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Organizes



Two-Day International Conference

In collaboration with

Bharata Vidya Charcha Kendra, Burdwan

For

The 23rd Annual Conference

On

***Borderlines: Redefining Political Landscapes in
a Divided World***

Organized by

Department of Political Science and Department of English

Under the aegis of

**Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC),
Trivenidevi Bhalotia College, Raniganj**

Dates: 14th and 15th May, 2025

(Mode: Blended)

Concept Note:

Elie Wiesel's quote, 'Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant,' encapsulates his philosophy of moral responsibility and active intervention in the face of injustice. The conference titled "*Borderlines: Redefining Political Landscapes in a Divided World*" aims to explore the multifaceted dynamics of borders in the contemporary geopolitical context. Borders, both physical and conceptual, have evolved from simple territorial demarcations to complex political tools that influence migration, security, trade, identity, and environmental policies. This event seeks to redefine the understanding of borders as spaces of division and connection while addressing the challenges and opportunities they present in a rapidly changing global landscape. Borders have increasingly become sites of contention, reflecting global inequalities, security concerns, and identity politics. The rigid enforcement of borders often exacerbates humanitarian crises, disrupts cultural exchanges, and limits economic opportunities. Conversely, borders also serve as bridges for cooperation, trade, and shared governance. The conference will address the paradoxical role of borders as both barriers and facilitators in shaping political landscapes.

Sub-themes may be included, but are not restricted to

1. Borders as Barriers and Bridges
2. Migration and Humanitarian Challenges
3. Economic Dimensions

4. Environmental Borders and Transboundary Challenges
5. Cultural Identity
6. Resistance Movements
7. Border Narratives as Political Propositions
8. Postcolonial and Diasporic perspectives
9. Imagined Borders in Postcolonial Literatures
10. Decolonization and Eco-poetics
11. Partitioned Communities and Cross-Border Identities
12. Globalization and Border Politics

13. Historical Evolution of Borders
14. Border Poetics/Borders as Literary and Aesthetic Constructs
15. Cartography and Challenges
16. Borders and Social Exclusion
17. Psychological and Emotional Impact
18. Borders and Social Identity
19. Gendered Territories
20. Human Rights and Refugee Crisis

Requirements for Submission:

- **Length:** Full papers should be between 3,000 and 5,000 words.
- **Presentation time:** Up to 20 minutes. The papers can be presented both in physical and virtual modes.
- **Format:** Manuscripts should be submitted in .docx or .pdf format, using Chicago citation style.
- **Abstract:** Submissions must include an abstract (300-500 words) outlining the aims, methods, and conclusions of the paper.
We encourage contributions from scholars working in History, Sociology, Gender Studies, English, Political Science, Anthropology, Bengali, and related disciplines. Selected papers will be published in a peer-reviewed volume after the conference.
- Please submit your abstract to: bvck.webinar@gmail.com

Please keep in mind the following additional points when submitting papers:

1. Papers must be written **in English or Bengali**, word-processed, and double-spaced. The paper should be sent only in WORD (.doc/.docx) file format. Please refrain from submitting hard copies or uploading the soft copy of the paper in PDF format.
2. Word limit: Full papers should be between **3,000** and **5,000** words (**including endnotes**). Any paper exceeding the word limit will not be eligible for inclusion in the Proceedings. The paper submitted should be in **Times New Roman font (for English), Kalpurush font (for Bengali), font size 12, double-spaced**.
3. References should be double-spaced and placed at the end of the paper, numbered continuously throughout the entire document (not per page).

4. When referencing printed books, the conventional system should be followed: Author's name, Title of the book, Place of publication, and Year of publication, in that sequence. For well-known journal abbreviations such as JIH, JASB, JRAS, EI, IHR, IESHR, and JESHO, utilise them without further clarification. Forms like 'ibid', 'Op. cit.', etc are recommended for conciseness.
5. If maps, diagrams, and photographs are provided, they should be limited in number and prepared in a format ready/suitable for printing.
6. The paper will be submitted via email at bvck.webinar@gmail.com (Kindly submit the abstract as of now; the full paper will be sought later.)
7. A **hard copy** of the paper must be submitted by the Paper Presenter at the time of the presentation to the Chairperson of the relevant session.

Every copy of the paper submitted for Presentation at the 23rd Annual Conference should bear the following details:

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| 4. Phone no (preferably WhatsApp) | 8. Mode of presentation: Online/ Physical |

Esteemed Speakers:

1. Dr. Arijit Bhattacharyya, Professor, Dept. of Political Science, The University of Burdwan, **Keynote Speaker**
2. Dr. Bibhas Saha, Associate Professor, Economics, Durham University Business School, UK
3. Dr. Shruti Das, Professor, Department of English, Berhampur University, Odisha
4. Dr. Sajal Kumar Bhattacharya, Professor, Department of English, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol
5. Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswas, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi
6. Dr. Tista Das, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Bankura University

Registration Details:

After the acceptance of abstracts, participants are requested to complete their registration by following the instructions outlined below:

For Paper Presentation:

- a) Students (M.Phil. / Ph.D.): INR 800 (including Student Membership for one year)
- b) Student (P.G.): INR 600 (for two days' participation)
- c) Student (U.G.): INR 200 per day
- d) Academician: INR 1200 (including Annual Membership for one year)

For Listeners:

- a) With Participation Certificate: INR 500
- b) Without Certificate: Ni

Important Dates:

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** 8th May, 2025 by 5 PM.
- **Notification of Acceptance:** 8th May, 2025, Midnight
- **Registration:** 8- 11th May, 2025
- **Publication of Final Schedule:** 12th May, 2025
- **Conference Dates:** 14-15th May, 2025

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