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on  
**Monthly Faculty Lecture**

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| Series | June, 2026 |
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Date: 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2026; Time: 2:00 PM

**Title: Lieux de Mémoire: Postmemory of the Armenian Genocide and the Generational Transmission of Trauma**

On 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 the Monthly Faculty Lecture was held under the aegis of Swami Vivekananda University at NND block, Room No: 307, where **Dr. Hindol Chakraborty**, Associate Professor, Department of English, Swami Vivekananda University, West Bengal, delivered an insightful lecture on *Lieux de Mémoire: Postmemory of the Armenian Genocide and the Generational Transmission of Trauma*. The event was graced by the presence of SVU officials, directors of various departments, faculty members, staff, and research scholars, making it a significant gathering of academic and professional minds.

**Introduction**

As part of the Monthly Faculty Lecture Series organized by Swami Vivekananda University, an enriching academic lecture titled “**Lieux de Mémoire: Postmemory of the Armenian Genocide and the Generational Transmission of Trauma**” was delivered by **Dr. Hindol Chakraborty**, Associate Professor, Department of English, Swami Vivekananda University. The lecture attracted faculty members, research scholars, postgraduate students, and academic administrators from various departments, reflecting the University’s commitment to fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and research excellence.

The session was initiated with a welcome address by **Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti**, Director, Research and Academic Development, Swami Vivekananda University. In his inaugural remarks, Prof. Chakrabarti emphasized the significance of engaging with historical trauma through interdisciplinary frameworks, noting that literary studies, memory studies, history, and cultural studies together offer valuable perspectives for understanding collective violence and its enduring consequences. He highlighted the relevance of such discussions in cultivating empathy, critical thinking, and historical consciousness within academia.

The lecture was chaired by **Prof. Samirranjan Adhikari**, Professor, Department of Education, Swami Vivekananda University. In his introductory observations, Prof. Adhikari underlined the importance of memory as an educational and ethical category, stressing that the preservation and transmission of difficult histories remain essential for nurturing democratic values and promoting peace.

**Overview of the Lecture**

Dr. Hindol Chakraborty commenced his lecture by introducing the interdisciplinary field of Memory Studies and explaining how traumatic historical events continue to shape cultural identities across generations. Drawing upon the works of leading scholars such as Pierre Nora, Marianne Hirsch, Cathy Caruth, Dominick LaCapra, and Aleida Assmann, he

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demonstrated how memory extends beyond personal recollection to become a shared cultural and social phenomenon.

The lecture focused on the Armenian Genocide of 1915 as one of the earliest modern genocides and examined how its memory survives despite decades of political denial. Dr. Chakraborty argued that literature, memoirs, oral histories, photographs, museums, monuments, and family narratives collectively function as repositories of memory that preserve histories often marginalized within official political discourse.

### **Key Highlights of the Lecture**

#### **1. Understanding *Lieux de Mémoire***

The lecture began with an exploration of Pierre Nora's concept of *Lieux de Mémoire* (Sites of Memory). Dr. Chakraborty explained that these are physical, symbolic, or cultural sites where collective memory is preserved when living memory begins to fade. Such sites may include monuments, museums, memorials, archives, literary texts, photographs, rituals, and commemorative practices.

Using the Armenian experience, he illustrated how memorial spaces across the world serve as enduring reminders of historical injustice and become spaces where collective identity and remembrance are continually reconstructed.

#### **2. Postmemory and Intergenerational Trauma**

A major portion of the lecture examined Marianne Hirsch's influential concept of **Postmemory**. Dr. Chakraborty explained that descendants of genocide survivors often inherit memories that they never personally experienced. These inherited memories are transmitted through stories, silences, photographs, rituals, and emotional legacies within families.

He argued that postmemory blurs the distinction between lived experience and inherited experience, enabling subsequent generations to develop profound emotional and psychological relationships with historical events.

#### **3. The Armenian Genocide as a Cultural Trauma**

The lecture contextualized the Armenian Genocide within broader discussions of genocide studies and collective trauma. Rather than limiting the discussion to historical facts, Dr. Chakraborty examined how the genocide continues to shape Armenian identity across the global diaspora.

He demonstrated that trauma extends beyond immediate survivors, influencing successive generations through cultural practices, literary representations, and collective remembrance.

#### **4. Literature as an Archive of Memory**

An important segment of the lecture focused on literature's role in preserving traumatic histories. Dr. Chakraborty argued that literary texts frequently function as alternative archives that document experiences omitted from official historical records.

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Narratives of exile, displacement, loss, mourning, survival, and identity become crucial mediums through which suppressed histories are transmitted across generations, enabling readers to engage ethically with past violence.

## **5. Trauma, Silence and Representation**

Drawing upon trauma theory, the speaker discussed the inherent difficulty of representing catastrophic experiences. He explained that trauma often resists straightforward narration because survivors frequently encounter linguistic and psychological limitations in articulating their experiences.

Consequently, fragmented narratives, recurring memories, symbolic representations, and narrative silences become significant literary techniques through which traumatic histories are expressed.

## **6. Diaspora and the Politics of Memory**

The lecture highlighted the role of the Armenian diaspora in sustaining historical memory. Dr. Chakraborty observed that diasporic communities have actively preserved memories through educational institutions, churches, cultural organizations, museums, memorial events, and literary production.

Such initiatives ensure that historical trauma remains part of collective consciousness even when official political recognition remains contested.

## **7. Memory, Ethics and Historical Responsibility**

The speaker emphasized that memory is not merely retrospective but fundamentally ethical. Remembering acts of mass violence serves as a means of acknowledging victims, resisting historical erasure, and promoting justice.

He argued that engaging with traumatic histories contributes to developing responsible citizenship and encourages societies to remain vigilant against discrimination, violence, and genocide.

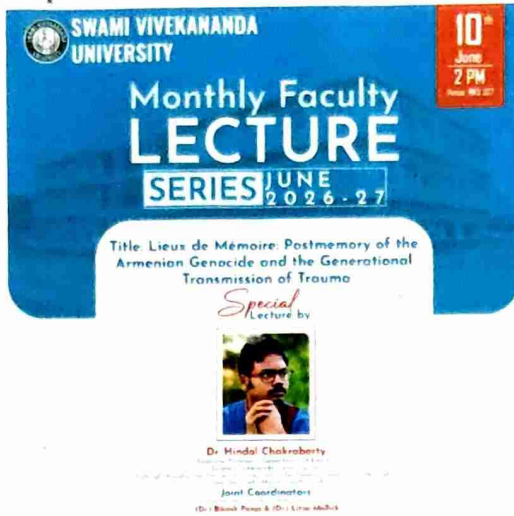
## **Interactive Discussion**

The lecture concluded with an engaging interactive session in which faculty members and research scholars posed thoughtful questions concerning postmemory, cultural trauma, memory politics, and comparative genocide studies. Discussions extended to the relevance of trauma theory within postcolonial studies, the ethical responsibilities of historians and literary scholars, and the significance of memorialization in contemporary societies.

Dr. Chakraborty responded comprehensively to each question, illustrating theoretical concepts through literary examples and interdisciplinary perspectives. The interaction significantly enriched participants' understanding of Memory Studies and its growing importance within the humanities and social sciences.

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### Glimpses of the Session



### Concluding Remarks

In his concluding observations, **Prof. Samirranjan Adhikari** commended Dr. Hindol Chakraborty for delivering a deeply insightful and intellectually stimulating lecture. He observed that the presentation successfully combined literary criticism, historical inquiry, philosophy, and cultural studies to illuminate one of the most significant humanitarian tragedies of the twentieth century. He further remarked that the lecture encouraged participants to critically engage with questions of memory, identity, justice, and historical responsibility.

The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks expressing gratitude to the distinguished speaker, the chairperson, faculty members, research scholars, students, and all participants for contributing to a highly successful academic event.

### Impact and Takeaways

The lecture generated significant academic interest and offered several valuable insights:

- Introduced participants to the interdisciplinary field of Memory Studies.
- Explained Pierre Nora's concept of *Lieux de Mémoire* and its relevance to genocide remembrance.
- Demonstrated Marianne Hirsch's theory of Postmemory as a framework for understanding inherited trauma.
- Examined the Armenian Genocide as a continuing site of cultural and historical memory.
- Highlighted literature's role as an alternative archive of marginalized histories.
- Emphasized the ethical dimensions of remembrance, memorialization, and historical justice.
- Encouraged interdisciplinary research connecting literature, history, psychology, education, and cultural studies.

The lecture significantly contributed to the University's ongoing efforts to promote critical scholarship, interdisciplinary research, and meaningful engagement with global humanitarian issues. It reaffirmed Swami Vivekananda University's commitment to creating academic spaces where historical inquiry, ethical reflection, and intellectual dialogue flourish together.



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Joint Co-ordinator  
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**Invitation- SVU Faculty Lecture**

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Thu, May 28, 2026 at 11:53 AM

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Dr Hindol Chakrabarti  
Associate Professor  
Department of English  
Swami Vivekananda University  
West Bengal

Dated 29.05.26

Dear Esteemed Dr Chakraborty

Greetings from Swami Vivekananda University!

You are aware that Swami Vivekananda University, Barrackpore, West Bengal, organizes a Faculty Lecture as a part of the Faculty Lecture Series, every month. This prestigious Lecture Series was officially inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of our University in November 2024.

It is my great pleasure to invite you, on behalf of the entire University community, to deliver the **Distinguished Faculty Lecture on "Postmemory of the Armenian Genocide and the Generational Transmission of Trauma" on June 10, 2026 at 2.00 pm** at our campus.

Your expertise and insights will be invaluable in enriching the program, and your talk will be a source of great inspiration for our faculty members and research scholars.

We would greatly appreciate a line of confirmation at your earliest convenience. You are also requested to send us your short CV at your earliest convenience.

For any further information or clarification, please feel free to contact me or **Dr. Liton Mallik** at WA No. **7003185671**.

**With best regards,****Sincerely**



Professor Ranjan Chakrabarti,  
Director Research and Academic Development, Swami Vivekananda University  
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Thu, May 28, 2026 at 12:15 PM

Respected Sir,

It is an honour for me to be invited for the same. I shall be there on time.

Yours sincerely,  
Hindol

Warm Regards,

Hindol Chakraborty, Ph. D.  
OSD, Office of the Registrar  
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Core Member, NAAC Committee  
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Date: 04<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

To

**Dr. Hindol Chakraborty**

Associate Professor, Department of English  
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**Subject: SVU Faculty Lecture Series June 2026, Invitation regarding**

Dear Dr. Chakraborty,

Greetings from SVU!

At the outset, we would like to acknowledge your significant contributions in the field of research and academic administration.

Swami Vivekananda University, Barrackpore, West Bengal, organizes a Faculty Lecture every month under its Monthly Faculty Lecture Series. It is with great pleasure that I invite you, on behalf of the University, to deliver the Distinguished Faculty Lecture on "**Postmemory of the Armenian Genocide and the Generational Transmission of Trauma**" on **June 10, 2026** at 2 pm in our campus.

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## Faculty Lecture-Invitation

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Dear Esteemed Vice-Chancellor, Esteemed Chief Operating Officer, Directors, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Deans, Hods and colleagues

Greetings !

Swami Vivekananda University, Barrackpore, West Bengal, regularly organizes a monthly Faculty Lecture Series and it is delivered by a distinguish scholar from within SVU or outside. This Lecture Series was initiated with the active support and encouragement of our Esteemed COO and the Series was officially inaugurated by our Vice-Chancellor in November 2024.

In this context, I am pleased to invite you to kindly make it convenient to attend the upcoming Faculty Lecture of the University (18th in the Series) on 10th June 2026, to be delivered by Dr Hindol Chakraborty, Associate Professor of English, Swami Vivekananda University, at **2.00 pm, in Room No NND 307. The title of his Lecture is 'Lieux de Memoire : Postmemory of the Armenian Genocide and the Generational Transmission of Trauma'.**

**Please find the poster of this event attached herewith for your kind perusal.**

Your graceful presence along with your departmental colleagues shall enrich the program and inspire our faculty and research scholars.

**Please make it convenient to attend.**

Warm regards

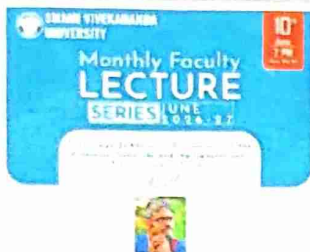
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CC :

Professor Bikash Panja with a request to kindly circulate widely among the Hods, faculty members, scholars and Members of the academic community of the University



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Tue, Jun 9, 2026 at 9:32 PM

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Dear all HODs and Research Coordinators

Please find the invitation to the upcoming said program and circulate among our faculty members, research scholars and students. We encourage your participation and look forward to your valuable presence.

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Thanks & Regards.

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