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Call for Paper

One-Day UGC-DEB Sponsored National Level Seminar

Title of the Seminar

**Gender, Culture, Politics: Bengal in the 20th Century -
*Open Distance Initiative***

Date: 24th September, 2016

Venue: Seminar Hall, Netaji Subhas Open University, DD-26 Salt Lake, Kolkata-64.

Concept note:

The twentieth century Bengal occupies an interesting position in the history, culture and politics of India. In recent years, it has also emerged as a major site of debate and deliberations among the scholars', sociologists, historians and experts' of other fields of social sciences. Recent historical interpretations have made significant contributions and more imaginative micro-study in the realm of gender, culture and politics to locate and identify the specificities of regional historical experiences. The Bengali society witnessed long-term transformation in the 19th and 20th centuries as a result of the introduction of colonial rule. As a result of this transformative process, the women questions had emerged in 19th century India as distinctly articulated discourse. The most interesting point is that it was a public discourse.

In 20th century Bengal, the women penetrated in the male dominated public life more strongly. The presence of the women was felt not only in the political sphere of nationalism, but also in the wider arena of left politics. Most interestingly, the women also appeared as a strong social force beyond the circle of the organized politics. It was in the subaltern politics of resistance, the women played most critical role in radicalizing the protest movement.

The higher caste elites were able to monopolize the nationalist politics of Bengal in the first two decades of 20th century. They however had lost their domination in mass nationalists' movement during the 1930s. The emergence of the caste movement constituted an important watershed in the history of nationalism in Bengal in the decades late 1930s and 1940s. The Bengal Partition was also an extremely important event which produced new social, political and cultural processes in the state. The transition towards a *decolonized political form* brought new groups in to the public sphere of newly constituted state, that is, West Bengal. The introduction of universal adult franchise also created new types of dynamism and popular participation in the political perspectives of West Bengal. The politics of protest also

took new turn in the decades after independence. It generated new research questions in the academic circle.

Objectives:

The primary objective of this seminar is to provide an open discussion platform for academicians, researchers, and scholars in a collaborative environment to present and discuss issues on gender, Culture and politics in the historical perspectives of the 20th century Bengal. Our most important task is to pay attention to create an academic environment in which new perceptions and new ideas may be articulated by the presenters, experts and participants. Finally, our aspiration is that the seminar will create a bridge between conventional researchers and the thinkers, scholars and researchers who are kind of non-conventional or open thinker.

Subthemes:

Society
Culture
Education
Gender
Politics of Protest
People at Margins

Important Dates:

- Last date for Full Paper submission: **10th August, 2016**
- Acceptance/Rejection of papers will be notified by **15th August, 2016**
- Last date for registration: **05 September, 2016**

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Publication:

The Editorial Board will publish all the selected papers in the Seminar Proceedings (with ISBN). The Editorial Board will however reserve the right to accept/reject any paper for

presentation and/or publication. The Scrutiny Process will be done through double blind peer review method. **The ‘Editorial Board’ will also select fifteen papers out of the submitted papers for presentation in the seminar.**

Abstract and full papers are to be sent to the Email ID: socialsciences.nsou@gmail.com

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