

Call for Applications

MY PARENTS' WORLD - INHERITED MEMORIES

***An intercultural exchange project on the third generation post-partition
By the Goethe-Institutes in Dhaka and Kolkata in collaboration with
CSSSC***

You are a student interested in history, sociology or commemorative culture? You have prior experience as a journalist? Making short films is a hobby of yours? Then you might just be the right candidate to apply now and become a participant of 'My Parents' World'.

The partition of Bengal is nowadays as topical as ever on both sides of the border. The third generation post-partition grows up partly with idealized and partly with negatively glorified inherited memories.

Within the framework of the project 'Our Parents' World - Inherited Memories' it shall be analyzed, how inherited rather than personally experienced memories shape the image of the third generation post-partition and how they influence their interpretation of history.

Via interviews with the third generation, conducted by the participating students, an easily accessible archive (web platform) shall be created later this year. Experts from Germany and South Asia thereby will help to identify distinct forms of commemorative culture.

COURSE OF EVENTS

The project consists of several phases:

- Kick-off events at Goethe-Institutes Kolkata and Dhaka
- 2-days Workshop on Commemorative Culture with experts from Germany and South Asia in Dhaka
- 2-days Workshop on Interview Techniques with experts from Germany and South Asia in Dhaka
- Interviews with selected persons of the third generation post-partition
- Search for traces trip to West-Bengal and Bangladesh with selected candidates
- Set-up and launch of internet platform

Goethe-Institut will cover all travel expenses (transport-accommodation-visa-daily allowances) and the production costs of the interviews. Honorarium not included.

DATES

05.08.15	Closing date for applications
Second week of August	Interviews in Dhaka and Kolkata
15.08.15	Information of the nominated candidates via e-mail
18.08.15	Binding confirmation by the nominated candidates
End of August	Launch events in Kolkata and Dhaka; Workshops in Dhaka for all participants
September/October	Interviews with third generation post partition in Bangladesh and West Bengal

November/December Search for traces trip to West-Bengal and Bangladesh
January/February Launch of internet platform with public presentation in Dhaka and Kolkata

CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATION

- Bangladeshi nationality / Indian nationality
- Student of history, social sciences, media studies or another similar field at a university (currently enrolled for a Bachelor or Master programme)
- Availability between September 2015 and February 2016 (minimum 10 hours per week)
- Age limit: not over 30 years at the beginning of the project in September 2015
- Fluency in English
- Passport

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Until 5th August 2015 the following documents have to be sent to program3@dhaka.goethe.org for the applications from Bangladesh and to prog@kolkata.goethe.org for applications from West-Bengal:

- CV in English
- Motivation letter in English
- Letter of support/No objection letter by university
- Passport copy

For questions from Bangladesh about the application or the project itself, the programme officer of Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, Khandaker Md. Mahmud Hassan can be contacted via email: program@dhaka.goethe.org or by calling +880 1713004252.

For questions from West-Bengal about the application or the project itself, the programme officer of Goethe-Institut Kolkata, Ms. Sharmistha Sharker can be contacted via email to prog@kolkata.goethe.org or by calling +91 33 2486 6398.

My Parent's World is a project by the Goethe-Institutes in Dhaka and Kolkata in cooperation with the South Asia Institute of Heidelberg University, PeaceWorks Kolkata and universities in Dhaka and Kolkata.