

**CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, CALCUTTA,
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GENERAL SEMINAR

Sanjoy Chakravorty,
Professor of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University,

will give a talk titled:

“Selected For Success: Indians in America”

One of the most remarkable stories of immigration in the last half century is that of Indians to the United States. People of Indian origin make up a little over one percent of the American population now, up from barely half a percent at the turn of the millennium. Not only has its recent growth been extraordinary, but this population from a developing nation with low human capital is now the most-educated and highest-income group in the world’s most advanced nation. This talk is from a new book (*The Other One Percent: Indians in America*) that is a careful, data-driven, and comprehensive account of the three core processes—selection, assimilation, and entrepreneurship—that have led to this rapid rise. This unique phenomenon is driven by—and, in turn, has influenced—wide-ranging changes, especially the ongoing revolution in information technology and its impact on economic globalization, immigration policies in the U.S., higher education policies in India, and foreign policies of both nations. At the same time, there are critical challenges arising from the linguistic, professional, and political identities of the immigrants, their assimilation processes, and the effects of their immigration on India. This talk focuses on selection—by elaborating on a model of “triple-selection”—and its multidimensional impacts.

Date: Thursday, 16th March, 2017

Time: 3 – 5 pm

Venue: CSSSC’s Seminar Room, Patuli Campus

Trina Nileena Banerjee
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