

Editorial

Nothing changed the course of human civilization more significantly and profoundly than breaking of boundaries. The urge to go beyond, the desire to connect with the world on the other side, the passion for making sense of the world in more comprehensive manner, pushed us to demolish those boundaries we ourselves have erected. Boundaries, actual or abstract, have always opened a new horizon with their fall. In 1989, when the Berlin Wall fell, it was not merely demolition of a concrete wall; it also marked the collapse of ideological demarcation and emergence of new world order.

In the world of knowledge too, the collapse of disciplinary boundaries paved the way for new epistemological exploration along with newer challenges. Enlightenment was the foundation of modern knowledge system and its disciplinary divisions. However, it also contained the seed of inter-disciplinary mode of knowledge production. The cultivation of knowledge within the disciplinary rigidity lacked the advantage of plurality of perspectives. Reciprocity overcomes the limitations—methodological as well as pedagogical—of individual disciplines. With this purpose, Gulbenkian Commission (1996) aimed to shape the contour of social science beyond the strict distinction of disciplines. Natural science has witnessed the shift of paradigm much before through the encounter with nature and engagement with society. Therefore, the passage to the future epistemological journey, it was realised, goes through the path of inter-disciplinary efforts.

Interface will make sincere attempt to contribute to the inter-disciplinary enterprise and serve as a platform for exchange of ideas. Rather than being confined to the ivory tower of academic esotericism, this journal aims to promote critical thinking, empirical engagement and a deep connection with the society at large. From original research to insightful perspective and theoretical reinterpretation, *Interface* will be the place where ideas and actions will go hand in hand. However, this ambitious journey would not have started without the benevolent patronage of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Bankura University, Professor Deb Narayan Bandyopadhyay and generous support of the Registrar, Bankura University Professor Subir Kumar Roy. We are also grateful to our invitee editors, Professor Bikash Chandra Paul, Dr. Kaushik Sarkar and Dr. Amit Kumar Bhunia for their kind consent to be part of this endeavour.

We are hopeful that *Interface* will live up to its founding objectives and break new grounds in the field of inter-disciplinary studies. We look forward to your continuous support and sincere cooperation.

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