Two-Day National Seminar
On
Geography as Spatial Science: Contemporary Issues and Challenges
March 8th & 9th, 2019
(Friday and Saturday)

Organised by
Department of Geography, Aliah University in collaboration with
Foundation of Practising Geographers, Kolkata

Venue
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About the Seminar
The Earth and its inhabitants are dynamic. The number, range, and activities of people with their excellence continually changes and interacts with natural systems to find peace, comfort and tranquillity. Continued advancement in the methods and approaches that scholars use to study the patterns and processes of the terrestrial system, including new analytical tools, geographic information systems, global positioning systems, and new modes of visualization, have transformed the way that geographers conduct research and provide education in numerous complementary fields. Many of the inherent challenges of the 21st century are tied to changes in the spatial organization and character of the landscapes, environments of Earth’s surface as populations move, natural resources are depleted, and climate shifts. Research in the geOSPHERE sciences has the potential to contribute greatly to efforts to monitor, analyze, and prepare policy and formulate diagnostic planning for achieving sustainable development and mitigating people’s need.

Sub-themes
1. Anthropogenesis: Development and issues
2. Climate Change: Theoretical debates, and impact on terrestrial systems
3. Virtual Water in the Anthropocene: Development and Challenges
4. The Ocean: Life line under threat
5. Environmental Hazards: Issues and prospects
6. Population Dynamics: The mosaic of the world
7. Economy and Resources: Future and sustainability
8. Agriculture and Agrarian Society in Distress: National and regional perspectives
9. Society and Culture: At a crossroad
10. Contemporary World: Geo-Political issues
11. Gender and Space: Fair share for fair gender
12. Regional Planning and Development: Past, present and future

The above mentioned topics are not exhaustive. Papers may be welcome on other aspects related to contemporary issues and challenges in Geography.

About the University
Aliah University is a state university established in the year 2007 by the Aliah University Act XXVII of 2007 passed in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. The university has its root deeply and firmly established with a pedigree of over 230 years since the University started its journey in the year 1780 as a college. Presently the university offers courses in not less than twelve disciplines subjects ranging from Earth Sciences, Engg. & Tech., Management, Natural and Biosciences, Islamic Theology, Nursing, Mass Communication and Journalism, Education, Social, Arts and Humanities and Law.

About the Department of Geography
The Department of Geography one of the largest departments in the University started its journey in the year 2001. The department is presently running 3-Year B.A/B.Sc. (Hons.), 5-Year Integrated M.A/M.Sc. and 2-Year M.A/M.Sc. courses. Besides, the Ph.D. programme is also conducted by the department. The department has already developed well-equipped laboratories: Remote Sensing and GIS lab, Cartography lab and Pedology and Petrography lab. Department is proud to have three major research projects and two minor research projects. Active research is being carried out in the fields of geomorphology, hydrology, population geography, urban and regional planning, agricultural geography etc. A galaxy of students from this department is actively involved in research, teaching and administration in both government and corporate sectors in India and abroad. Development of research facility and seminar library have progressed considerably where lot of further progress are awaited.

About Kolkata City
Kolkata is known for its love, grandeur, and glory, and truly nick named as ‘City of Joy’, for its happy amalgamation of different cultures, styles, and moods, along with many forms of faiths, politics, and economies. Some call it cultural capital and other calls it ‘Kolkata’. Kolkata always boast of its character of full of life and bustle, sometimes verging on the chaotic, but orderly on the larger perspective. Its imperial monuments and strong cultural flavour leave an indelible impression on each visitor.

About Foundation of Practising Geographers (FPG)
Foundation of Practising Geographers formerly Indian Geographical Foundation was established in the year 1993 by Dr. Arun Kumar Singh, Dr. Ashok Kumar Sen and Dr. Arabinda Biswas in Kolkata. The main objective of the Society is to promote the cause of advanced study, research and training in all branches of Geography.

Registration fees*

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Note: Accommodation charge 1500 per head per day in addition to normal registration fees

*Registration fee includes seminar kits, breakfast, working lunch and tea & snacks.

Delegites participating in the seminar need to come on their own by local transport (Buses, Taxi, Cabs) running from airport, railway station(s) and bus stations to the Department of Geography.
Call for abstract and full paper

Abstract and full papers are invited on the seminar sub-themes and other relevant areas. For preparing the abstract and full paper use font style-times new roman, size- 10, and line spacing-1. Use sentence case for the title of the paper and its different heads. The heads would not exceed 3-point hierarchy (e.g. 1.1.1). The hierarchy will assume the order of bold (e.g. 1), bold italics (e.g. I) and italics (e.g. I.I). The abstract will not exceed 250 words including 3-6 key-words. Please provide author name (first and middle name in word-case and last name in all-caps), designation and affiliation in abstract. Submit abstract and full paper in augeosem@gmail.com.

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Panoramic View of Aliah University, New Town Campus

Boys’ and Girls’ Hostels, Aliah University, New Town Campus

Important Deadlines
Submission of abstract: 15/02/2019
Acceptance of abstract: 20/02/2019
Submission of full paper: 06/03/2019

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