



1st International Workshop
on
Research Methods and Approaches to Migration and Diaspora Studies

Organized by
Centre for Diaspora Studies
Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, India.

In Collaboration with
Centre for Migration, Refugees and Belonging, University of East London,
U.K.

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About the Workshop

Migration and Diaspora play a significant role in shaping the development processes both at home and host countries in social, cultural, economic, political and literary changes across the globe. There is a constantly growing interest in migration and diasporas among the researchers from Humanities and Social Sciences, policymakers, governments, politicians, trade-business oriented groups, etc. Consequently, this growing interest led to an increase in research in the area of Migration and Diaspora Studies. Migration and diaspora studies always posed various methodological challenges to young researchers who are mostly emerging from the dominant streams of knowledge such as Humanities and Social Sciences. Since this area of study is interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary it is pertinent to address the challenges emerging while researching these areas.

Hence, Centre for Diaspora Studies (CDS) in Collaboration with Centre for Migration, Refugees and Belonging (CMRB), University of East London, U.K. is organizing this unique workshop to train young scientists, researchers, and early faculty members in this area of migration and diaspora studies. It also highlights what are the emerging issues, challenges, and opportunities in this field especially in times like COVID-19. Keeping the ongoing crisis of COVID-19 and physical distancing in mind as safety measures – the workshop is organized **online** through available platforms.

The objective of the workshop is to engage and continue the teaching and learning process during the time of the COVID-19 Crisis. It aims to initiate scholars and young researchers from various disciplines who are interested in researching the issues of migrants, migration, and diaspora. The outcome of the workshop would be enhancing their research capabilities, create awareness about the new approaches, research methods, opportunities, and challenges in the discipline. The subject needs to be approached from an interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and transdisciplinary framework that requires to be reframed for the scholars trained in particular disciplines. Thus, there is a need to reorient, retrain, reskill, and update the researchers in novel approaches, perspectives, and methods of research emerging

in the dynamic discipline of migration and diaspora studies. The Centre also plans to publish the lectures by experts and faculty of the Centre into an edited volume on the theme.

Applications are invited from research students, young scientists, faculty members, independent scholars who are working in this area to apply for this workshop.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Morning Session 10:00am-12:00 Noon</i>		<i>Afternoon Session 12:15PM – 2:15PM</i>
Day I	Inaugural: Inaugural Lecture on Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary approaches Migration and Diaspora Studies by Prof. Robin Cohen	Break: 12:00-12:15	Contemporary Methodological Issues in Migration and Diaspora Research
Day II	Research Methods and Approaches to Migration		Practical Sessions on Research Writing
Day III	Research Methods and Approaches to Diaspora		Open Panel Discussion: Research Opportunities in Migration, Diaspora, and Beyond

Tentative Schedule

[Detailed final schedule with name of the speakers will be released soon, and uploaded on the Central University of Gujarat's website <http://www.cug.ac.in/> , for latest updates please keep watching the website]

Mode of Teaching

Online through **Microsoft Team/Google Meet/Skype/Zoom/YouTube** videos/Facebook live/What's App group discussion. We will update you about the online platform before 2-3 days of the workshop.

Requirement

- Laptop with Front camera / Good Mobile Phone for Audio-Visual Purpose
- Good Internet with sufficient data to attend 4 sessions a day
- Minimum 5 sessions to be attended to avail e-Certificate

Important Dates

Last Date of Registration: **25/06/2020**

Announcement of select participants: **27/06/2020**

Registration

There is no registration fee.

Registration Link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKrQZ7ur0Ca41q7l-DaDA--4VckrFuyn6N0_KhjqM2uac7ng/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1 OR register from the link provided on the Central University of Gujarat's website <http://www.cug.ac.in/>

Target Group: Research students, young scientists, faculty members, and independent scholars who are associated with or working on various aspects of immigrants, migration, and diaspora from Humanities and Social Sciences.

Since the number of participants is limited to **70**, they will be accommodated based on **first come first serve** mostly from interdisciplinary areas and based on their work/statement of purpose.

Resources Persons

Resources Persons are the renowned experienced scholars who have done the commendable academic work in the field of migration and diasporas from India, Europe, America, etc.

About the Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat, India.

Centre for Diaspora Studies (CDS) was established in 2011 at the Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, India. It offers M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme. It is a unique interdisciplinary Centre in India, it studies with its multidisciplinary framework various aspects and issues of migration and diaspora and their cultural, literary, social, demographic, political and economic impact on both the home and host countries with a focus on the Indian diaspora. It is a fact that the contribution of overseas Indians to the social, cultural, economic, philanthropic, etc. spheres of India is very substantial. A sizeable body of literature now exists both in the forms of novels, biographies, autobiographies, diaries, short stories, dramas, poems (not to mention films) and scholarly writings on issues related to the historical, anthropological, sociological, political and economic aspects of the process of migration of people. Diaspora Studies has opened a plethora of new research areas, which need to be studied and researched upon. The Centre with a multidisciplinary framework study and addresses the mutual relations and converging contours of diaspora. The Centre provides an excellent academic environment with a focus on participatory teaching and learning, use of ICT in teaching, periodical revision and updating of the syllabus, fieldwork exposures for students, etc. The Centre invites scholars from prominent universities in India and abroad to deliver lectures on varied aspects of the subject, and it provides a platform for the students and faculties to learn the emergent issues in the subject. Students of the Centre are from different disciplinary backgrounds (in Humanities and Social Sciences). The faculties members of the Centre are from different disciplines from Humanities and Social Sciences and have specialization in different aspects of migration and diaspora.

About the Centre for Migration, Refugees and Belonging, University of East London, UK.

The Centre for Migration, Refugees and Belonging (CMRB) is located in the Department of Social Sciences and Social Work at the University of East London. Our mission is to build knowledge and understanding of the related issues of migration, refugees and belonging,

including the intersectional relationships between race, gender and citizenship. We aim to foster interdisciplinary, innovative and critical debates on contemporary issues and provide a space for discussions and creative thinking amongst academic, practitioners, activists, migrants, and refugees in order to make positive changes to society at large. Our research engages with political and policy debates as well as theoretical concerns that have local and global relevance. We integrate research and teaching programs that are designed to support the capacity of students in academia, as well as that of practitioners and activists. CMRB benefits from its unique location at the heart of East London, an area which has seen some of the highest rates of international settlement in Europe – historically and in the present day. The University of East London prides itself in being a diverse, innovative and globally aware group of scholars, students and local and international community partners.

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