodologies in

the field and chances for young researchers to present their work with an aim of helping them to sharpen their research questions as well as modes of enquiry.

Application Process: Interested young researchers should apply online with a detailed proposal, not exceeding 1500 words, indicating their theme of research, research questions, sources and methodology, stage of research and why this workshop would benefit them, with a proof of their registration or affiliation, by 14th July 2022. Applications should be submitted through the link provided in the KCHR website.

Selected applicants will be reimbursed with third AC rail or actual bus fare by the shortest route. Local hospitality at Kottayam will also be taken care of.

Structure: The workshop will be divided into two parts. The morning session of each day will be devoted to a critical reading of pre-circulated texts, and will be thematically organized. Experts in the field, focusing on different paradigms, questions and writings, will lead this discussion. The young researchers will present their work (proposal or a paper in progress) in the afternoon session to receive detailed responses.

Workshop details: A packet of readings will be sent electronically to all the selected candidates, who are expected to read them beforehand. These readings will be divided thematically across the five days of workshop. The final programme will be sent to the selected candidates close to the workshop. KCHR staff will coordinate the logistics of the workshop and will be in touch with participants once they are shortlisted.

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