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OUR 25th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH ASIA
Center for South Asia
University of Wisconsin-Madison

The first Conference on South Asia of which we have any record took place on a Saturday in 1971, when a number of South Asia faculty met in Madison with a group of Wisconsin high school teachers to discuss the teachers' need for South Asia classroom materials. The Conference was repeated with a similar format during the next two years.

Then in 1974 the Conference added a few academic panels with formal papers and discussants. In 1975, reflecting one of the outreach activities of Wisconsin's South Asia Center, the conference was held on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh under the title "Wisconsin Conference on South Asia." About one hundred people attended that Conference. However, the logistics of holding a conference someplace other than Madison proved so overwhelming that from 1976 on the Conference has been a Madison event.

Titled the "Annual Conference on South Asia," the Conference was held for many years during the first weekend in November -- a weekend rarely in conflict with other academic conferences, but a weekend frequently marked by Wisconsin's first snow. In 1995, in an effort to avoid the snow, the conference was shifted to the third week in October. It snowed anyway.

Over the years Wisconsin's Annual Conference on South Asia has grown in size and the range of countries and geographical regions from which the participants have come; the excitement and number of panels (this year we have over 70); and the variety of accompanying association meetings and planning sessions.

We are glad you are here. Welcome to our 25th Annual Conference!

The Twenty Fifth Annual Conference on South Asia

October 17, 18, 19, 20, 1996

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Schedule of Events

Sunday, October 13

12:30 p.m. Tibetan-Buddhist Sand Mandala
Construction and Rituals Begin,
Elvehjem Museum of Art

Thursday, October 17

9:00-11:00 a.m. Panel Session
11:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Lunch Break
1:15-3:00 p.m. Panel Sessions
3:15-5:00 p.m. Plenary Session, Wisconsin Center,
Lake Shore Room

Friday, October 18

8:30 a.m. Registration, Lowell Hall, Main Lounge
9:00-11:00 a.m. Panel Sessions
11:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Lunch Break
1:15-3:00 p.m. Panel Sessions
3:15-5:00 p.m. Panel Sessions
5:00-6:00 p.m. Social Hour, Lowell Hall, Main Lounge
Area, Cash Bar
6:00-7:00 p.m. All Conference Dinner, Lowell Hall,
Dining Room
7:00-7:45 p.m. Keynote Address
8:30 p.m. Friday Evening Special Event

Saturday, October 19

8:00 a.m. Registration, Lowell Hall, Main Lounge
8:15-10:00 a.m. Panel Sessions
10:15-Noon Panel Sessions
Noon-1:15 p.m. All Conference Luncheon, Lowell Hall
Dining Room
1:15-3:00 p.m. Panel Sessions
3:15-5:00 p.m. Panel Sessions
5:00-6:00 p.m. Social Hour, Lowell Hall, Main Lounge
Area, Cash Bar

Please check page 5 for Saturday Evening Events

Sunday, October 20

7:45 a.m. Social Hour, Lowell Hall, Main
Lounge, Coffee, tea, donuts
8:15-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Special Event
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Panel Sessions
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Tibetan-Buddhist Sand Mandala Final
Rituals and Destruction

Conference Information

Please Note: A copy of the program book is provided with each paid registration. Remember to bring it with you to the Conference - replacement programs are \$5.00.

Conference Registration: All participants and attendees are expected to register, including students.

The pre-registration rate for panelists is \$55 (\$20 for students). The same rate applies to participants who register in advance before September 1. Registration rates after that date and at the door are \$60 for regular registration and \$25 for students. Conference materials are available at the registration desk in the main lounge area of Lowell Hall.

Abstracts: "Abstracts of Papers Presented at the 25th Annual Conference on South Asia" is available for \$7.00 in the Conference Office, 115 Lowell Hall.

Panels are presented in both Lowell Hall and the Wisconsin Center. For panels scheduled in the Wisconsin Center be sure to check the monitor in the lobby to confirm locations.

The Conference Office is Room 115 Lowell Hall . The office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. On Sunday.

A message board is available near the registration desk at Lowell Hall throughout the Conference.

A note on All-Conference meals: Tickets for the All-Conference Dinner and Lunch were available with pre-registration. **This is the last year that a small supply will also be on sale**, on a first-come, first-served basis, on Friday morning in the Conference Office. If you have a pre-purchased ticket but decided not attend, we regret we are unable to exchange or sell your tickets for you. You may use the message board in the main lobby for that purpose.

Shuttle service is provided between the Friederick Center, Quality Inn South and Lowell Hall at key times. Check the Conference Office at Lowell Hall or the main desk at the Friederick Center or Quality Inn South for departure times.

Audio-Visual equipment problems should be reported immediately to the Conference Office at Lowell Hall or the main desk at the Wisconsin Center.

Video-tapes from a variety of sources are available for viewing in rooms 116 and 117 Lowell Hall for the duration of the Conference. They may be checked out at the Conference Office, 115 Lowell Hall.

The Center for South Asia is located at 226 Ingraham Hall, Observatory Drive, Madison, WI, 53706. Our email address is sasianctr@macc.wisc.edu. Telephone inquiries can be made to 608/262-4884, or faxes can be sent to 608/265-3062.

Saturday Evening Events:

Strategy Session for Human Rights Organizing

Moderator: Rekha Balu, India Alert

6:00 p.m., 227 Wisconsin Center

Dialogue with the Author: Meena Alexander

Moderator: Roshni Rustomji-Kerns

6:00-7:30 p.m., 118 Lowell Hall

Nepal Studies Association

6:30-8:00 p.m., B1A Lowell Hall

American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies Annual Meeting

7:00 p.m., Lower Lounge Lowell Hall

Sunday, October 13 to Sunday, October 20
Central Court of the Elvehjem Museum of Art

Tibetan-Buddhist Sand Mandala Construction and Rituals

The Term *mandala* has many meanings. In Tibetan Buddhism it can refer to any diagram used in meditation. The diagram may include figures of deities, bodhisattvas, or the Buddha himself, or it may represent the residence of deities, the universe, or reality.

On Sunday, October 13, in the central court of the University of Wisconsin Elvehjem Museum of Art, Tibetan monks of the Sera Je Monastery in India began carefully constructing a three-dimensional *mandala* using yellow, white, red, black, and green sand.

Visitors to the museum can view the construction of the sand *mandala* throughout the week.

On Sunday morning, October 20 between 11:15 and 11:45 a.m. visitors are invited to observe the final ceremonies and the destruction of the *mandala* -- a reminder of life's impermanence.

Thursday, October 17
9:00-11:00

118 Lowell Hall

The Iconography of Newar Buddhism (session 1 of 3)

Chair: John C Huntington, Ohio State University

Defining the Goddess of the Hills: Sacred Space of
 Vajrayogini at Sankhu, Nepal

Kim Masteller, Ohio State University

An Iconographic Analysis of the Shrine Facade at Uku
 Bahal

Trevel Balser, Ohio State University

Dharmadhatu Mandala Iconography at Kwa Baha

Dina Bangdel, Ohio State University

Thursday, October 17
11:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Lunch
 (On your own)

Thursday, October 17

1:15-3:00

Lower Lounge Lowell Hall

Aspects of Socio-Political Complexity in the Early Historic Period (session 1 of 2)

Chair: Monica L Smith, University of Michigan

Beyond Descriptive Types: Some Possible Social Implications of South Indian Megalithic Cemeteries

Robert P Brubaker, University of Michigan

Sociopolitical and Economic Systems of the South Indian Iron Age: A Case Study From Bellary and Raichur Districts (Karnataka)

Jennifer Lundal, University of Chicago

Tamil Literature and Terra Sigillata: Indo-Roman Trade From the Perspective of the Sangam Kingdoms

Jane Baxter, University of Michigan

Predicting Patterns of Interaction Between Forest Hunter-Gatherers and the State

Julie P Solometo, University of Michigan

118 Lowell Hall

The Iconography of Newar Buddhism (session 2 of 3)

Musya Bahal and Kwa Bahal in Kathmandu

Natalie Marsh, Ohio State University

Chusya Bahal

Sonal Patel, Ohio State University

The Goddess Kumari: Structural Hints of Religious Identity

Janice M Glowski, Ohio State University

A Preliminary Comparison of Zoroastrian Fire Practices and Buddhist Homa Rituals

Ann Shinkovich-Simoni, Ohio State University

Thursday, October 17

3:15-5:00

Lower Lounge Lowell Hall

Aspects of Socio-Political Complexity in the Early Historic Period (session 2 of 2)

Dynasties and Domiciles: An Analysis of Domestic Architecture at Taxila

Lynn Rainville, University of Michigan

Archaeological Settlements of "Time Immemorial"

Ann Cunningham, University of Chicago

Early Historic and Early Modern: Reconstructing Ancient Economic Landscapes from 19th-Century Documents

Monica L Smith, University of Michigan

Presentation and Ritual in Early Buddhist Stupas

Lars Fogelin, University of Michigan

118 Lowell Hall

The Iconography of Newar Buddhism (session 3 of 3)

Seto Macchendranath

Tom Suchan, Ohio State University

Minnath and the Cult of Avalokitesvara

Anu Vedagiri, Ohio State University

Rato Macchendranath

Chaya Chandrasekhar, Ohio State University

Buddhist Iconography in Licchavi Sculpture

John C Huntington, Ohio State University

Discussant: Gautama V Vajracharya , University of Wisconsin-Madison

Friday, October 18
8:30 a.m.
Main Lounge Lowell Hall

Registration Begins

Friday, October 18
9:00-11:00

313 Wisconsin Center

**Organizing and Identity 1: Genealogies of South Asian Politics
in North America**

Chair: Biju Mathew, Rider University

The Internal as the External: Geocultural Resentment and
the Resistance to Multiculturalism

Mohammed Muqtedar Khan, Georgetown
University

From Aryan to Caucasian: The Transnational Emergence of
an European Myth

Vijay Prashad, Trinity College
Partitions in South Asian Politics of the Diaspora
Kaushik Ghosh, Princeton University

Friday, October 18

9:00-11:00

314 Wisconsin Center

Agrarian Change and Environmental Conflict in India

Chair: Vinay Gidwani, University of California-Berkeley

Elements for a Dialectical Theory of Agrarian and
Ecological Change

Vinay Gidwani, University of California-Berkeley
Agrarian Change and the Shifting Locus of Governance in
the Forest-Field Mosaic of Southwest Bengal, 1880s-1920s

K Sivaramakrishnan, Yale University
Famine in the Landscape: Imagining Hunger in South
Indian History, 1860-1947

Darren C Zook, University of California-Berkeley
Mistaken Rights: The Effects of Colonial Redefinitions of
Property in Kangra on Resource Use, Access and Control

Mark Baker, University of North Carolina-
Asheville

Discussant: Arun Agrawal, Indiana University

Friday, October 18

9:00-11:00

B1A Lowell Hall

Dimensions of the Commons in Civil Society

Chair: R Thomas Rosin, Sonoma State University

Claiming Common Property in the Mountains and in the
Deserts: The Experience of Intermediate Level
Organizations in India

Carol Henderson, Columbia University

In Western Rajasthan Contested Landscapes: Beyond the
Common Property Narrative

Paul Robbins , Clark University

The Street as Public Commons

R Thomas Rosin, Sonoma State University

Toxic Politics: A Political Ecology of Occupational
Hazards and Urban Industrial Risk: The Case of the
Chemical Industry

S Ravi Rajan, Cornell University

Discussant: Ann Grodzins Gold, Syracuse University

Friday, October 18

9:00-11:00

109 Wisconsin Center

Contemporary Pakistan: Retrospect and Prospect

Chair: Charles H Kennedy, Wake Forest University

The Military after Withdrawal from Power

Hasan-Askari Rizvi, Columbia University

Democracy and Islamization in Pakistan

Charles H Kennedy, Wake Forest University

**The State, Intellectual Development, and Economic
Performance in Pakistan**

Nadeem-ul-Haq, International Monetary Fund

Pakistan's Role in the Changing International System

Syed Rifaat Hussain, Embassy of Pakistan

Discussant: Mustapha Kamal Pasha, American University

Friday, October 18
9:00-11:00

138 Wisconsin Center

**Mediated Modernities: South Asian Cultures in an Era of
Electronic Capitalism**

Chair: Mark Liechty, University of California-Santa
Barbara

Peripheral Visions: Mediated Modernity in Kathmandu,
Nepal

Mark Liechty, University of California-Santa
Barbara

Mediating Modernity: Feminist Ethnography and Cultural
Studies of Television Viewing in India

Purnima Mankekar, Stanford University

Graveyard Culture: The Semiotics of Musical Nationalism
and the Semiotics of (Sinhala) Conscience

Anne Sheeran, University of Washington

Tradition/Modernity/Identity: The 'New Woman' in Indian
Television Commercials in the 1990's

Shoma Munshi, International Institute for Asian
Studies

Discussant: R Radhakrishnan, University of Massachusetts-
Amherst

Friday, October 18
9:00-11:00

212 Wisconsin Center

Identity, Power, and History: New Perspectives in Colonial Studies

Chair: Vazira Zamindar, University of Michigan

Colonial Governance and Racialized Subjectivities

Rama Mantena, University of Michigan

A Race in the Making: The Anti-Racist Utopian Fantasies
of Anglo-Indians in Pre-Independence India

Brian Mooney, University of Michigan

Charles Boxer as Archive: Intellectuals, Hegemony and the
State

Pamila Gupta, University of Michigan

Of Conversion and Contract: Mennonites and Converts in
Dhamtari, CP

Parna Sengupta, University of Michigan

Discussant: Vazira Zamindar, University of Michigan

Friday, October 18

9:00-11:00

Lower Lounge Lowell Hall

Fruits of Desire: Food, Power and Sexuality in Folklore and Literature of India

Chair: Robert Goldman, University of California-Berkeley

Soul Food: Eating, Conception, and Gender in the Literature of Premodern India

Sally J Sutherland Goldman, University of California-Berkeley

Dining out at Lake Pampa

Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa

"It's a Boy": Transcending Taboos and Food Cravings

Usha Nilsson, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ravana's Kitchen: A Testimony of Desire and Other

Robert Goldman, University of California-Berkeley

Discussant: V Narayana Rao, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Friday, October 18

9:00-11:00

118 Lowell Hall

**Distance and Open Learning in India: Democracy's Challenge
and Education's Response**

Chair: R V R Chandrasekhara Rao, The Commonwealth of
Learning

Open and Distance Learning: A Paradigm in Flux

Christine Olgren, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Open Learning - Human Resource Development - Open
Learning Interface in India

R V R Chandrasekhara Rao, The Commonwealth of
Learning

Social-Psychological Implications of Open Learning:
Coping with Rising Expectations

B Taramanohar Rao, Ferris State University

Technology Imperatives and Educational Development

Abdul W Khan, The Commonwealth of Learning

Discussant: Lawrence M Hanson, Ferris State University

Friday, October 18

9:00-11:00

226 Wisconsin Center

Elite Power: Trends, Concepts, and Institutions in India and Nepal

Chair: Ashwini Tambe, American University

Educational Institutions and Social Fracturing: English Medium Schools in India

Richa Nagar and David Faust, University of Colorado

Whose *India Today*? -- An Analysis of the Magazine's Projection of Urban India to its International Readers

Ashwini Tambe, American University

Dynamics of Political Space in Nepal

Seira Tamang, American University

Emerging Markets, Emerging Others: Fragmented Images of the South

Christina Melhorn Landi, American University

Friday, October 17

11:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Lunch

(On your own)

Friday, October 18

1:15-3:00

B1A Lowell Hall

Changing Configurations of the Nation and the Religious Community

Chair: John Roosa, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Production of "India": Territorial Nativism and Nationalist Discourse, 1858-1880

Manu Goswami, University of Chicago

From "Composite" to "Pure" Nationalism in Hyderabad: 1880-1948

John Roosa, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Limits of Indian Nationalism in the Caribbean

Sara Abraham, University of Wisconsin-Madison

212 Wisconsin Center

Writers Reading Fiction, Poetry, Memoir (session 1 of 2)

Chair: Saleem Peeradina, Seina Heights College

Novel-in-Progress

Kirin Narayan, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Poems and a Story

Chitra Divakaruni, Foothill College

Non-Fiction

Neila Seshachari, Weber State University

Memoir

Saleem Peeradina, Seina Heights College

Friday, October 18

1:15-3:00

313 Wisconsin Center

Organizing and Identity II: Current Sites of South Asian Politics

Chair: Vijay Prashad, Trinity College

In Ayodhya's Wake: Organizing Whom and How?

Mir Ali Hussain and Maya Yagnik, University of
Massachusetts at Amherst

Pathways of Transnational Capital: Thinking South Asian
in a Neo-Liberal World

Radhika Lal, New School for Social Research

Deploying History/Subverting Nationalism: Notes on South
Asian Politics in the Metropolis

Biju Mathew, Rider University

314 Wisconsin Center

Contested Identities in Space and Time

Native Space and the Questions of Identity: Calcutta in the
19th Century

Monolina Bhattacharyya, University of Minnesota-
Minneapolis

Tamil Nationalism and Siddha Alchemy in 1901 and 1975

Gary J Hausman, Columbia University

Muharram Rituals and Communal Identity among the Shi'a
Population of Leh Township, Ladakh

David Pinault, Loyola University

True Patriots - Justifying Autonomy for Ladakh

Martijn van Beek, Aarhus University

Friday, October 18

1:15-3:00

226 Wisconsin Center

India-West Africa Trade Links

Chair: Joanne B Eicher, University of Minnesota

A History of Indian Madras Manufacture and Trade: Dual
Use and Shifting Patterns of Exchange

Sandra L Evenson, University of Idaho

Gold Embroidered Velvets: Cultural Aesthetic Connections
Between Indian Embroiderer's Frame and West African
Dressed Body

Hazel A Lutz, University of Minnesota

Contemporary Production of Real Madras Handkerchief in
South India

Barbara Sumberg, University of Minnesota

Discussant: Joanne B Eicher, University of Minnesota

Friday, October 18

1:15-3:00

Lower Lounge Lowell Hall

South Asia Media in North America

Chair: Ashakant Nimbark, Dowling College

South Asian Weekly: Why? How? What?

Veena Merchant, *India Abroad*

Imagining a Nation on the Web: A Case of India

Anand Mitra, Wake Forest University

South Asian TV Programs

Ashakant Nimbark, Dowling College

Discussant: Joseph Elder, University of Wisconsin-Madison

118 Lowell Hall

Time, Space and Regeneration for the Living, the Dead and the In-betweens

Chair: David Knipe, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Locating Siddha-loka in Indian Cosmologies

David G White, University of California-Santa Barbara

Dead Men Walking: The Anomalous Undead in the Kathmandu Valley of Nepal

Liz Wilson, Miami University

Goddess Gauri's Heaven: A Case of Andhra Brahman Ritual Acquiescence to Folklore

David Knipe, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Gerald J Larson, Indiana University

Friday, October 18
1:15-3:00

138 Wisconsin Center
Madhva and Dvaita-Vedanta

Chair: James L Fitzgerald , University of Tennessee

A Sectarian Approach to the Rgvedic Mantras - An
 Analysis of Dvaitin Exegetical Technique

Valerie Stoker, University of Pennsylvania

"After What?" - Vyasatirtha's Arguments Regarding
 Eligibility and Theological Inquiry

Deepak Sarma, University of Chicago

Is Krishna Seen or Not? Madhva's View on a Passage in the
Bhagavadgita

Robert Zydenbos, Independent Scholar

Discussant: Robert Zydenbos, Independent Scholar

Friday, October 18

1:15-3:00

109 Wisconsin Center

New Directions in Pakistan Studies

Chair: Marvin Weinbaum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Pakistan at the Crossroads: Globalization, Civil Society and Identity Construction

Mustapha Kamal Pasha, American University

Pakistan: Changing Power Configurations in Civil Society

Anita Weiss, University of Oregon

Culture, Personality and State-Society Dynamics in

Pakistan: Prospects of Realignment

Tayyab Mahmud, Cleveland State University

Discussant: Marvin Weinbaum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Friday, October 18

3:15-5:00 p.m.

Lake Shore Room Wisconsin Center

Plenary Session:

**South Asian Scholarship During Fifty Years of India's
Independence: Some Selected Fields**

The American Institute of Indian Studies is currently preparing a volume *"to identify ways in which, during the past fifty years, scholars, by working with data and systems of conceptualization and articulation in India, have been led to reconsider Western-based theories, classification schemes, disciplines, and methodologies for organizing knowledge."*

During this plenary session, authors of some of the volume's chapters will describe how their fields of knowledge have been affected and sometimes re-shaped by scholarship in India during the past fifty years.



Friday, October 18

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Main Lounge Area Lowell Hall

**Social Hour
(No host bar)**

Friday, October 18
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Lowell Hall Dining Room

All Conference Dinner

Pre-purchased dinner tickets only. Please display your dinner ticket near your coffee cup at your place setting. Tickets will be collected as dinner is served. Wine service is available upon request.

Welcome and introductory remarks by
Mark Kenoyer
Conference Chair



Friday, October 18
7:00-7:45 p.m.
Lowell Hall Dining Room
The Center for South Asia presents:

a special invited lecture by
Asko Parpola
Department of Asian and African Studies
Helsinki, Finland
Deciphering the Indus Script:
Methods and Select Interpretations

Everyone Welcome

Friday, October 18
8:30 p.m.
Wisconsin Union Theater

Wildlife, Tamed Mind: The Spirit of Tibet

Wildlife, Tamed Mind: The Spirit of Tibet is a multi-media event performed by the Tibetan lamas of Sera Je Monastery in India.

The first act of *Wildlife, Tamed Mind* introduces the audience to the landscape and history of Tibet through dramatic stories, images and sacred dances.

The second act introduces the audience to the basic ideas and practices of Tibetan Buddhism. *The Wheel of Life* illustrates the Buddhist conception of rebirth, and the jagged bones of the Skeleton Dance remind us of our own mortality and the importance of making life meaningful.

The program concludes with a blessing of good health and longevity for the audience, and a special message from the Dalai Lama on the meaning of life

Tickets for the *Wildlife, Tamed Mind: The Spirit of Tibet*, are available at the conference office at a special price of \$8.00 for conference attenders. Tickets will be \$12.00 at the door.

Saturday, October 19
8:00 a.m.
Main Lounge Lowell Hall

Registration Begins

Saturday, October 19
8:15-10:00

Auditorium Wisconsin Center

Roundtable: "Pictures" of India: The Problems of Visual Evidence in the Study of South Asia

Chair: Mary Beth Heston, College of Charleston

Janice Leoshko, University of Texas at Austin

John E Cort, Denison University

Phillip Wagoner, Wesleyan University

118 Lowell Hall

Missing Figures in the Indian Kaleidoscope

Audiences at Play with Hindi-Film Reversals

Steve Derne, SUNY-Geneseo

"Afghani Sikhs": Interrogating Notions of the Sikh Diaspora

Carol C Fair and Gurdit Singh, University of Chicago and Harvard University

Saturday, October 19

8:15-10:00

215 Wisconsin Center

Other Work: Metropolitan Representations of Himalayan Labourers

Chair: Kenneth I MacDonald, University of Toronto

Serving Sahibs with Pony and Pen: The Discursive Uses of "Native Authenticity"

David Butz and Kenneth I MacDonald, Brock

University and University of Toronto

Keep the Home Fires Burning: Colonial and Postcolonial Representations of Reproductive Labor in the Himalayas

Katheryn Besio, University of Hawaii-Manoa

Talking About Monks: Discourses of Tradition and Productivity

Peter Moran, University of Washington

Commercial Portage in the Middle Hills of Eastern Nepal

Nancy J Malville, University of Colorado-Boulder

Saturday, October 19

8:15-10:00

Lower Lounge Lowell Hall

States of Representation: Post-Colonial India and the Construction of the National/Global Citizen

Chair: Jenny Springer, University of Chicago

"Jews" or "Germans"?: Displacement, Representation and the Language of Diaspora in the 1947 Partition of Bengal

Gautam Ghosh, University of Chicago

Producing the Consumer Citizen: Struggles Over Higher Education in Contemporary Kerala

Ritty Lukose, University of Chicago

(Un)Yielding Policies, Developing Alternatives: The Conscription of "Choice" in Tamil Nadu

Jenny Springer, University of Chicago

Discussant: John Kelly, University of Chicago

314 Wisconsin Center

South Asian Cultures in the United States

Immigrant Muslims in the American Political Process: Making Muslim Voices Heard in the 1996 Elections

Humaira Afzal, University of Michigan-Dearborn

"South Asians in America" Oral History Project

Vaswati R Sinha, Lafayette College

"Guru Guru, Off the Wall, Who is Pure and Who Will Fall?": The Hare Krishna's Guru Dilemma

Mariam Mekhala Abu-Lughod, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Saturday, October 19

8:15-10:00

316 Wisconsin Center

Ritual, Robes and Kingly Ceremony

Chair: Robert E Frykenberg, University of Wisconsin-Madison

From Bukhara to Delhi: The Transmission of Kingly Pomp and Circumstance

Gavin R G Hambly, University of Texas at Dallas
The Social Architecture of Imperial Ceremony: Mughal Shahjahanabad and Safavid Isfahan

Stephen P Blake, St. Olaf College
Integration of the *Khilat* Ceremony into Hindu Courts, 1600-1800

Stewart Gordon, Independent Scholar

Discussant: Gregory C Kozlowski, DePaul University

B1A Lowell Hall

**Women and Work: Changing Ideologies of Gender and Class
(session 1 of 2)**

Chair: Sara Dickey, Bowdoin College

Refugee Women and the Re-Working of Gender and Class in Postcolonial West Bengal

Nilanjana Chatterjee, Queens College, CUNY
"They Exploit Us": Indian Women's Construction of Class Images Through Domestic Service

Sara Dickey, Bowdoin College
Migration to the Middle East: Status Markers and Social Change in a Sri Lankan Village

Michele Gamburd, Portland State University

Saturday, October 19

8:15-10:00

227 Wisconsin Center

Masculinity, Masculine Worlds, and the Military

Chair: Pradeep Dhillon, University of Illinois

This Sex Which Has Not Won: Reflections on Masculinity
and Gender Studies in Colonial India

Mrinalini Sinha, Boston College

Unravelling Female Safety Nets: Punjabi Masculinity and
Colonial Responses

Veena Oldenburg, Baruch College (CUNY)

Two Masculine Worlds: The Army Cantonment and Jaipur
Rajput Male Society

DeWitt Ellinwood, University at Albany (SUNY)

Saturday, October 19
8:15-10:00

109 Wisconsin Center

**Rituals, Myths and Ideological Half-Truths: Re-Reading
 Indian "Bodies" of Knowledge**

Chair: Jana Evans Braziel, University of Massachusetts-
 Amherst

Real Boundaries, Imagined Transcendence: The Indian
 Elections as an Epistemological Challenge to the Discourse
 of Globalization

Raza A Mir, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
 Screening Politics: Subverted Voices in Indian Popular
 Cinema: The Legacy Continues

Rini Bhattacharya, University of Illinois at Urbana-
 Champaign

"WOW": Bodily Inscriptions and Nomadic Subjectivities in
Sammy and Rosie Get Laid

Jana Evans Braziel, University of Massachusetts-
 Amherst

The Reproduction of the Home(land) in the Indian
 Diaspora

Marian Aguiar, University of Massachusetts-
 Amherst

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Story, Shastra, Ritual, and Hindu Traditions of Hospitality

Chair: Vidyut Aklujkar, University of British Columbia

Queer Guests and Gracious Hosts

Vidyut Aklujkar, University of British Columbia

The Neglected Guest: When an Ancestor Haunts You

Daniel J Cohen, University of Virginia

The Substitute Guests: Feeding Brahmans for Ancestors

Signe Jansen, University of Oslo/University of
Pennsylvania

Stories about Gurus: Narrative as Hospitality in Sringeri

Leela Prasad, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Mahadev L Apte, Duke University

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138 Wisconsin Center

**Violence and the Vision of the *Bhagavad Gita*: Interpretation
and Modern Application**

Chair: Paul Mundschenk, Western Illinois University

The *Gita's* Vision of Acceptable Violence: When, Where,
and How?

Paul Mundschenk, Western Illinois University

Non-violence and the *Bhagavad Gita* in the 21st Century

Arthur L Herman, University of Wisconsin-Stevens
Point

The Paradox of Violence and Non-Violence in the
Bhagavad-Gita

Wendell Charles Beane, University of Wisconsin-
Oshkosh

Discussant: Ishwar Harris, College of Wooster

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Globalization, State and Social Justice in India

(session 1 of 2)

Chair: Smitu Kothari, Princeton University

Internationalizing Environmental Treaties: Justice and Governance

Ronald J Herring, Cornell University

Transnationalization of Indian Agriculture: New Direction for Indian Feminists

Meera Nanda, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Sisterhood is Global? Globalization and the Women's Movement in India

Manisha Desai, Hobart and Smith Colleges

226 Wisconsin Center

Political, Economic, and Cultural Geographical Patterns in South Asia

Chair: P P Karan, University of Kentucky-Lexington

Sovereignty of a Small State: The Case of Bhutan

Robert H Stoddard, University of Nebraska

Economic Liberalization Policies and Foreign Direct Investments in India

Suzanne M Peters and Jayati Ghosh, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Fertility Transition in India -- A Myth or Reality?

K V Rao, Bowling Green State University

Formal and Informal Trade Between Bangladesh and India

Farida C Khan, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Saturday, October 19

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138 Wisconsin Center

Reading the Records: From Archives to Popular Cultures

Re-reading the Archive: Vernacular Newspaper Reports
and "Native" Agency

Sanjay Joshi, Northern Arizona University

Woman and Hindu "Non-Violence"

Nalini Natarajan, University of Puerto Rico

Recent Studies of Popular Culture in India: An Assessment
of the New Climate for Media Studies

Radhika Parameswaran, University of Iowa

Terrorism and Media: Dilemmas for Democracies

Prabhjot Paul Singh, Freelance Social Scientist

118 Lowell Hall

**"Embedded" Ecologies: Stories of Grain, Soil, and Cosmos in
India**

Chair: Vijaya Nagarajan, University of California-Berkeley

Grain Stories from the Rajasthani Field(s)

Ann Gold, Syracuse University

Ritual Pollution: "Embedded Ecologies" of Cowdung,
Water and Soil in Rice Paintings

Vijaya R Nagarajan, University of California-
Berkeley

Cosmos in a Teacup

Michael Meister, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Mark Baker, University of California-Berkeley

Saturday, October 19
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313 Wisconsin Center

Globalization, State and Social Justice in India
(session 2 of 2)

Developmentalist State, Ethnoecological Movements and
Globalization

Pramod Parajuli, Syracuse University

Are Globalization and Ecological Justice Compatible?:

What Do the Movements for Social Justice Say?

Smitu Kothari, Princeton University

227 Wisconsin Center

Global Capital and Regional Issues

Chair: Nanda R Shrestha, Florida A & M University

The Road to Development? Motor Roads as Vehicles of
Capitalist Expansion

John Metz, Northern Kentucky University

In Search of Paradise in Hell: A Saga of New Lahures from
Nepal

Nanda R Shrestha, Florida A & M University

Saturday, October 19
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314 Wisconsin Center

Development in India: Ideologies and Observations

Transforming India's Rivers, Transforming India: Meghnad Saha, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Damodar River, 1930-1956

Daniel Klingensmith, University of Chicago

Development and Recalcitrant Potters in Central India

Balmurli Natrajan, University of Iowa

A Study on Rural Income Inequality in Coastal Orissa (India)

Rajkishore Panda, Utkal University

Strategy and Structure of Indian Business Houses and the Opening of the Indian Economy

Clare L Tanner, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Saturday, October 19
10:15-Noon

Lower Lounge Lowell Hall

**Negotiating Multiple Nations and Locations in the South Asian
Diaspora**

Chair: Ketu H Katrak, University of California-Irvine

Boundarylands of Indian National and Diasporic History
and Identity

Ketu H Katrak, University of California-Irvine

Strategic Allegiances of Asian Women in Britain:

Negotiating Between Community, Homeland, and Home

Josna Rege, Dartmouth College

"Putting an End to Frontiers" in Salman Rushdie's *The
Moor's Last Sigh*

Hena Ahmad, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Documenting Diasporic Identities: Indian and Indo-
American Documentary Films

Beheroze F Shroff, Amherst College

Saturday, October 19
10:15-Noon

215 Wisconsin Center

**Gender and Role Definitions: Accommodation, Ambivalence,
and Protest**

Gender and Community in Qurratullain Hyder's Fiction

Karni Pal Bhati, University of Notre Dame

Let This Dirty Work End With Me: Accommodation and
Resistance By Female Performers in India

Sarah Diamond, University of Pennsylvania

The Practice if *Iddat* and Social Conditions of Widows
Among the Ismaili Bohras

Rehana Ghadially, Indian Institute of Technology

Indian Women Filmmakers? Some Reflections on Public
Discourse and Narrative Strategies

Radha Subramanyam, Vassar College

Saturday, October 19
10:15-Noon

109 Wisconsin Center

Topics in Sanskrit Poetry and Poetic Theory

Chair: Yigal Bronner, University of Chicago

Convert Structuring Devices in Kalidasa

Stephanie Jamison, Harvard and Yale Universities

Literary Criticism and Text Criticism in the Sanskrit
 Commentarial Tradition

Lawrence McCrea, University of Chicago

Classifying the Poetic Universe: Typologies in
 Alamkarasastra Texts

Timothy Cahill, University of Pennsylvania

Making Two Stories One: Kaviraja's Poetic Combination of
 the Two Sanskrit Epics

Yigal Bronner, University of Chicago

Discussant: Sheldon Pollock, University of Chicago

316 Wisconsin Center

Contemporary Strategic Issues in South Asia

Chair: Stephen P Cohen, University of Illinois

The India-China-Pakistan Strategic Balance: A Net
 Assessment Approach

Arun Singh, University of Illinois

Devin Hagerty, University of Illinois

Towards a Peace Process in South Asia ?

Stephen P Cohen, University of Illinois

Discussant: Aabha Dixit and Ijaz Hussain, University of
 Illinois

Saturday, October 19

10:15-Noon

B1A Lowell Hall

**Women and Work: Changing Ideologies of Gender and Class
(session 2 of 2)**

The Production of Newly Traditional Sinhala Women in
Rural Sri Lankan Garment Factories

Caitrin Lynch, University of Chicago

Cross-Purposes of "Sisterhood": Solidarity and Fictive
Kinship at a Women's Development Project in Nepal

Coralynn Davis, University of Michigan

Marketing the Catch: Female Entrepreneurs in Goa's
Fishing Community

Janet A Rubinoff, York University

Discussant: Leela Fernandez, Rutgers University

212 Wisconsin Center

Narrative and Identity in South Asian Religions

Chair: Peter Gottschalk, University of Chicago

Sati Eulogized: Forging Literary Identities in Mughal India

Shantanu Phukan, University of Chicago

A Slave for Jesus: Portrait of an Indian Charismatic Healer

Mathew N Schmalz, University of Chicago

Multiple Narratives and Multiple Identities Among Hindus
and Muslims in Bihar

Peter Gottschalk, University of Chicago

Discussant: Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago

Saturday, October 19

10:15-Noon

Auditorium Wisconsin Center

The Public and its Monuments

Chair: Lalitha Gopalan, Georgetown University

Publicizing Violence: Bengal, Ireland, and the Gendered
Politics of Terrorism

Parama Roy, University of California-Riverside

The Deadly Fuse: Entwining Cinema, History, and Politics
in an Urban Public Sphere

Preminda Jacob, University of Maryland-Baltimore
County

Deserted Masculinities in J. P. Dutta's Films

Lalitha Gopalan, Georgetown University

Discussant: Sandhya Shetty, University of New Hampshire

Saturday, October 19

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226 Wisconsin Center

Physical and Urban Geography in South Asia

Chair: Bheru L Sukhwai, University of Wisconsin-
Platteville

Monsoon Prediction in Bangladesh: A Preliminary Study

Rafique Ahmed, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

The Nilgiris of Tamil Nadu, India, as a Distinctive Upland
Island

William A Noble, University of Missouri-Columbia

Employment Structure of Urban Population in Nepal

Mohan N Shrestha, Bowling Green State University

Fictional Bhagalpur: A Run Away City

Ramesh C Dhussa, Drake University

Discussant: P S Tiwari, University of Madras

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Dining Room Lowell Hall

All Conference Luncheon

(Pre-purchased tickets only)

Saturday, October 19

1:15-3:00

118 Lowell Hall

The Order of the Colonial "Real"

Chair: Anne B Waters, Columbia University

Criminals and Victims, Judges and Officials: The Place of
Fact in Judicial Records of the Deccan Commission

Anne B Waters, Columbia University

Representing, Policing, Practicing the State

Clea T Finkle, University of Washington

When "Europe" Must Appear...

Gita Rajan, University of Michigan

Discussant: Carol Breckenridge, University of Chicago

316 Wisconsin Center

India Migrating: Ideas, People, Cultural Forms, Texts

Chair: Lawrence Needham, Oberlin College

Two Ways the Rama Story Migrated to the United
Kingdom

Paula Richman, Oberlin College

Who (Or What) Speaks for India and for Whom?: On the
Reception of Diasporic Indian Poets Writing in English

Anuradha Dingwaney and Lawrence Needham,
Oberlin College

Colonialism, Gender, and Science: Dr. Anandi Joshi and
Narratives of Identity in Victorian America

Brinda Rao, Oberlin College

Discussant: Leela Fernandes, Rutgers University

Saturday, October 19
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313 Wisconsin Center

Setting the Margins of Hindu Identity (session 1 of 2)

Chair: David N Lorenzen, El Colegio de Mexico

Recasting Margins: Interrogating 'Hinduism' in Central India

Saurabh Dube, El Colegio de Mexico

Contestations and Conformities: Frontiers of Hinduism in Eastern India

Ishita Banerjee Dube, El Colegio de Mexico

Mother India and India's Mothers: Communalism, Gender and Hinduism

John E Llewellyn, Southwest Missouri State University

109 Wisconsin Center

Voices of History, Visions of State

Chair: Purnima Mankekar, Stanford University

Children of Shivaji, Children of Aurangzeb: Riots and Other Stories of Crowds in Bombay

Radhika Subramaniam, New York University

In the Shadow of Violence: On "Tamilness" in Southern Sri Lanka

Pradeep Jeganathan, University of Chicago

A Traveller's Collection of Tales

Swarna Rajagopalan, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Discussant: Akhil Gupta, Stanford University

Saturday, October 19
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212 Wisconsin Center

**The Political Economy of Renewable Common-Pool Resources
in India**

Chair: Subir Sinha, University of Vermont

Accumulation, Legitimation, and the Question of the
Commons: Rethinking Van Panchayats in the U.P.
Himalayas

Subir Sinha, University of Vermont

Local, Regional, National: The Articulation of Levels of
Governance for Environmental Sustainability: The Case of
Forestry in India

Anindya Saha, Cornell University

Falling Water Tables and Increasing Rural Inequities: The
Political Economy of Groundwater Use in India

Rimjhim M Aggarwal, University of Maryland-
College Park

Saturday, October 19

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Ten Years of Regional Cooperation or Frustration: SAARC

Chair: Craig Baxter, Juniata College

Promises Kept -- Potentials Denied: An Economic
Assessment of SAARC

Syed B Hussain, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
SAARC and the UN

Ambassador Anwarul K Choudhury, United
Nations Children's Fund

SAARC and Other Regional Cooperation Movements: Is
There a Need for a New Ideology?

Zillur R Khan, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Discussant: Ambassador Tariq Karim, Government of
Bangladesh

215 Wisconsin Center

**Roundtable Discussion on Development, Environment, and
Nature in the Himalaya**

Chair: John J Metz, Northern Kentucky University

Pratima Shrestha, New Mexico State University

Paul Karan, University of Kentucky

Amulya Tuladhar, Clark University

Saturday, October 19

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Lower Lounge Lowell Hall

Meanings of Womanhood: Gender and the Negotiation of Identity

Chair: Debby Bhattacharyya, Wittenberg University

Mapping Wealth and Well-Being: Indian Women's
Negotiations of Discourses of Property and Propriety

Srimati Basu, Ohio State University

Delineating India: Margaret Cousins and the Configuration
of Identity

Catherine Candy, Loyola University-Chicago

"Good Daughters, Good Wives, Good Mothers": Imagining
Nineteenth Century Muslim Women Through Family
Biographies

Sylvia Vatuk, University of Illinois at Chicago

Gendering Ethnicity: Creating a Hindu Indian Identity in
the U.S.

Prema Kurien, University of Southern California

Saturday, October 19

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BIA Lowell Hall

The "Nayaka System" Reconsidered: Vijayanagara Military Service Tenures and State Organization from a Comparative Deccan Perspective

Chair: Cynthia Talbot, University of Texas-Austin

Local Lordship in Sixteenth-Century Andhra: The Epigraphic Perspective on Amara-Nayamkara

Cynthia M Talbot, University of Texas-Austin

The *Iqta* from Iran to the Deccan

Richard M Eaton, University of Arizona

Iqta and *Nayamkara*: Military Service Tenures and Political Theory from Saljuq Iran to Vijayanagara, South India

Phillip B Wagoner, Wesleyan University

Discussant: Stewart Gordon, Independent Scholar

226 Wisconsin Center

Recent Research in Classical Texts

20th Century Sanskrit Dramas of India: Tradition and Innovation

Rita Chattopadhyay, Rabindra Bharati University

Applied Geometry of the Sulba Sutras

John F Price, Maharishi University of Management

Kalidasa's *Meghaduta* and the *Ramayana*

Anna M Ranero, Harvard University

Logical and Dialogical Interplay in Nagarjuna's MMK

Joseph Walser, Hofstra University

Saturday, October 19
1:15-3:00

Auditorium Wisconsin Center

Integrating the Literary and the Visual in the Study of South Asia

Chair: Walter Smith, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Amalasara Versus Varsasthali

Gautama V Vajracharya, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Site-Specificity and Sacred Space: The Visual and Literary Evidence for Ellora

Walter Smith, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

The Visual and Poetic Picturesque of Bishop Heber

Geoffrey Cook, International Institute of India Studies-Canada

Satyajit Ray's *Jalsaghar* and Rasa

Darius Cooper, San Diego Mesa College

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314 Wisconsin Center

Re-assessing Historical Records: Some Recent Examples

Nominal Christians and Authentic Tribals: A Reading of the Conversion Movement in 19th Century Chotanagpur

Sanjay W Anand, Cornell University

From Being "Figures in the Landscape" to Becoming Important Actors: The Politics of Representation of Servants in Bengali Middle-Class Writings of Colonial Calcutta

Swapna Banerjee, Temple University

Institutional Enframing: Slippages between Form and Function in Ayurvedic Education

Jean Langford, University of Washington

Black Books for a Fair History: Towards a Reinterpretation of Agrarian Structure in a Princely State of South India (1806-1868)

V S Satyapriya, Institute for Social and Economic Change

Saturday, October 19

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Differing Patterns of Land Use and Kinship in Nepal

Origins and Processes: An Investigation into the Causes of Squatter Settlements in Nepal

Kathleen Gallagher, Harvard University

"Excess Women": The Family, Marriage, and Work Fates of Unwed Women in Tibetan Polyandrous Villages of Humla, Nepal

Kimber A Haddix, University of California at Davis

The Social Consequences of Political Organization in a Satellite Community of Kathmandu, Nepal During the Rana Period

W Dennis Pontius, University of Michigan

316 Wisconsin Center

Recent Work on the *Mahabharata*

Chair: Tamer Reich, University of Chicago

Brahman Resentment and the Making of the King in the *Mahabharata*

James L Fitzgerald, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Ritual and Narrative Splitting in the *Asvamedhika Parvan*

Tamar Reich, University of Chicago

Conventions of the Naimisa Forest

Alf Hiltebeitel, George Washington University

Representing the *Mahabharata*: The Kutiyattam Drama Tradition in Kerala's Temples

Bruce M Sullivan, Northern Arizona University

Discussant: David Gitomer, DePaul University

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Auditorium Wisconsin Center

The Modernization of Health Care in India: Women As Practitioners and Patients

Chair: Cecilia Van Hollen, University of California-Berkeley

Women and the Occupation of Medicine in Colonial India:
 The Question of Professionalization

Maneesha Lal, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Medical Education for Indian Women: The Campbell
 Medical School Experiment

Geraldine Forbes, SUNY-Oswego
 Motherhood and Medical Intervention: Women's Bodies
 and Professionalism in India after World War I

Barbara Ramusack, University of Cincinnati
 Moving Targets: The Institutionalization of Childbirth and
 Control Over Women's Bodies in Tamilnadu, South India

Cecilia Van Hollen, University of California-Berkeley

Discussant: Sylvia Vatuk, University of Illinois at Chicago

Saturday, October 19

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B1A Lowell Hall

Worldly Women and Homely Acts: Cultural Codes and Gendered Spatial Practices in South Asia

Chair: Mary Hancock, University of California-Santa Barbara

Homely Acts: Women's Participation in the Public Sphere of Late Colonial India

Kamala Visweswaran, University of Texas-Austin

Gendering the Modern: Women and Home Science in South India

Mary Hancock, University of California-Santa Barbara

Scripts for Off-Stage Living: Acting the Ideal Tamil Woman

Susan Seizer, University of Chicago

Motherhood as a Space of Protest: Women's Political Participation in Sri Lanka

Malathi de Alwis, University of Chicago

Saturday, October 19
3:15-5:00

215 Wisconsin Center

Changes in Urdu Since Partition: India and Pakistan

Chair: Theodore P Wright, SUNY-Albany

Diverging Roads: Urdu Since Independence in India and Pakistan

Peter Hook and Tahsin Siddiqi, University of Michigan

Hindi-Urdu Interaction in Contemporary India

Herman Van Olphen, University of Texas-Austin

Urdu Literacy in Maharashtra

Omar Khalidi, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Discussant: Choudhury Mohammed Naim, University of Chicago

Saturday, October 19

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109 Wisconsin Center

The Poetics and Politics of Indian Visual Cultures

Chair: Usha Zacharias, Ohio University

The Postcolonial Women's Movement and the Predicament
of the Popular: Revisiting the Success of the Rape Film
Genre

Jyotika Virdi, University of Oregon

Hindi Cinema and the Politics of Ethnicity in the Indian
Diaspora in the U.S.: A Comparison of *Bombay*, 1995, and
Bandit Queen, 1995

Jyotsna Kapur, Northwestern University

The Indian Kamic

Rekha Menon, Ohio State University

The World of Love Songs: A Study of Malayalam Film
Music

Usha Zacharias, Ohio University

212 Wisconsin Center

Writers Reading Fiction, Poetry, Memoir (session 2 of 2)

Poems and Essay

Meena Alexander, Hunter College

Story

Roshni Rustomji-Kerns, Sonoma State University

Poems and Fiction

Darius Cooper, San Diego Mesa College

Discussant: Sunaina Maira, Harvard University

Saturday, October 19
3:15-6:00

118 Lowell Hall

Nepal: Representations in Film and Video

Chair: Naomi Bishop, California State University-
 Northridge

Himalayan Herders (film)

John and Naomi Bishop, UCLA

Birth in a Newar Village (video)

Barbara Johnson, Smithsonian Institution

Discussants: Kathryn March and Todd Lewis, Cornell
 University and College of Holy Cross

313 Wisconsin Center

Setting the Margins of Hindu Identity (session 2 of 2)

Chair: Frederick Smith, University of Iowa

Religious Identities at the Crossroads of a Muslim Female
 Healer's Practice

Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, Emory University

Hindus as a Minority in India

Gerald J Larson, Indiana University

Who is a Hindu?

David N Lorenzen, El Colegio de Mexico

Discussant: John S Hawley, Barnard College

Saturday, October 19

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227 Wisconsin Center

Bangladesh: Twenty Five Years

Chair: Zillur R Khan, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

25 Years of NGOs in Bangladesh

Michael Bowler, Syracuse University

Industrial Development of Bangladesh: A Review of the
Prospects and Strategies

Zain Mahmood, Toledo Metal Spinning

Bangladesh, China and India: The Political Economy of
Cooperation and Conflict

Thomas J Bickford, University of Wisconsin-
Oshkosh

Bangladesh Liberation Movement (March-December 1971)
and the Indian Parliament: Lok Sabha's Response to the
Demand for the Recognition of Bangladesh as a Sovereign
State

Najmul Abedin, Tuskegee University

Saturday, October 19

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226 Wisconsin Center

Globalization in India: Policy Implications and Cultural Consequences

Foreign Direct Investment, Multinationals, Economic Nationalism, Sovereignty and All That: What Is a Reasonable Policy

Ashok Bhargava, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

"Gandhi Meet Pepsi": Global/National/Local (Tele)Visions

Shanti Kumar, Indiana University

Nuclear Confrontation in South Asia - India, Pakistan and the U.S.

B V Muralidhar, S V University

Discussant: Ismail Shariff, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Lower Lounge Lowell Hall

Religious Architecture as Propaganda? Contested Uses of Newar Architecture in the Kathmandu Valley

Chair: Gregory P Grieve, University of Chicago

The Quest for Shangri-La

Heather Hindman, University of Chicago

A Dilemma of Dogmas: (Re)Constructing An Authentic Temple

Gregory P Grieve, University of Chicago

Constructing Kingdoms: the Unity of Difference in the Kathmandu Valley

Bronwen Bledsoe, University of Chicago

Saturday, October 19

3:15-5:00

138 Wisconsin Center

Dynamics of Change in Buddhist Traditions

The Variations of Shape of the Buddhist mChod rTen:
Doctrinal or Cultural?

Lori J Cayton, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Gender and Renunciation in *Manimekalai*

Daniel Bass, University of Michigan

Discourse on Merit in Early *Theravada* Buddhist Literature

James Egge, University of Chicago

Buddhist Art of Greater Gandhara: Reconstruction through
Stylistic Analysis

Caroyln Woodford Schmidt, Ohio State University

226 Wisconsin Center

**Linguistic Evidence and Academic Discourse: On-going
Discussions**

Linguistics and the Arayan Invasion

Koenraad Elst, Katholieke Universiteit

On the Concept of the Ornaments in Indian and European
Poetics

Gabriela Nik Ilieva, University of Minnesota

Language and the Politics of Change in Post-Colonial
North India

Selma K Sonntag, Humboldt State University

Diglossia and Religion: A Meta-Analysis of the
Mystification of Cross-Cutting Aspects of Bengali
Language Variation

James M Wilce, Northern Arizona University

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Social Hour

(No host bar)



Saturday, October 18

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Main Lounge Lowell Hall

Social Hour

Coffee, Tea and Donuts provided

Sunday, October 20

8:15-10:15

B1A Lowell Hall

Roundtable on India's Eleventh General Election

Chair: Harold Gould, University of Virginia

The UP Outcome

Paul Brass, University of Washington

The Madhya Pradesh and Southern UP Outcome

Virginia Van Dyke, University of Washington

The Bihar Outcome

Walter Hauser, University of Virginia

The Punjab and Haryana Outcome

Paul Wallace, University of Missouri

Coalition Politics -- Bihar

Benoy Prasad, University of Missouri

Chair: Paul Wallace, University of Missouri

The Tamil Nadu and Andra Outcome

Arthur Rubinoff, University of Toronto

The Maharashtra Outcome

Sikata Banerjee, University of Washington

The Karnataka and Kerala Outcome

Harold Gould, University of Virginia

The Impact of Economic Policy

John Echeverry-Gent and Thomas Brister,
University of Virginia

BJP -- The 13 Day Government

Pramod Kantha, University of Missouri

Sunday, October 20

10:30-12:15

118 Lowell Hall

Sacred Poems and Their Cultic Contexts

Chair: Richard Davis, Yale University

The Initiation of the Emperor

Dennis Hudson, Smith College

A Snake in the *Lila*: Balarama's *Naga* Heritage in Braj
Bhakti

Whitney Sanford, University of Richmond

Surdas, Iconreader/Iconmaker

John S Hawley, Barnard College

In Praise of a Headless Warrior: Recent Poetry from the
Cult of Kala Ji Rathor

Lindsey Harlan, Connecticut College

Discussant: Richard Davis, Yale University

Sunday, October 20

10:30-12:15

Lower Lounge Lowell Hall

**Global-Local Articulations: Spatial and Sectoral Dynamics of
Economic Reforms in South Asia**

Chair: Aseema Sinha, Cornell University

Structural Adjustment and Local Representations of
Finance in Nepal

Katharine N Rankin, Cornell University

Regional Shifts and Power Balances: Liberalization at the
State Level in India

Aseema Sinha, Cornell University

Politics in the Time of Liberalization: GATT and the Indian
Pharmaceutical Industry

Atsi Sheth, Northwestern University

Cultural Politics of Global Capitalism: From Colombo to
Los Angeles

Kanishka Goonewardena, Cornell University

Sunday, October 20

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BlA Lowell Hall

Feeling at Home: Diasporic Communities in Construction

Chair: Jyotsna Vaid, Texas A&M University

Reaching Out Without Alienating Someone: Roadblocks in
Bridging the FOB/ABCD Divide

Vagdevi Meunier, University of Texas at Austin

Bringing Up Baby: Raising "Third World" Children in the
"First World"

Shamita Dasgupta, Rutgers University

Immigrant Media as an Alternative Ideological Space

Rashmi Luthra, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Cyberethnography and South Asian Cyborg-Diaspora

Radhika Gajjala, University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: Kamala Visweswaran, University of Texas-
Austin

Sunday, October 20

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Central Court of the Elvehjem Museum of Art

Tibetan-Buddhist Sand Mandala Final Rituals and Destruction

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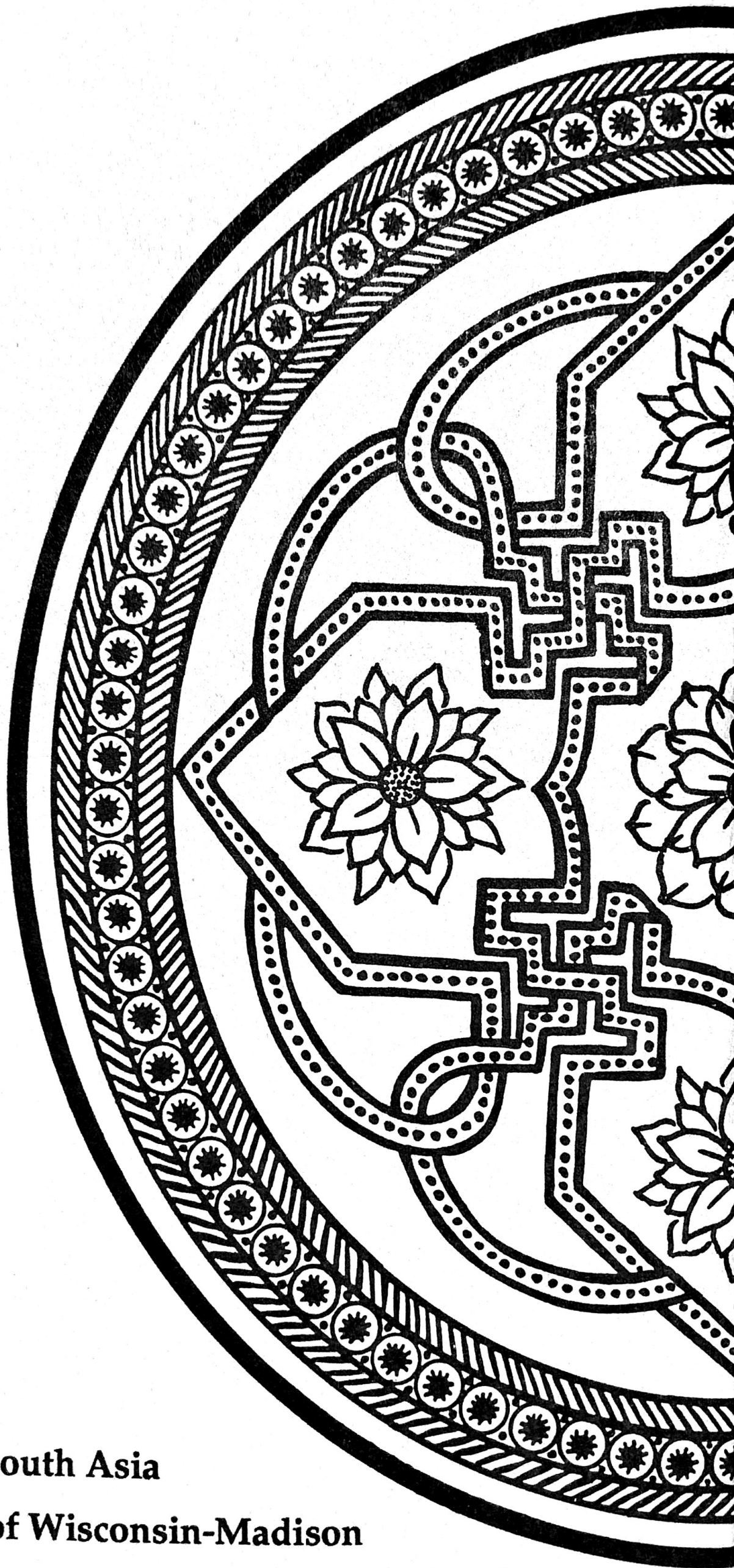
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