

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PROGRAMMES

REPORT FOR GOVERNING BODY MEETING

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2023

- Special Lecture organized on ‘Vivekananda: A New Vision’ by Professor Ruth Harris, All Souls’ College, University of Oxford on January 31, 2023.



St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata
Department of International Studies and Programme

Special Lecture on 'Vivekananda: A New Vision'

Vivekananda is a seminal figure of the global nineteenth-century, but the pattern of his fame does not match his influence. Here he is a household name, but in the west few have heard of him. Why this is so goes to the heart of his life, his ideas, and his programme. I want to explain why he both challenged and enticed so many different audiences, from respectable New Englanders to Swadeshi activists. Rather than reinforcing the tired vision of Vivekananda as the first to unlock eastern spirituality for a materialist west, I want to focus on the paradoxes and uncertainties of his teachings. I will also investigate his relationship to nationalism, anti-colonialism, and Karma yoga. However, I will reinterpret his impact by integrating the "Indian Vivekananda" with the "global guru" by reconsidering his relationship to women, global intellectual history, and universalism in the fin-de-siècle world.

Professor Ruth Harris
Senior Research Fellow at All Souls' College,
and Professor of Modern History at the University of Oxford

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 | 2 p.m. | Xavier Hall (1st Floor)

Welcome Address
Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ
Principal

Vote of Thanks
Dr. Panchali Sen
Dean, ISP

- St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, Organized in collaboration with The Bhopal School of Social Sciences, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, Two-day Multidisciplinary International Conference cum Workshop on the Theme India 2.0: Vision For India In 2047 on 3 - 4 March 2023.



- Kaushiki Chowdhury, BA English Honours, Semester-IV, Roll No: 15 completed her semester study at Macquarie University, Australia for the Spring 2023 Semester (February – June 2023).



- Afreen Ali, BA Sociology Honours, Semester-III, Roll No: 204 is pursuing her semester study at Macquarie University, Australia for the Spring 2023 Semester (August – December 2023).



- A MOU has been signed on 19 April, 2023 with **Suzhou Xianghui Technology Co., Ltd, P. R. China and Solaire Initiative Pvt. Ltd, Orissa**. The institutions have agreed to promote exchange and cooperation in academic research and knowledge transfer into technology under the principle of bilateral benefit and mutual respect.
- A MOU has been signed on xx April, 2023 with **Sappho for Equality, Kolkata**. Both institutions have agreed to establish and develop a mutual framework for planning, collaboration, and working in partnership towards meeting the shared goal of strengthening the educational skills of the students of SXC.

- A MOU has been signed on 31 May, 2023 with **Advantere School of Management, Madrid, Spain**. Both institutions have agreed to establish and develop their bilateral relationships. This will also help enhance research and educational processes at both institutions and thereby expand the academic spectrum and cultural awareness between the institutions' respective faculties, staffs and students.
- A MOU has been signed on 31 May, 2023 with **Nordic Centre India**. Both institutions have agreed to establish and develop their bilateral relationships. This will also help enhance research and educational processes at both institutions and thereby expand the academic spectrum and cultural awareness between the institutions' respective faculties, staffs and students.
- A MOU has been signed on 31 May, 2023 with **Balurghat B.Ed. College, Dakshin Dinajpur**. Both institutions have agreed to establish and develop their bilateral relationships. This will also help enhance research and educational processes at both institutions and thereby expand the academic spectrum and cultural awareness between the institutions' respective faculties, staffs and students.
- A MOU has been signed on 31 May, 2023 with **XITE College, Gamharia, Jharkhand**. Both institutions have agreed to establish and develop their bilateral relationships. This will also help enhance research and educational processes at both institutions and thereby expand the academic spectrum and cultural awareness between the institutions' respective faculties, staffs and students.
- A team from SXC attended the 'Study in India - Website portal compliance officer orientation & outreach program' workshop on 13th September 2023 at AICTE Auditorium, AICTE HQ, New Delhi.
- **7 foreign students** have been admitted to various UG and PG courses in several departments in the academic year 2022-23.

Report by *Dr. Panchali Sen,*

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