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BRACU hosts professors from UC Berkeley

Three distinguished academics, all experts in their own subject areas spent 4-5 days with BRACU senior faculty, researchers and graduate students to explore faculty and student exchanges and areas of collaborative research. The emphasis of this important visit funded by the Chowdhury Center of the South Asian institute of UC Berkeley was placed on the need for joint research initiatives leading to joint publications.

Prof. Lawrence Cohen, Professor of Anthropology and Chair of India Studies, UC Berkeley ran a very engaging workshop programme on “Rethinking Medical Anthropology and its Methodology” hosted by the JPG School of Public Health. Raka Ray, Professor of Sociology at Berkeley is an expert on gender and feminist theory, inequality and emerging middle classes. Her substantive workshop was conducted under the heading “Searching for the middle-classes”. Prof. Poulomi Saha, Assistant Professor of English at Berkeley conducted a workshop on “Theory of Methodology” in which she looked at the application of critical theory to disciplines like English and Anthropology that are engaged in analysing culture through texts.

Prof. Syed Saad Andaleeb, VC of BRACU was present. Kumar Murshid, Director of International Programs at BRACU said, “I was impressed by the devotion of the visiting scholars from UC Berkeley to their craft and to the South Asia region. This visit will lay the foundation for robust collaborations and exchanges through which both institutions will gain in the future.”