

Symposium Note & Objectives

The National Scientific Committee (NSC) for Shared Built Heritage & ICOMOS India East Zone are organizing a one day symposium at Kolkata on 4th December 2017 on the theme of "Shared Built Heritage of Bengal: Issues & Opportunities".

The symposium is part of the tour organised for the International
Scientific Committee (ISC) of Shared Built Heritage which focuses on
Kolkata, Serampore, Chandernagore, Chinsurah and Murshidabad.14:00 - 14:20 :
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14:40 - 15:15 :Participants will comprise select international delegates, who are
members of the ISC Shared Built Heritage. They will subsequently
attend the 19th General Assembly & Scientific Symposium 2017 for
ICOMOS organised between 11th - 15th December in New Delhi on
the theme of "Heritage & Democracy".14:10 - 15:15 :
15:15 - 16:15 :

The Symposium is designed to provide a platform for Shared Built Heritage of Bengal, as a dialogue between Indian and International delegates. Issues on focus would include policy, governance, the role of the private and voluntary sector along with learning from academic and professional projects being undertaken in the region. The symposium is envisioned as a public event attended by key decision makers, students, professionals and citizens of Kolkata at large. The week-long tour is an opportunity for putting forth the Indian/South Asian perspective and approach to Shared Built Heritage in India, of which the Symposium is critical for the Bengal discourse.

Venue Partner : Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE: 4 DECEMBER 2017 AT ICCR, KOLKATA

Registration	
Welcome Address by Director, ICCR	
Address by Shri. Vivek Kumar, Culture, Secretary Govt. of West Bengal	
Intro to Symposium and Position Paper	
Aishwarya Tipnis & Kamalika Bose	
Keynote Address: Prof Dr. Siegfried RCT Enders Shared Built Heritage: International perspective	
Plenary Address 1 International Speaker (TBC	
Plenary Address 2 International Speaker (TBC)	
Tea/Coffee Break	
SESSION 01: Presentations & Panel Discussion	
Shared Built Heritage: Kolkata Experience by Kamalika Bose	
Shared Built Heritage: Scottish in Kolkata Neeta Das	
Panel Discussion on SBH of Bengal: Public Sector & Institution Perspective Moderator: Kamalika Bose	ns

Panelists: G M Kapur (INTACH), Partha Ranjan Das (WBHC), Indrani Sarkar (ex- Defence),Nandini Bhattacharya (ASI), Anindya Karforma (KMC), Debashish Sen (Urban Development), Suchandra Bardhan (Jadavpur University)

13:00 - 14:00 : Lunch

12:20 - 13:00

SESSION 02: Presentations

- **14:00 14:20 :** Shared Built Heritage: French & Dutch Perspectives by Aishwarya Tipnis
 - 4:40 : Shared Built Heritage: Serampore Initiative by Fleming Aalund
 - Shared Built Heritage: Roxburgh House/Botanical Gardens by Nilina Deblal& James Simpson

5: Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION 03: Roundtable on SBH of Bengal: Private Sector & Community-centric Perspective Moderated by Aishwarya Tipnis

:15: Participants: Pradip Chopra (PS Group), DarshanDudhoria (MHDS), Aditya Poddar (Welside), Kamal Banerjee (INTACH), Neeta Das, Fleming Aalund, Nilina Deblal, James Simpson

16:15 - 16:45 : Closing Thoughts & Wrap Up 16:145 - 17:00: Vote of Thanks



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Tour & Symposium Shared Built Heritage in Bengal

Dates: 1 - 8 December 2017

Organised by

National Scientific Committee (NSC) for Shared Built Heritage & ICOMOS India East Zone





INTRODUCTION

As a country with a rich civilizational history, embedding complex, multi-layered narratives that are in a state of cultural continuum, Indian cities offer a dynamic canvas to explore many hidden layers and meanings of the past. Within this rich tapestry, the strand of shared built heritage in India takes on many forms and meanings, the most challenging being the layer associated with country's colonial legacy The questions that remain at the core of this debate is whose heritage is this anyway? When the custodians are not the creators of the heritage, do we look to the glory of the past or move towards the future? What approach is appropriate for the treatment of shared built heritage in India? Over the last three decades there have been many initiatives, some government led, some privately steered and some ground-up community programmes that have explored the many facets of this shared built heritage across the country.

The choice of the tour explores the unique cultural landscape along the Hooghly river in West Bengal while the venue of symposium is Calcutta, together forming an excellent example of all the complexities faced by shared built heritage in India. This landscape is a physical testimony to the rise and fall of colonial ambitions in India beginning with the Mughal capital of Bengal at Murshidabad, followed by colonial trading posts of the French at Chandernagore, Danish at Serampore, Dutch at Chinsurah and the Portuguese at Bandel, and finally the British capital at Calcutta (now Kolkata).

The tour is planned to explore the shared built heritage of each of these settlements that is linked by the Hooghly river and the symposium shall provide the opportunity to explore the issues and challenges faced for their conservation and development. The tour will be stationed in Calcutta, also the symposium venue, and short trips would be designed to familiarise the participants with the area as well as the context of this heritage.



About the Resource Persons:



Aishwarya Tipnis is the principal architect of an eponymous architectural practice based in New Delhi working on architectural and urban heritage conservation in India. An alumnus of the School of Planning &

Architecture New Delhi, she has Master's Degree in European Urban Conservation with distinction from the University of Dundee, Scotland in 2007. She is recipient of the UNESCO Award for Heritage Conservation in the Asia-Pacific Region in 2016. She was selected to represent India at the Global Cultural Leadership Programme, First Edition as part of the European Union's Cultural Diplomacy Platform in 2016. She is also the recipient of Commonwealth Professional Fellowship 2011 and Bonjour India Travel Fellowship 2010.She is the author of "Vernacular Traditions: Contemporary Architecture" published 2012. She is part of the UNESCO expert team preparing the CCMP for Darjeeling Himalayan Railway World Heritage Site and consultant to the Doon School, Dehradun.

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Kamalika Bose is an urban conservationist with experience in heritage- oriented planning and advocacy, design education and research. She is a Fulbright Scholar (2011-13), a SAH-Getty International Fellow

(2016), and former Assistant Professor at CEPT University, Ahmedabad (2008-15). She obtained a Master's in Historic Preservation Planning from Cornell University in 2013. Kamalika gained international work experience in neighborhood preservation and cultural heritage through positions at Historic Districts Council, New York and Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum, New York. She has authored three books, including 'A History of Interior Design in India, Vol 1: Ahmedabad.' She was Research Associate for 'Architecture in India: Since 1990' by Rahul Mehrotra (2011) and Project Manager for the seminal exhibition 'The State of Architecture: Practices & Processes in India' in 2016. She is consultant to Cha Project for Kolkata's Chinatown and Murshidabad Heritage Development Society.

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TOUR SCHEDULE :

	Fri Dec 01:	Arrival in Kolkata Welcome Reception & Dinner hosted by INTACH, Kolkata
	Sat Dec 02:	Walking Tours of Kolkata 1. Dalhousie Square : by Calcutta Walks 2. Chinatown& Confluence of Cultures by Calcutta Walks 3. Scottish Cemetery by Neeta Das
	Sun Dec 03:	Day Trip to the former European - Trading Settlements in Bengal Serampore led by Fleming Aalund, Serampore Initiative.Chandernagore & Chinsurah led by Aishwarya Tipnis Return to Kolkata by night
	Mon Dec 04:	Day-long Symposium SHARED BUILT HERITAGE OF BENGAL : ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES Venue: Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR, Kolkata
	Tue Dec 05:	Walking Tours of Kolkata 1. South Kolkata Art Deco Neighbourhoods by Calcutta Architectural Legacies 2. Indian Botanical Gardens, Howrah by Nilina Deblal 3. College Square : by INTACH, Kolkata 4. North Kolkata Mansions & Neighbourhoods : by Kamalika Bose & Indrani Sarkar Cultural Evening at Sovabazaar Natmandir
	Wed Dec 06:	Trip to Azimganj, Murshidabad Heritage Walk by Murshidabad Heritage Development Society Seminar on Place-making as part of "Silk River Project 2017" by Kinetika UK Dinner Reception at Dudhoria Rajbari
t d	Thu Dec 07:	Day Tour of Murshidabad Visits to Hazarduari Palace, Katra Masjid, Katgola Palace Lunch at Cossimbazaar Rajbari Return to Kolkata by night
	Fri Dec 08:	Free day, Kolkata sight-seeing Return to Delhi by evening flight

