

Annual Report of The History Society (2021-22)

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Academic Year: 2021-22

The **Events** organised are as follows :-

Title of Event	Nature of Event	Date	Mode of Event
<i>Reading and discussion on <u>The Small Voice of History: Collected Essays</u> by Ranajit Guha</i>	Reading Session	10 September, 2021	Online
<i>36 Years in College: Dr Rohit Wanchoo in conversation with Dr Aditya Pratap Deo (in collaboration with the IQAC)</i>	Faculty Seminar Series	6 October, 2021	Online
<i>Talk and Discussion on <u>Kings, Spirits, and Memory in Central India: Enchanting the State</u> by Dr Aditya Pratap Deo; in conversation with Prof. Joyce Burkhalter and Tarinee Awasthi (in collaboration with the IQAC)</i>	Talk and Discussion on the book	12 November, 2021	Online
<i>The Satyam Jha Paper Presentation Series on <u>Histories of Crime, Guilt and Innocence</u> (Judges: Dr. Sabina Kazmi and Dr. Pia</i>	Student Paper Presentation Series	19-20 January, 2022	Online

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<i>Academic Writing and Research Workshop by Urvi Khaitan and Olana Peters</i>	Workshop	12 February, 2022	Online
<i>Reading Histories in Art Archives with Asia Art Archive in India</i>	Art Archives Workshop	8 April, 2022	Offline

The **Lectures** conducted are as follows:

Title of Lecture	Speaker	Date	Mode
<i>Armed Conflict and the Everyday: Discerning Social Change in Afghanistan</i>	Dr Raghav Sharma	15 September, 2021	Online
<i>Writing Histories of Betrayal</i>	Dr Aparna Vaidik	28 September, 2021	Online
<i>Making Empire Legible: Postal Standardisation in 19th Century India</i>	Dr Devyani Gupta	9 October, 2021	Online
<i>Changing Notions of the Small Town from the Colonial to the Post-colonial in Bengal</i> (in collaboration with the IQAC)	Dr Sudipto Basu	27 October, 2021	Online
<i>Thinking About the Body Historically: Abolitionist Body Politics</i>	Prof. Kathleen Brown	9 November, 2021	Online

<i>Family Histories</i>	Samrata Salwan Diwan	12 April, 2022	Online
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The society's **annual festival, *Kaalchakra***, was organised on the theme **Histories: Remembered and Forgotten** from **27 February, 2022 to 2 March, 2022**. The events organised as a part of it were as follows:-

Title of Event	Nature of Event	Date	Time	Mode of Event
<i>Inauguration by Dr. Malay Neerav</i>	Inauguration	27 February, 2022	10:00 AM	Online
<i>Keynote Lecture on <u>The Dialectic of Remembering and Forgetting</u> by Prof. Sucheta Mahajan</i>	Keynote Lecture	27 February, 2022	11:00 AM	Online
<i><u>Community, Memory and History in conversation with Prof. Shail Mayaram, Dr. Nonica Datta and Prof. Saurabh Dube</u> (moderated by Dr. Amrita Tulika)</i>	Panel Discussion	27 February, 2022	6:30 PM	Online
<i><u>Turning Back Time: A General History Quiz</u></i>	Quiz	28 February, 2022	2:00 PM	Offline
<i><u>Myths of Origin and Migration: Narrativising the Past</u> (in collaboration with the St. Stephen's North-East Society)</i>	Dance Performance and Cultural Event	28 February, 2022	4:30 PM	Offline

<i><u>Gender as a Framework for Historiographical Analysis in conversation with Prof. Mrinalini Singha, Dr. Anjali Arondekar, and Prof. Uma Chakravarti</u></i> (moderated by Dr. Sabina Kazmi)	Panel Discussion	28 February, 2022	7:30 PM	Online
<i><u>Autobiography as History: Reading Caste, Culture and Identity by Prof. Raj Kumar</u></i>	Lecture and Discussion	2 March, 2022	3:00 PM	Offline
<i><u>The Courtesan Project: Cultural Performance and Conversation with Manjari Chaturvedi</u></i>	Performance and Conversation	2 March, 2022	6:30 PM	Offline

The bi-monthly Periodical of The History Society, *Timelapse*, was released. The first issue was published on 21 September, 2021 and the second issue was published on 5 January, 2022. Both issues can be downloaded from the '[Timelapse](#)' page on the blog.

The Society's official Podcast, *Rewind*, was published on two platforms -- the [blog](#) and [Spotify](#).

Episodes Published -

Episode Number	Title of the Episode	Date of Release
Episode 1	<i>Dr Peggy Mohan in Conversation with Suyog Raghuvanshi</i>	6 September, 2021
Episode 2	<i>Dr Ruth Vanita in Conversation with Soumya</i>	30 September, 2021

	<i>Singh</i>	
Episode 3	<i>Dr Navina Jafa in conversation with Suyog Raghuvanshi</i>	23 October, 2021
Episode 4	<i>Professor Aloka Parashar Sen in conversation with Lamboikim Khongsai</i>	5 December, 2021
Episode 5	<i>Ira Mukhoty in conversation with Suyog Raghuvanshi</i>	15 January, 2022
Episode 6	<i>Farah Yameen in conversation with Soumya Singh</i>	15 February, 2022
Episode 7	<i>Dr. Antoon De Baets in conversation with Shilpa Mariam Joseph</i>	22 March, 2022

Episodes Recorded (to be published) -

Episode Number	Title of the Episode
Episode 8	<i>Sujata Prasad in conversation with Dr. Malay Neerav and Eric Chopra</i>
Episode 9	<i>Dr Durba Mitra in conversation with Anushka Roy and Debanjan Das</i>
Episode 10	<i>Dr Jessica Hinchy in conversation with Avishi Gupta</i>

Collaborations

1. The History Society collaborated with the Cine Club of St. Stephen's College and produced a **virtual tour** of Fort Kochi, which was published on 30 November, 2021.
2. The History Society also collaborated with the Fine Arts Society of St. Stephen's College and conducted a **walk** on *Portrayal of Women in the Artworks of Amrita Sher-Gil* at the National Gallery of Modern Art on 23 April, 2022.

Along with events, The History Society also published **student-written articles on its online blog** at <https://historicallyspeakingssc.wordpress.com/>. The articles published were as follows:

Title of Article	Author (s)	Date of Publication
<i>Peering Through the Lens: Pictures and Perspective</i>	Soumya Singh and Shilpa Mariam Joseph	3 August, 2021
<i>Partitioning People and Boundaries: Drawing Lines and Mapping Lives</i>	Soumya Singh	24 August, 2021
<i>A Letter from my Ancestor and Glimpses of Colonial Educational Policy in British India</i>	Ananyo Chakraborty	30 August, 2021
<i>Reading Alaine Locke's Anti Racist Manifesto</i>	Suchintan Das	13 September, 2021
<i>Below the Surface: Analysing American Reactions to the Atomic Bomb</i>	Bethany Harper	18 October, 2021
<i>Female Incarceration: The Evolution of Female Prisons, Sex Segregation and Sexist Programming</i>	Tejasvi Yadav	17 November, 2021
<i>A History of the Gurumukhī Script of the Punjabi Language</i>	Chandini Jaswal	5 January, 2022
<i>A History of the Chinese Script</i>	Aniruddha Joshi	14 January, 2022
<i>The Last Flicker or a Dying Flame: The Dialectic of Remembering and Forgetting in Gurdial Singh's Marhi Da Deeva.</i>	Madhav Nayar	22 January, 2022

The blog also has the following articles to be published:

<i>Multilingual History of India (Part 1)</i>	Tanisha Gupta
<i>Hindi-Urdu Debate (Part 2)</i>	Tanisha Gupta
<i>Private Pursuits versus Public Virtue: Narratives of guilt and innocence in contestations between trade diaspora and the English East India Company in the eighteenth century.</i>	Muskan Bakshi
<i>Questioning Innocence: Investigating the Socio-historical Construction of Gendered Victimhood</i>	Tanya Yadav and Yamina Zaidi
<i>Guilt and Resistance: Han and the June 10th Movement in Colonial Korea</i>	Cherry Hitkari

This year's edition of The History Society's **annual journal, *Tarikh***, is to be published. The theme for the 2021-22 edition is **Past Afoot: Histories of Migration, Belonging and Diaspora.**