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**FILM SCREENING**

**Bengal Shadows**

A film by Joy Banerjee and Partho Bhattacharya

[Duration: 48 minutes/ Language: English and French]

**“Bengal Shadows”** brings to light a lesser-known episode of the Second World War: the 1943 famine, during which between 3 and 5 million people starved to death in West Bengal and current days Bangladesh. The works of artists such as Chittaprosad Bhattacharya and Zainul Abedin reflect this tragedy. Today, numerous historians, researchers and writers, from both India and Britain, blame the British Empire for the famine that occurred whilst the subcontinent was under its rule. Some historians hold Winston Churchill wholly accountable for the famine and even refer to it as a crime against humanity. This episode shows a side of the British Lion that remains hidden to this day. **“Bengal Shadows”** gives a voice to historians and researchers such as Madhusree Mukerjee, who wrote *Churchill, the Secret War*. Local people who have either experienced or been witness to these tragic events give their testimony in memory of the millions of people who died during this famine, so that history might give them justice.

Date: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 3 pm.

Venue: CSSSC’s Seminar Room, Patuli Campus.

Trina Nileena Banerjee

(Convener, Seminar Committee)

All are welcome to attend.