

**International Conference on
'Northeast India and Southeast Asia: Exploring Continuities'
Organised by North East Forum (NEF), Centre for Community
Knowledge (CCK) , Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)
Kashmere Gate, Lothian Road, Delhi-110006
25&26 October 2018**

Day 1	25-Oct-18
Time	Venue & Sessions
	Venue: CR-12
9:00 - 9:30AM	Registration
9:30 - 10:30AM	Inaugural Session
	Introduction of NEF and Conference: Lovitoli Jimo, Convenor, AUD
	Opening Remarks: Professor Denys P Leighton, Director, CCK, AUD
	Inaugural Address: Professor Jatin Bhatt, Vice Chancellor, AUD
10:30 - 11:30AM	Chair Keynote: Professor Tiplut Nongbri, JMI
	Keynote: Professor Joy L K Pachuau, JNU
	Vote of Thanks: Akha Kahirii Mao, NEF, AUD
11:30-11:50AM	TEA
11:50 AM - 1:05PM	Parallel Session One
Venue: CR-12	Group 1.1 - Identity, Race, Gender (session -1)
Chair	Krishna Menon, AUD
	The Contribution of Ethnic Groups in Constructing Assamese Nationalistic Masculinity: A Study on the their Cultural Texts with its Connection to South East Asia
Parikshit Sarmah	
	Transgender Identities and Experiences: A Case Study of the Nupi-Maanbi of Manipur
Beauty Thounaojam	
	A Sociological Study of Never-Married Women: A Case of Sikkim
Naina Thatal	
Venue: 71A	Group 1.2 - Material Cultures: Past and Present
Chair	L Lam Khan Piang, JNU
	Archaeology of 'Pre-Ahom' Assam: A Micro Study of Pottery from the Brahmaputra Valley (circa 7th-13th centuries CE)
Preetee Sharma	
	Cloth and Clothing: Dialectics of Identity and Power in the Context of Nagas
Pouriangthanliu	
	Indo-Pacific Beads of the Kachin of Myanmar and the Nagas of North East India: Significance and Mystery
Avitoli G Zhimo	
Venue: 71B	Group 1.3 - Health and Society
Chair	M Kamminthang Mantuong, Miranda House, DU
	Medical Practices Among the Ethnic Communities in the 19th Century Assam: British Intervention and Indigenous Response
Kishor Goswami	

Moumita Chakraborti	Retracing the Colonial Medical Policy in Assam: A Case Study in Kala-Azar
Talienla Imchen	Accessibility to Healthcare Services and Continuity of Care for Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma (NPC) Patients in Nagaland
1:05 - 2:00PM	LUNCH
2:00 - 3:40PM	Parallel Session Two
Venue: CR-12	Group 2.1 - People, Nation and Border Experiences
Chair	Sanjoy Hazarika, CHRI
Bipasha Rosy Lakra	Who are the 'Sons of the Soil'? Examining Addivasis Amidst the Tribes in Assam
Joyashree Sarma	Naming, Framing and Calling: Exploring Questions of Identity in Assam
Md Faruk Hossain	Identity, Freedom and Politics of Belongingness: Enclaves Peoples' Experiences (An Empirical Study on a Recent De-enclaved Chhitmohal in Bangladesh)
Venue: 71A	Group 2.2- Identity Construction and Power Dynamics
Chair	Ivy Dhar, AUD
B Arpita Dowarah	The Construction of Pan-Tangsa Identity: With Special Reference to the Socio-Cultural Elements of the Tribe
Rinzing Ongmu Sherpa	Dynamics of Sherpa Identity Over the Years: A Study of the Sherpas of Nepal and Darjeeling
Fancy Jamatia	Banglanization of School Curriculum: Case of Tripura
Venue: 71B	Group 2.3 - Trade, Market and State Making in the Region
Chair	Swargojyoti Gohain, Asoka University, Sonipat
Santosh Hasnu	Border Roads and Imperial Expansion of Late British and Qing Empires: A Case Study of the Lohit Valley Road
Thangboi S Zou	The Dynamics of Modern Markets and its Environmental Impact: A Study into the Market Places in Lushai Hills
Lallian Thangsing	Trading Along the Indo-Myanmar Borderlands: Commerce and Consumption in North East India
3:40 - 3:55PM	TEA
3:55 - 5:10PM	Parallel Session Three
Venue: CR-12	Group 3.1 - Identity, Race, Gender (session - 2)
Chair	Papori Bora, JNU
Cheryl R Jacob	Voices Against Colonial Merger in the Memories of People
Diksha Gupta	Mapping Experiences, Discrimination and Negotiations: A Study of North-East Community in Delhi
Thokchom Bibinaz Devi	Racial Identity Formation of North-East India: Inadequately Explored and Under-Represented Race with South East Asian Origins

Venue: 71A	Group 3.2 - Orality, Language and Literature
Chair	T S Satyanath, Delhi
Selma K Sonntag	Language Shift in the Ahom Kingdom: From Tai-Kadai Ahom to Indo-Aryan Assamese
Shelmi Sankhil	Why Are They So Few?: Some Initial Thoughts on the 'Population Puzzle' of the Lamkang Tribe
Walunir	People, Folklore and Power: A Study of Participatory Nature of Ao Oral Narratives
Venue: 71B	Group 3.3 - North East India: Spatial Imagination?
Chair	Puspita Das, IDSA, Delhi
Yengkhom Jilangamba	The Transnational Question: The North-East of India from Frontier to Corridor
Raile Rocky Ziipao	Infrastructural Intersection at the Borders: Roads, Peoples and Markets in Northeast India
Michael Lunminthang	Political Identity: Theory and Praxis
Day 2	26-Oct-18
Time	
9:30 - 10:45AM	Parallel Session Four
Venue: CR-12	Group 4.1 - Regional Aspects of Traditional Life
Chair	David Vumlallian Zou, DU
Sorun Asaiwo	Religion and Identity: Mission Network, Education in the India and Burma Borderland
Sukanya Kakoti	Continuity, Change and Community Identities: A Study of Khamti Tribe in Assam
Daili Neli	Mao Naga Culture and Environment: Interaction and Change
Venue: 71A	Group 4.2 - Performance, Ritual and Practices
Chair	Ananya Barua, Hindu College, DU
Cheryl C Thiruchelvam & Sarena Abdullah	Representations of Mount Meru in the Visual Arts of Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia
Simashree Bora	River, Rituals and Beliefs: Appropriating and Legitimizing Nature in Majuli, Assam
Rekha Konsam	Three Brothers and a Lotus
Venue: 71B	Group 4.3 - Food, Travel and Places
Chair	Senganglu Thaimai, Miranda House, DU
Swati	Understanding Cultures from the Northeast India: Travelling Foods and Food Habits
Hemlata Devi Oinam	Modernity in Food Habits and its Implications on Health: A Study in North-East India
Mayanglambam Ojit Kumar Singh	Attending Attention to Entomophagy: A View from North East India

Rajoli Ghosh & Hemlata Devi Oinam	A Journey to the Practice of Entomophagy: The Place of <i>Gandhi Puk</i> in the Lives of the People of Arunachal Pradesh
10:45 - 11:00AM	TEA
11:00 - 12:40PM	Parallel Session Five
Venue: CR-12	Group 5.1 - Ecology, Livelihood and Society
Chair	Sanjay Sharma, AUD
Indrani Sarma	Insights from the Forest Villages in Assam: Discourses on the History, Culture and Communities
Ado Kehie, Ngamjahao K & Sambit Mallick	Ecology, Culture and Livelihood Practices: An Ethnographic Study among the Angamis in Nagaland
Ngaranngam Keishing	Shifting Cultivation and the Tangkhul Naga Tribe in Manipur
Pulak Das	Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot: Connecting Northeast India with Southeast Asia
Venue: 71A	Group 5.2 - Peace, Conflict and Governance
Chair	Amarjeet Singh, NESPR, JMI
Reshmi Banerjee	Communities and Concerns across the Indo-Myanmar Border: A United yet Divided Story
Lianboi Vaiphei	Exploring the Cultural Connectivity's and Continuities of North East India and South-East Asia among the Kuki Mizo Chin
Robert Lunkhopao	State Making and the Geography of Violence at the Margins: A Case Study of Manipur-Myanmar Borderlands
Venue: 71B	Group 5.3 -Transnational Interface: Policy and Practice
Chair	Teiboriang T Kharsyntiew, JNU
Umar Farooq M C	Representation of Minority Muslim Culture: A Comparative Study of Southeast Asian Countries and Northeast Regions in India
Arup Barman	Progressive Edges in North East India for South East Asian Businesses and Trades
Anand Damodaran	Edges of the Union: With special Reference to North-East India
Athikho Kaisii	Priming, Framing and Construction: Act East Policy and National Print Media
12:40-1:30PM	LUNCH
1:30-2:45PM	Parallel Session Six
Venue: CR-12	Group 6.1 - Colonialism and the Process of Modernity
Chair	Jangkhomang Guite, JNU
Kuldeep Patowary	Contested Spaces and Shared Territorialities in Early Modern Assam
Kitdor W Kharbuli	Confluence of Tradition and Modernity: Exploring the Dynamics between the Traditional Syiemships of the Khasis on the One Hand, and the Nation-State the Sixth-Schedule on the Other
Khekali	Legal Protocols in the Plains and the Hills Districts of Colonial Assam

Venue: 71A	Group 6.2 - Material Culture and Community Participation
Chair	Grace Don Nemching, IGNOU
Gangmumei Kamei	Sustainable Cultural Entrepreneurship: Exploring the Weaving Traditions of the Rongmei Naga Tribe of Manipur
Yumnam Sapha WAM	Basketry in Meetei Community
Dharitri Narzary	Collective Memory, History and Politics: Cultural Centres and Museums
Venue: 71B	Group 6.3- Popular Culture and Acculturation
Chair	Amrapali Basumatary, KMC, DU
Ankush Bhuyan	The Rise of an Independent Digital Cinema: From Northeast to Southeast
B Lalzarliana	Anime and Korean Wave: A Study of the Impact of Japanese and Korean on Mizo Youth
Varada M Nikalje	The Perception of Inter-Regionality through Editorial Cartoons: An Overview
2:45 - 3:00PM	TEA
	Venue: CR-12
3:00 - 5:00PM	Panel Discussion: 'Cultures, Diversities, Future - Northeast India and Mainland Southeast Asia'
Moderator	Surajit Sarkar, CCK, AUD
Angomcha Bimol Akoijam	Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, JNU
Shatadru Chattopadhyay	Managing Director, Solidaridad Network Asia Limited, Delhi
Soibam Haripriya	Fellow, Indian Institute of Advance Studies (IIAS), Shimla
B Lalzarliana	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Mizoram University
5:00 - 5:10PM	Closing Remarks: Ngoru Nixon, NEF, AUD
5:10 PM	TEA