



From UC Berkeley, invitation to speak at our Tagore conference

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to me, Sanchita, Pranab

Dear Professor Sen,

I hope this email finds you safe and well during these strange times!

My name is Puneeta Kala and I am the Program Director at the Institute for South Asia Studies (ISAS) at UC Berkeley. In early 2020 the Institute launched the Tagore Program on Literature, Philosophy and Culture. This new program – the first of its kind in the US – is designed to honor and showcase Rabindranath Tagore and his wonderful legacy. At present, we are planning a two-week long celebration of Tagore in February 2021. One of the events in this festival will be a panel focused on the women in Tagore's Literature and Art. I write to you today to see if you might be willing to participate as a speaker in this panel. Given your extensive work in this area we would be thrilled and honored if you were to say yes.

We would have loved to host you in person so that you could meet with other faculty members and students, but given the uncertainty of the months that lie ahead, we have opted to schedule all our programs virtually (via Zoom) for the 2020-21 academic year and this festival as well as your panel would be a virtual one. Although a virtual platform is perhaps not ideal for all occasions, we are finding that our audience has increased significantly as friends and colleagues from all over the

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To thank you for your time, we would like to offer you a modest honorarium of \$250.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that your response will be positive.

With best wishes, Puneeta

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