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#### MONETARY POLICY OF THE RBI

On December 1, 2023, The Department of Economics, in collaboration with OIKOS, the Economic Society, hosted an exclusive lecture on the Monetary Policy of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), featuring Raj Rajesh, Director of the Department of Economic Analysis and Policy (DEAP) at RBI Kolkata.

# FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ISSUES IN ECONOMIC THEORY & POLICY





The Department of Economics organized the Nirmal Kanti Majumdar Special Lectures on December 27th and 28th, 2023. Distinguished speakers, Prof. Nancy Chau and Prof. Arnab Basu from Cornell University, and Prof. Lata Gangadharan and Prof. Pushkar Maitra from Monash University, delivered insightful lectures.

#### **ENGLISH**



# LITERARY PERFORMATIVE HISTORY OF KOBIGAAN

The December Talk of the Month 2023, organized by the Department of English at Presidency University on December 20, took place at the A.K.Basak Auditorium. Dr. Priyanka Basu presented a lecture titled "Afterlives: Archives, Institutions, and the Cultural Politics of Folk in Kobigaan." Drawing from her notable work, "The Poet's Song: 'Folk' and its Cultural Politics in South Asia," recently published by Routledge, Dr. Basu explored the literary performative history of Kobigaan.

#### INSTITUTE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

### A BRIEF NOTE ON REGIONAL YOUNG INVESTIGATORS' MEETINGS (RYIM) KOLKATA 2023

A dynamic cohort of young investigators, diverse representing institutions and the Institute of Health Sciences at Presidency University, spearheaded the organization of the Regional Young Investigator's Meetings (RYIM) across the two campuses of Presidency University Kolkata. **RYIM** Kolkata 2023, was held on December 7-8. The highlight of the event was the speech by Dr Soumya Swaminathan. The University felicitated Dr Swaminathan for her journey in academia and public health management.

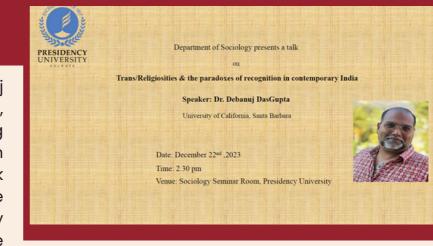




#### **SOCIOLOGY**

# TALK ON TRANS RELIGIOSITIES AND THE PARADOXES OF RECOGNITION IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA

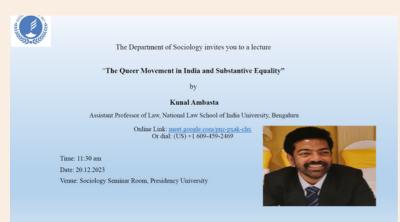
On December 22, 2023, Dr. Debanuj DasGupta from the University of California, Santa Barbara, delivered a compelling lecture at the Department of Sociology in Presidency University, Kolkata. His talk delved into "Trans Religiosities and the Paradoxes of Recognition in Contemporary India," emphasizing the intricate connections between gender identities, Constitutional Rights, and religious experiences



## GENDER SENSITIZATION AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT CELL

The Department of Sociology, in collaboration with the Gender Sensitization and Prevention of Sexual Harassment Cell (GSPSHC), orchestrated a one-day colloquium on December 19, 2023. The event, hosted at the A.K. Basak Auditorium, aimed to foster meaningful interactions among students, faculty, and non-teaching staff.

### THE QUEER MOVEMENT IN INDIA AND SUBSTANTIVE EQUALITY



On December 20th, the Department of Sociology hosted an online lecture featuring Kunal Ambasta, an Assistant Professor of Law at the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. The lecture, titled "The Queer Movement in India and Substantive Equality," delved into the multifaceted aspects of the queer movement in the country.

#### PERFORMING ARTS

# INTERVIEW AROUND INDO-ISLAMIC CHARACTER OF HINDUSTANI CLASSICAL MUSIC



Organized by the Department of Performing Arts, on 22nd December, Professor Sreemati Mukherjee conducted an insightful interview with Vidushi Shubhra Guha, the Sangeet Natak Akademi award winner of 2023 and a distinguished thumri singer. Guha's musical journey, from early training under Satish Bhowmick to her studies in the Agra Gharana with Pandit Sunil Bose and later as a scholar at ITC Sangeet Research Academy, was discussed.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS IN** JANUARY, 2024



### **GRAVITATIONAL WAVE ASTRONOMY: A NEW** WINDOW TO THE INVISIBLE UNIVERSE.



On January 3, 2024, a significant talk session will take place organized by the Department of Astrophysics.

### QUEEN'S COLLEGE, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK





On January 18, 2024, a lecture series will take place at Presidency University organized by the Department of Mathematics.

## 207TH FOUNDER'S DAY



On January 20th, 2024, 207th founder's day will be held at the Presidency University, Kolkata.

### CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH IN NUCLEAR PHYSICS:SYMMETRY, STRUCTURE AND APPLICATIONS



From January 17 to 18, 2024, a workshop will take place at Presidency University organized by the Department of Physics.

# SUCCESS STORIES



### ST. XAVIER'S JOINS PRESIDENCY IN SEEKING APPROVAL FROM IFA

Presidency and St. Xavier's University are actively engaging in the University football league organized by IFA. Both institutions are in the process of obtaining consent from IFA to participate in the league.





Congratulations to Dr. Arpita Konar, on being awarded the DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance Intermediate Fellowship.





Satyaki Biswas, a PhD scholar affiliated with the Department of Life Sciences at Presidency University, and under the mentorship of Dr. Markkandan Ganesan, Assistant Professor, garnered recognition at the 6th Regional Science and Technology Congress in the Environmental Sciences category. Satyaki Biswas was honored with an outstanding paper award for his presentation titled "Molecular cloning of the ACR3 gene and transcriptome studies in Azolla plants to understand arsenic accumulation."



