

Bengal History Week / 3-9 October 2011



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Circle is organising its second Annual Bengal History Week during 3-9 October 2011. The annual event is designed to generate interest on the history of Bengal and introduce historians and scholars to new audiences in non-academic settings.

Mon Oct 2011, Kobi Nazrul Centre, 30 Hanbury St, E1 6QR

6-7pm: Launch of Bengal History Week 2011. Presentations from guest speakers, networking and refreshment.

7-9pm: Placing the Great Bengal Famine in the Global Context by Madhusree Mukerjee. She is the author of *Churchill's Secret War: The British Empire and the Ravaging of India during World War II* (2010)



An image of the Bengal Famine by Zainul Abedin

Tue 4 Oct 2011, 7-9pm, Jagonari Centre, 183-185 Whitechapel Rd, E1 1DN **An introductory account of the early Portuguese community in Bengal by Dr M Ahmedullah.** He completed his PhD in 1998 on the Relationship between Epistemology and Political Theory from Kent University.



The Holy Rosary Church, Dhaka, built by the Portuguese in 1677.

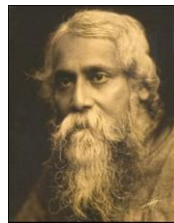
Wed Oct 2011, 7-9pm, Idea Store Chrisp St, 1 Vesey Path, E14 6BT. **Decoding the East India Company (EIC) Army: A brief Introduction by Imran Jamal.** He is author of *The evolution and makeup of the EIC army,*

Plassey's Legacy: young Londoners explore the hidden story of the East India Company (2010).



An image of the East India Company (EIC) Army

Thu 6 Oct 2011, 7-9pm, Kobi Nazrul Centre, 30 Hanbury St, E1 6QR. **Master of empathy: how Tagore's experience of rural East Bengal in the 1890s made him a master of prose as well as poetry by William Radice.** He is well known for his translations of the poems and stories of Tagore for Penguin. He was a lecturer in Bengali at SOAS, University of London from 1988 to 2011.



Rabindranath Tagore

Fri 7 Oct 2011, 7-9pm, The Davenant Centre, 179-181 Whitechapel Road, E1 1DN. **The Biharis: A history of the Urdu speaking migrant community in Bangladesh by Ruhul Abidin.** He graduated in Architecture from Kingston University in 2009 and then focused on research and development of architecture in Bangladesh.



A scene from the Geneva Refugee Camp in Dhaka

Sat 8 Oct 2011, 2-4.30pm, Departure Arts Books and Cafe, 649 Commercial Rd, E14 7LW. **Rokeya Sakhawat Hossein (1880-1932) - Breaking the Barriers by Shaheen Westcombe MBE with Claudia Jazz Hayley and Showmi Das of the Rokeya Project.**

The programme will include a documentary film directed by Bani Dutta and produced in Kolkata about the life and work of Rokeya Sakhawat Hossein. The film will be presented by Shaheen and followed by a Question and Answer session. After this Showmi and Claudia will talk about their next play Padmarag (based on one of Rokeya's publications)



Statue of Begum Rokeya in Begum Rokeya Memorial Centre, Pairabondh, Rangpur

Sun 9 Oct 2011, 2.30-4.30pm, Idea Store Whitechapel, 321 Whitechapel Rd, E1 1BU. **The Failure of the Pakistan experiment in East Pakistan: Economic Growth and Political Crisis 1947-71 by Professor Mushtaq Khan.** He is Professor of economics at SOAS, who completed his undergraduate studies in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the University of Oxford and then studied PhD in Economics at Cambridge.



Map showing East and West Pakistan (1947-71)

Brick Lane Circle aims to help transform the intellectual landscape of the Bangladeshi community in the UK and take it to a new level of confidence and critical engagement with everything relevant for the community's progress and development.

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