

RESEARCH CELL PROGRAMMES DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-17

SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

Status of Health Care Waste Management across Hospitals in Kolkata: A Cross-Sectional Study: Dr.Sushma Sahai (Dept. of Geography)

Environment and developmental issues are target areas for future research and developmental efforts. As the link between health and environmental quality receives due attention, the commitment to safeguard the environment from physical and social impacts of Health Care Waste (HCW) is growing. Many aspects of human well-being are influenced by the environment which initiates, sustains or stimulates numerous diseases. As human ecologists, it is essential to deal with the epidemiology of disease within the geographical environmental perspective designated as Medical Topography.

This study stresses on the irrational handling of HCW, disease epidemiology, unethical recycling and commercialization of infectious waste. Epidemiological evidence from hospitals in Kolkata showed that irrational disposal and illegal recycling of sharps has transmitted diseases like Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Hepatitis B and C. The ripples of mishandling HCW on physical and social environment like contamination of groundwater and the role of rag pickers respectively has emerged as an interesting study for social scientists.

There is an urgency to address the knowledge gaps and adopt the nexus approach that would enhance human security and minimize the harm caused by HCW. The litmus test for stakeholders is whether they assign the same importance to economic, social and environmental factors related to infectious waste management. These linkages at the interfaces would play a crucial role in not only protecting livelihoods but also sustaining a healthy and aware population.



OCTOBER 04, 2016

***“The Eighteenth Century Stage and Society”*: Student research presentation by
3rd Year English (H) Department**



DECEMBER 19 & 20, 2016

National Seminar Inter-disciplinary Development Perspectives in the Indian Context



JANUARY 17, 2017

“All out of an empty coffer”: Gift-giving, Credit and Representation in *Timon of Athens*
: Dr.Sukanya Dasgupta (Dept. of English)

The Life of Timon of Athens, a collaborative work by Shakespeare and Middleton, dramatizes the astonishing fall of the legendary Athenian who mistakenly expects that his lavish and compulsive gift-giving will protect him from the crippling effects of debt. *Timon* is a play that interrogates the ways in which proto-capitalist credit practices deconstruct understandings of value and representation and reassess ideas of economic and personal value within the patronage system. Timon’s patronage model, where his ostentatious gifts bind others to him in servile relationships of obligation, is completely incompatible with the credit economy in which he is unknowingly trapped. Primarily due to this emerging credit economy as well as due to inflation, money in early modern England was being dislodged from the material value it was thought to represent: consequently, in linguistic representation as well, words related to money were no longer intrinsically bound to their referents. The play registers the economic aspects of this shift, dramatizing the process by which Timon’s evolving understanding of economic and linguistic representation is shaped by his overwhelming debt: more broadly, *Timon* registers the power of Jacobean theatre to portray the violent and volatile economic conditions that surround it.



FEBRUARY 07, 2017

Student research presentation by;

- a) *“Water and Sanitation provisioning in schools in Kolkata” by IIIrd Year Political Science (H)*
- b) *“A Study of Adults’ attitude towards women in relation to ethics, personality and narcissism” by IIIrd Year Psychology (H)*
- c) *“A study of positive and negative contributors to mental health in old age.” By IIIrd year*

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