

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

**NORTH EAST INDIA IN THE CULTURAL IMAGINATIONS:
HISTORY, LAND AND PEOPLE**

7 & 8 JANUARY 2015

AZAD BHAVAN

KOLKATA

January 7, 2015

10:00 – 10:30 **Registration and Morning Tea**

10:30-10:45 – **Introduction**

10:45 – 11:00 – **Welcome address by Sreeradha Datta, Director, MAKAIAS**

11:00-11:30 – **Inaugural address: Sanjib Baruah**

Moderator: Sreeradha Datta

11:30-12:15 pm

Keynote address: Ulo Valk

Shrines, Stones and Stories: Vernacular Views on the Mythic History of Assam

Moderator: Sanjib Baruah

12:15-1.00 pm

Special lecture: Samir Kumar Das

On Being Different: In Search of a New Cultural Historiography for India's Northeast

Moderator: Ulo Valk

Lunch Break

1:00-2:00

First Session: 2:00- 4:00

North East and Development

Chair: Samir Kumar Das

Chandan Kumar Sharma

Sujata Dutta Hazarika

Sayantani Sen Majumdar

Subhadeep Bhattacharya

Tea Break

4:00-04:15

Second Session: 4:15-5-45

Folklore and Identity

Chair: Mark Bender

Simon John

Zothanchhingi Khiangte

Premchandra Singh

7:30 onwards

Cultural Evening to be followed by MAKAIAS Dinner

January 8 2015

10:00-10:15: **Morning Tea**

10:15-11:00

Special Lecture: Philippe Ramirez

Across ethnic boundaries in the Assam-Meghalaya borderlands

Moderator: Sanjib Baruah

Third Session 11:00-1:00

Culture, Imperialism and Ethnicity

Chair: Ulo Valk

Bodhisattva Kar

Desmond Kharmawphlang

Kunjo Singh

Nandini Bhattacharyya Panda

Lunch Break 1:00-2:00

Fourth Session 2:00 – 3:00

Resistance

Chair: Chandan Kumar Sharma

Manjeet baruah

Soumen Sen

Tea Break 3:00-3:15

3:15 – 4:00

Special Lecture: Mark Bender

Juxtaposing Poetic Voices from North-East India and Inner Borderlands of Eastern Asia: Contexts of self and Tradition in the Eco-Historical Movement

Moderator: Philippe Ramirez

4:00-4:30

Valedictory address:

Omprakash Mishra

Chair: Sitaram Sharma, Chairman, MAKAIAS

4:30: 4:45

Vote of Thanks

Sreeradha Datta