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## ***Encounters with Civilization: From Alexander the Great to Mother Teresa***

(A collection of essays on Albania, Egypt, the United Kingdom and India written between 1993 and 2006 selected by Gaston Roberge)

By Gëzim Alpion

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### **Book edited by St Xavier's professor releases in London**

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**Kolkata, April 23** A book of collection of essays, edited by Professor Gaston Roberge, a professor of Media at St Xavier's college, Kolkata, will be released in the House of Commons in London on Thursday. The book titled, *Encounters of Civilizations: From Alexander the Great to Mother Teresa* has been written by Gëzim Alpion, a professor of Sociology and Media Studies, University of Birmingham.

Canadian born Roberge has been living in India since 1961. He has been involved with various educational institutions like St Xavier's College and Chitrabani.

The contribution of Prof Gaston Roberge includes the title, the foreword, a chapter on Mother Teresa, abortion and the media and a note on a book on Mother Teresa by Alpion.

'It has been a long project. We have become very close friends now,' said Prof Roberge, a well-known media critic and writer. 'The collection of essays is strikingly relevant to the people of India, the cradle of ancient and rich civilizations,' feels Roberge.

'Alexander came to India to conquer the land and he was asked to go back whereas Mother Teresa came to help the Indians and stayed here,' said Prof Roberge talking about the scope of the book.

The principal of St Xavier's college, Fr P C Mathew, described the achievement as very important for the institution.

In 2005, before publishing the book on Mother Teresa — *Mother Teresa: Saint or Celebrity?* — Alpion had come to Kolkata and visited the Missionaries of Charity. He also delivered a couple of lectures at St Xavier's college.