



Department of English, University of North Bengal

International Conference

PLASTIC TURN

3-4 August, 2023

Call for Papers

Although the title of the conference is PLASTIC TURN, following on Ranjan Ghosh's book *The Plastic Turn* (Cornell UP, 2022) and how he introduces this term into our critical discourse, this international conference broadens the ambit of intervention by emphasizing on plastic studies from a variety of fields and perspectives. Papers ranging across a variety of subjects incidental to plastic turn and plastic studies are invited. Topics include:

- The turn to Plastic today: the marvel and extraordinariness of this material related to design, technology and cultural life of the material
- Cultural history of Plastic
- Environmental pollution and plastic
- Anthropocene and Plasticene (catastrophe and disaster studies)
- Marine studies and Plastic
- Queer studies and Plastic
- Sexuality, Medical Humanities and Plastic
- Plastic, carbon democracy and globalization
- Philosophy of Plasticity (Classical and Continental Philosophy)
- Geological studies and Plastic
- Materialist studies and Plastic
- Literature and Plastic: Plastic as represented in Literature

Abstracts of 300 words may be sent to plasticturnnbu@gmail.com by 15th June, 2023. Abstracts should contain the following details: Name, Phone number, Institutional affiliation, and Bio note. Selected paper presenters shall be notified by 25th June, 2023.

Keynote Speakers



Haun Saussy
University of Chicago



Olga Solovieva
University of Chicago



Karen Thornber
Harvard University

The conference will also have a Panel discussion on *The Plastic Turn* (Cornell UP, 2022)
Moderator: Jayjit Sarkar, Raiganj University

Coordinators: Kaushani Mondal, Pradipta Chowdhury, Sumit Ray

Registration details: Students and Research scholars - INR 800, Faculty- INR 1000, Paper Presenters - INR 1500

The fee will cover Lunch, Refreshments and Conference Kit during the seminar

Last Date of Registration: 30th June, 2023

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