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– Professor Kamala Visweswaran, University of California, San Diego

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General Information

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Registration
If you are registering yourself on the 5th of July 2018, Conference Registration is located in the Convention Foyer, Ground floor of the Main Building.
If you are registering yourself on the 6th/7th of July 2018, Conference Registration is located in the first floor lobby of the main building (near the entrance of Jacaranda hall).

Badge Pickup
Attendees who are already pre-registered can pick up conference materials (badge, tote bag, notepad, umbrella, pen and conference program) at the registration desk. You must show a photo ID to pick up conference materials. You may not pick up conference materials for other attendees. The badge category applicable for panelists and general audience is 'Delegate'.

On-Site Registration
Individuals who are not pre-registered may register at the on-site registration counters.
The on-site registration fee details are as follows (inclusive of Goods and Services Tax):
SAARC/LDC Scholar - INR 7670/-
SAARC/LDC Student - INR 3068/-
General Scholar - INR 14957/-
General Student - INR 9204/-

Registration Hours
Thursday, July 5th, 2018 between 2:00 PM - 5.00 PM in the Convention Foyer, Ground floor, Main Building
Friday, July 6th, 2018 through July 7th, 2018 between 8:00 AM - 4.00 PM in the First floor, Main Building
NOTE: Your badge is your proof of registration. You must display it at all times in order to enter all panel sessions and other formal events.

Exhibition
The exhibition tables are located in the Convention Foyer and the Hallway on the Ground Floor of the Main Building.

Exhibition Hours
Friday, 6th July 2018: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday, 7th July 2018: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Internet Access
Laptops with internet will be provided for accessing email at the Business Centre, Lower Ground floor in the Main Building at the India Habitat Centre. Printing/Photocopying facility is provided by the India Habitat Centre on a chargeable basis at the Business Centre.
Please note: Material for printouts to be sent only through email (Pen drives not allowed). Print charges at INR 10 + taxes per page. Photocopy charges at INR 5 + taxes per page.

Panel Session Abstracts and Individual Paper Abstracts
All abstracts for panels and papers may be viewed online via the following link: www.eventscribe.com/2018/AAS-Asia/. You can also access the link through the Program > Panel Schedule menu on the AAS-in-ASIA official website: www.aas-in-asia2018.com. Additionally, all abstracts are posted on the 2018 AAS-in-ASIA Mobile App.
Access the AAS-in-ASIA mobile app

The 2018 AAS-in-ASIA Mobile App allows full access to the complete conference schedule in the palm of your hand. Please follow the below steps to download the app.

For Android:
1. Go to Play store
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3. Click on “AAS-IN-ASIA 2018” app in the search results and install it.

For iOS:
1. Go to APP store
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On the mobile app you will find:
- All abstracts (both sessions and papers)
- A full list of exhibits and booth locations
- The ability to build a personal schedule and much more.

Drinking Water

There is an option of drinking bottled or RO purified water. Both can be found placed in the hallways of the venues. RO purified water at the venue is safe to drink. Conference organizers encourage attendees to use the RO purified water to reduce the use of plastic bottled water.

Beverage and Lunch Areas

Attendees are only allowed to consume food in designated food serving areas at the venue. We advise attendees to consume food only in these areas and not disturb the conference proceedings. Snacks, beverages and lunch are provided at designated hours. Please feel free to mingle and network with other attendees at the food serving areas. Delegates are requested to avoid raw/uncooked food.

Designated Areas for Food

Hallways in the Main Building on all levels (Silver Oak Hallway, Jacaranda Hallway, Magnolia Hallway), in the Halls of the New Building (Tamarind, Juniper) and at the hallway below the Auditorium (Amaltas, Rudraksha, Kadamba)

Catering Hours (on 5th of July 2018)
Evening Cocktail + Snacks - 06:30 PM to 07:30 PM IST at Stein Auditorium

Catering Hours (on 6th and 7th of July 2018)
Morning Coffee Break - 10:00 AM to 10:20 AM IST at the Designated Areas mentioned above
Afternoon Lunch Break - 1:40 PM to 2:40 PM IST at the Designated Areas mentioned above
Evening Coffee/Tea Break - 4:10 PM to 4:30 PM IST at the Designated Areas mentioned above

Conference Dinner for Panelists: Sponsored by Yale University

The Conference Dinner for Panelists will be held on Saturday, July 7th 2018, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM in the Durbar room of the Taj Diplomatic Enclave, Dhaula Kuan. Please bring your conference badge as proof of registration. Please note that entry to the conference dinner is limited to Conference Panelists only (Panel Organizers, Paper Presenters, Chairs, Discussants and Moderators).
Parking
The venue (India Habitat Centre) has ample parking spaces for parking your vehicle at zero cost. Overnight parking however is chargeable at INR 200/- per night.

Information Desk
The information desk is located on the 1st floor lobby of the main building from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and provides assistance in navigating the conference venue, and its vicinity, as well as logistics for getting to and from the hotel. There are also staff and student volunteers in Ashoka University kurtas (short India styled shirts) whom you can ask for assistance if you have questions.

Conference Photography
Please be aware that the AAS-in-ASIA Conference will have photographers on-site at panel sessions, special events, the opening ceremony, and throughout the Conference Rooms at the India Habitat Centre documenting the 2018 Conference. These photos may be used in future promotional materials and therefore, as conference attendees, your photo may appear in these materials.

Shuttle Service
The organisers have made provision for free shuttle service for the conference attendees.

Shuttle for Conference:
For travelling to the conference venue from the partner conference hotels, shuttle service will be provided to the delegates on July 6th and 7th, 2018. Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements for the opening ceremony on July 5th, 2018. The shuttle bus will arrive in front of the hotel main gate.

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Shuttles from the Conference Venue (India Habitat Centre) will depart from the main gate from 6:05 PM onwards till 6:25 PM to the Conference Dinner Venue (Taj Diplomatic Enclave).

Shuttles from the Conference Dinner Venue (Taj Diplomatic Enclave) will depart from the main gate between 9:45 PM to 10:15 PM back to the Conference Venue (India Habitat Centre).
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Opening Ceremony - Cosponsored by Wiley

5th July 2018, 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre

The Opening Ceremony will set the tone for the Conference with welcome remarks from dignitaries from AAS, Ashoka University, and conference partners. After the introductory speeches, we have the keynote conversation between Prof. James Scott and Prof. Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Vice-Chancellor, Ashoka University. Justin McCarthy and troupe will present the evening’s cultural performance: ‘Where the streets are fragrant with sandal paste...’, a Bharatanatyam performance. Following the performance, the audience is requested to proceed to pre-function area at the lower ground floor of the Auditorium for the Cocktail Reception, which concludes the Opening Ceremony.

Keynote Session - Cosponsored by TRaNS Journal

Prof. James Scott in conversation with Prof. Pratap Bhanu Mehta

Thursday, July 5th, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre

At AAS-in-ASIA 2018, we present to you the keynote session in an engaging new format: keynote speaker James Scott (Professor, Yale University) in conversation with Pratap Bhanu Mehta (Vice-Chancellor, Ashoka University). The conversation will focus on themes described in Prof. Scott’s works including the nature of the modern state, methodological challenges of studying society and the philosophical attractions of anarchism. Also, brought into focus will be Prof. Scott’s lifelong engagement with field sites in South and South-East Asia.

Keynote Session Speakers Bio

James Scott is the Sterling Professor of Political Science and Professor of Anthropology and is co-Director of the Agrarian Studies Program at Yale University. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has been a fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, and the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin. His research concerns political economy, comparative agrarian societies, theories of hegemony and resistance, peasant politics, revolution, Southeast Asia, theories of class relations and anarchism. His publications include The Moral Economy of the Peasant, Yale University Press, 1976; Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance, Yale Press, 1985; Domination and the Arts of Resistance, Yale Press, 1990; Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed, Yale Press, 1998; The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia, Yale University Press, 2008; Two Cheers for Anarchism, Princeton University Press, 2013; and Against the Grain: A Deep History of the First Agrarian States, Yale Press 2017. He is a mediocre sheep breeder and beekeeper in Connecticut.

Pratap Bhanu Mehta is the Vice-Chancellor of Ashoka University. He was previously President, Center for Policy Research. He has been a Professor at Harvard, JNU, the Global Faculty Program at NYU Law School. He has published widely in political theory, constitutional law, society and politics in India, governance and political economy, and international affairs. His most recent publications include The Oxford Handbook to the Indian Constitution (co-edited with Madhav Khosla and Sujit Choudhary); Rethinking India’s Public Institutions (with Devesh Kapur and Milan Vaishnav); Non-Alignment 2.0 (with Srinath Raghavan, Sunil Khilnani et al), The Oxford Companion to Politics in India (with Niraja Jayal); India and Multilateralism (with Bruce Jones and WPS Sidhu) and The Burden of Democracy.
Bharatanatyam Dance Performance:

‘Where the streets are fragrant with sandal paste...’

History is flexible. Dance history even more so. With the advent of mechanized documentation, the last century of dance is partially visible to us. But before that? Painted and sculpted references, rich but static. Textual prescriptions, detailed but immobile. These three new ensemble pieces for Bharatanatyam use imagination to speculate on the place of dance in pre-democratic society, in non-public entertainment and in the natural environment.

1) How May I Praise Thee?

These pieces focus on ritual processions which were used to magnify the glory of spiritual and temporal rulers. The dancers parade through an imaginary South Indian town three times - the first time praising a god and a goddess, the second time praising a South Indian king and the third time praising a queen from faraway lands. The ending leaves the dancers wondering about hierarchies in general. The texts used are Sanskrit verses from Adishankaracharya’s *Ardhinarishwarastotram*, Tamil verses from Ilango Adigal’s *Silappadikaaram* and English verses from Edmund Spenser’s *The Faerie Queene*.

2) In the House of the Dancing Girls

We are somewhere in South India in the 1920’s. It is evening and a well-heeled gentleman pays a visit to his beloved dancing girls. He is entertained with javalis of Dharampuri Subbaraiyar, made famous by the veena and vocal renditions of Veena Dhanamal. The three javalis are: *Smarasundaraanguni* (Parasu raagam) in which a woman speaks to a friend and extols the virtues of her beloved, *Sakhi Praana* (Senjurutti raagam) in which a woman bemoans the fact that her beloved has gone to the house of another woman, and *Vagaladi* (Behag raagam) in which a woman, suspecting her beloved’s involvement with a well-known seductress, berates him, he who is no other than the Lord of Tirupati!
3) On the banks of the Yamuna
We are in both mythical and real time, sitting simultaneously on the banks of the beloved Yamuna of yore and driving along the banks of the beleaguered Yamuna of today. This piece uses a variety of texts - Sanskrit verses from Jayadeva's *Gitagovindam*, English verses from John Milton's *Paradise Lost*, anonymous English fragments, lists of chemicals, and scientific reports on the quality of Yamuna water. The musical pieces are a "Padam, Madhuranagarilo" (Anandabhairavi raagam) and a *Dikshitar kriti*, *Nandagopala* (Yamuna Kalyani raagam).

**About the Choreographer:**
Justin McCarthy is a dancer, musician, instructor and choreographer. He has performed extensively as a soloist in Bharatanatyam and has choreographed many ensemble works in which he has appeared alongside dancers trained by him at the Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra. His first choreography, *Maduraikanchi*, was premiered in New Delhi in 1993. This has been followed by many others, including *Abhigyanashakuntalam* (1997), *Of Longing, Matter and Divinity* (2005), *Rajavilaasam* (2009), *Lokaalokam* (2010), *Naukacharitramu* (2013). He has been with the performing arts department of Ashoka University since 2014. McCarthy received the Nartaka award for lifetime achievement in Bharatanatyam from Natyanjali Trust, Chennai in 2017.

**Cocktail Reception**

**Thursday, July 5th, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre

The day will conclude with a cocktail reception in the pre-function area at the lower ground floor of the Stein Auditorium. You are requested to submit the drink token (attached to your conference registration card) to avail a drink and snacks at the venue during the event time.
Special Roundtables

To inspire dynamic and intellectually stimulating conversations, there are five special roundtable sessions scheduled to be held during the 2018 AAS-in-ASIA Conference, in which renowned scholars from the diverse fields of Asian Studies will participate in and lead the discussions. The sessions details are mentioned below:

**Special Roundtable 1 - Forgotten Geographies: The Journal of Asian Studies Roundtable**

**Saturday, July 7th, 8:30 AM - 10:00 PM  **

The goal of this session will be to explore a range of issues associated with the imaginings of regions within Asia and the connections between them. In particular, the panelists in this conversational style roundtable, in which they will draw on their past work and bring in issues from their current projects, will think together about places or constellations of places that tend to get overlooked or forgotten in conventional discussions of the continent.

One thing that the panelists have in common is that they are the authors of past or forthcoming articles in the *Journal of Asian Studies* - a publication that, along with carrying specialized research articles, has often published think pieces and forums that engage with issues associated with the ways that regions within Asia are and Asia as a whole is imagined. The session will be moderated jointly by the outgoing and incoming editors of this flagship periodical of the Association for Asian Studies - with the outgoing editor (Jeffrey Wasserstrom, a specialist in modern Chinese history) doing so long distance via Skype and the incoming one (Vinayak Chaturvedi, a specialist in modern South Asian history) doing so in person.

The panelists are all, like the moderators, historians. They are, however, ones who vary widely when it comes to methodologies, regions and topics of focus, as well as academic generation, having begun their graduate studies as early as the 1980s and as recently as the early 2000s. Between them, they have written on issues ranging from South Asian visualizations of the globe, to the mapping of Taiwan, to the way that Muslim texts travel between South and Central Asia, to variations within and connections formed via the Chinese diaspora.

**Moderators:**

**Jeffrey Wasserstrom**, is Chancellor's Professor of History at UC Irvine, where he also holds courtesy appointments in Law and Literary Journalism. He is the author or co-author of six books and editor or co-editor of several others. His most recent publications include, as co-author, the third edition of *China in the 21st Century: What Everyone Needs to Know* (OUP, 2018); as author, *Eight Juxtapositions: China through Imperfect Analogies from Mark Twain to Manchukuo* (Penguin, 2016); and, as editor, *The Oxford Illustrated History of Modern China* (2016). He was educated at UC Santa Cruz (B.A.), Harvard (M.A.), and Berkeley (PhD), has been traveling to China for more than thirty years, and often writes for newspapers and magazines, ranging from the *New York Times* to the *TLS* and from *Outlook India* to *The Caravan* (forthcoming). He was editor of the JAS from July 1, 2008, until June 30, 2018.

**Vinayak Chaturvedi**, is Associate Professor in the Department of History at the University of California, Irvine; and the editor of *The Journal of Asian Studies*. He is the author of *Peasant Pasts: History and Memory in Western India* (2007) and the editor of *Mapping Subaltern Studies and the Postcolonial* (2013). His book on the intellectual history of Hindu nationalism is forthcoming.
In this special roundtable session, three Asia-based scholars will discuss recent trends in historiography with a focus on questions of theory and philosophy of history. As has become increasingly apparent in recent years, the richness and diversity of Asian historiographical traditions complicate the notion that history should be understood only as the intellectual outgrowth of the European Enlightenment. At the same time, scholarship on these historiographical traditions frequently (and inadvertently) buttresses a conceptual Eurocentrism in determining what actually counts as history. Our panelists will reflect on how the innovative methodologies and theoretical frameworks they bring to their work address this conundrum and, indeed, illuminate broader challenges in Asian historiography—including the very prospect of Asia and its possible future histories. They will also discuss longer genealogies of historical understanding and intellection, and whether (and why) these risk being forgotten or marginalized in national and regional academic cultures.

Our special roundtable panelists are a mix of younger and mid-career scholars who share in common an interest in questions of methodology, historiography, and theory. They bring a diversity of approaches and frameworks to their scholarship, including oral history, memory/memoir, literary analysis, paleography, microhistory, and global history. The session will be moderated by William R. Pinch and D. Gary Shaw, associate editors of History and Theory.

Moderators:

William R. Pinch received his BA and PhD from the University of Virginia. He is the author of Peasants and Monks in British India (1996) and Warrior Ascetics and Indian Empires (2006). He edited Speaking of Peasants: Essays in Indian History and Politics in Honor of Walter Hauser (2008); and co-edited the theme issue “History and Theory in a Global Frame” (2015) with Ethan Kleinberg. His current research interests are in the interplay of micro-history and global history, with a particular focus on the mutiny-rebellion of 1857. He is also collaborating on a translation of two long 18th-century Brajbhasha poems from Bundelkhand, with an eye toward both their historical content and historiographical significance.

David Gary Shaw received his BA in history and philosophy from McGill University and his DPhil in history from Oxford University. He is the author of The Creation of a Community (1993) and Necessary Conjunctions: The Social Self in Medieval England (2005). He co-edited The Return of Science: Evolution, History and Theory (2002) with Philip Pomper. His current research interests include historical agency and the nature of the self in the Middle Ages. He is writing a book on elite travelers and the circulation of ideas in later medieval Europe.
Fieldwork is often identified with anthropology, but the methodology is also part of other domains of scholarly practice. Ethnographic fieldwork has often been portrayed as a solitary fieldworker living in an isolated community. In fact, much fieldwork is conducted in megacities, and some fieldworkers follow mobile subjects through multi-sited projects across the elusively-defined geography of “Asia.” Contemporary fieldworkers are increasingly cognizant of how different kinds of historical consciousness, national projects, mass media, and global pressures inform their conversation partners’ worldviews. In this session, four seasoned fieldworkers from three different disciplines discuss some of the directions contemporary fieldwork is taking, describing their own encounters with the messiness of fieldwork in the process. Historian Queeny Pradhan has been conducting historical fieldwork in the hill stations of India, drawing upon archival sources and oral histories. Anthropologist Laurel Kendall began as a solitary fieldworker in a Korean village, but found herself at mid-life experiencing the pleasures and pitfalls of team-based research with colleagues in Vietnam. Political Scientist Manoranjan Mohanty, who has carried out fieldwork in Hela Township in Wuxi, China for nearly four decades, has had to devise strategies to cope with not only the fast process of change on the ground in rural policies and practices but also the gap between the questions that he was interested in pursuing – such as inequality, gender, and participation – and the questions the authorities were preoccupied with, such as figures on growth, industrialisation and urban development.

**Panelists:**

Claudine Ang, Assistant Professor at the Department of Humanities (History), Yale-NUS, Singapore. Dr. Ang completed her doctoral studies in the Department of History at Cornell University in 2012 and works on the political uses of literature, including Vietnamese drama and Chinese landscape poetry, in the Mekong delta.

Nonica Datta, Associate Professor at the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Dr. Datta specializes in modern South Asian history and is the author of *Violence, Martyrdom And Partition: A Daughter’s Testimony* (2009) and *Forming an Identity: A Social History of the Jats* (1999).


Special Roundtable 3 - Shifting Genealogies and Geographies of Fieldwork: *AAS Presidents’ Roundtable*

**Saturday, July 7th, 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM**

**Juniper, New Building**

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**Panelists:**

Katherine Bowie is a Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has served as Director of UW-Madison's Center for Southeast Asian Studies. She was the President of the Association of Asian Studies from 2017-18. Her publications include *Rituals of National Loyalty: An Anthropology of the State and the Village Scout Movement in Thailand* (Columbia University Press, 1997); *Voices from the Thai Countryside: The Necklce and Other Short Stories of Samruam Singh* (University of Wisconsin Southeast Asia Series, 1998), and *Of Beggars and Buddhas: The Politics of Humor in the Vessantara Jataka in Thailand* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2017).

Queeny Pradhan is a Professor of History at GGS Indraprastha University, where she teaches Indian History, Legal History, and Women in History. She received her doctorate from the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and was a postdoctoral fellow at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. She has carried out extensive field research in Simla, Darjeeling, Oo-
tacamund and Mount Abu. Her book *Empire in the Hills: Simla, Darjeeling, Ootacamund and Mount Abu, 1820-1920* (OUP, India) came out in 2017. She is currently an ICCR Visiting Professor of Modern Indian History at the University of Vienna.

**Laurel Kendall** is Chair of Anthropology and Curator of Asian Collections at the American Museum of Natural History well as a Senior Research Fellow of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University. Her knowledge of Korea began with three years of U.S. Peace Corps service, which was followed by decades of anthropological work and many publications on women, shaman, modernity issues. In Vietnam she participated in several collaborative projects, beginning with the exhibition "Vietnam: Journeys of Body, Mind, and Spirit," for which she received a Friendship Medal from the government of Vietnam. Kendall was President of the Association for Asian Studies from 2016-2017.

**Manoranjan Mohanty** was Professor of Political Science at the University of Delhi and is currently Distinguished Professor at the Council for Social Development (www.csdindia.org) and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi (www.icsin.org). His recently published book, based on his research on China’s reforms during the past four decades, is *China’s Transformation: The Success Story and the Success Trap*.

**Anne Feldhaus** (Moderator) is Distinguished Foundation Professor of Religious Studies at Arizona State University and the current President of the Association for Asian Studies. Her work combines philological and ethnographic approaches to study religious traditions of Maharashtra, the Marathi-language region of western India. Her ethnographic works include *Connected Places: Region, Pilgrimage, and Geographical Imagination in Maharashtra* (2003) and *Water and Womanhood: Religious Meanings of Rivers in Maharashtra* (1995).

### Special Roundtable 4 - The Politics of Languages in Academics: Oxford University Press Roundtable

**Oxford University Press**

The goal of this conversational-style session is to explore how languages play powerful roles in determining the legitimacy of knowledge production. Beginning with the dominance of English in our institutional spaces, the speakers will delve into understanding the emergence of Hindi and other Indian languages as alternatives in discourse development. Given our changing socio-political and economic context, the discussants will analyse whether Indian languages could play an important role in representing diversity or establish new hierarchies by trumping the old ones. Will academic spaces become more inclusive or remain exclusionary towards those marginalized, with cursory emphasis on languages?

The discussants belong to diverse yet related industries with an expertise to traverse between various languages. Between them they cover perspectives from academia, literature, publishing, and science.

**Panelists:**

**Rakshanda Jalil** is a writer, critic, and literary historian. She has published over 15 books and written over 50 academic papers and essays. Her recent books include *Liking Progress, Loving Change: Literary History of the Progressive Writers’ Movement in Urdu* (2014); a biography of Urdu feminist writer Dr Rashid Jahan, *A Rebel and her Cause* (2014); a translation of 15 short stories by Intizar Husain entitled *The Death of Sheherzad* (2014); and *The Sea Lies Ahead* (2015), a translation of Intizar Husain’s seminal novel on Karachi and also *An Uncivil Woman: Writings on Ismat Chughtai* (OUP, 2017). She runs an organization called *Hindustani Awaaz*, devoted to the popularization of Hindi–Urdu literature and culture.

**Urvashi Butalia** is a publisher and writer. Co-founder of *Kali for Women*, India’s first feminist publisher, and now director of *Zubaan*, she is also author of the award-winning oral history of Partition, *The Other Side of Silence: Voices from the Partition of India*. 
Arunava Sinha translates classic, modern and contemporary Bengali fiction and nonfiction into English. Twice the winner of the Crossword translation award, for Sankar's *Chowringhee* (2007) and Anita Agnihotri's *Seventeen* (2011), he also won the Muse India translation award (2013) for Buddhadeva Bose's *When The Time Is Right*.

Gauhar Raza is an Indian scientist by profession, and a leading Urdu poet, social activist and documentary filmmaker working to popularize the understanding of science among general public. Known for his films like *Jung-e-Azadi*, on the India’s First War of Independence and *Inqilab* on Bhagat Singh. He was also the honorary director of Jahangirabad Media Institute.

**Special Roundtable 5 - AAS-in-Asia: The Future of Academic Conferences**

The AAS-in-Asia conferences began as an experiment four years ago, with earlier conferences held in Singapore, Taiwan, Japan and Korea. Due to the decision of the Government of India to bar Pakistani scholars, AAS has come under criticism for its decision not to cancel the AAS-in-Asia conference in Delhi. Should the AAS-in-Asia experiment continue, given the difficulties of finding venues in countries free of political complications? Roundtable speakers will highlight different aspects of the complicated political circumstances in which academic conferences on Asia are being organized, both across Asian countries and globally. Issues to be considered will range from how academic gatherings can help support academic freedom and buttress civil society under military regimes to how new venues might be found via teleconferencing and ships in international waters. The floor will then be open for discussion.

**Panelists:**

**Emma J Teng** is the T.T. and Wei Fong Chao Professor of Asian Civilizations, and Head of Global Studies and Languages at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Earning her Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University, she specialized in Chinese studies and Asian American studies. A recipient of multiple awards, she has served as the Director of the MIT Program in Women's and Gender Studies, on the AAS Board of Directors, Chair of the China and Inner Asia Council of AAS, as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Asian Studies, and on the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

**Engseng Ho** is Director of the Middle East Institute, and Muhammad Alagil Distinguished Visiting Professor of Arabia Asia Studies at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. At Duke University, he is Professor of Anthropology and Professor of History. He is a scholar of transnational anthropology, history and Muslim societies, Arab diasporas, and the Indian Ocean. His research expertise is in Arabia, coastal South Asia and maritime Southeast Asia, and he maintains active collaborations with scholars in these regions. He serves on numerous editorial boards and is co-editor of the Asian Connections book series at Cambridge University Press. He was educated at the Penang Free School, Stanford University, and the University of Chicago.

**Anusorn Unno** is currently the dean of Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology, Thammasat University. He obtained a PhD in anthropology from the University of Washington. His research interest ranges from Malay Muslims in Thailand's southernmost region to Thai politics and social movements in Thailand. In addition to academic work, he is the coordinator of Thai Academic Network for Civil Rights and chair of the program committee for next year's AAS-in-Asia, to be held in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Amita Baviskar** is Professor of Sociology at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi. Her research focuses on the cultural politics of environment and development in rural and urban India. Her publications explore the themes of resource rights, popular resistance and discourses of environmentalism. She has taught at the University of Delhi, and has been a visiting scholar at Stanford, Cornell, Yale, SciencesPo and the University of California at Berkeley. She was awarded the 2005 Malcolm Adiseshiah Award for Distinguished Contributions to Development Studies, the 2008 VKRV Rao Prize for Social Science Research, and the 2010 Infosys Prize for Social Sciences.
Dilip M Menon is the Mellon Chair of Indian Studies and the Director of the Centre for Indian Studies in Africa at the University of Witwatersrand. He was educated at the Universities of Delhi, Oxford and Cambridge and got his PhD degree from Cambridge. He is a translator from the Malayalam and writes on film, theatre and literature. His research for the past decade has engaged with issues of caste, socialism and equality in modern India.

Katherine Bowie is a Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and served as President of the Association of Asian Studies from 2017-18. She received a BA with Distinction from Stanford University and her MA and PhD from the University of Chicago. Specializing in Thailand, she has served as Director of UW-Madison's Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Eisenhower Fellow to Thailand, Fulbright Scholar, President of the Midwest Conference of Asian Affairs, and multiple years on the organizing committees for the Council of Thai Studies (COTS), as well as multiple AAS committees.

Conference Dinner - Sponsored by Yale University

Saturday, July 7th, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Taj Diplomatic Enclave, Dhaula Kuan

The Conference Dinner for Panelists will be held on Saturday, July 7th 2018, from 19:00 to 22:00 in the Durbar room of the Taj Diplomatic Enclave, Dhaula Kuan. Shuttle buses to transport panelists from the conference venue to the dinner venue will depart from Gate no. 3, India Habitat Centre between 18:00 and 18:15 hours.

Please note that entry to the conference dinner is restricted to conference panelists (Paper Presenters, Discussants, Chairs and Panel Organizers). Please bring your conference badge as proof of registration. You are requested to submit the drink and dinner token (attached to your conference registration card) at their respective counters to avail a drink and dinner at the venue.

Conference Dinner Concert: ADVAITA, the band

Adwaita, a Delhi-based Indian fusion band was formed in the year 2004 when the Indian underground music scene was witnessing a transformation. This period also saw an explosion of experimentation by Indian Classical musicians who wanted to expand their horizons and reach new audiences. In this scenario, the Adwaita band was formed with the aim to transcend preconceived boundaries and make music that would come straight from the heart and speak to the soul. The band name ‘Advaita’ means non duality – there is no difference between the perceiver and the perceived – the jiva (being) and the atman (universal spirit). It is this all encompassing philosophy which drives music and everything in their lives. The band includes Abhishek Mathur on guitar, Anindo Bose on keyboards, Chayan Adhikari as lead vocals (Western), Aman Singh Rathore on drums, Suhail Yusuf Khan as vocals (Hindustani) and sarangi, Ujwal Nagar as vocals (Hindustani), Mohit Lal on tabla and Gaurav Chintamani on bass.
Workshops

Workshop for South Asian Archivists and Librarians: American Institute of Indian Studies, Ashoka University, British Library, and Indiana University

Wednesday, Friday, July 4th-6th

The American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) in collaboration with Ashoka University, the British Library, and Indiana University is organizing a three-day workshop for Archivists, Curators and Librarians working with South Asia Collection with the aim of:

(1) Building institutional ties for information sharing amongst archivists, curators, and librarians of and in South Asia

(2) Connecting the scholarly community with the representatives of different resource institutions of and in South Asia. The Workshop will be held between 4-6th July 2018.

The Workshop will have three components:

1. Presentations and discussion:
   - Presentations on current practices for archiving audio-visual resources; art, museum objects, and archaeology; manuscripts and documents
   - Case Studies: Individual presentations by participants
   - Roundtable on specific issues
   - Tour of AIIS Research Centers
   - Sessions by British Library at India International Centre on the 6th of July 2018

2. Site visits: The National Archives of India and Sangeet Natak Akademi

3. Meet the Archivists' Reception: The scholars participating in the conference will have an opportunity to mingle with workshop participants at this reception sponsored by Indiana University

Venues:
American Institute of Indian Studies’ national headquarters (22, Sector 32, HUDA Institutional Area, Gurugram, Haryana, India) will be the venue for the Workshop on the 4th of July 2018. On the 5th of July 2018, there will be site visits to the National Archives and Sangeet Natak Akademi, followed by the Opening Ceremony of the conference at India Habitat Centre. On 6th of July 2018, the British Library sessions will be conducted at Seminar Hall 3 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, followed by high tea at Indiana University, Defence Colony from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.
Workshop on Contemporary Publishing for Early Career Academics: Oxford University Press and Ashoka University

Friday, July 6th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Magnolia, India Habitat Centre

Oxford University Press India and Ashoka University bring to the Asian academic community a half day workshop on contemporary publishing. Books and Journal publishing are a major component of the academic ecosystem, however the industry has gone through major changes in the past decade with technology playing a major role in its new avatar. This workshop is aimed at helping scholars, researchers, students working on Asia, develop a holistic understanding of what you need to know from the publisher's themselves. The workshop is divided across five sessions with industry experts and academics coming together to host it.

Session I: Global academic publishing: emerging trends
(Understanding broad academic publishing trends across the world.)
Speaker: Niko Pfund, Global Academic Publisher & President, Oxford University Press USA. He joined the Press in 2000 after a decade at New York University Press during which he served as editor in chief and director. A graduate of Amherst College, he speaks widely on issues related to publishing and scholarly publication.

Session II: What it takes to become an author? Negotiating the publishing world
(Understanding the nitty-gritty of publishing a book - from approaching a publisher to reaching the right readership.)
Conducted by OUP editors

Session III: Why the journal is not a Book?
(Delve into the world of journals and the innovative ways in which journal publishing is aiding researchers and scholars today.)
Speaker: Sunil Kumar is Professor of History at Delhi University. He specialises in medieval History and is the managing editor of the peer reviewed journal, The Indian Economic and Social History Review. Kumar is also the board member of the Indian Economic and Social History Association, besides being on the editorial teams of many other renowned journals and professional bodies.

Session IV: Who is an agent and do you need one?
(A conversation around the role an agent plays in publishing today.)
Speaker: Anish Chandy is the founder of the Labyrinth Literary Agency and was earlier heading business development and sales at Juggernaut Books. Prior to his publishing sojourn, Anish was a business intelligence consultant with Infosys for North America.

Session V: Is English my publishing tongue?
(Relevance of local language publishing in creating diverse knowledge ecosystems.)
Conducted by OUP editors
Conference Networking Receptions

Reception hosted by Asian Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh

Friday, July 6th, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
Magnolia Hall, India Habitat Centre

Entry format: Entry is open to all AAS-in-ASIA 2018 delegates.

Event details: Delegates are invited to meet with colleagues and prospective research partners from the University of Pittsburgh, and to meet the faculty and staff of the Asian Studies Center to learn about an initiative to develop research collaborations, study abroad opportunities and exchange programs in India and other Asian countries.

The reception will provide cocktail snacks and have provisions of a cash bar.

About the Asian Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh:
The Asian Studies Center is a global resource for research and education about Asia, as well as a regional center in the United States for building Asian connections. In partnership with over 100 affiliated faculty from across the university, we develop innovative research, foster community engagement, and create rigorous academic programming. Founded in 1969, the center is widely recognized as one of the most comprehensive programs in Asian studies, with a focus on regional, transnational, and interdisciplinary scholarship.

Reception hosted by Japan Foundation

Friday, July 6th, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre

Entry format: Entry is open to all AAS-in-ASIA 2018 delegates.

Event details: The Japan Foundation New Delhi is hosting the Reception Dinner for the delegates in Japanese Studies to get together, meet, talk and build network with each other.

About Korea Foundation and Jamia Millia Islamia:
The Japan Foundation is Japan's only institution dedicated to carrying out comprehensive international cultural exchange programs throughout the world. To cultivate friendship and ties between Japan and the world, the Japan Foundation creates global opportunities to foster friendship, trust, and mutual understanding through culture, language, and dialogue. The Japan Foundation was established in October 1972 as a special legal entity supervised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In October 2003, it was reorganized as an independent administrative institution. Based on a government endowment of 78 billion yen, the activities of the Japan Foundation are financed by annual government subsidies, investment revenue, and donations from the private sector.
Private Reception hosted by Korea Foundation and Jamia Millia Islamia

Friday, July 6th, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Maple Hall, India Habitat Centre

Entry format: Please email Ms. Jaeseung MOON <jsmoon@kf.or.kr> to RSVP for the event.

Event details: AAS-in-ASIA 2018 delegates who are interested in the field of Korean Studies are requested to RSVP (by email) and attend the reception hosted by the Korea Foundation and the Korean Studies of Jamia Millia Islamia. This invitation-only event will allow participants to network and mingle while sharing the status of Korean studies in Asia.

About Korea Foundation and Jamia Millia Islamia:
The Korea Foundation was established in 1991 to promote awareness and understanding of Korea, and to enhance the friendship of the international community toward Korea and its people. Jamia Millia Islamia, one of the most prestigious central universities having come into existence in 1920, symbolizes the unflinching and resolute commitment of great visionaries in bringing about the socio-economic transformation of the masses through the vehicle of education.

Private Dinner hosted by Ashoka University

Friday, July 6th, 6:45 PM - 10:00 PM
The Royal Ballroom, Imperial Hotel

Entry format: Entry by Invitation only

Event details: As part of the AAS-in-ASIA 2018 conference program, Ashoka University is hosting a private dinner for senior delegates from institutions from India and across the world. Also invited are dignitaries from AAS, Ashoka University, conference sponsors and partners.

Dr. Rudrangshu Mukherjee, Chancellor, Ashoka University will preside as the dinner speaker. Post the dinner address, dinner and drinks will be served.

The shuttle bus from the India Habitat Centre to the Imperial Hotel will depart at 18:15 from Gate No. 3, India Habitat Centre. The shuttle bus will leave the Imperial Hotel at 22:15 and drop delegates back to the India Habitat Centre. Invitees are requested to utilize the transport arrangement made.
This sponsored panel will explore the changing dynamics of India-China relations in a fluid and uncertain international environment, characterised, inter alia, by intensification of strategic contestation with transition in the balance of power, concerns regarding China's assertive actions and unpredictability associated with the US President's policies. Though India-China engagement has a relatively impressive track-record of achievements despite numerous outstanding issues, it is passing through a particularly challenging phase which possibly calls for a new modus vivendi between the two countries. The panelists will assess the state of the relationship post-Wuhan summit between Prime Minister Modi and President Xi, examine its prospects and challenges and identify elements of an updated paradigm for managing this critical relationship. They will also look at multiple transitions underway in China; its leadership ambitions; implications for India and India's response.

Panelists

Ambassador Shyam Saran, is an Indian career diplomat who is a Member of the Governing Council of the Institute of Chinese Studies and Life Trustee of the India International Centre. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1970 and rose to become the Foreign Secretary of India. Earlier, he served as India's Ambassador to Myanmar, Indonesia and Nepal and as High Commissioner to Mauritius. Upon completion of his tenure as the Foreign Secretary he was appointed Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Indo-US civil nuclear issues and later as Special Envoy and Chief Negotiator on Climate Change. A respected commentator and writer, he has recently authored the book entitled How India Sees The World: Kautilya to the 21st Century.

Ambassador Shivshankar Menon is an Indian diplomat, who is Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Chinese Studies and a distinguished fellow at Brookings. His long career in public service spans diplomacy, national security, atomic energy, disarmament policy, and India's relations with its neighbours and major global powers. Menon served as National Security Adviser to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and the Foreign Secretary of India. Prior to that, he was Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan and Sri Lanka and Ambassador to China and Israel. He is the author of the book entitled Choices: Inside the Making of Indian Foreign Policy, published in 2016.

Ambassador Ashok K. Kantha is currently the Director of the Institute of Chinese Studies. A career diplomat, Kantha was Ambassador of India to China until January 2016. Prior to this, he was Secretary (East) at Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi. His previous assignments include High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka and Malaysia, Consul General in Hong Kong, Deputy Chief of Mission in Kathmandu (Nepal), and Joint Secretary (East Asia) in Ministry of External Affairs. In his diplomatic career spanning over 38 years, Kantha specialized in Asian affairs, with a particular focus on China.

Dr. Jabin T. Jacob is a China analyst based in New Delhi and Associate Editor of the academic journal, China Report. He was formerly Fellow and Assistant Director at the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi. Jacob holds a PhD in Chinese Studies from the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and has spent time as a student and researcher in Taiwan, France and Singapore. Jacob's research interests include China-South Asia relations, and centre-province relations in China. Jacob's latest work is a co-edited volume, China and its Neighbourhood: Perspectives from India and Vietnam.
Information Session

Ashoka: Building a Global University in India

Friday, July 6th, 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM
Cypress Hall, India Habitat Centre

We invite you to an information session, to learn about the vision with which Ashoka was founded. The panelists will present the journey of building a new institution and its accomplishments in 4 years since launching its undergraduate programs. With over 16 international partners, Ashoka students and faculty have the opportunity to get a global experience while pursuing their academic interests. Meet faculty, senior leaders and Ashoka’s partners as they discuss dimensions of research, study abroad, international partnerships and possibilities of collaboration with Ashoka.

Title: Ashoka: Building a Global University in India
Date: Friday, July 6th, 2018
Time: 12:10 - 1:40 pm
Venue: Cypress, New Building, India Habitat Center

Panelists:

Aparna Vaidik is Associate Professor of History at Ashoka University. She has previously taught at Georgetown University, USA. Her academic interests are Nation and Nationalism, Indian Ocean in Age of Empire, The Politics of Violence, Gandhi and World History and Colonialism and Culture. She has a PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University, India.

George Joseph is the Executive Director of the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale, the university’s focal point for promoting teaching and research on all aspects of international affairs, societies, and cultures around the world and serves as the center’s chief administrative officer. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Washington University in Saint Louis and graduate degrees from Yale.

Saikat Majumdar is Professor of English and Creative Writing at Ashoka University. He is a novelist and critic who teaches courses in modern and contemporary world literature in English, critical theory, the novel and narrative, colonial and postcolonial studies, and fiction and nonfiction writing. He has a PhD from Rutgers University, USA.

Simantini Ghosh is Assistant Professor at Ashoka University. Her research interests are the behavioral effects of repetitive concussive traumatic brain injury and brain-derived fractions in Alzheimer’s disease. She has a PhD in Neurobiology and Anatomy from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in Rochester, New York.

Vanita Shastri is Dean of Global Education & Strategic Programs at Ashoka University, and leads all International partnerships, study abroad and student exchanges. Previously she was the Founding Dean of the Undergraduate Programmes at Ashoka University in which role she built the undergraduate programme. She has a Ph.D. from Cornell University and her research interests are public policy reform, questions of development & modernity and recently issues of women’s development and career paths.

Aaina Singh is a recent graduate of Ashoka University (May 2018) where she studied Psychology and Performing Arts. She spent a semester abroad at the University of Pennsylvania, USA in Fall 2017. She now intends to act full time, with the aim of exploring the psychology of acting.

Session Partners:
Heritage Walks in Delhi by the Yellow Line Express

The Yellow Line Express is proud to present a series of specially curated heritage walks for the delegates of the AAS-in-ASIA 2018 on the 6th and 7th of July, 2018. The Yellow Line Express is a special initiative of the Office of Student Life, Ashoka University, that aims to provide an opportunity to Ashokans to explore Delhi: its myriad forms and layers in arts, music, theatre, cinema, literature, cuisines, monuments etc., Delhi with its distinct historical past, rich cultural heritage and syncretic traditions is an interesting amalgam of modernity and tradition, past and present, old and new, local and global. The Yellow Line Express aims to offer this essence and flavour of Delhi to its explorers, through the various tours curated under its ambit. We invite you to join us as we take you to witness some of the most spectacular sights in the city.

Humayun’s Tomb

Friday, July 6th and 7th, 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Pick up Location: Gate no. 3, India Habitat Centre

Considered the first distinct example of Mughal craftsmanship, Humayun’s tomb is the royal mausoleum dedicated to the Mughal Emperor Humayun. Standing at 157 feet, this red sandstone marvel exudes the principles of Persian architecture. Built in 1572 by the Persian architect Mirak Mirza Ghiyath and commissioned by his wife Haji Begum, it fashions exquisite gardens and a well devised system of shallow water channels. Although Sikandar Lodi’s tomb is considered as the first garden-tomb to be built in India, it is Humayun's tomb which set up a new standard, which eventually led to the Taj Mahal. The mausoleum houses the graves of not just his majesty but also several other Mughal rulers. It is in many ways a vision to behold. The tomb was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993.

The Purana Qila and the Qila-i-Kuhna Mosque

Friday, July 6th, 6:00 AM - 08:00 AM
Pick up Location: Gate no. 3, India Habitat Centre

Another testimony of the glory of Delhi’s historical past and heritage is present within the boundaries of the Purana Qila or the Old Fort. Known as Dinpanah which can be translated as the ‘refuge of the faithful’, the construction of the fort was initiated by the Mughal emperor Humayun as an attempt to build a city of his own. It is adorned by three majestic gates namely Humayun, Bara and Talaqi Darwaza, an imposing prayer hall made of marble and sandstone called Qila-i-Kuhna Masjid and the pleasure tower called Sher Mandal, which was later used as a library by Humayun.
Lodhi Gardens

One of Delhi’s most serene and beautiful landscapes, Lodhi Gardens is spread across 90 acres of luscious gardens and exquisite tombs that will delight your eyes with every step. Also known as ‘Lady Willingdon Park’, the gardens are dotted with monuments that date back the reign of the Lodhi dynasty that flourished during the 15th and 16th century. Besides housing the tombs of Sayyid ruler Mohammed Shah and Lodhi King Sikandar Lodhi, it also contains the Shisha Gumbad (Glass Dome) and Bara Gumbad (Big Dome) within its perimeters. The architecture represents a combination of the styles that demarcated both the Sayyidis and Lodhis and is a piece of engineering that highlights the illustrious history of the city. The backdrop provided by the lush greenery to the sombre structures makes it a go-to destination for tourists and residents alike.

Dilli Haat

Dilli Haat is a melting pot for a variety of Indian cultures and traditions. Derived from the word haat in Hindi, which means a weekly market in rural or semi urban areas of the country, Dilli Haat is an exhibition of traditional Indian culture where rural life and folk art cater to an urban clientele. The bazaar showcases colourful and eclectic cuisine and craft options and hosts many cultural events that display the range of ethnic diversity across the subcontinent. Located near prominent commercial centres in South Delhi, the bazaar’s design of extensive thatched roof cottages and kiosks seeks to convey the impression of an authentic rural haat. It is a one-of-a-kind cultural immersion that must be experienced to be believed.

Heritage Culinary Tour to Mahmudabad Estate

Mahmudabad is one of the oldest estates in Awadh (Uttar Pradesh). The family’s ancestors settled in the area in the 16th century. One of the most famous cultural legacies of Mahmudabad is its gastronomic tradition. As part of the tour, you are invited to sit down to a curated slow-meal prepared according to traditional recipes and techniques. The tour will also consist of visits to the local residences/imambadas, the fort/Qila, and the Mahmudabad House.
Friday, July 6, 2018

**001 Inter-area/Border Crossing**
Silver Oak I, Ground Floor  8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Asia Reimagined: Discovering Modern Ties Between India and China

Chaired by Madhavi Thampi, *Institute of Chinese Studies*

Civilizational Bonhomie and Nationalism’s Anxieties: Sino-Indian Discourse in Kang Youwei and Gadadhar Singh’s Writings

Kamal Sheel, *BJK Institute of Buddhist & Asian Studies*

Perception of the Indian Independence Movement in Late Qing China

Ke Zhang, *Fudan University*

A Glimpse of India in Early Twentieth Century Chinese Intellectual History: Liang Shuming as a Focus

Yu-Ting Lee, *National Taiwan University*

Discussant:

Kamal Sheel, *BJK Institute of Buddhist & Asian Studies*

**002 Inter-area/Border Crossing**
Silver Oak II, Ground Floor  8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Exploring Asian Connections

Chaired by Anjana Sharma, *University of Delhi*

Travelling Texts, Circulating Histories and Historical Ruptures in Indonesia: Lakshmi Pamuntjak’s Amba: The Question of Red

Anjana Sharma, *University of Delhi*

Early Modern Connectivity: Drawing-out Deltaic Bengal through Portuguese Narratives, c. 1500-1640

Radhika Chadha, *University of Delhi*

The Wagon Laager Tactics and A Connected Military History of Early Modern Asia

Pratyay Nath, *Ashoka University*

**003 Inter-area/Border Crossing**
Amaltas, Lower Ground Floor  8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Sensory Geographies of Karbala

Chaired by Stefan Fa, *UCL*

Voices of Regret: The Materiality of Sound in Contemporary Azeri-Turkish Shi’ism.

Stefan Fa, *UCL*

Mourning Online for the Imam: New Media and Shia Religiosity in Kolkata, India

Epsita Halder, *Jadavpur University*

**004 Inter-area/Border Crossing**
Kadamba, Lower Ground Floor  8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Cinematic Locations: Traveling with the Moving Image in Asia (1930s-Present)

Chaired by Kartik Nair, *New York University*

American Horror in Cold War Asia: The Exorcist and Film Censorship in 1970s India, Israel, and Malaysia

Kartik Nair, *New York University*

Colonial Geographies of Cinematic Traffic

Debashree Mukherjee, *Columbia University*

A Still Frozen Fraternity? India-China Film Co-productions in a Cold War Context

Nitin Govil, *University of Southern California*

The Highway, Automobile and New Promises in the 1960s Bombay Cinema

Ranjani Mazumdar, *Jawaharlal Nehru University*

**005 Inter-area/Border Crossing**
Rudraksha, Lower Ground Floor  8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Interspecies Cultures: The Representation of Animals in Asian Buddhist Cultural Spheres from the Middle Period to the Contemporary

Chaired by Xi Chen, *University of Toronto*

Defending the Intelligence of Animals: Song Dynasty Writings on Human-Animal Communication

Songjoo Kim, *Korea University*

Symbolism of Elephants in Chinese and Sri Lankan Buddhist Culture

Sobitha Madurawala, *University of Peradeniya*

Envisioning Inter-species Everyday Life: Representations of Sentient Beings in Feng Zikai’s Essays and Comics (manhua), 1925-1949

Xi Chen, *University of Toronto*

Buddhism and Animality in Mo Yan’s Novels

Todd Forley, *New York University*

**006 South Asia**
Maple, Lower Ground Floor  8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Genealogies ‘By Hand’: Crafting the Historical Narrative of Modern India

Chaired by Ashoke Chatterjee, *Crafts Council of India*
The Prison Industrial Complex: Fabricating Lives, Fabricating Products in Colonial India
Anand Yang, University of Washington

‘Cottage Industries’ in Economic Planning, 1940-1959: Ideas and Contestations
Medha Kudaisya, National University of Singapore

Cooperative Grassroots Experiments in Contemporary India: Civil Society—State Partnership, c. 1947-62
Gyanesh Kudaisya, National University of Singapore

Genealogies of Civil Society in Modern India: Social Entrepreneurship and Indian Textiles
Sandria B. Freitag, North Carolina State University

Discussants:
Ashoke Chatterjee, Crafts Council of India
Ritu Sethi, Craft Revival Trust

Hindu Temples in Motion: The Temple in Diaspora
Chaired by George Pati, Valparaiso University

Origin Stories in a Jamaican Hindu Temple: Creating an Inter-Religious Sensorium
Dasgupta Sutopa, Harvard University

Temples and Temple Processions in Hinduism in Europe
Knut Jacobsen, University of Bergen

Shakti Garbha as Ark of the Covenant at an American Hindu Goddess Temple
Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago

Both Hostile and Hospitable: Janus-faced Treatment of Hindu Temples in Sri Lanka
James Ponniah, University of Madras

The Bangkok Shop House as Ganesha Temple: Innovations of Capitalist Hinduism
Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University

Indian Melodrama: Transnational Mobilities, Cross-Pollinations and Cinematic Reinventions
Chaired by Ira Bhaskar, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Gender, Melodrama and New Social Imaginaries in Bombay Cinema Between the 1930s-50s
Ira Bhaskar, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Cinema, Devdas and the Melodramatic Field
Anupama Kapse, Loyola Marymount University
### 011 Northeast Asia

**Jacaranda II, First Floor**  
**8:30 AM-10:00 AM**

**Migration for Education in East Asia as ‘Future Making’**  
Chaired by Yasemin Soysal, *University of Essex*

To Move or Not? Considering Futures Through Higher Education Choices for Chinese Parents & Students  
Yamei Sun, *Tsinghua University*  
Sophia Woodman, *University of Edinburgh*

Chinese Parents’ Intentions of Sending Children Abroad for Study: Globalized Educational Imaginaries and Compensatory Strategies  
Hector Cebolla Boado, *UNED*

Return to the Future: South Koreans in Beijing in Pursuit of Top Korean Universities Back Home  
Xiao Ma, *Leiden University*

**Discussant:**  
Mun Young Cho, *Yonsei University*

### 012 Northeast Asia

**Willow, First Floor**  
**8:30 AM-10:00 AM**

**Korea and Modernization Theory: Transpacific Critique of the Cold War Korean Studies**  
Chaired by Jong-Chol An, *University of Tuebingen*

Cracking the Modernization Theory?: Gregory Henderson and His Understanding of Korean Politics During the Cold War Era  
Jong-Chol An, *University of Tuebingen*

Romantic Motives in the Cold War Area Studies: Vincent Brandt’s Anthropological Researches in Korean Peripheries  
Ryuta Itagaki, *Doshisha University*  
Kajimura Hideki’s Criticism of “Park Chung-Hee Modernity”  
Jong-wook Hong, *Seoul National University*

Colonialism Beyond Colonialism: Jin-Hwan Park and Paradox of Koreanization  
In-soo Kim, *Konkuk University*

**Discussant:**  
Ryuta Itagaki, *Doshisha University*
Geography of Colossus: Space, Place and People of Delhi-NCR
Shrobona Karkun, Temple University

Understanding Metropolitan Homelessness: A Policy and Governance Issue
Megan Reed, University of Pennsylvania

Patterns of Marital Change in Delhi-NCR
Sumitra Badrinathan, University of Pennsylvania

Social Change in NCR: How Urbanization Affects Attitudes
Discussant: Partha Mukhopadhyay, Centre for Policy Research

Rights and the State in Indian Political Thought
Ankita Pandey, Oxford University

Market Regulation and Parliamentary Sovereignty in Post-Independence India
Tejas Parasher, University of Chicago

Lynching, Norms, and Silence in Contemporary India
Vatsal Naresh, Yale University

Techno-logics of Space and Power in South Asia
Infrastructure and Information in the India Meteorological Department, 1875-1920
Sarah A. Carson, Princeton University

Frontier from on high: Aerial survey and surveillance in North-West Frontier Province, 1916-36
Joppan George, Princeton University

Broadcasting Development: Communication Satellites and Scientific Expertise in Post-Independence India (1960-75)
Kena Wani, Duke University

Framing Spaces: Encountering Affective Geographies in South Asia
Chaired by Mira Mohsini, University of Akron

Affective Geographies and Veiling in India
Mira Mohsini, University of Akron

Virtual Lands: Emerging Political Narratives from Balochistan
Annie Zaman, Independent Researcher

Situating Feelings: Imaginings of Place and Wellbeing in the Psychological Counselling Discourse in Kandy, Sri Lanka
Nadja Augustyniak, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Where Is the Practice Located? How Do Artists Respond to Geographical Indications? the Case of Cheriyal Paintings of Telangana
Chandan Bose, Manipal Centre for Philosophy and Humanities, Manipal University

Imagined Places: Geographies in Affective Entanglements Among Kidney Donors and Recipients in India
Sinjini Mukherjee, University of Heidelberg

Changing Configurations: Himalayas and Trans-Himalayas c.500 BCE-1950 CE
Chaired by Vasudha Pande, University of Delhi

The Himalayas and Trans-Himalayas after the breakup of the Tibetan Empire
Vasudha Pande, University of Delhi

Connecting Indian Trans-Himalaya and Tibet in Proto-historic Period- An Archaeological Perspective
Vinod Nautiyal, Bahuguna University

The King and His Lands: On the Reinterpretation of Kingship in the Early Colonial Western Himalaya
Arik Moran, University of Haifa

Integrating an Indian Borderland a Study of Markets and Commodities in Colonial Western Himalayas
Aniket Alam, International Institute for Information Technology

Technology Desires Spirituality: The Flourishing of Religiously-inspired Science, Medicine, Commodity and Infrastructure in Indonesia and Taiwan
Chaired by En-Chieh Chao, National Sun Yat-sen University

The Making of Halal Science: Lard Scandals, Shafi’i Fatwas, and Pharmacology Labs in Indonesia
En-Chieh Chao, National Sun Yat-sen University
(Re)Inventing the Medicine of the Prophet: The Revival of Tibb Al-nabawi in Indonesia
   Emma Nolan-Thomas, University of Michigan

Religious Affect Through Infrastructure: Water Pipes, Solar Panels, and Organic Farming Transition in the Amis Village of Eastern Taiwan
   Yi-tzee Lee, National Dong Hwa University

021 Inter-area/Border Crossing
Amaltas, Lower Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM

Geographies of Partition: Time, Space and Identities in South Asia and Beyond - Part 1
   Post-Partition Dalit Refugees and Politics of Rehabilitation in West Bengal
   Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Victoria University of Wellington

Partition and the (Un)Making of the ‘Bengali Hindu’ Identity: India and East Pakistan in the 1950s
   Anwesha Sengupta, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata

Ghosts of Partition? Muslim Identities in Contemporary Kolkata
   Anasua Chatterjee, University of Delhi

Festivals Across Fence: Partition, Religion and (Border) Festivities
   Debdatta Chowdhury, Centre for the Studies in Social Sciences

Cultural and Language Identity Formations in Post-Partition South Asia: A Special Case of Bahawalpuri Hindus
   Shaifali Arora, Indian Institute of Technology

Discussant:
   Priya Kumar, University of Delhi

022 Inter-area/Border Crossing
Kadamba, Lower Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM

Legality, Sovereignty and Inter-Asian Worlds
   Chaired by Nidhi Mahajan, Tufts University

Moorings: Indian Ocean Trade and the State in East Africa
   Nidhi Mahajan, Tufts University

Inter-Asian legalities
   Jeremy Kingsley, Swinburne University of Technology

Rights from the Left: Decolonization, Diaporas and the Global History of Rebellious Lawyering
   Rohit De, Yale University

Offshore Migrations: Shelter and Humanitarian Ethics Among Detention Centres in Oceania and Southeast Asia
   Jennifer Ferng, University of Sydney

023 Inter-area/Border Crossing
Rudraksha, Lower Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM

Women and the Contemporary in Asian Art and Performance
   Chaired by Shanti Pillai, California State University

Maya Krishna Rao’s Walk Around the World: The Embodied Politics of Inspiration
   Shanti Pillai, California State University

Talking Duet: Two Women Artists Seeking Mutual Understanding
   SanSan Kwan, University of California

Choreographing the Contemporary: Dai Ailian and the Making of Chinese Dance
   Emily Wilcox, University of Michigan

Femininity as Contemporaneity: Womanifesto and the Connective Potentials of Gender
   Clare Veal, LASALLE College of the Arts

024 South Asia
Maple, Lower Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM

Interrogating Urbanization in India Part II: Life in the City
   Chaired by Radhika Khosla, Centre for Policy Research

Spatial Mobility in Delhi-NCR: Migration and Commuting
   Neelanjan Sircar, Centre for Policy Research

Spanning Boundaries? Exploring Expectations from and Negotiations of Urban Regeneration in Delhi’s Informal Settlements
   Eesha Kunduri, Centre for Policy Research
   Mukta Naik, Centre for Policy Research

Electrifying the National Capital Region
   Radhika Khosla, Centre for Policy Research

Crime and Safety in Delhi-NCR
   Matthew Lilleyhaugen, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Discussant:
   Neelanjan Sircar, Centre for Policy Research
**025 Inter-area/Border Crossing**

**Magnolia, Lower Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM**

**Bridge Boundaries: Culture Phenomena and the Change of Social Life**

Chaired by Wenjuan Jia, Shanghai University

Another Form of “Amusing Us to Death”: Experience, Ideology and the Labor Control in the Production of Variety Shows

Wenjuan Jia, Shanghai University

Transnational Turn of Social Activism of Postwar Japan: Focusing on the Shift of Movement Ideology of Japanese Student Activism from the Late 1960s to the Early 1970s

Ryoko Kosugi, Kyoto University

Lipsticks and Witchcraft: An Anthropological Perspective on the Fever of YSL Lipsticks

Yiran Liu, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

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**026 South Asia**

**Casuarina, Lower Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM**

**Buddhist-Brahmanical Debate**

Chaired by Amit Chaturvedi, University of Hawai‘i

Does Perception Support or Refute the Buddhist Doctrine of Momentariness?

Alex Watson, Ashoka University

Persistence, Object Reidentification, and the Epistemic Role of Attention

Nilanjan Das, New York University Shanghai

The Evolution of Buddhist and Nyāya Views on Non-Conceptual Perception

Amit Chaturvedi, University of Hawai‘i

Māṇḍana Miśra on the Buddha’s Omniscience: A “Dharmakīrtian” Response to Kumārila?

Hugo David, French School of Asian Studies

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**027 Southeast Asia**

**Gulmohar, First Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM**

**Southeast Asia Migration as a Source of Racial Exclusion, Economic Exploitation and Social Stratification**

Chaired by Joyce Liu, National Chiao Tung University

Working Conditions in Thailand’s Agricultural Border Zones

Sudarat Musikawong, Mahidol University

Southeast Asia Migration and the Question of Unequal Citizenship

Joyce Liu, National Chiao Tung University

The Visible and Invisible Subaltern: The Power Struggle of Homeless People’s Cultural Rights Between Radical Alternative Homeless Media and Popular Poor Trip in Taiwan

Yuhui Tay, National Chiao Tung University

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**028 China and Inner Asia**

**Jacaranda I, First Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM**

**Reconsidering Law and Imperialism in China, 1842-1943**

Chaired by Jonathan Carl. Chappell, London School of Economics and Political Science

Undeclared Wars, Paper Blockades and Civilian Spies: The International Laws of War in Treaty Port China, 1884-1895

Jonathan Carl. Chappell, London School of Economics and Political Science

The Unequal Treaties, Christian Communities, and the Production of the Concept of Religion in Late Qing China

Joshua Sooter, New York University

British Consular Jurisdiction in Xinjiang: Deportation and Transnational Legal Connections, 1902-1937

Emily Whewell, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History

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**029 Northeast Asia**

**Willow, First Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM**

**The Mongols Mattered: Cultural, Social, and Commercial Changes During the Mongol Century**

Chaired by Baek Yung Kim, Kwangwoon University

Tents as a Filter of Cultural Transformation: The Imperial Institutions of Art Productions in the Song-Yuan Transition

Yong Cho, Yale University

Sending Ships to China to Finance Monastery Construction: Maritime Trade between the Mongol Empire and the Japanese Archipelago, 1270-1368

Yiwen Li, City University of Hong Kong

Marriage Rules on the Non-Han in Yuan China: Revisiting the Edict of 1340

Wonhee Cho, Academy of Korean Studies

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**030 Northeast Asia**

**Chinar, First Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM**

**State and Space in Modern South Korea: The Developmental State and the Making of High Modernist Seoul, 1960-1990**

Chaired by Baek Yung Kim, Kwangwoon University

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Hyang A Lee, University of Cambridge

The Promised Republic: Seoul and the Making of Modern South Korea, 1961-1979
Russell Burge, Stanford University

Olympic Effect and Gangnamization: Making of the Upper-Middle Class Town in 1980-90s Seoul
Baek Yung Kim, Kwangwoon University

South Asia

Demography and Discontent: Geographic and Census-Based Approaches to Southeast Asian History
Chaired by Douglas Kammen, National University of Singapore

Millenarianism as Avoidance in the Uplands of North Sumatra in the 19th Century
Faizah Zakaria, Yale University

One Size Fits All: The Census Conflation of Race, Religion, and Indigeneity in Colonial Burma
Erin McAuliffe, University of Michigan

Taxation and Demographic Change in Portuguese Timor, 1900-1950
Douglas Kammen, National University of Singapore

Spatial and Demographic Aspects of the Anti-Communist Killings of 1965-66 in Central Java, Indonesia
Siddharth Chandra, Michigan State University

Discussants:
Douglas Kammen, National University of Singapore
Siddharth Chandra, Michigan State University

South Asia

Genealogies of Dravidianism: From Geography to Egalitarianism
Bhakti and Democracy: Ramanujar as the Wedge between Caste and Religion
Rajan Krishnan, Ambedkar University Delhi

From Maratha Marauder to Champion of Social Justice: The Dravidianist invocation of Shivaji
Ravindran Srimachandra, Ashoka University

Reconfiguring the Sacred: Valluvar Kottam as a Public Monument in Chennai
Jayashree Venkatadurai, Avinashilingam Deemed University for Women

South Asia

Waste and Government Policy: Experiences and Evidence from the Ground
Chaired by Harshad Barde, Kagad Kach Patra Kashtakari Panchayat

Creating Demand for Toilets and Fecal Sludge Management Through ‘exposure’: Evidence from Bihar
Aprajita Singh, Population Services International

Fissures between Law and Policy: Reorienting Responsibilities in Urban Waste Management
Harshad Barde, Kagad Kach Patra Kashtakari Panchayat

How Demonetisation Affected Informal Labour: The Unmaking and Remaking of Waste Chains in an Indian City
Kalyan Shankar Vudayagiri, Symbiosis School of Economics

South Asia

Human-Nature Relations in Asia: Contributions to Biodiversity Conservation
Chaired by Ghazala Shahabuddin, University of Pennsylvania

Reclaiming the Grassland for the Cheetah: Science and Nature Conservation in India
Ghazala Shahabuddin, University of Pennsylvania

Rhinoceros, Nature and Politics in Modern Assam: Notes on the Kaziranga National Park
Human-Bird Relations in India: From Hunting to Watching
Ambika Aiyadurai, Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar

Circumventing the Wild Boar: Human Entanglements with an Obligate Opportunist
Meera Anna. Oomen, Dakshin Foundation

South Asia

Opportunities and Obligations in the Indian Ocean (c. 1850-1950)
Chaired by Elizabeth Lhost, University of Wisconsin-Madison

From Desh to Desh: Contractual Commensurability across the Indian Ocean
Hollian Wint, Northwestern University
Social Obligations of the Kachchhi Commercial Firms
Chhaya Goswami, Somaiya College

The Odisha Coastline Along the Bay of Bengal in the Indian Oceanic Exchange of Cholera, c.19th Century
Pallavi Das, University of Delhi

Negotiating Distance, Navigating Law: Forging Trans-regional Religious Networks in and Across the Indian Ocean
Elizabeth Lhost, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Special Roundtable 2**

**Forgotten Genealogies: A History and Theory Roundtable**

**Tamarind, New Building** 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

Moderated by William Pinch and Gary Shaw, History and Theory

Discussants:
Claudine Ang, Yale-NUS
Nonica Datta, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Xupeng Zhang, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

**INFORMATION SESSION**

**Cypress Hall, India Habitat Centre** 4:30 PM-6:00 PM

**Ashoka: Building a Global University in India**

Panelists:
Aparna Vaidik, Associate Professor of History, Ashoka University
George Joseph, Executive Director, the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University
Saikat Majumdar, Professor of English and Creative Writing, Ashoka University
Simantini Ghosh, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Ashoka University
Vanita Shastri, Dean of Global Education & Strategic Programs, Ashoka University
Aaina Singh, Student, Ashoka University

**035 South Asia**

**Amaltas, Lower Ground Floor** 12:10 PM-1:40 PM

‘The Other’ in (emerging) Self-understandings: Representations of Imagined Pasts, Geographies, and Genealogies in Post-war Sri Lanka

Chaired by Elizabeth J. Harris, Birmingham University

Space, Narrative and the Other: A Case Study of Kadurugoda/kantarodai in Sri Lanka
Elizabeth J. Harris, Birmingham University

A Representation of the Imagined Past in Village-Temple Consciousness in Post-War Jaffna, Sri Lanka
Pathmanesan Sanmugeswaran, University of Kentucky

Workers, Worshippers and the Servant of the Temple: Up-Country Tamil Religiosity at Sri Pada/Shivanoli Padam
Premakumara de Silva, University of Colombo

The Multiple Storied Lakegala and the Emerging Imaginations of Alternative Pasts and Genealogies
Deborah Dirkje Cornelia de Koning, Tilburg University

**036 Inter-area/Border Crossing**

**Silveroak I, Ground Floor** 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

Crisis, Circulations and Change: Populating the Margins of the Indian Ocean

Chaired by Seema Alavi, University of Delhi

Unfolding Circulations in the Indian Ocean: Textiles, Weavers and Heritage Between Diu and Mozambique
Pedro Manuel Sobral Pombo, Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar

Slaves, Arms and Political Career in 19th Century Oman
Seema Alavi, University of Delhi

European Diaspora in the Coromandel in the 17th and 18th Centuries
Sonal Mishra, University of Delhi

Europeans and Circulation of Knowledge in the Indian Ocean World (16th - 17th centuries)
Smarika Nawani, University of Delhi

Rhetoric and Reality: Law and Piracy in the Indian Ocean
Lakshmi Subramanian, Centre for the Studies in Social Sciences

**038 South Asia**

**Amaltas, Lower Ground Floor** 12:10 PM-1:40 PM

People’s Struggles Against Injustice: Global Aspects of Local Resistance in South Asia

Chaired by N Chandrasekhar Rao, Institute of Economic Growth

How Insurgent Grassroots Mobilization Deepened the Indian Democracy: Evidence from Telanagana
Rumela Sen, Columbia University

The Micro Economic Roots of Social Movements: Examining Rural and Urban Dalit Movements in Nepal
Richard Bownas, University of Northern Colorado
Silencing the Caste Question in West Bengal  
Maroona Murmu, Jadavpur University

The Representatives We Need: Missing Women in Indian Elected Assemblies  
Gilles Verniers, Ashoka University

039 South Asia  
Kadamba, Lower Ground Floor  12:10 PM-1:40 PM

Making Place for Labour in Asia  
Chaired by Kanchana Ruwanpura, University of Edinburgh

Between the Local and the Global: Organizing in India’s Garment Export Factories  
Madhumita Dutta, Ohio State University

Constructing Reconciliation: The Role of Construction Labourers in Post-War Sri Lanka  
Kanchana Ruwanpura, University of Edinburgh

Who Is a Worker? An Historical Exploration of Debates Around the Legal Definition of a ‘Worker’ in the Indian Context  
Karuna Dietrich, University of Oxford

Workers, Basti Dwellers, Outsiders: Locating the “Non-Bengalis” of West Bengal in the 1950s  
Camille Buat, University of Goettingen

Gathering Together and Fragmenting: Labour Agency and the Inside and Outside of Capital  
Mythri Prasad-Aleyamma, Institute for Human Development

040 South Asia  
Rudraksha, Lower Ground Floor  12:10 PM-1:40 PM

The Northern Bay of Bengal Delta and Inter-Asia Connections  
Chaired by Debojyoti Das, Yale University

Folk Tradition, Delta Ecology and Connected Social History in Littoral Bay of Bengal  
Debojyoti Das, Yale University

Contested Crabs: China’s Appetite and International Conservation  
Megnaa Mehtta, LSE

Chittagong and the Northern Bay of Bengal: Viewing the History of South Asia from the Perspective of Circulation  
Samuel Berthet, Shiv Nadar University

041 South Asia  
Maple, Lower Ground Floor  12:10 PM-1:40 PM

Organising Landscapes as Sinks: Ecosystem Services, Compensation and People  
Chaired by Sarah Benabou, IRD, Paris

Infrastructuring Forests: Floating Discard, Arboreal Sinks and DataScapes  
Pocketful of Forests: Valuation as a Means of Conservation?  
Manju Menon, Centre for Policy Research

Landscapes of Care or Sinks for Carbon: Forests, Trees and Climate Mitigation  
Neera Singh, University of Toronto

Land for Land, Tree for Tree? Legitimizing Deforestation and Green Grabbing in Indian Forests Under the CAMPA Act  
Eva Dogg Davidsdottir, Noragric, NMBU Norway

The Political Ecology of Economic Valuation of Tiger Reserves: Exploring Alternative Perceptions of ‘Value’  
Nitin Rai, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)

Ajit Menon, Madras Institute of Development Studies

042 South Asia  
Magnolia, Lower Ground Floor  12:10 PM-1:40 PM

Reconfiguring Development(s): Evidences from South Asia  
Chaired by Anna Romanowicz, Jagiellonian University

Development as Middle Class Poverty Politics  
Anna Romanowicz, Jagiellonian University

The Predicament of an Entrepreneurial Community. The Failed Struggle for Recognition of a Community in Hampi  
Natalia Bloch, Warsaw University

Development, Civil Society and the State  
Ambuja Kumar Tripathy, University of Delhi

Good Intentions, Good Research and not so Good Developmental Policies  
Rakshat Hooja, Universe of Learning

Discussants:  
Natalia Bloch, Warsaw University  
Ambuja Kumar Tripathy, University of Delhi
043 **South Asia**

*Casuarina, Lower Ground Floor*  **12:10 PM - 1:40 PM**

**Movement, Margins and Identity in India**
Chaired by Sanjeevini Lokhande, *Temple University*

Himalayan Migration and the Rise of Communism in Asia
Swati Chawla, *University of Virginia*

Right-Wing Populism and Violence on Dalits in Gujarat
Saurabh Das, *MICA*

In Search of Citizens in Citizennagar: Narratives of Death and Displacement in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Adil Hossain, *University of Oxford*

Living in a State of Exception—Chitti Singhpora's Sikhs After the 2000 Massacre
Khusdeep Malhotra, *Temple University*

044 **Northeast Asia**

*Gulmohar, First Floor*  **12:10 PM - 1:40 PM**

**Comfort Women and Domestic Politics**
Chaired by Bonnie B. C. Oh, *Georgetown University*

How Did the Backlash Against ‘Comfort Women’ Escalate?
Tomomi Yamaguchi, *Montana State University*

Comfort Women and the Great Divide
Na-Young Lee, *Chung-Ang University*

Benign Negligence: The Philippine Government Policies Toward Comfort Women
M. Evelina Galang, *University of Miami*

Discussant:
Peipei Qiu, *Vassar College*
Sangsook Jeon, *Kwangwoon University*

045 **China and Inner Asia**

*Jacaranda I, First Floor*  **12:10 PM - 1:40 PM**

**Tracing Asia in Motion: The Materiality of Exotica and Associated Identities Across Premodern Eurasia**
Appropriation of Eurasian Motifs in Medieval China: From “Nestorian Cross” to Pseudo-Religious Metal-Plaques
Sau-Wah Ng, *Hong Kong Baptist University*

Foreign Faces: The Mask Wearing Tomb Exorcists in Han Dynasty Sichuan
Xuan Chen, *Palace Museum*

046 **China and Inner Asia**

*Jacaranda II, First Floor*  **12:10 PM - 1:40 PM**

**A Zero-Sum or Win-Win Game: The Motional Competition and Negotiation of Chinese Religions in Sacred Spaces in the Middle and Late Imperial China**
To Compete in a Sacred City: The Transformation and Reconstruction of Religious Space in Hangzhou (960-1276)
Yifeng Xie, *Hu nan University*

From Subject to Dependency: Lin’an(B临安) Buddhism and Capital Regime in the Southern Song Under Power Competition
Feifei Wang, *Hu nan University*

The Special Religious Space Under the Power of the Ming Princes: Interest Interactions in Shaxi Prince Family Shrines
Shuang Lu, *National University of Singapore*

Silence and Fracture: Eminent Monks, Inscriptions and Religious Landscape in Wuxiang South Mountain
Huyu Jiang, *Wuhan University*

047 **Inter-area/Border Crossing**

*Willow, First Floor*  **12:10 PM - 1:40 PM**

**Religion, Art and Sites of Worship: Network Through and Beyond South Asia**
Chaired by Nupur Dasgupta, *Jadavpur University*

The Monks on the Move: Narration of Journeys in the Early Pāli Texts
Preeta Bhattacharya, *University of Calcutta*

Integrating Lives and Spaces: A Study of the Shrines Under the Valkha Kings (c. 357/58-486/87 CE)
Ashish Kumar, *Punjab University*

Integrating Lives and Spaces: A Study of the Shrines Under the Valkha Kings (c. 357/58-486/87 CE)
Sayantani Pal, *University of Calcutta*

Sculptures of Deo-Parvat Temple and Inter-Asian Linkages
Deepi Rekha Kouli, *Directorate of Archaeology, Government of Assam*
The Town of Hajo in Northeast India and Trans Asian Linkages
Paromita Das, Gauhati University

Discussants:
Preeta Bhattacharya, University of Calcutta
Paromita Das, Gauhati University

048 China and Inner Asia
Chinar, First Floor 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

Chaired by Yi Ren, Shanghai JiaoTong University
The Sub-Region Economic Cooperation between China and the Southeast Asian States (2003-2017)
Yi Ren, Shanghai JiaoTong University
China Factor in Post-crisis Mercosur Trade Integration and Manufacturing Competitiveness (2009-2014)
Yue Lin, Autonomous University of Madrid
China's Belt and Road Initiative and U.S. New Silk Road Initiative: Cooperation as well as Competition in Central and South Asia (2014-2017)
Yang Bian, University of International Business and Economics

Discussant:
Yue Lin, Autonomous University of Madrid

049 Inter-area/Border Crossing
Mahogany, First Floor 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

Roundtable Session
Getting Published: Writing a Publishable Manuscript, and Mistakes Authors Make
Chaired by Paul H. Kratoska, National University of Singapore

Discussants:
Jennifer Munger, Association for Asian Studies
Pallavi Narayan, National University of Singapore
Sugata Ghosh, Oxford University Press India

050 South Asia
Juniper, New Building 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

Remembering Queer Death: Interrupting Queer Teleologies in India
The Times of Hansa and Elwina: Journeying with a Past That is Present
Maya Sharma, Vikalp, Women's Group

051 South Asia
Marigold, New Building 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

Media in Motion: Mobile Bodies and Mobile Technologies in South Asia
Chaired by Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa
Dubai Vernaculars: Migratory Aesthetics and Media Mobilities of the Contemporary
Bindu Menon, University of Delhi
Live Concerts, Transnational Routes: Tracing the Radio Voice of the Playback Singer
Shikha Jhingan, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Mobile Phones, Security, and Embodiment in Urban India
Kathryn Zyskowski, University of Washington

Discussant:
Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa

052 Southeast Asia
Silveroak I, Ground Floor 2:40 PM - 4:10 PM

Mediated Movements: The “Hidden Transcripts” of Thai Politics
Chaired by Malinee Khumsupa, Chiang Mai University
Resurrection of Communist Specter by Red Shirt Movement in Thailand through YouTube: The Case of “Red Siam” Led by Former Communists
Katsuyuki Takahashi, Naresuan University
Micro-Counter Spaces and Hidden Transcripts in Authoritarian Thailand
Malinee Khumsupa, Chiang Mai University
The Political Satire: From the Hidden to the Public Transcripts on Media Force of the Thai Radical Red Shirts
Thannapat Jarernpanit, Chiang Mai University
**053 Southeast Asia**

Silveroak II, Ground Floor  2:40 PM - 4:10 PM

The Making of ‘Japanese Culture’ in Indonesia  
Chaired by Susy Ong, University of Indonesia

Japan’s Prewar ‘Cultural Propaganda’ in Indonesia  
Susy Ong, University of Indonesia

The Invention of ‘Japanese Food’ in Contemporary Indonesia  
Hayun Nurdinyah, Universitas Darma Persada

Indonesian Highschool Students Mobilization on Japan’s Matsuri Implementation: A Softcore of a Melting Pot?  
Rahayu Rahman, Independent Scholar

Indonesian and Japanese Fashion Fusion: A Bridge of Cultural Connection or Cultural Appropriation?  
Rizki Hakiki Valentine, Universitas Darma Persada

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**054 Northeast Asia**

Amaltas, Lower Ground Floor  2:40 PM - 4:10 PM

Science and Technology Under the Authoritarian Regimes in Asia  
Chaired by Manyong Moon, Chonbuk National University

The Growth of Biology Under the Korean Authoritarian Regimes  
Manyong Moon, Chonbuk National University

Cold War Atoms for Peace Program and Nation Building in Postcolonial States: Republic of Vietnam and the Quest for Building a Nascent Nation’s Science and Technology  
Vinh-Tran Thai, National University of Singapore

From Authoritarianism to Democracy: Science Policy in a Changeover Period in South Korea  
Hyangsuk Shin, Chonbuk National University

Brain Circulators in the “New Order” Indonesia  
Anto Mohsin, Northwestern University in Qatar

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**055 Northeast Asia**

Kadamba, Lower Ground Floor  2:40 PM - 4:10 PM

Landscape in (E)motion: Memory, Body and Flow of Image in Contemporary East Asia  
Chaired by Bo Wang, School of Visual Arts

Landscape of Imperial War Memories in a Postcolonial City: Hong Kong’s Cenotaph  
Lu Pan, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Territories Intervened: Art and Contested Historic Sites in East Asia  
Hiroki Yamamoto, University of the Arts London

The Re-Appearance of Okinawa in Takamine Go and Yamashiro Chikako’s Moving Image  
Ran Ma, Nagoya University

A Long Between: Cinematic Intervals of Nostalgic Homeland and Extreme Wasteland in Lou Ye’s Love and Bruises  
Austin Hsu, Taipei National University of the Arts

of Haunted Spaces: An Essay Film on Ghost Cities  
Ella Raidel, Art University Linz

Discussant:  
Hongjohn Lin, Taipei National University of the Arts

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**056 China and Inner Asia**

Rudraksha, Lower Ground Floor  2:40 PM - 4:10 PM

Reorienting the Asian Space: Shifting Regimes, Overlapping Regional Orders, and the Remaking of Identities on the Manchurian Borderland, 1905-1949  
Minzhao Wang, University of Tokyo

Constructing Manchurian Identity: The De-Sinicization Tendency in Shengjing Shibao’s Reports During the Escalating Sino-Japanese Conflicts, 1919-1931  
Rui Hua, Harvard University

Emily Matson, University of Virginia

Memorializing Martyrs and Creating Party-State Identity: The 1948 Construction and Legacy of the CCP’s Northeastern Martyrs Memorial Hall in Harbin  
Anran Wang, Cornell University

From Self-Determination to Party-Determination: The Chinese Communist Party’s Approach to Eastern Inner Mongolia, 1945-1949  
Hisaya Oda, Ritsumeikan University

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**057 Inter-area/Border Crossing**

Maple, Lower Ground Floor  2:40 PM - 4:10 PM

Trends and Issues in the International Mobility of Nurses and Care Workers in Asia-Pacific Region  
Chaired by Maria Reinaruth Carlos, Ryukoku University

International Stepwise Migration and Career Pathways of Philippine-Educated Nurses in Asian Destinations  
Maria Reinaruth Carlos, Ryukoku University

Emerging Trends in Nurse Migration from India  
Hisaya Oda, Ritsumeikan University
Migration Factors and Processes of Indian Nurses in Singapore
Yuko Tsujita, Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO)

Nepali Nurses in the Global Healthcare Market
Radha Adhikari, University of Edinburgh

An Economic Analysis of the Migrant Workforce in the Elderly Care Sector in New Zealand: Focus on Asian Caregivers
Arlene Garces-Ozanne, Otago University

Discussant:
Arlene Garces-Ozanne, Otago University

058 China and Inner Asia
Magnolia, Lower Ground Floor  2:40 PM-4:10 PM

Chaired by Wenbin Peng, Yunnan Normal University

Barbarized Subjects: Early Ming Court Policies and the Tibetanization of China's Western Frontier
Xiaobai Hu, University of Pennsylvania

Simei Bian, University of Oslo

Dancing Salangw: Cultural (Re)Localization and Identity Reconstruction in a Post-Disaster Community in the Southwest China
Yue Qiu, Nanjing University

Discussant:
Wenbin Peng, Yunnan Normal University

059 Inter-area/Border Crossing
Casuarina, Lower Ground Floor  2:40 PM-4:10 PM

Asia Learns from the Soviet Union: Central Asia, China and India in the 1930s-1950s
Chaired by Hua-yu Li, Oregon State University

The Oil-Soaked Soviet Roots Undergirding Chinese Xinjiang
Judd Kinzley, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Calcutta to Delhi, via Moscow: The Soviet Union and Indian Planning
Nikhil Menon, University of Notre Dame

Challenging the Big Brother: Sovietization of Chinese Higher Education and its Criticism in the 1950s
Yidi Wu, Saint Mary's College (Indiana)

Discussant:
Hua-yu Li, Oregon State University

060 South Asia
Guillemohar, First Floor  2:40 PM - 4:10 PM

Domesticates of the Empire: Relocating Animal History in Colonial India
Chaired by Saurabh Mishra, University of Sheffield

Domestic Animals as Property: Case of ‘Military Transport Animals’ in Colonial India
Heeral Chhabra, University of Delhi

“Brahmani” Bulls, Desi Cows and the Civil Veterinary Department: More-Than-Human Geographies of Animal Breeding in Colonial North India
Lloyd Price, Cardiff University

Culturing Fisheries: Technoscience Practices in the Madras Presidency
Aarthi Sridhar, University of Amsterdam

Discussant:
Saurabh Mishra, University of Sheffield

061 South Asia
Jacaranda I, First Floor  2:40 PM - 4:10 PM

Fugitive Texts: Alternative Archives and the History of South Asian Religion
Chaired by Ananya Chakravarti, Georgetown University

Toscano’s Vision: Subaltern Religiosity in the Records of the Goan Inquisition
Ananya Chakravarti, Georgetown University

The Disappearance of the Nāth Community’s Avali Silūk and the Kāfir Bodh: Islamic Influence Under Erasure
Christine Marrewa-Karwoski, Columbia University

A Tale of Two Cities: The Independent Catholics in Goa and Colombo in the Late 19th Century
Wei Jiang, Forum Internationale Wissenschaft Bonn

Seeking Unity in the Persianate World. Friedrich Rosen, 1856-1935
Amir Theilhaber, Technical University Berlin

062 South Asia
Jacaranda II, First Floor  2:40 PM - 4:10 PM

Evaluating Labour in Contemporary Asia: Concepts and Contexts
Chaired by Anand P. Krishnan, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi
Understanding informality and precarity in workplace relations: From a China-India Lens
   Anand P. Krishnan, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

Work, Technology and Skills: Exploring the dynamics of the Automobile Industry in the National Capital Region
   Paaritosh Nath, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Hierarchies of Working and Shirking: Anatomy of an Industrial Accident
   Aardra Surendran, Tata Institute of Social Sciences

Technology and its Discontents: Interrogating Technology in environmental Movements
   Gayatri Nair, Tata Institute of Social Sciences

Discussant:
   Aardra Surendran, Tata Institute of Social Sciences

Comparison and Connection: Ritual Practices from China to Central Asia in the First Millennium C.E
   Chaired by Xingming Li, Fudan University

Venerating the Sacred Aboveground: From Gandhāran Relic Chambers to Chinese Flying Pavilions
   Zhu Xu, The University of Hong Kong

Visualization of śarīra: A Reexamination of the Reliefs on a Tang Stone Reliquary found in Lantian
   Wei Yu, Southeast University

Consolidating Power and Engendering Identity: Marriage Practices of the Ruling Class During the Return to Allegiance Army (guijijun) Period in Dunhuang
   Soojung Han, Princeton University

Ossuaries in Kurgan Burials: New Observations on the Burial Rituals in a Frontier Zone in Western Central Asia
   Shujing Wang, New York University

Colonial and Post Colonial Concepts and Policies for Indigenous Communities Land Rights in Asia
   Displacing Gonds of Gondwana: Colonial Policies for Land Rights of Gonds in Central India
   Bina Kumari. Sengar, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University

Women's Right to Property and Property Rights in India: Social reality and challenges
   Madhuri Sharma, Bharati College, University of Delhi

Indigenous Self-determination Rights in Pakistan: a Socio-economic, Legal and Historical Analysis of Kalasha Mountain Tribe's Struggles for Land Rights and Forest Ownership
   Saima Siddiqui, Winnipeg University

Discussant:
   Madhuri Sharma, Bharati College, University of Delhi

Anthropocentrism and Its Discontents: Emergent Ecologies, Embodied Environments and the Challenge of Deep Humanism
   Chaired by Joseph S. Alter, University of Pittsburgh

Nature Cure and Embodied Environmentalism: An Ecological “Remedy” for the Anthropocene and its Discontents
   Joseph S. Alter, University of Pittsburgh

The Anthropocentrism of Social Sciences
   Professor Savyasaachi, Jamia Millia Islamia
Caste, Body and the Nonhuman: Indian ‘Environmental’ Revivalism and its Deep Contradictions
Annu Jalais, National University of Singapore

Gardens for Thought: Exploring the Anthropocene through Urban Nature
Smruti Srinivas, University of California, Davis

Discussants:
Ravina Aggarwal, Columbia Global Centers I Mumbai
Mahesh Rangarajan, Ashoka University

Inter-area/Border Crossing
Amaltas, Lower Ground Floor 2:40 PM - 4:10 PM

Geographies of Partition: Time, Space and Identities in South Asia and Beyond - Part II
Remembrance of Things Past: Negotiating Migrant Identities in West Bengal in the Aftermath of Partition
Aparajita Sengupta, Lady Brabourne College University of Calcutta

The Geography of Partition: Reading Manto’s “Toba Tek Singh”
Nandini Choudhury Sen, University of Delhi

Modulations from the global to the intimate: voices of the Indian diaspora about the partition of the subcontinent
Lía Rodriguez de la Vega, University of Palermo

A Reflection of the Divisiveness of the Partition Among Hindu and Muslim Societies in the Caribbean
Terrance Browne, University of the Southern Caribbean
Chanchal Gayen, University of the Southern Caribbean

Re-conceptualization of “homeland” in Post Partition Era Among the Indo-trinidadians
Susan J. Chand, University of the Southern Caribbean

Inter-area/Border Crossing
Tamarind, New Building 2:40 PM - 4:10 PM

Re-Evaluating the 1950s in China-India History
Chaired by Arunabh Ghosh, Harvard University
Kosambi’s China
Arunabh Ghosh, Harvard University
Blitz and the Construction of the “Hindi-Chini Bhai Bhai” Narrative
Tansen Sen, NYU-Shanghai

From Bollywood to Beijing: Film Exchange and Sino-Indian Cultural Diplomacy
Krista Van Fleit, University of South Carolina

Inter-area/Border Crossing
Silveroak I, Ground Floor 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Roundtable Session
Re-Conceptualizing Asia: Representing Race, Capital and Region
Chaired by Maya Dodd, Flame University

Discussants:
Hyesu Park, Bellevue College
Maya Dodd, Flame University
Kasturi Gupta, Yale University
Rahul Chopra, International Council for Science, India

Inter-area/Border Crossing
Silveroak II, Ground Floor 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Conceptualising Restaurants as a Site for Diaspora Formation
Chaired by Jayati Bhattacharya, National University of Singapore

Food and Diaspora: An Ethnographic Study of Chinese Restaurants in Kolkata
Piya Chakraborty, Shiv Nadar University

Peking Restaurant in Cairo: Cooking Chinese in Twentieth-Century Egypt
Shuang Wen, New York University Abu Dhabi

Commerce, Cuisine, and Culture: Indian Food in the Making of Singapore Identity
Jayati Bhattacharya, National University of Singapore

Inter-area/Border Crossing
Amaltas, Lower Ground Floor 4:30 PM-6:00 PM

Interactions Between India and China
Chaired by Prem Poddar, Roskilde University

The Erhai Regional History of the Pre-Nanzhao Kingdom as the Middle Ground of Chinese-Indian Civilization
Shen Haimei, Yunnan Minzu University

Chinese ‘Characteristics’ in India: A Reading of Foreigner Registration Files 1940s-1960s
Prem Poddar, Roskilde University

Ambivalent States: China and India Conceptualize Each Other
Chris Sinha, Hunan University
**072 China and Inner Asia**

_**Kadamba, Lower Ground Floor** 4:30 PM-6:00 PM_

**Material Matters: (Re)envisioning “China” with the Practice of Art and Architecture**

Chaired by Kelly W.S. Ritter, _University of Virginia_

“monumenting” a Socialist Time and Space: Mao Zedong’s Birthplace in the Memorial Art and Architecture of the 20th Century China

_ Dong Zhe, _University of Virginia_

The City and Its Image: How Visual Culture Reframes and Reimagines 1930s Shanghai

_ Kelly W.S. Ritter, University of Virginia_

A Liao Creation of Space: Bracket Sets Design Method of Yingxian Pagoda

_ Jing Wen, Tongji University Department of Architecture_

Cityscape in Change: Early Shanghai Urbanization and Mapmaking, 1850s-1920s

_ Xi Zhang, University of Chicago_

**073 Southeast Asia**

_**Rudraksha, Lower Ground Floor** 4:30 PM-6:00 PM_

**Contested Chinese-ness of Chinese Religions and Beliefs in Southeast Asia**

Chaired by Yu-Sheng LIN, _Academia Sinica_

Christian Expansion in Borneo and its influence on Chinese immigration (1850s ~ 1950s)

_ Min Kang, Beijing Foreign Studies University_

The Chinese Elements of Datoh Gong Belief in Malaysia

_ Ai Boay Tan, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman_

What Chinese-ness means to the Yiguan Dao Cross-Ethnic Members in Thailand

_ Yu-Sheng LIN, Academia Sinica_

**074 South Asia**

_**Maple, Lower Ground Floor** 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM_

**The Modern School and Its Genealogy: South Asian Stories**

Chaired by Kumkum Roy, _Jawaharlal Nehru University_

Educating the Poor: Colonial Classrooms and Pedagogies in Kerala

_ Divya Kannan, University of Delhi_

Rapidly ‘Improving’ Pathshalas and the Threat to Downward Infiltration of Knowledge in Eastern India, 1854-1882

_ Akash Bhattacharya, Jawaharlal Nehru University_

The New Enterprise of English: Teach For India and New Pedagogical Regimes

_ Vidya K.S, Tata Education and Development Trust_

Rhetorics of Sanitation and School Toilets

_ Smruthi Bala Kannan, Rutgers University_

Discussant:

_ Saikat Maitra, Public Policy and Management, IIM Calcutta_

**075 Southeast Asia**

_**Magnolia, Lower Ground Floor** 4:30 PM-6:00 PM_

**The South China Sea: Historical Claims and Contemporary Securitization**

Chaired by Ulises Granados, _Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México_

The Origins of China’s “Nine-dash line”: A Historical Perspective

_ Eric Hyer, Brigham Young University_

The Sino-Philippine Border in the South China Sea: Scarborough Shoal at the turn of the 20th Century

_ Ulises Granados, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México_

The South China Sea and the Struggle for Regional Order

_ Zenel Garcia, Florida International University_

Discussant:

_ Eric Hyer, Brigham Young University_

**076 South Asia**

_**Casuarina, Lower Ground Floor** 4:30 PM-6:00 PM_

**Frontier Discourses: Geography, Law and State-Building in Colonial India**

Chaired by Suparna Sengupta, _Independent Scholar_

The Internal Frontier in the Colonial Imagination: State-Making, Forest Landscapes and the Dialectics of ‘Opening-Up’

_ Saagar Tewari, O.P. Jindal Global University_

States or Estates? Mineral Rights as a Ground for Debating Sovereignty

_ Sourav Mahanta, Independent Scholar_

Sovereignty over High Seas: Piracy and International Law in the Indian Ocean

_ Suparna Sengupta, Independent Scholar_

Multiple Frontiers: Rethinking 1905 Beyond Bengal
077  Northeast Asia
Gulmohar, First Floor  4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

India in Contemporary Japanese Literature: Myths versus Reality
Chaired by George Pullattu Abraham, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Fukai Kawa: In search of spiritual solace on the scared banks of Ganges in Varanasi
Gita A Keeni, Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan

Post War Asian Politics, New World Order and the Role of India: Reading India in the Works of Hotta Yoshie
Mohammad Moinuddin, Osaka University

Reconstructing Mishima Yukio's Visit to India
Tariq Sheikh, English and Foreign Languages University

Indian Philosophy as Projected in Kitamura Tōkoku's Naibuseimeiron
Arpita Paul, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Image of India in Akugatawa Ryunosuke's Majutsu, Aguni no kami and Tanizaki Junichiro's Hassan kan no yojutsu: A Critical Survey
Pankaj Kumar, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Discussants:
Nabin Kumar Panda, University of Delhi
George Pullattu Abraham, Jawaharlal Nehru University

078  Inter-area/Border Crossing
Jacaranda I, First Floor  4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Asia in Images: Sites, Media, Ideologies
Chaired by Sumathi Ramaswamy, Duke University

Shooting Wars, Circulating Images
Ranu Roychoudhuri, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati

Staging Authenticity: Objects, Images and the Sensory realms of Buddhist Relics
Sraman Mukherjee, Ashoka University

Cartoons and the Hindi Print Culture, c. 1900- c. 1940
Prabhat Kumar, Presidency University

Heritage Networks Between Indonesia and India, the Non-alignment Movement of the 1950s, and Visions of Greater India
Marieke Bloembergen, Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies

Photographic Intermediation: Literature and Cinemas of Kerala
Sujith Parayil, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Discussant:
Sumathi Ramaswamy, Duke University

079  Inter-area/Border Crossing
Jacaranda II, First Floor  4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Construction of Migrants’ Memories: Representing Migration through Written and Visual Narratives.
Chaired by Mara Matta, Sapienza Universita di Roma

Narratives of a ‘Migrant Soul’ under an ‘Iron Moon’: Moving Images of Nomadic Hearts.
Yeshi Choedon, JNU

Cars, Nido Cans, and Lungi: Narrating the Gulf through Photographs.
Mohamed Shafeeq K, Manipal University

080  China and Inner Asia
Willow, First Floor  4:30 PM- 6:00 PM

Islamic Revivalism in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century China
Chaired by Leila Cherif-Chebbi, École des hautes études en sciences sociales

Like the Spokes of a Wheel: Post-Bellum Resettlements and the Transformation of Gansu Muslim Society (1871-1895)
Hannah Theaker, University of Oxford

Binding a Bifurcated World: the Xidaotang and the Transformation of Southwestern Gansu Society, 1914-1943
Jomo Smith, University of Pittsburgh

Islamic Revival and the Legal Category of Custom in Modern China
Aaron Glasserman, Columbia University

Using the Classics for Reform in Early Twentieth-Century Chinese Islam
Tatsuya Nakanishi, Kyoto University

To Perfect the Virtue and Assist the Talent: The Establishment of Chengda Shifan Teachers School and Northern Chinese Muslim Elites’ Quest for Islamic Revival
Wlodzimierz Cieciura, University of Warsaw

Discussants:
Leila Cherif-Chebbi, École des hautes études en sciences sociales
Noriko Unno-Yamazaki, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
**081 Inter-area/Border Crossing**

**Chinar, First Floor 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Networks, Culture, and Localization: Transnational Studies of Communism in China and South East Asia, 1920s-1950s**

Chaired by Alexander Pantsov, *Capital University*

Emotions, Localities and Leadership: the Chinese Youth League in the early 1920s

Shenshi Yi, *The University of Sydney*

Students and their teachers: The Malayan Communist Youth League in the 1930s

Anna Belogurova, *Free University Berlin*


Yi Wang, *Chinese Academy of Social Sciences*

Good Hadji, Bad Hadji: The Representation of Religion in Communist Movement Short Fiction in Early 1950s Indonesia

Stephen Miller, *Charles Darwin University*

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**082 Inter-area/Border Crossing**

**Mahogany, First Floor 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

**The Traveling of Texts and the Areas of Meaning**

Chaired by Tuan Hoang Phong, *Ho Chi Minh City University of Pedagogy*

Sex Representation and Interpretation in Murakami Haruki’s *Norwegian Wood*: from Novel to Film to Reader’s Responses in Vietnam

Minh Thi Nguyen, *Ho Chi Minh City University of Pedagogy*

Tuan Hoang Phong, *Ho Chi Minh City University of Pedagogy*

When Languages Meet: Murakami Haruki and Creation of New Language Style Through Translation

Chie Tokuyama, *University of Oregon*

Stories in Transit: Educational Shifts in Stories from the Jewish Talmud Translated into Japanese and Korean

Aviya Amir, *University of California, Riverside*

Discussant:

Tuan Hoang Phong, *Ho Chi Minh City University of Pedagogy*

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**083 South Asia**

**Tamarind, New Building 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Punjabi Patriarchies: Women In and Out of Punjab**

Chaired by Inderpal Grewal, *Yale University*

Changing Patriarchies in Punjab after 1984: Religion, Identity and Violence

Inderpal Grewal, *Yale University*

A Song, A Novel, A Woman, And Sikh Identity in Late Nineteenth Century Punjab: Vir Singh’s *Sundari* (1898)

Anshu Malhotra, *University of Delhi*

Whom Can a Muslim Woman Represent? Begum Jahanara Shahnawaz and Electoral Politics in Late Colonial India

Ashish Koul, *Yale University*

Transnational Pieties: Race, Gender, and Religion in the U.S. Punjabi Diaspora

Sasha Sabherwal, *Yale University*

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**084 South Asia**

**Cypress, New Building 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Listening in India: Media Geographies**

Chaired by Vebhuti Duggal, *Ambedkar University Delhi*

Transforming Everyday Sounds: The Loudspeaker in India, C. 1925 - 45

Vebhuti Duggal, *Ambedkar University Delhi*

Listening to Cinema on Radio across South Asia

Ravi Kant, *Centre for the Study of Developing Societies*

Auditory Mutations: Community Media (and Sonic Geographies) in Contemporary India

Mehak Sawhney, *SARAI, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies*

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**085 South Asia**

**Marigold, New Building 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Re-Asserting Asian Identities: Global Markets and Local Justice in Human Health in Asia**

Chaired by Kathryn C. Ibata-Arens, *DePaul University*


Kathryn C. Ibata-Arens, *DePaul University*

Healthcare Diplomacy Through Traditional Medicine: The Path Ahead for India?

Sulakshana Sen, *Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts*
Traditional Healthcare Knowledge Systems and National Identity: a Case on Contemporary Nation Building in India
   Shweta Deshpande, Symbiosis International University
   Anita Patankar, Symbiosis International University

Public Health Epidemic and Failure of the State: Collective Psyche and Communitas in India
   Sugandh Gupta, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Politics of Healthcare and the Imperatives for Social Change in India
   Aditya Raj, Indian Institute of Technology Patna

Discussant:
   Sulakshana Sen, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

**Special Roundtable 4**
**Juniper, New Building 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**

Languages and Publishing: An Oxford University Press Roundtable
   Chaired by Rakshanda Jalil, Hindustani Awaaz

Discussants:
   Urvashi Butalia, Kali for Women
   Arunava Sinha, Independent Translator
   Gauhar Raza, Jahangirabad Media Institute

**Saturday, July 7, 2018**

**Special Roundtable 1**
**Tamarind, New Building 8:30 AM-10:00 AM**

Forgotten Geographies: A Journal of Asian Studies Roundtable
   Co-moderated by Jeffrey Wasserstrom, Journal of Asian Studies
   Co-moderated by Vinayak Chaturvedi, Journal of Asian Studies

Discussants:
   Emma J. Teng, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
   Rachel Leow, Cambrige University
   Rian Thum, Loyola University New Orleans
   Sumathi Ramaswamy, Duke University

**086 South Asia**
**Silveroak I, Ground Floor 8:30 AM-10:00 AM**

Contemporary Indian Comics Industry: Circuits of Genre, Gender and Globalized Popular Culture
   Chaired by Mara L. Thacker, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

When Worlds Collide: Comics Culture and Library Culture in India
   Mara L. Thacker, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Indian Super-(em)powered heroine: Female Superbody as an Agent of Change
   Vartikka Kaul, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Comics Dissonance: Queering the Anthology in India
   Jeremy Stoll, Columbus College of Art & Design

**087 South Asia**
**Silveroak II, Ground Floor 8:30 AM-10:00 AM**

Ocean Imaginaries and Cultural Heritage
   Chaired by Himanshu Prabha Ray, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Gendered spatialisation of the ocean: Of kaivartas, vaniks, brahmanas and vidyādharīs in the Kathāsārītṣāgara
   Tara Sheemar, University of Delhi

The Malevolent Sea: Cyclones, Storms and the Sea Voyages in the Bay of Bengal
   Murari Kumar Jha, Nalanda University

Practices of Faith: Coastal Shrines on the Rim of the Indian Ocean
   Salilia Kulshreshtha, Independent Researcher

Bullion, baubles and bowls: Reconstructing networks of exchange in the Indian Ocean
   Uthara Suvarthan, Queens College/Lehman College (CUNY)

Cultural routes and transnational heritage: Nagapattinam in context
   Himanshu Prabha Ray, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Discussant:
   Andrew Bauer, Stanford University

**088 South Asia**
**Amaltas, Lower Ground Floor 8:30 AM-10:00 AM**

Being Pahārī: Caste, Community and Belonging in the Uttarakhand Himalayas
   Chaired by Shekhar Pathak, PAHAR
Gift of Labour: Śramdāna, Communities and Publics in postcolonial Kumaon  
   Bhoomika Joshi, Yale University

A Contested Kumaon? Challenges to Elite Representations of Belonging in Kumaon in the 1920s and 1930s  
   Sanjay Joshi, Northern Arizona University

Producing the ‘Local’: Land, Caste and Custom in Kumaon, 1900-1950  
   Rashmi Pant, University of Delhi

Discussant:  
   Kalyanakrishnan Sivaramakrishnan, Yale University

089 South Asia  
Kadamba, Lower Ground Floor 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Vernacular Literacies in Early Modern and Modern South Asia  
   Chaired by Varuni Bhatia, Azim Premji University

In Imitation of the Ancients: Elite Literacy and Political Imagination in Early Modern Assam, 1714 -1744  
   Samyak Ghosh, Columbia University

The Diaries of a Dhaka Hakim: Urdu and Persian in Eastern Bengal, 1904-1947  
   Andrew Amstutz, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Thinking Politically, Thinking Strategically: The Case of Political Writings in Vernacular and Sanskrit at Banaras in the 18th Century  
   Rabi Prakash, Jawaharlal Nehru University

090 South Asia  
Rudraksha, Lower Ground Floor 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

The Mainstream and the Margins: How Traditions and Ideas Migrate Between Periphery and Center  
   Chaired by Iva Patel, University of Iowa

Kali Kankali Shrine in Kachargadh: A Study of a Revived Folk Deity  
   Mayuri Patankar, University of Delhi

Following the Nala-Damayantī story from the Sanskrit Nalopākhyāna to the Gujarati Dhirajākhyān  
   Iva Patel, University of Iowa

Contemplative Theory and Traxis Tmong Tibetan Buddhist Female Ascetics in South India: A Study of Consciousness and Embodiment  
   Naomi Worth, University of Virginia

A Gathering of Gods and Goddesses: Influences and Transformations  
   Hemchandra Nameirakpam, Ambedkar University Delhi

091 Inter-area/Border Crossing  
Maple, Lower Ground Floor 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Coping with Monsoon in China and India in the 19th and the 20th Century: Exploring a New Regional History Using a Database and Spatial Analysis  
   Chaired by Sushila Narsimhan, University of Delhi

Reconsidering the Disasters of Western India in the 1870’s from a Climate Perspective  
   Michihiro Ogawa, Kanazawa University

Impacts of 1931 Yangzi River Flood on Chinese Economy from the Perspective of the Grain Market  
   Tomoko Shiroyama, The University of Tokyo

Tan Xueheng’s (1871-1919) Unfinished Conservancy Project to Control the Water System of the Pearl River Delta in Early Republican China  
   Ka-chai Tam, Hong Kong Baptist University

Discussants:  
   R. B. Singh, University of Delhi
   MD Senaul Haque, University of Delhi

092 South Asia  
Magnolia, Lower Ground Floor 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Of Disputes and Dialogues: Non-state Actors and the Maintenance of Peace and Order in India  
   Chaired by Kalindi Kokal, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Between Ordinary Modes of Maintaining Peace and Exceptional Collective Violence: Muslim Riot Victims’ Accounts in the Relief Camps of Muzaffarnagar  
   Catherine Larouche, University of Gottingen/University of Toronto

Reinventing the Boundary: Customary and State Forest Management as a Product of Land Disputes Between Van Gujjar Forest Dwellers in Saharanpur and Dehradun Districts  
   Pierre-Alexandre Paquet, McGill University

Subtly but Surely: The Impacts of State Law in Non-state Dispute Processing in India.  
   Kalindi Kokal, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Discussant:  
   Kalindi Kokal, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
**093 Inter-area/Border Crossing**

*Casuarina, Lower Ground Floor  8:30 AM-10:00 AM*

**Crafting Identities, Crafting Devotion**  
Chaired by Darcie M. Price-Wallace, *Northwestern University*

Build A Bridge to Benefit Beings: Pilgrimage, Trade, and Labour in the Life Stories of Tangtong Gyalpo  
Annie Heckman, *University of Toronto*

The Image of Hajji: Representation of Cultural Self, Pauper Pilgrim and Sacred Geography in the Hajj Narratives of Malabar  
Muhammed Riyaz Chenganakkattill, *Indian Institute of Technology Delhi*

One or Two Lakṣmīkarā-s: Gelongma Palmo and the Mahāsiddha  
Darcie M. Price-Wallace, *Northwestern University*

Spell-Casters and Siddhas: The Burmese Buddhist Wizard-Saint and its Historical Antecedents  
Thomas N. Patton, *City University of Hong Kong*

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**094 Northeast Asia**

*Gulmohar, First Floor  8:30 AM-10:00 AM*

**Other Asianisms: Defining Asia in the Twentieth Century**  
Chaired by Craig A. Smith, *Australian National University*

The Asiatic Society of Shanghai: Sino-Indian Intellectual Cooperation in the Interwar Period  
Craig A. Smith, *Australian National University*

Re-defining Asia from within: Civil Society and the Pan-Asian Conferences of 1926 and 1927  
Torsten Weber, *Deutschen Institut für Japanische Studien*

Historians Reconsider the Power Dynamics of North and South China: The Influence of the War of Resistance on Historical Thought  
Hotta Yoshie: Critiquing Colonialism and Nationalism  
Brij Tankha, *University of Delhi*

Mobility, Modernization Ideology, and the Reinvention of ‘Asia’ in 1980s and 1990s China  
Els van Dongen, *Nanyang Technological University*

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**095 Northeast Asia**

*Jacaranda I, First Floor  8:30 AM-10:00 AM*

**Mining Grassroots Archives: The Japanese Experience**  
Chaired by Dhiraj Kumar Nite, *Ambedkar University Delhi*

From coal miner’s wife to historical actor: The personal archive of Matsuo Keiko  
Chelsea Szendi SCHIEDER, *Meiji University*

Excavating memories through HTML: The internet and the personal archive of Maekawa Toshiyuki  
Takashi Miyamoto, *The University of Tokyo*

Making Available Local Industrial History and Memories: The Archiving Process During a Coal Mining Closure in Kushiro  
Naoko Shimazaki, *Waseda University*

Occupational Disease Recognition Process in Modern and Contemporary Japan and Mining Archives  
Bernard Thomann, *Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales*

Discussant:  
Dhiraj Kumar Nite, *Ambedkar University Delhi*

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**096 China and Inner Asia**

*Jacaranda II, First Floor  8:30 AM-10:00 AM*

Chaired by Peng Deng, *High Point University*

From 1951 to 1958: the Impetus for Agricultural Collectivization - Investigating Social mobilization from the Perspective of State-Society Relations  
Xiaohong Zhou, *Nanjing University*

Disciplining the Old-Styled Men: From Land Reform to Thought Reform  
Yuan Lu, *Nanjing University*

The Making of Seeing: Meaning Production and Social Practice in Newspaper Reading Groups (1951-1956)  
Haiyan Zhou, *Nanjing University*

Individual’s Rational Choice under Mandatory Policy: Motivation of the “Old Three Classes” for Going to Rural China  
Jie Shen, *Nanjing University of Science and Technology*

Discussant:  
Hong Zhu, *Nanjing University*
**097 South Asia**

_Willow, First Floor  8:30 AM-10:00 AM_

**Heredity, Taxonomy, and Notions of “The Gene” from Ayurveda to AyurGenomics**

Chaired by Martha Ann Selby, _University of Texas, Austin_

The Cipher of the Gene: Narratives of Sex Determination, Winning, and Heredity in Early Sanskrit Medical Literature

Martha Ann Selby, _University of Texas, Austin_

Musalmani: Genes, Souls, and Congenital Circumcision

Projit Bihari Mukharji, _University of Pennsylvania_

DNA, Race, and the Andaman Islanders

Subhadeepa Ray, _Tezpur University_

Naming the Body Multiple: Biomedicine, Genetics, and Sexual Identity in the Lives of CAH Patients

Mathangi Krishnamurthy, _Indian Institute of Technology Madras_

AyurGenomics and P4 Medicine: Prakriti as Phenotype and the Creolisation of Tridosha

Harish Naraindias, _Jawaharlal Nehru University_


**098 Inter-area/Border Crossing**

_Chinar, First Floor  8:30 AM - 10:00 AM_

**Flows and Frontiers I: Geography of Networks and Economy of Mobility in Asia**

Chaired by Pinkaew Laungaramsri, _Chiang Mai University_

China's Rise and the Transformation of Southeast Asian Borderland

Pinkaew Laungaramsri, _Chiang Mai University_

From Localized Exchange to International Trade Across Himalaya: The Historical Transformation of Commercial Exchange in Yunnan-Burma-India Borderland

Zhisheng Zhou, _Yunnan Normal University_


Cansong Li, _Yunnan Normal University_

Governing City Dreams: Hope and Uncertainty in Translocal Tamangs Migration

Isha Gharti, _Chiang Mai University_

"Nation work": Construction of Chinese National Identity by International Chinese Teachers

Jiangyu Li, _Chiang Mai University_

Discussant:

Claire Thi-Liên Tran, _The Institute of Research on Contemporary Southeast Asia_


**099 China and Inner Asia**

_Mahogany, First Floor  8:30 AM - 10:00 AM_

**Cartographic Practices in Qing China**

Chaired by Mario Cams, _University of Macau_

Generals, Literati, and Friends of the Jesuits: Mapping the Philosophines in 17th and 18th century China

Eike Papelitzky, _Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich_

A Study on the Manchu Manuscript Text Man-Han Huangyu Shanhe Diming Kao

Songjie Gu, _Minzu University of China_

Xinjiang and Beyond: Revisions of the Qing Imperial Atlas during the Qianlong Years

Mario Cams, _University of Macau_


**100 Inter-area/Border Crossing**

_Juniper, New Building  8:30 AM - 10:00 AM_

**Alternative Memories, Alternative Facts: Case Studies from China and Japan**

Chaired by Sean D. O'Reilly, _Akita International University_

Alternative Histories: Resisting Traditional Opera's Interpretation of Historical Knowledge in 1930s Sichuan

Igor Chabrowski, _Chinese University of Hong Kong_

A theoretical analysis of the Red Cross Society of China and 'alternative facts' in the Mao Era

Bingling Wei, _University of Adelaide_

Alternative Memories in Political Movements: Chinese Women and Families in the films To Live and Coming Home

Xuening Hong, _University of Buffalo_

Alternative Facts: Sobering Lessons from Wartime Japan

Sean D. O'Reilly, _Akita International University_


**101 Inter-area/Border Crossing**

_Marigold, New Building  8:30 AM-10:00 AM_

**Life Politics in Postcolonial Asia: Memories and Movements from the Margins**

Chaired by Anjana Raghavan, _Sheffield Hallam University_

Remembering and Forgetting Reproductive Labour in Transnational East Asian Heritage Campaigns

Mark Pendleton, _University of Sheffield_

Prayers to Kall: Practicing Radical Numinosity

Anjana Raghavan, _Sheffield Hallam University_

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Pavithra Prasad, California State University; Northridge

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Silveroak I, Ground Floor 10:20 AM -11:50 AM

InterAsian Spaces of Affinity/Spaces of Conflict
Chaired by Jatin Dua, University of Michigan
Navigating the Bab-el-mandeb: Risk and Opportunity in the Red Sea
Jatin Dua, University of Michigan
Shifting Meanings of China’s Belt and Road Initiative: The Case of Kenya
Ross Anthony, Stellenbosch University
Casino Urbanisms: Networks of Profit and the Architectural Fix
Kah-Wee Lee, National University of Singapore

103 Inter-area/Border Crossing
Silveroak II, Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM

Border Practices and the Making of Transnationals
Chaired by Malavika Kasturi, University of Toronto
Between Camps and Community: Women, Rebels and Border Crossings
Rakhee Kalita Moral, Cotton University
Cartography of Self-assertion: Rethinking Relationship Among Transborder Peoples in the Indo-Burma Borderlands
Pum khan Pau, Vishwa Bharati University
Tibetan Refugees, Blurred Citizenship and Transnational Lives
Swargajyoti Gohain, Ashoka University
Ethnic Identity Formation and the Northeast
Editor, Imphal Free Press
Discussant:
Malavika Kasturi, University of Toronto

104 Inter-area/Border Crossing
Amaltas, Lower Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM

Genealogies of Women and Power in Asia
Chaired by Kathleen (Kathy) Uno, Temple University
Agents of Capital: Widowed Matriarchs in the Transition to Colonial Rule in Eighteenth-Century North India
Rochisha Narayan, University of Cincinnati

Lineages of Change: Gender and Power Relations in Late Colonial India
Rohit Kumar, Banaras Hindu University
Genealogies of Power and Gender: Inscribing Buddhist Monasticism Then and Now.
Nirmala Salgado, Religion Dept., Augustana College
Querying Women and Power in Premodern Japan
Kathleen (Kathy) Uno, Temple University
Partners in Power: Explorations in Women and Politics in Japan
Ranjana Sheel, Banaras Hindu University

105 Inter-area/Border Crossing
Kadamba, Lower Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM

Land Acquisitions in China and India: Protest, Repression, Inclusive and Sustainable Development
Chaired by Preeti Sampat, Ambedkar University Delhi
Land Acquisition, Rural Protests, and the Local State in China and India
Xuefei Ren, Michigan State University
“Thugs-for-Hire” and Repression in State-led Urbanization in China
Lynette H. Ong, University of Toronto
Reinforced Compulsory Development: An Aspect of Land Acquisition in India and China
Yinghong Huang, Sun Yat-Sen University
Land Resource Management in India - Issues Involved
Nilachal Ray, Government of India
Discussant:
Preeti Sampat, Ambedkar University Delhi

106 Inter-area/Border Crossing
Rudraksha, Lower Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM

Clay Pots, Culture and Heritage
Chaired by Heidi J. Miller, Middlesex Community College
Clay Pots from Archaeological Context: A Tall Tale
Amrita Sarkar, Deccan College Postgraduate and Research Institute
Uncover the Technique of Traditional Pottery Making by Using Japanese Method
Dilruba Sharmin, University of Dhaka
An Analysis of Pottery from the Brahmaputra Valley (7th-15th Centuries CE)
Preetee Sharma, Cotton University
Ceramics and Disposal of the Dead; A Study of Burials at Chandayan
Disha Ahluwalia, Independent Scholar
Sanjay Manjul, Archaeological Survey of India
Arvin Manjul, Independent Scholar

Preserving Cultural Heritage in the Age of Globalization: A Portrait of Japanese Setomono
Siti Daulah Khoiriati, Universitas Gadjah Mada

Discussant:
Heidi J. Miller, Middlesex Community College

107 South Asia
Maple, Lower Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM

Genealogy/ies of Geographies: Imageries, Negotiations and Representations
Chaired by Meena Bhargava, University of Delhi

Genealogy/ies of geographies: Cultural-hegemonic to counter/complimentary narratives
Mayank Kumar, University of Delhi

Imaging Geography in the Making of a Folk Cult in Rajasthan, India
Rajshree Dhali, University of Delhi

Non conformist geographies: Social perceptions and community
Prateek C., Jwaharlal Nehru University

Discussant:
Meena Bhargava, University of Delhi

108 South Asia
Magnolia, Lower Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM

Things Through Time: Writing Mumbai’s History and Urbanism
Chaired by George Jose, NMIMS Mumbai

Chemical and Cartographic Transformations of a Dumping Ground
Chitra Venkataramani, National University of Singapore

Precarious Ride-sharing: Quotidian Commutes in the Periphery
George Jose, NMIMS Mumbai

Double Dekho (See Doubleness)
Prasad Khanolkar, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati

A Curse Called the Ulhasnagar Model? Incrementality and Citizen Research in a Jeans Cluster
Rohit Majumdar, SCARP UBC

Of Flyovers and Muslim Mohallas: Mapping the Political Horizons of Bombay
Sarover Zaidi, O.P. Jindal Global University

109 South Asia
Casuarina, Lower Ground Floor 10:20 AM-11:50 AM

Building Bridges: Inter-Canonical Criticism of South Asian Literature
Chaired by Fauzia Farooqui, Princeton University

Lost Between Canons: Urdu Feminist Poetry from India
Fauzia Farooqui, Princeton University

Inter-Canonical Connections in the Urdu Marsiyah
Peter Knapczyk, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

How Not To Write the History of Literatures in Hindi and Urdu?
Shad Naved, Ambedkar University Delhi

110 Northeast Asia
Gulmohar, First Floor 10:20 AM - 11:50 AM

Gender and Tradition in South Korean Popular Culture
Chaired by Barbara Wall, University of Copenhagen

Tradition as Hindrance or Shortcut to Success? - Multi-layered References to Traditional Literary Narratives in the Romantic Comedies “The Legend of the Blue Sea” (2016) and “Goblin” (2016-2017)
Barbara Wall, University of Copenhagen

From traditional to modern: The forms, themes, and circulation of extended novels in late 19th-century and early 20th-century Korea
Uliana Kobyakova, Keimyung University

William Dunkel, University of California; Irvine

Discussant:
Kwang Woo Noh, Korea University

111 China and Inner Asia
Jacaranda I, First Floor 10:20 AM - 11:50 AM

Tracing the Evidence in Time and Space: The Travels of Transcultural Imagery in Medieval China and Asia (4th - 12th Centuries)
Chaired by Chiao-Hui Tu, Leiden University
Mapping Tang China and the World through Pictorial Screens in the Nara Period Japan (710-794)
Yizhou Wang, University of Heidelberg

Musical Instruments as Travelers - Musical Imagery from Central Asia to Medieval China in the 4th century
Duo Xu, Hamburg University

Dragon Motif Transfer in the 12th century Khmer Empire
Chiao-Hui Tu, Leiden University

The Development of the Ornaments on Ceramics from Northern Qi to Tang China
Chun-I Lin, SOAS, University of London

Discussants:
Yongge Wang, Xinjiang Arts University
Xiaowei Liu, Shanxi Xizhou Normal University

Japanese Buddhists and Indian Buddhism: Buddhist Pilgrims, Tourists, Monks and Scholars in the Transnational Interactions Between India and Japan
Chaired by Ranjana Mukhopadhyaya, University of Delhi

The Bodhgaya Restoration Movement of Anagarika Dharmapala and Japanese Buddhists
Masahiko Togawa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS)

Pilgrimage: Shikoku Pilgrimage in Japan and Pilgrimage to Varanasi in India
Sato Ryojun, Taisha University

Japanese Encounter with Buddhism in India and Tibet and the Buddhist Conceptualization of Asia
M. N. Rajesh, University of Hyderabad

Re-Creating “Tenjiku” (Buddhaland): Imaginations of India in the Trans-Nationalism and Pacificism of Japanese Buddhism
Ranjana Mukhopadhyaya, University of Delhi

Ancient Migration of Ethnic Groups in the Adjoining Area of Burma-India-Tibet-Yunnan
Yan-ming Lin, Yunnan Academy of Social Science

Dynamic Mechanism of Tibeto-Burman Ethnic Groups’ Cultural Space Diffusion in China-Burma-India Region
Peishen Li, Yunnan University

Displaced “Karen-ness”: Rebuilding Karen Nationalist Consciousness in Exile
Chung-chi Chao, National Chi Nan University

Thailand-Myanmar Frontier Economic Development and Ethnic Security
Kwanchewan Buadaeng, Chiang Mai University

Discussant:
Claire Thi-Liên Tran, The Institute of Research on Contemporary Southeast Asia

Japanese Buddhists and Indian Buddhism: Buddhist Pilgrims, Tourists, Monks and Scholars in the Transnational Interactions Between India and Japan
Chaired by Ranjana Mukhopadhyaya, University of Delhi

Finding ‘Home’ Through Art: Japan’s Lost War and Creative Lives
Chaired by Haruko Taya. Cook, William Paterson University

Yoshida Hiroshi Captures India and the World in Woodblock Prints
Anu Jindal, Purple Streak Center for Arts

Imagining Asia in a World at War: Miyamoto Saburō
Theodore F. Cook, William Paterson University

Finding Fulfillment in War: The “Homecoming” of Fujita Tsuguharu (aka Léonard Foujita)
Haruko Taya. Cook, William Paterson University

Contesting Muslim Sovereignties in North India
Between the Muslim League and the INC: Maulana Habib-ur-Rehman Ludhianvi, Majlis-i-Ahrar, and Muslim-Indian Nationalism
Maaz Bin. Bilal, O. P. Jindal Global University

Remaking Nation and Recasting Language: Urdu-Hindi Debate in North India 1947-1970
Saumya Saxena, Law Commission of India

The Pre-History of Shah Bano: Personal Law and the Muslim Citizen in Post-Independence India
Aishwarya Pandit, Jindal Global Law School
**116 South Asia**

**Juniper, New Building**  
10:20 AM - 11:50 AM

**The Textual Lives of the People: Crowds and Communities in the Post-Partition Literature of East Bengal**  
Chaired by Sandipto Dasgupta, Ashoka University

- When Humans Transform into the People: On the Figure of the Insurrectionary People in Twentieth-Century South Asian Political Thought  
  Nazmul Sultan, University of Chicago
- The Mind, the Modern and the Puthi: The Problem of Bengali Muslim Literary Historiography 1964-1981  
  Thomas Newbold, University of Chicago
- Where the Street Meets the Text: Crowds as Catharsis in Bangladeshi Literature  
  Nusrat Sabina Chowdhury, Amherst College

Discussant: Sandipto Dasgupta, Ashoka University

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**Cypress, New Building**  
10:20 AM - 11:50 AM

**Complicating Visions: Examining Religious Discourses and Their Publics in Gujarat Through Architecture, Geography, History, and Politics**  
Chaired by John E. Cort, Denison University

- The Politics of the Guru-sphere in Gujarat  
  Mona G. Mehta, Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar
- Discursive Tremors in the Time of Reconstruction: Making Sense of Swaminarayan Village Rebuilding Projects and their Publics and Counterpublics  
  Hanna H. Kim, Adelphi University
- Beyond Shastra: Reconsidering the Stylistic Origins of BAPS Temple Architecture  
  Ankur V. Desai, The Ohio State University
- Hidden in Plain Sight: The Digambar Jains in Gujarati History  
  John E. Cort, Denison University

Discussant: Howard Spodek, Temple University

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**Marigold, New Building**  
10:20 AM - 11:50 AM

**Time Before ‘Time’ : Alternative Temporalities from Premodern South Asia**  
Chaired by Shonaleeka Kaul, Jawaharlal Nehru University

- On Rasa and Recursivity: Ethics and Aesthetics of Time in Sanskrit Poetics (alamkāraśāstra)  
  Shonaleeka Kaul, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- The Guru and the Mantra: Transcending Time in the Philosophy and Practice of Yoga  
  Tarinee Awasthi, Cornell University
- (Un)doing space and time: ‘Doing’ the Rāmacaritmānas  
  Aditya Chaturvedi, Nalanda University
- Legendary Nonsense: The Keralolpathi and Notions of Time in 17th C. Kerala  
  Dilip Menon, University of the Witwatersrand

**Special Roundtable 3**

**Tamarind, New Building**  
12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

**Shifting Genealogies and Geographies of Fieldwork: An AAS Presidents’ Roundtable**  
Chaired by Anne Feldhaus, Arizona State University

Discussants:  
- Katherine A. Bowie, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Laurel Kendall, American Museum of Natural History
- Queeny Pradhan, GGS Indraprastha University
- Manoranjan Mohanty, University of Delhi

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**Silveroak I, Ground Floor**  
12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

**Sharif Intermediaries and Muslim Intellectual History in South Asia**  
Chaired by Salman Abbas, Aligarh Muslim University

- A Cosmopolitan Chronicler and a Non-cosmopolitan King? Some Reflections on Musta‘īd Khan’s Heroic Deeds of Aurangzeb Alamgir  
  Tilmann Kulke, Ilia State University
- Mapping Modernity: Sir Syed and the Sources of Tradition  
  Danish Iqbal, Aligarh Muslim University
- “I Do Not Consider Myself a Poet”: Revisiting Muhammad Iqbal's Muslim-ness Through His Letters  
  Irfanullah Farooqi, Aligarh Muslim University

Discussants:  
- Salman Abbas, Aligarh Muslim University
- Nida Sajid, University of Amsterdam
120 South Asia
Silveroak II, Ground Floor 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

Retrieving the 1950s as a Transitional Moment in India’s Foreign and Domestic Policy
Chaired by Jean-Thomas Martelli, King’s College London
Soldiers and Statesmen: Defence, Decolonisation and the State in India, 1940-1960
Vipul Dutta, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
Re-imagining Indian Citizenship in a Postcolonial Context: Debates and Negotiations During and After the Commonwealth Negotiations (1947-1950s)
Raphaelle Khan, German Institute for Global and Area Studies
Jean-Thomas Martelli, King’s College London
Tracing Pre-Independence Origins of Indian Foreign Policy
Sanjhi Rai, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Penal Practices, Coercion and the State Negotiation of Youth in Northern India During the “Long 1950s”
Tom Wilkinson, London School of Economics

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Amaltas, Lower Ground Floor 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

Multi-layered Transformation in Modern East Asia from City to State to Empire, 1860s-1930s
Business Community and Urban Politics in Late 19th Century Tokyo
Maho Ikeda, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
Geographical Motions and the Formation of ‘Diplomacy’: Rethinking China and Japan’s Transformation of Foreign Relations in the 1860s-70s
Isami Sawai, London School of Economics and Political Science
Genetics and the Imperial Order: Selective Breeding of Rubber in British Malaya and Rice in Japanese Taiwan
Leow Wei Yi, National University of Singapore

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Kadamba, Lower Ground Floor 12:10 PM-1:40 PM

Trans-Asian and Transformed: “Boys Love” Media, Its Creators, and Its Fandoms in East, Southeast, and South Asia
Chaired by James Welker, Kanagawa University
Loving Boys Love in South Asia: A (Mostly) Internet Romance
Lakshmi Menon, HHMSPB NSS College for Women
Homoromancing the Three Kingdoms: Dynasty Warriors Game-Based BL Dōjinshi in Japan, China, and Taiwan
Asako Saito, University of Melbourne
(Re)Shaping BL in Singapore: Mediating between State and Market
Aerin Lai, Ochanomizu University
Discussant:
James Welker, Kanagawa University

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Rudraksha, Lower Ground Floor 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

The Method of InterAsia
Chaired by Seteney Shami, Social Science Research Council
Discussants:
Seteney Shami, Social Science Research Council
Prasenjit Duara, Duke University
Engseng Ho, National University of Singapore
Srirupa Roy, University of Göttingen

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Maple, Lower Ground Floor 12:10 PM-1:40 PM

System, Form and Objects of Migration: Re-defining the Tropes of Colonial Indian Mobility in the Indian Ocean and Beyond
Chaired by Madhvi Jha, University of Delhi
Ephemeral Mobility: Analysing the Maistry System of Indian Migration to Burma (c. 1880-1940)
Ritesh Kumar Jaiswal, Harvard/University of Delhi
Asians beyond Asia: The Recruitment of Indentured Labourers for Plantation Economy c. 1834-1910
Madhvi Jha, University of Delhi
How to Constitute a Gendered Reading of the Kala Pani?
Nilufer Akalin, State University of New York (SUNY) Binghamton

125 Inter-area/Border Crossing
Magnolia, Lower Ground Floor 12:10 PM-1:40 PM

Women in Distress: Examples from the Ottoman and Mughal/post-Mughal Settings
Chaired by Suraiya Nadira Faroqui, Ibn Haldun University
Female Petitioning, Sexual Violence and Legal Reforms in the Ottoman Empire, 1840s-1850s
Basak Tug, Istanbul Bilgi University

Women, Violence and the Mughal State
Shadab Bano, Aligarh Muslim University

Ottoman Women Authors and What their Texts Disclose: the Pains and Pleasures of Writing
Emine Dogan, Ibn Haldun University

Late 18th-century Depictions of Women in Distress
Tülay Artan, Sabanci University

Bequeathing Unto My Faithful Friend: Race, Sexuality and Law in Early Colonial Bengal
Ruchika Sharma, University of Delhi

Discussant:
Harbans Mukhia, Jawaharlal Nehru University

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Casuarina, Lower Ground Floor 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

Dynamics of Religious Diversity in Globalized Korea
Chaired by Kyuhoon Cho, Seoul National University

Developmental Mission: The Transregionalization of Korean Protestantism in Asia
Kyuhoon Cho, Seoul National University

The Ongoing Dynamics of Immigration: The Impact of Culture, Politics, and Faith for Korean American Catholics
Simon C. Kim, University of Holy Cross

Migrant Religious Place-Making: The Economic, Social and Political Aspects of Making Sri Lankan Buddhist Temples in South Korea by the Sri Lankan Migrant Workers
Sanjeewani Habarakada, Seoul National University

International Propagation of Won Buddhism in Asia
SungSoon Kim, Korea National University of Cultural Heritage

South Korea’s Response to Islamic Economy: Is It Possible to Have Access to Islamic Market without Being Influenced by Islam?
Jihyouk Lee, Dong-A University

Discussant:
Simon C. Kim, University of Holy Cross

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Gulmohar, First Floor 12:10 PM-1:40 PM

Print, Poetry, and Imagining Publics in British India
Chaired by Megan E. Robb, University of Pennsylvania

Encountering the World through Print: the Newspapers of Mohamed Ali Jauhar
Faridah Zaman, University of Chicago

Print and the Urdu Public: Small Town Newspapers in British India
Megan E. Robb, University of Pennsylvania

Moving Between the Ummah and the Qaum: Muslim Political Identity in North India in the 19th Century
Mohammad A. A. Khan, Ashoka University

128 South Asia
Jacaranda I, First Floor 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

Advertising and the History of Twentieth-Century South Asia
Chaired by Douglas E. Haynes, Dartmouth College

Prithwijiraj Biswas, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira

Creating the Modern Family in Maharashtra: Advertisements in Stree, 1930-1950
Shruti Tambe, Savitribai Phule Pune University

The Paradox of Indian Advertising: State Socialism and the Expansion of Professional Advertising Agencies in India, 1950-1980
Douglas E. Haynes, Dartmouth College

Fetishising the Clean Body: The Female Consumer in Indian Advertisement, 1970-1990
Shaheen S. Ahmed, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Situating Advertising Film in Post-Independence India: Tracking Short Film-Making Practice
Ravi S. Vasudevan, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies

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Jacaranda II, First Floor 12:10 PM - 1:40 PM

Secular Religiosity and Religious Secularity: Rethinking the Indian Agency in the Shaping of Modernity
Chaired by Kana Tomizawa (Kitazawa), University of Shizuoka

The Usage of “Spirituality” and “Secularism” and their Development in Modern India
Kana Tomizawa (Kitazawa), University of Shizuoka

Secular Religiosity in Colonial India: Gandhi’s Experiments with the Body Politic
Eijiro Hazama, The University of Tokyo

Alternative Modernity and Religio-Political Philosophy of Gandhi
Raghuramaraju Adluru, Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati
Cyberspaces In/of India  
Chaired by Rukmini Pande, O.P. Jindal Global University

Brave New World? The Possibilities and Pitfalls of New Media Activism in India  
Rukmini Pande, O.P. Jindal Global University

One Step Backward: Rumour and the Whatsapp Forward in Post-Truth India  
Swati Moitra, Gurudas College, University of Calcutta

Reinventing The News Cycle: Making Mobile Journalism Viable for Diversity  
Kajori Sen, O.P. Jindal Global University

Uncensored and Proud: Examining Altbalaji’s Mainstreaming of Queerness in Digital Spaces  
Samira Nadkarni, Independent Scholar

Temples, Mountains, and Stones: Locating and Relocating Daoism in the History of Imperial China  
Chaired by Junfu Wong, University of London

Mount Kongtong on the Run: A Case Study of the “Kongtong Incident” during Emperor Wu of Han’s Reign  
Nengjun Zhou, Fudan University

Sacred Geography: The Development of Daoism in the Region of Mount Wangwu  
Teng Li, University of Macau

Practicing Scriptures by Physical Forms: Lay Interpretation of Daoist Theology and Philosophy on Stelae in Northern Dynasties China  
Junfu Wong, University of London

A Southern Revival in the North: The Myth of the Longmen “Orthodox” Lineage in Qing China  
Yue Wang, University of Alberta

Mobilizing Asia: Cultural and Political Migration, Imagination, and Identity in the Real and the Virtual

Being Who? Production of “Overlapping” Transnational Asian Images in Chinese TV Drama  
Xi Chen, South China University of Technology

A Girlhood in Taiwan under Japanese Rule: Yang Qianhe and Her Age  
Maya Hamada, Kobe University

Symphony of Time and Space: The Representation of Traditional China and Chinese Tradition in Tan Dun’s New Production of Peony Pavilion  
Dandad Chen, Farmingdale State College

Referencing Asia: Representations, Imaginations, and Illusions of Asia  
Chaired by Darlene Machell De Leon Espena, Nanyang Technological University

Screening Southeast Asia: Films and Politics during the Cold War  
Darlene Machell De Leon Espena, Nanyang Technological University

Representing China in Confucius Institutes: Notes from the Field  
Sirui Ma, Nanyang Technological University

A Genealogy of Sino-Mongolian Ecology: From Dragon Descendants to Wolf Totem  
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