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## CAPSTRANS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SEMINAR PRESENTS SHORT FILMS

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### *Music And Discussion Forum On India.*

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DATE: 15 AUGUST 2010  
TIME: 10.00 AM - 2.00PM  
VENUE: BUILDING: 20,5 UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

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The Partition of India led to one of the greatest exoduses on the 20th century. Produced by Ruchira Ganguly-Scrase, *Home is a Distant Land*, examines the deeply felt impacts of the division of the subcontinent on the state of West Bengal and especially the city of Calcutta. Seen through the eyes of people who experienced the partition of Bengal, the documentary narrates their struggle for survival. In the absence of adequate government rehabilitation programmes the dispossessed communities present their accounts of rebuilding their lives. Apart from the irreversible changes that have taken place over the last six decades, rapid transformation of urban neighbourhoods are underway in the present wave of globalisation.

A number of refugee colonies are being demolished to make way for shopping malls and middle class apartment blocks. Once again the settlers are being forced to move.

David Blackall's *Paradise In Trouble* takes the unusual step to present a documentary for test-screening on Indian Independence Day. The aim is to determine whether this documentary is going to work. David narrates the story from memory and places that audio against vaguely related images he captured on Super 8 film in Kashmir in 1989. This is story telling from memory; therefore reality may have slipped from fact into fiction. In verifying some of the facts in his narration, he told the main elements to a Kashmiri born journalist earlier this year and he replied: 'yes I know that story'.

The filming in 1989 saw Kashmir at the start of the recent trouble and he witnessed that beginning. The region continues to be a barometer, as foreign hidden agendas and black ops are brought to play in this place so beautiful in landform and so pluralist in culture.

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