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| Sl. No. | Tentative Dates: | Event | Speaker(s) | Topic(s) | Remarks (if any) |
|  | 05.07.2024 | Monthly Lecture Series I: Drama on stones | Prof. Susmita Basu Majumdar  HOD, Dept. of AIHC, University of Calcutta | Eloquent Stone: Decoding the Drama Pārijātamañjarī | Mode: Hybrid  Venue: FICCI Auditorium  Commencement of Monthly Lecture Series |
|  | 23.08.2024 | Coin Exhibition | Numismatic Society of Calcutta | Coins through the Ages | Venue: Buddha Auditorium |
|  | 23.08.2024 | Monthly Lecture Series Talk II: Coins through the Ages | Mr. Smaran Kumar Das, President, NSC | Metamorphosis of Indian Coins | Mode: Hybrid  Venue: Moot Court  Based on career talk in Numismatics |
|  | 20.09.2024 | Monthly Lecture Series Talk III: on Deity and People: Transmission of Ancient Knowledge through Rituals | Dr. Gaurav Debnath  Research Fellow, The Asiatic Society of Calcutta  Dr. Rohini Kar  Assistant Professor, Asansol Girls’ College | Mahiṣāsuramardinī is not Durgā: Decoding an Iconographic Enigma  Elixir of Life: Ancient Serpentine Lore and Medical Practices | Mode: Hybrid  Venue: Moot Court |
|  | Odd Sem 2024 | Multidisciplinary Elective Course | Prof. Amitabha Ghosh  Emeritus Scientist,  Indian National Science Academy | Ancient Indian Astronomy | Opted by the students of Law  Mode: Online |
|  | 07.10.2024 | Monthly Lecture Series IV: Digging the Past | Dr. Banani Bhattacharyya  Deputy Director of the Department of Archaeology and Museums, Haryana | A new perspective of Kunal, Fatehabad on the basis of Recent Excavation | Postponed to 23rd November 2024 |
|  | 23.11.2024 | Monthly Lecture Series V: Gendered Voices: Perspectives from the Past | Professor Nupur Dasgupta, Dept. of History, Jadavpur University | THE SCULPTED BODY: ANALYZING REPRESENTATIONS OF WOMEN IN EARLY INDIA | Mode: Online |
|  | 8.1.2025 | Epigraphical Society of India Golden Jubilee Lecture Series Talk I | Prof. Richard G. Salomon, Emeritus Professor, University of Washington | "Kharosthi on the Edges: Recent discoveries of inscriptions and documents outside the usual territories and genres." | A total of 10 lectures will be conducted till October followed by the Golden Jubilee Session of ESI Conference in collaboration with other institutions.  Mode: Hybrid |
|  | 17.01.2025 | Monthly Lecture Series Talk VI and VII | Dr. Shrikant Ganvir  Assistant Professor, Deccan College, Pune  Dr. Dev Kumar Jhanjh  Assistant Professor, Azim Premji University, Bhopal | Venerating the Buddhist Sangha: A Study of the Buddhist Monasticism in the Western Deccan  ‘State Society’ in Eastern Madhya Pradesh during ‘Threshold times’ (c.5th-6th Centuries CE) | As December is a month scheduled for the End Sem, the talks have been merged in January  Mode: Online |
|  | 28.01.2025 | Special Talk | Ms. Swati Mehershi |  | In collaboration with the Department of Robotics and CoE IPR  Mode: Hybrid |
|  | 06.02.2025 | Special International Talk | Prof. Osmund Bopearachchi  Member of the French *Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Lettres*, Emeritus Director of Research of the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS-ENS), Paris. | The importance of Numismatic Evidence in Reconstructing the History of the Greeks and their Successors in Central Aisa and India | Mode: Hybrid |
|  | 20.02.2025 | Epigraphical Society of India Golden Jubilee Lecture Series Talk II | Prof. Y. Subbarayalu,  Retired Professor, Tamil University, Thanjavur | Place Names Related to Brahmana Migration in South India | Mode: Online |
|  | 27.02.2025 | Monthly Lecture Series: Talk VIII | Dr Sreyashi Ray Chowdhuri,  Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of History, Mahitosh Nandy Mahavidyalaya and Guest Lecturer of the Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta | Kinnara Kinnaris in Early Indian Iconoplastic Tradition: Interpreting its Visual Language in the Light of its Iconography and Regional Variations (2nd Century BCE - 12th Century CE) | Mode: Hybrid |
|  | 21.03.2025 | Monthly Lecture Series: Talk IX | Prof. Debarchana Sarkar  Jadavpur University, Kolkata | To Be Announced | Cancelled |
|  | 25.03.2025 | Epigraphical Society of India Golden Jubilee Lecture Series Talk III | Padmashree Prof. Annette Schmiedchen,  Professor at the Humbolt University of Berlin, Germany | Archaeology and Epigraphy: What Can the findspots of copper-plate inscriptions tell us? | Mode: Online |
|  | 9th April, 2025 | Epigraphical Society of India Golden Jubilee Lecture Series Talk IV | Dr. S. Swaminathan, Retrd. Epigraphist of Archaeological Survey of India | Customs, Faiths, Beliefs, and Ceremonies in medieval South Indian Society as gleaned from Epigrpahs | Mode - Online |
|  | 10 April 2025 | Monthly Lecture Series: Talk IX | Prof. Y. Alone  Professor, School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi | Amnesia, Paranoia, Historical Consciousness and Protected Ignorance | Mode - Online |
|  | 16th May | Epigraphical Society of India Golden Jubilee Lecture Series Talk V | Prof. Vincent Tournier  Professor of Classical Indology at Ludwig Maximilian University Munich | Sannati and Kanaganahalli: New Insights from a Revised Epigraphic Corpus | Mode - Online |
|  | 24th June | Epigraphical Society of India Golden Jubilee Lecture Series Talk VI | Subrata Kumar Acharya  Former Professor and Head in the Department of History, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha | Pilgrims and Patrons in Simhachalam Temple Inscriptions | Mode: Online |
|  | 30th June, 2025 | Monthly Lecture Series: Talk X | Dr. Kanika Gupta  Visiting Faculty, (NIDs and IITs) | Indian Knowledge System: An Introduction | Mode - Online |
|  | 15 July, 2025 | Monthly Lecture Series: Talk XI | Dr. Gourav Debnath  Research Fellow, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata | Echoes of Eternity: An Introduction to the Vedas | Mode - Online |
|  | 22nd July, 2025 | Epigraphical Society of India Golden Jubilee Lecture Series Talk VII | Prof. Stefan Baums,  Lead Researcher, Buddhist Manuscripts from Gandhāra, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich | Kharoṣṭhī Inscriptions and Manuscripts: New Discoveries and Insights from a Comprehensive Digital Corpus | Mode - Online |
|  | 9th and 10th August | Two-day Workshop on Early Brāhmī | Resource Persons: Dr. Rajat Sanyal, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta  Dr. Smita Halder, Assistant Professor, Department of General Studies, UEM Kolkata | Two-day Workshop on Early Brāhmī | Mode: Offline  Venue: UEM Kolkata |
|  | 27th August, 2025 | Epigraphical Society of India Golden Jubilee Lecture Series Talk VIII | Dr. K. Munirathnam Reddy, Director (Epigraphy), ASI, Mysuru | Newly discovered Hoard of Eastern Chālukya copper plates (9 Sets) from Kodada in Telangana | Mode: Online |
|  | 19th September, 2025 | Seminar Lecture Series: Talk I | Prof. Amitabha Ghosh, Emeritus Scientist, INSA | Ancient India in the eyes of Megasthenes | Hybrid/Offline |
|  | 25th September, 2025 | Monthly Lecture Series: Talk XII | Prof. Abhijit Dandekar, Deccan College, Pune | Excavations at Vadnagar: A Numismatic Appraisal | Mode - Online |
|  | 23rd September, 2025 | Epigraphical Society of India Golden Jubilee Lecture Series Talk IX | Prof. Daniel Balogh, Sanskrit Philologist with a specialisation in Epigraphy and Digital humanities, Humboldt University, Berlin | Land Demarcation in Copper Plates from the Southern Deccan | Mode - Online |
|  | October, 2025 | Epigraphical Society of India Golden Jubilee Lecture Series Talk X | To Be Announced soon | To Be Announced soon |  |
|  | October, 2025 | One-day Symposium | Resource Persons:  To be announced soon | From *Daśarājña* to Kurukṣetra | Mode - Offline |
|  | 6th and 7th February, 2026 | First International Conference on Transformative Social Sciences Conference (TSSC 2026): Bharat’s Wisdom for Global Solutions |  |  | Organising by the Dept. of General Studies in collaboration with CoE IKS, UEM Kolkata  For any information kindly contact: t3sf.uem@gmail.com |