

## DEPT. STUDENTS SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS BERGEN SUMMER RESEARCH SCHOOL 2021

The Dept of Geography is proud to announce that Doctoral researchers [Shinjini Bhattacharjee](#) and [Maria Anne Fitzgerald](#) have been selected to attend the annual Bergen Summer Research School (BSRS) 2021.

Shinjini Bhattacharjee has been accepted into the BSRS 2021 course 'Internationalising Higher Education'. This course is designed for PhD students who are developing their careers as professors and University leaders and equips them with strategies for inter-institutional collaborations, such as exchange projects, joint programs, distance or online education consortia, and research partnerships. Maria Anne Fitzgerald will be attending the course 'Inequality, intergenerational mobility and early childhood' which examines the role of early childhood development in reproducing social inequality across different generations. The course focuses on the role of human capital investment and formation in understanding observer inequality in childhood and over the life cycle. Apart from their respective courses, they will also be attending a joint session 'Systems thinking and creative interdisciplinary problem-solving and project management' which seeks to facilitate inter-disciplinary collaboration.

Shinjini Bhattacharjee is researching Soundscapes of Resistance for her PhD, where she is looking at the lived spaces produced by practices and philosophies pertaining to the musical traditions of Rabindra Sangeet and Baul Music in Bolpur, West Bengal; while Maria Anne Fitzgerald is examining in-between spaces formed through the identity practises of young people from cross-cultural families in Kolkata, West Bengal.

The BSRS has been shaped by some of Bergen's best research groups which seek to address key global challenges through high quality disciplinary and interdisciplinary courses. About 100 PhD students from all over the world are invited every year, to engage in discussions about the current global challenges. It is a collaborative initiative under the leadership of the University of Bergen with NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Chr. Michelsen Institute and NORCE (Norwegian Research Centre). The BSRS 2021 is being held from 7th to 17th June.

