

Inter-cultural Interactions

Dr. Jaideep Chatterjee, Associate Professor, Department of Art, Design and Theatre, has been awarded the UCL Grand Challenges Small Grants Scheme 2013-14 for inter-cultural interactions. Dr Chatterjee with lead collaborators from University College London, Dr Tania Sengupta (Architecture) and Dr Pushpa Arabindoo (Geography) would initiate a conversation between Indian and UK academics or academic practitioners in the field of architecture through series of events. The objective is to foster long term exchange between UK (UCL) and India in the field of architectural – and more broadly built environment and spatial – knowledge production, dissemination and discourse.

The study will be kick started with a symposium having four key thematic strands:

1. Architectural/ spatial design pedagogy and practice, the ‘design-studio’ culture and design as a form of research.
2. Space, politics and activism; architecture and built environment as critical creative practice.
3. Translations I: Global-local, education-practice, design-history, trans-national, trans-local.
4. Translations II: Communities, ecologies and the built environment.

Emphasizing the point of the collaborators, Dr Chatterjee said, “We feel that this first event within a longer and larger dialogue needs to be discursive in character to begin with. The idea will be to explore the knowledge field through sharing experiences and practices, which generates a creative discursive ground from which more specific and substantial collaborations with Indian institutions can then ensue in the near future, rather than the other way round”.

To know more about the grant, please click:

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