

# ***28th Annual Conference***

***on***

## ***SOUTH ASIA***



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14 to 17, 1999  
Madison,  
Wisconsin**

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The **29th Annual Conference** will be held in the year 2000  
Friday, October 13 (beginning at 9:00 a.m.)  
Saturday, October 14  
Sunday October 15 (ending at noon)  
with a pre-conference event on Thursday, October 12

The **30th Annual Conference** will be held in the year 2001  
Friday, October 19 (beginning at 9:00 a.m.)  
Saturday, October 20  
Sunday October 21 (ending at noon)  
with a pre-conference event on Thursday, October 18

As always, the conference will be held at the  
Lowell Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison,  
and the deadline for proposal receipt is May 15.

**We recommend that you periodically check the Center for South Asia web site (above) for deadlines, paper & panel proposal forms, accommodations, and more.**

# **The Twenty-Eighth Annual Conference on South Asia**

**October 15, 16, 17, 1999**

**Lowell Center, 610 Langdon Street  
Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin**

**sponsored by the**

**Center for South Asia  
University of Wisconsin-Madison**

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## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, October 14

1:00-10:00 p.m.      NACSAA Preconference Event

### Friday, October 15

9:00-11:00 a.m.      Panel Session  
 9:00 a.m.-6:45 p.m.      Chingari Videofest - Pyle Center Auditorium  
 11:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m.      Lunch Break  
 1:15-3:00 p.m.      Panel Session  
 3:00-3:15 p.m.      Tea & Coffee Break  
 3:15-5:00 p.m.      Panel Session  
 5:00-6:00 p.m.      Social Hour/Cash Bar  
 6:00-7:00 p.m.      All Conference Dinner  
 7:00-7:45 p.m.      Keynote Address: Kapila Vatsyayan - Lowell  
    Center Dining Room  
 8:00-10:00 p.m.      Panel Session

### Saturday, October 16

8:15-10:00 a.m.      Panel Session  
 9:00 a.m.-5:45 p.m.      Chingari Videofest - Pyle Center Auditorium  
 10:00-10:15 a.m.      Tea & Coffee Break  
 10:15-10:45 a.m.      Asia Society - K-12 Outreach Programs  
 10:15 a.m.-noon      Panel Session  
 noon-1:15 p.m.      All Conference Luncheon  
 1:15-3:00 p.m.      Panel Session  
 3:00-3:15 p.m.      Tea & Coffee Break  
 3:15-5:00 p.m.      Plenary Session - Pyle Center Lakeshore Room  
 5:00-6:00 p.m.      Social Hour/Cash Bar  
 5:15-7:45 p.m.      Various Association Meetings  
 6:00-8:00 p.m.      Highlights of Past Chingari Videofests - Pyle  
    Center Auditorium  
 8:00-10:00 p.m.      Panel Session

### Sunday, October 1

8:00-10:15 a.m.      Social Hour/Continental Breakfast  
 8:15-10:00 a.m.      Panel Session  
 9:00-10:00 a.m.      Hindustani Classical Music Performance - Lowell  
    Center Dining Room  
 10:15-noon      Panel Session  
 noon      Conference Adjournment

## 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 must register, including students. The regular pre-registration rate for panelists and participants who register before September 1 is \$75, or \$25 for students. Registration rates after that date and at the door are \$80 for regular registration and \$30 for students. Conference materials are available at the registration desk in the main lounge area of Lowell Center.

***Abstracts of Papers Presented at the 28th Annual Conference on South Asia*** is available for \$10.00 in the Conference Office, 115 Lowell Center.

***Location of Panels:*** Panels are presented in both the Lowell Center, 610 Langdon Street, and the Pyle Center (previously known as the Wisconsin Center), 702 Langdon Street.

***Conference Office:*** The Conference office is located in Room 115, Lowell Center. 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.

***Message Board:*** A message board is available near the registration desk at Lowell Center throughout the Conference.

***All-Conference Meals:*** Tickets for the All-Conference Dinner and Lunch were made available with pre-registration, and cannot be sold at the conference. Occasionally, a few extra tickets can be purchased from individuals; see the Message Board. If you have a pre-purchased ticket but decide not to attend the meal, we regret we are unable to exchange or sell your ticket for you. You may use the Message Board in the main lobby for that purpose.

***Audio-Visual Equipment:*** Audio-Visual Equipment problems should be reported immediately to the Conference Office at Lowell Center or the main desk at the Pyle Center.

***Slide Previewing Room:*** You may preview your slides in Room 116, Lowell Center.

## Association Meetings

### Thursday, October 14

Title VI Directors 7:00-8:00 p.m. Lowell Center, Room 118

### Friday, October 15

Nepal Studies Reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. Memorial Union, Main Lounge

### Saturday, October 16

War & Society	7:30-8:15 a.m.	Lowell Center, Main Lounge
AISL Studies	5:15-6:15 p.m.	Lowell Center, Lower Lounge
Rajasthan Studies	5:15-7:00 p.m.	Lowell Center, Room B1A
Nepal Studies Assoc.	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Lowell Center, Room 118
Sikh Conf. - Business	8:00-10:00 p.m.	Lowell Center, Lower Lounge

### Sunday, October 17

Maharashtra Studies 9:00-10:00 a.m. Lowell Center, Room B1A



**Thursday, October 14**  
**1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**NACSAA Pre-Conference Event**

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**NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS  
(NACSAA)**

**Conference on South Asian Politics and The Economy**

*See conference web site ([www.wisc.edu/southasia/conf/](http://www.wisc.edu/southasia/conf/)) or on-site  
program-update flyer for a complete list of presenters in Sessions I & II*

**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Lowell Center, Lower Lounge**

**SESSION I - Internal Affairs Round Table**

*chaired by Bishnu Poudel, Chair, NACSAA (Nepal)*

**Session One** will address Internal Affairs, including economics, domestic politics, internal security issues, and secessionist movements.

**3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Lowell Center, Lower Lounge**

**SESSION II - External Affairs Round Table**

*chaired by Ernest Correa, Vice Chair, NACSAA (Sri Lanka)*

**Session Two** will address External Affairs, including nuclear proliferation and relations among India, Pakistan, China, and the United States

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**There is no additional registration fee to attend the NACSAA  
sessions on Thursday afternoon -- all welcome!**

**Thursday, October 14**  
**1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

**NACSAA Pre-Conference Event**

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**6:30 to 7:00 p.m. - Lowell Center Dining Room**  
**Cash Bar**

**7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Lowell Center Dining Room**  
**Dinner**

*Tickets for dinner must be bought in advance, but all are welcome for the Keynote Address and Commentaries.*

**8:00 to 10:00 p.m. - Lowell Center Dining Room**  
**SESSION III - Prospects for War and Peace**

*chaired by* Raju Thomas, Vice Chair, NACSAA (India)

***Keynote Presentation:***

**After Kargil: The Kashmir Issue & Nuclear Weapons**  
Michael Krepon, Henry L. Stimson Center

***Commentaries:***

**A Historical Perspective**

Robert Hathaway, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington

**Indian Perceptions and Policy Response**

Damodar Sardesai,, UCLA

**Nuclear Arms Control Prospects**

Clifford Singer, University of Illinois

**Consequences for Pakistan**

Marvin Weinbaum, University Illinois, U.S. State  
Department

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The National Advisory Council on South Asian Affairs (NACSAA) is a Washington D.C. - based non-profit organization.

## Book Exhibit

***Lowell Center, Room B1B***

***Friday, October 15 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.***

***Saturday, October 16 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.***

***Sunday, October 17 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.***

Participants include:

The American Institute of Indian Studies  
Center for South Asia, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison  
Duke University Press  
Indiana University Press  
Nataraj Books  
Oxford University Press  
The Scholar's Choice  
South Asia Book



## **Registration Begins**

***Friday, October 14***

***8:30 a.m.***

***Lowell Center, Main Lounge***

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## **CHINGARI VIDEOFEST:**

### **South Asian Video Festival**

#### ***Pyle Center Auditorium***

***Friday, October 14 . . . . . 9:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.***

***Saturday, October 15 . . . . . 9:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.***

Chingari Forum announces the annual Chingari South Asian Video Festival at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Chingari VideoFest will be an opportunity to view the latest videos from South Asia and its diaspora that concern a politically progressive agenda.

Documentary and fictional works that promote critical discourse around such issues as the labor movement; racism; religious fundamentalism; economic globalization and market fundamentalism and its impact on the poor; patriarchy and gender politics; the location and construction of social identities; lesbian, gay, and bisexual struggles; social justice movements; political and economic human rights; and environmental degradation will be screened.

Chingari Forum is a South Asian and South Asian-American progressive students' collective at UW-Madison. For further information on the video festival, please contact Chingari at [chingari@macc.wisc.edu](mailto:chingari@macc.wisc.edu) or Box 513, Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street, Wisconsin 53706.

*More information about the Chingari Videofest is provided on the flyer in your conference packet.*

**Friday, October 15**  
**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Lower Lounge*

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**The Politics of Sex and Nation: Labor, Legal Codes, and Popular Culture**

Chair: Sunaina Maira, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Child Labor and Gendered Citizenship**

Ethel Brooks, New York University

**'American' Macho: Negotiating Nationalism and Masculinity in the Desi Scene**

Ananya Mukherjea, Graduate Center of the City

University of New York

**Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code**

Suparna Bhaskaran, Antioch College

**Sexing the Diaspora and Queering South Asian American Studies**

Sunaina Maira, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*Lowell Center, Room B1A*

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**Identifying Voices: Gendered, Religious, and Regional Identities**

Chair: Mary Ann Maslak, St. John's University

**Decoding Gender in Selected Rigvedic Hymns**

Gabriela Nik. Ilieva, New York University

**Women's Advice in Greek and Sanskrit Epic**

Emily Blanchard West, University of Minnesota

**Shifting Definitions of Self and Other: Muslim Identities during Moharram in Ajmer**

Keri Olsen, Syracuse University

**Local Saint vs. Modern Reformer: Themes in Bangladeshi Islamic Practice**

Jean Ellickson, Western Illinois University

**Friday, October 15**  
**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Room 118*

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**New Perspectives on Colonial Urban History: Chennai, Calcutta, and Patna**

Chair: Veena Oldenburg, City University of New York, Baruch College

**Changing Ideologies and Architectural Patronage in North Calcutta**

Monolina Bhattacharyya, University of Minnesota

**Mapping Nostalgia and the Nation in the Black Hole of Calcutta**

Ian Barrow, Middlebury College

**Padri ki Haveli, Patna, and the Shape of a Colonial City**

Rebecca M. Brown, St. Mary's College of Maryland

**Sacred Space/Secular Space/Urban Space: The Goddess Temple**

Joanne P. Waghorne, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

*Pyle Center, Room 111*

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**Identity Shifts Across Time, Place, and Language**

Chair: Monica Ghosh, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

**Hindu and Muslim Orients**

Sridevi Menon, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

**Healing Stones: Cultural Memory and the Indian Community of Hawai'i**

Nritkaar Dhesi, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

**Linguistic Hegemony: English Language Education in West Bengal**

Barry Cowan and Promita Chatterji, University of Hawai'i at Manoa and University of California, Berkeley

**Friday, October 15**  
**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Room 112*

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**Mandis and Bazaars: Trading Places and the Nature of  
Local Markets in Colonial South Asia**

Chair: Laxman D. Satya, Lock Haven University

**Market Formation in Khandesh, 1820-1920**

Douglas Haynes, Dartmouth College

**Rural Markets and Periodicity in Colonial Bihar, 1793-1947**

Anand Yang, University of Utah

**Rolling Local Markets in the Villages of Colonial Berar: 1850-  
1900**

Laxman D. Satya, Lock Haven University

**Negotiating the Landscape: Imperial Spaces, Peoples'  
Markets and the Mobility of Timber in late 19th and early  
20th Century North India**

Ruhi Grover, University of Otago

*Pyle Center, Room 205*

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**Colonial Crossings**

Chair: A. Martin Wainwright, University of Akron

**The Colonial/Imperial Subject and the Problematics of  
Domestic Space in Cornelia Sorabji's *India Calling***

Sukanya Banerjee, University of California, Riverside

**Destitute Indians in Britain and the Construction of Indian  
Social Strata Among British Elites c. 1885-1910**

A. Martin Wainwright, University of Akron

**Empire and Embarrassment: Reading the Indian  
Cinematograph Committee Interviews, 1927-28**

Priya Jaikumar, Syracuse University

**Friday, October 15**  
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*Pyle Center, Room 217*

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**Controversies and Contested Issues in Buddhist Studies**

Chair: Jim Blumenthal, Oregon State University

**Putting the Bliss Back in Emptiness: The Tantric Middle Way of Shakya-mchog-Idan**

Paul Donnelly, Northern Arizona University

**The Purpose and Politics of Representation: A Re-Evaluation of dGe-lugs Commentarial Literature**

Jim Blumenthal, Oregon State University

**Tathagatagarbha Thought: 'Critical Buddhisms' Critique In the Context of Early Japanese Buddhism**

Mark Dennis, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Sara McClintock, Harvard University

*Pyle Center, Room 220*

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**Struggle for Social Justice and Identity: Issues of Dalits and Buddhism in India**

Chair: Christopher Queen, Harvard University

**We Seek Justice: Agra's Ambedkar Jayanti Parade**

Owen M. Lynch, New York University

**Revolutions and Counter-Revolutions: Study of Religious Conversions in India**

Rahul Deepankar, Chicago University

**Navayana Architecture**

Gary M. Tartakov, Iowa State University

**Glazing for Social Justice: Ethnographic Study of Dalits in Bihar**

Charles W. Barlow, University of Aarhus, Denmark

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**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

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**Representations of Love in Punjabi Literature**

Chair: Amritjit Singh, Rhode Island College

**'Isq-i haqiqi and 'Isq-i majazi: Representations of Love in  
Hir Varis Shah**

Suzanne McMahon, University of California, Berkeley  
**Love and Translation: A Punjabi Poet in the Contemporary  
World**

Simona Sawhney, Vanderbilt University  
**Articulations of Love**

Sabina Sawhney, Hofstra University

Discussant: Amritjit Singh, Rhode Island College

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**Lunch**

**11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.**

**On Your Own**

**Friday, October 15**  
**1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Lower Lounge*

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**Youthful Engagements with the Public and the Popular:  
Local Explorations of South Asian Youth**

Chair: Falu Bakrania, Stanford University

**Explorations of Consumption, Commodities, and Style  
among South Asian-American Youth in Queens**

Shalini Shankar, New York University

**Second Generation Magazines and the Discursive  
Production of 'South Asian Youth' in London**

Falu Bakrania, Stanford University

**Beauty Queens: The Staging of the Miss India-USA Pageant**

Bakirathi Mani, Stanford University

Discussant: Ritty Lukose, University of Chicago

*Lowell Center, Room B1A*

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**Narrative, Dialogue, Selfhood: The New Wave of Life-  
History Research in South Asia I**

Chair: Robert Desjarlais, Sarah Lawrence College

**Lives, Stories, Poetics and "Authenticity"**

Kathryn March, Cornell University

**Narrating Selves in the South Asian Diaspora**

Kirin Narayan, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**"Honor," Irony and Violence in Partition Narratives**

Gloria Goodwin Raheja, University of Minnesota

**The Interplay Between Life and Words in a Widow's Life  
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Sarah Lamb, Brandeis University

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**Conducting Trade in Early Colonial South Asia**

Chair: Brian P. Caton, University of Pennsylvania

**Animal Traffic: Pastoralists and Local Trade in Southwestern Panjab**

Brian P. Caton, University of Pennsylvania

**'Independent' Tribal Trade and State Business: Commercial Sectors and Their Integration in Late Nineteenth Century Afghanistan**

Shah Mahmoud Hanifi, University of Michigan

**The *Anapoorny* Incident: Trade and Permutations of British Empire in the Indian Ocean, 1812-1824**

Tamara Hudec, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Anand A. Yang, University of Utah

*Pyle Center, Room 205*

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**Perspectives of Indian Polity: State to International**

Chair: Ismail Shariff, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

**Aspects of State Politics in India: A Case Study of Orissa**

Mohammed B. Alam, Miyazaki International College,  
Japan

**Nation and Institution: Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Indian Independence**

Srirupa Roy, International Center for Advanced Studies,  
New York

**Evolution of the Indian Party System, 1980-1999**

Anindya Saha, Cornell University

**Indian National Security Policy: Minimal Nuclear Deterrence**

P. M. Kamath, University of Mumbai

**Friday, October 15**  
**1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Room 217*

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**The Meaning of Contemporary Buddhism: Lay and Monastic Discourses in Sri Lanka**

Chair: George D. Bond, Northwestern University

**Discourses of Buddhist Monastic Identity**

Ananda Abeysekara, Northwestern University

**Shifting Perceptions of Peace in Sri Lanka**

Tessa Bartholomeusz, Florida State University

**Lay Meditation Gurus and Groups in Sri Lanka**

George D. Bond, Northwestern University

Discussant: Chandra R. de Silva, Old Dominion University

*Pyle Center, Room 220*

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**Religion and Philosophy: Establishing and Crossing Boundaries**

Chair: Deepak Sarma, University of Chicago

**Madhvacarya on Women, Shudras, and *brahmabandhus*, unworthy Brahmins**

Deepak Sarma, University of Chicago

**Buddhist Deities in the Hindu Pantheon**

Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Radha Tantra : Vernacular Sanskrit in the Service of the Goddess**

Rebecca J. Manring, Indiana University

**Indian Philosophy and Pluralism in North America**

K. Sundaram, Lake Michigan College

**Friday, October 15**  
**1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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**Literary Metamorphoses: Tamil and Other Traditions**

Chair: George Hart, University of California-Berkeley

**Syntax as Poetry: The Kuruntokai and the Kumarasambhava**

George Hart, University of California, Berkeley

**Who is the Kuravanji Fortune-Teller? Strategies of  
Indigenization in an 18th Century Tamil Literary Genre**

Indira Viswanathan Peterson, Mt. Holyoke College

**A Crane is a Crane is a Crane: Issues of Form, Meaning, and  
History in Prakrit and Old Tamil Short Verse**

Martha Ann Selby, University of Texas at Austin

Discussant: Steven Hopkins, Swarthmore College

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**Tea and Coffee Break**

**3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.**

*Lowell Center, Main Lounge*

*and*

*Pyle Center, Ameritech Lounge*

**Friday, October 15**  
**3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Lower Lounge*

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**National Identity and the 'Woman Question': The  
Discourse and Practice of Feminism, Respectability and  
Sexuality From Colonial to Postcolonial India**

Chair: Geraldine Forbes, State University of New York-Oswego

**Internationalism and the Early Women's Movement in India**

Mrinalini Sinha, Southern Illinois University

**Defining Respectability: Servants and Sexuality in Middle  
Class Writings of Colonial Calcutta**

Swapna M. Banerjee, University of Florida, Gainesville

**'Ordinary' Sex, Prostitutes, and Middle Class Wives: Sexual  
Practice, Liberalization, and National Identity**

Heather Dell, Rosemont College

Discussant: Barbara N. Ramusack, University of Cincinnati

*Lowell Center, Room B1A*

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**Narrative, Dialogue, Selfhood: The New Wave of Life-  
History Research in South Asia II**

Chair: Robert Desjarlais, Sarah Lawrence College

**Re-Creating the Self in Narrative and Ritual**

Ernestine McHugh, University of Rochester

**A Yolmo Phenomenology of Dying**

Robert Desjarlais, Sarah Lawrence College

Discussant: James Wilce, Northern Arizona University

Discussant: Margaret Mills, Ohio State University

**Friday, October 15**  
**3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Room 118*

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**Contemporary Geographical Patterns in South Asia**

Chair: Bheru L. Sukhwai, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

**Agricultural Moisture Deficiency in Bangladesh During the Pre-Monsoon Season**

Rafique Ahmed, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse

**Migration Across the Southern Border of Nepal**

Mohan N. Shrestha, Bowling Green State University

**HIV/AIDS in India and Economic Restructuring**

Jayati Ghosh, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

**Glimpses of A Remnant Cultural Landscape**

Ramesh C. Dhussa, Drake University

*Pyle Center, Room 111*

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**Languages, Histories and the Puzzle of 'Identity'**

Chair: Robert Hueckstedt, University of Virginia

**'Through Throats Where Many Rivers Meet': Macaronic Poetry and a Cosmopolitan Mughal Identity**

Shantanu Phukan, University of North Carolina

**Languages, Communities, and Families The 19th Century Intelligentsia as Insiders**

Nita Kumar, Center for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta

**As Brothers and Others: 'Hindu', 'Muslim', and Multiple Identity in Rural India**

Peter Gottschalk, Southwestern University

**The National Autobiographer: Gandhi's Experiments with Truth and Self**

Sameer Pandya, Stanford University

**Friday, October 15**  
**3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Room 112*

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**Serving Empire, (In)forming Nation: The Structure and  
Uses of Historical Narrative in Tod's Rajasthan**

Chair: Thomas Trautmann, University of Michigan

**James Tod in the Making of Prithviraj Cauhan**

Cynthia Talbot, University of Texas at Austin

**Desh and Perdesh in Tod's Rajast'han**

Norbert Peabody, University of Cambridge

**Who are the Rajputs?: The Interpretive Projects of Lt.-Col.  
James Tod**

Jason Freitag, Columbia University

*Pyle Center, Room 205*

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**Models of Citizenship in An Indian Metropolis: The Case  
of Bangalore**

Chair: Leslie Orr, Concordia University

**Millenarian Visions in the City: The Sai Baba Movement and  
its Urban Constituency**

Smriti Srinivas, Ohio State University

**Cycling, Diving, Public Space and Urban Citizenship**

May Joseph, New York University

**Democratic Participation in Bangalore: Implementing the  
Indian 74th Amendment**

James Heitzman, Georgia State University

**Friday, October 15**  
**3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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**Roundtable: Himalayan Environmental Degradation  
Revisited**

Chair: Barbara Brower, Portland State University

John Metz, Northern Kentucky University

Jack Ives, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

P. P. Karan, University of Kentucky

David Zurick, Eastern Kentucky University

*Pyle Center, Room 220*

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**Women Renouncers and Ascetic Ideals in Jainism and  
Hinduism**

Chair: Meena Khandelwal, Denison University

**Female Renunciation and the Terapanthi Moral Order**

Anne Vallely, University of Toronto

**Gender and Celibacy: Female Jain Ascetics**

Sherry Elizabeth Fohr, University of Virginia

**Gender, Sexuality, and the Distinction Between Asli and  
Nakli Sadhus**

Meena Khandelwal, Denison University

Discussant: Tessa Batholomeusz, Florida State University

**Friday, October 15**  
**3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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**Prescriptions of Faith: The Legacy of Radical Urdu Literature**

Chair: Kamala Visweswaran, University of Texas at Austin

**'Tragic Labyrinths?' Sex, Space and the Engendering of the Modern World in the Work of Rashid Jahan, 'Angareywali'**

Priyamvada Gopal, Cornell University

***Woh yaar hai jo khushboo ki Tarah, Jis ki zubaan Urdu ki tarah:* The Friendly Association Between Urdu Literature and Hindi Cinema**

Raza Mir, Monmouth University

**Urdu Poetry, Socialist Ethos and International Solidarity**

Ali Husain Mir, Indiana-Purdue University

Discussant: Amar Mahboob Tipu, Halga-e-Arbab-e-Zaug

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**Social Hour / Cash Bar**

**5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

*Lowell Center, Main Lounge*

**Friday, October 15**

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## **All Conference Dinner**

**6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

*Lowell Center, Dining Room*

*Pre-purchased dinner tickets only. Tickets will be collected as you enter the Dining Room. Wine service is available upon request.*

Welcome and introductory remarks by  
Kirin Narayan, Conference Chair

## **Keynote Address**

**7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.**

*Lowell Center, Dining Room*

A special invited lecture by

**Kapila Vatsyayan**

Academic Director

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts

***Everyone Welcome***

**Friday, October 15**  
**8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Lower Lounge*

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**Roundtable on Confrontation and Politics in  
Contemporary Sikhism**

Chair: Paul Wallace, University of Missouri-Columbia

N.G. Barrier , University of Missouri-Columbia

Lou Fenech, Northern Iowa University

Arthur Helweg , Western Michigan University

Surjit Singh Narang , Guru Nanak Dev University

Pashaura Singh, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Virginia Van Dyke, University of Washington, Seattle

Verne A. Dusenbery, Hamline University

*Lowell Center, Room B1A*

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**Roundtable: Intelligentsia and Political Resistance in  
Pakistan: An Assessment**

Chair: Mustapha Kamal Pasha, American University

Farhat Haq, Monmouth College

Syed Bashir Hussain, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Tayyab Mahmud, Cleveland State University

Aurangzeb Syed, Northern Michigan University

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**8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Room 118*

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**Roundtable: Culture, Society, and the Military: An Examination of Stephen Peter Rosen's Book, *Societies and Military Power: India and Its Armies*.**

**Sponsored by the War and Society in South Asia Group**

Chair: DeWitt Ellinwood, State University of New York at Albany

Pradeep Barua, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Pauline Kolenda, University of Houston

John Lynn, University of Illinois at Champaign

Andre Wink, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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## **Nepal Studies Association Reception** *with Cash Bar*

**8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

*Memorial Union, Main Lounge*

***Everyone Welcome***

**Saturday, October 16**

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**7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.**

*Lowell Center, Main Lounge*

**Meeting of the  
War and Society in South Asia Group**

*Please meet in the northwest corner of the lounge*

**8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Lower Lounge*

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**Representations of Same-Sex Desire in Twentieth-Century India**

Chair: Ruth Vanita, University of Montana

**Homophobia in Fiction/Homoeroticism in Advertising: The  
Discourse of Options in Twentieth-Century India**

Ruth Vanita, University of Montana

**Fire: The Trials and Tribulations of Sexuality on Film**

Geeta Patel, Wellesley College

**Facing the Mirror: My Experience of Preparing an Anthology  
of Contemporary Lesbian Writing**

Ashwini Sukthankar, Harvard University

Discussant: Lawrence Cohen, University of California, Berkeley

**Saturday, October 16**  
**8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Room B1A*

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**Genres in Tension and Transformation: The Politics and Circulation of Lamentation and Related Forms, Part I**

Chair: Richard Wolf, Harvard University

**Value and Vitality in a Literary Tradition: Female Poets and the Urdu Marsiyah**

Amy Bard, Columbia University

**Lamenting the Past, Or the Passing of Lament? The Postcolonial Fate of a Genre in Bangladesh and India**

James M. Wilce, Northern Arizona University

**Transformations in Lamentation Ritual and the Internationalization of Shi'a Identity in the 'Horse of Karbala' Procession in Leh District, Ladakh**

David Pinault, Santa Clara University

**Malleable Mourning: Shi'a Muslim Women Crafting Muharram Flagellation Rituals for Personal and Political Caring in Peshawar, Pakistan**

Mary Hegland, Santa Clara University

*Lowell Center, Room 118*

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**Anthropologizing Development: Gender and Contested Spaces of Transformation in South Asia I**

Chair: Shubhra Gururani, York University

**Natural Frames in Feminist Tourism: Women's Development Becomes a Tourist Destination**

Coralynn Davis, Grinnell College

**Who is "the Developed Woman?" Negotiating Gendered Identities in Contested Terrain**

Rebecca Klenk, University of Washington, Seattle

**The Gendered Mainstreaming of Development: The Discourse of Gender and Development**

Sangeeta Kamat, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Discussant: Kim Berry, Humboldt State University

**Saturday, October 16**  
**8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Lakeshore Room*

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**The Himalayas and Beyond: Land, Labor, and Language**

Chair: Selma K. Sonntag, Humboldt State University

**Diversity and Discord in the Tajik Pamir**

Stephen F. Cunha, Humboldt State University

**Nepalese Visa-Overstayers in Japan: Communities and Organizations for Social Survival**

Keiko Yamanaka, University of California-Berkeley

**Minority Language Politics in North India**

Selma K. Sonntag, Humboldt State University

Discussant: Gerald Berreman, University of California, Berkeley

*Pyle Center, Room 111*

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**Body Talk: Prescriptions, Prohibitions, and Polemics in Colonial and Contemporary India**

Chair: Parama Roy, University of California-Riverside

**Consumption and Corporeality: Diet and the Configuration of Arya Manhood in the Writings of Dayananda Saraswati**

Jyotsna Uppal, Queens College-CUNY

**Meat-Eating, Masculinity, and Renunciation: A Gandhian Grammar of Diet**

Parama Roy, University of California-Riverside

**The Documentation of Desire: Photographic Practice and Sexual Discourse in Colonial India**

Anupama Taranath, University of California, San Diego

Discussant: Paola Bacchetta, University of Kentucky

**Saturday, October 16**  
**8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Room 112*

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**Financing War, Trade and Industry: Early Modern Social and Economic History**

Chair: Ian Wendt, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Hindus Beyond the Hindu Kush: Indian Moneylenders in Early Modern Central Asia**

Scott Levi, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Inter-Weaving Communities: Indian Textile Industry and Trade in the 17th Century**

Ian Wendt, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Conquest and Credit: Indian Financiers, the East India Company, and the Carnatic Wars**

James Hoover, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Stewart Gordon, University of Michigan

*Pyle Center, Room 205*

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**Cross-National Identities**

Chair: Suchitra Mathur, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

**Nation and Diasporic Identity in Anita Desai's *Baumgartner's Bombay* (1988) and Kamala Markandaya's *The Nowhere Man* (1972)**

Hena Ahmad, Truman State University

**'A Feminine Form of Transportation': Marital Migrations and the Politics of Liberation in Alexander and Divakaruni**

Suchitra Mathur, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

**Marriage and Identity in Late Modernity: How Second Generation Indian Americans Negotiate Identities through Marriage**

Vincent H. Melomo, State Univ. of New York-Binghamton

**Ayurveda and the American New Age: Saints, Scholars and Scientists**

Sita Reddy, University of Pennsylvania

**Saturday, October 16**  
**8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Room 213*

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**Recent Research on the Upanishads**

Chair: Signe Cohen, University of Pennsylvania

**The Early and Middle Vedic Origins of the Vocabulary for the Self In the Upanishads**

John Robert Gardner, University of Iowa

**Food, Sacrifice, and 'Deities' in Airareya Upanishad: A Study in Vedic Intertextuality**

Steven Lindquist, University of Texas

**The Katha Upanishad Reconsidered**

Signe Cohen, University of Pennsylvania

*Pyle Center, Room 217*

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**Different Contesting Perspectives on Religious Conversion in South Asia: Hindu, Muslim, Christian and Buddhist**

**Sponsored by the South Asian Muslim Studies Association**

Chair: Theodore P. Wright, Jr., State Univ. of New York-Albany

**Contemporary Hindutva Anti-Christian Pogroms and Their 19th Century Roots**

Geoffrey A. Cook, Independent Scholars of South Asia

**New Muslims and Islamic Renewal: The Changing Dynamics of Conversion to Islam in India**

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University Chicago

**Buddhist Conversion and Social Marginality**

Christopher Queen, Harvard University

**Hindu Attitudes Towards Conversion**

Arvind Sharma, McGill University

**Saturday, October 16**  
**8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

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**Defining and Re-defining Religious Community  
Identities**

Chair: James M. Hastings, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Creating a Community of Grace: Themes in the Hagiography  
of the *Pushti Marga***

Shandip Saha, Indiana University, Bloomington

**The Religious Policies of Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II and  
the Formulation of Pre-Colonial 18th Century Vaishnava  
Identities**

James M. Hastings, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Christian Missionary Responses to the Islamic Modernism  
of Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan**

Alan M. Guenther, McGill University

**The Novels of Bhai Vir Singh and the Imagination of Sikh  
Identity, Community and Nation**

C. Christine Fair, University of Chicago

*Pyle Center, Room 226*

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**Performing the Political**

Chair: Sunita S. Mukhi, Asia Society

**Dancing Death by Fire: 'Unable to Remember Roop Kanwar'**

Ananya Chatterjea, University of Minnesota

**Theater in Liberation and Peace: The Global and the  
Pakistani Context**

Fawzia Afsal Khan, Montclair State University

**Performance as Empowerment: 'It's a Drag Being an Indian  
Woman'**

Sunita S. Mukhi, Asia Society

**Can the Subaltern Sing? Music, Subjectivity, and Language  
Politics in South India**

Amanda Weidman, Columbia University

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**8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Room 309*

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**Religion, Ethnicity, and Communal Politics**

Chair: Kant Nimbark, Dowling College

**The Work of Our Own Hands? Rethinking the Discourses of  
Extremism and Religious Nationalism in India**

Deepa S. Reddy, Rice University

**Does India Need a Common Civil Code for Different  
Religious Groups?**

Krish Bhansali, Mississippi State University

**So What's Left?: An Engagement with the Leftist Response  
to Communalism in India Today**

Nivedita Majumdar, University of Florida

**Territory-Based Ethnic Conflict in Southern Asia**

David N. Zurick, Eastern Kentucky University

*Pyle Center, Room 313*

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**Globalization and Agrarian Change in South India**

Chair: Sripad Motiram, University of Southern California

**The Dark Side of White Gold: Globalization and Agrarian  
Change in Telangana**

Vamsicharan Vakulabharanam, University of  
Massachusetts at Amherst

**Production, Reproduction and the Role of Women in  
Agrarian Change**

Smriti Rao, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

**Globalization and the Shape of Agrarian Conflict in  
Telangana**

Sripad Motiram, University of Southern California

Discussant: Rajagopal Vakulabharanam, University of  
Wisconsin-Madison

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*Pyle Center, Room 317*

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**Gandhi, Sen and Poverty**

Chair: Romesh Diwan, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

**Mahatma Gandhi, Sen and Poverty**

Romesh Diwan, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

**Plan for Poverty Eradication Revisited**

Ashok Bhargava, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

**Poverty as Inequity, Equity and Economic Growth: Lessons from Asia**

Suresh Desai, Montclair State University

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**Tea and Coffee Break**

**10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**

*Lowell Center, Main Lounge*

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*Pyle Center, Ameritech Lounge*

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**K-12 Outreach Programs**

**Presentation and Discussion**

Alison Kaminsky, Asia Society

**10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**

*Lowell Center, Main Lounge*

Alison will be available in the Main Lounge until noon for questions and discussion. More information is available in your conference packet.

**Saturday, October 16**  
**10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Lower Lounge*

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**Ethnic Contests: Dissimulating South Asian-America I:  
Community and Conflict in South Asian-America**

Chair: Mahua Sarkar, State University of New York-Binghamton

**Taking Care of Ones Own: Class and Community in Urban  
South Asian-America**

Linta Varghese, University of Texas at Austin

**Reflections on Queer South Asian-America: Coalitional  
Politics and Disunity in Community**

Surabhi Kukke and Svati Shah, Harvard University and  
Columbia University

**Racism, Multiculturalism and Strategic Nirvana: The  
Infrastructure of Yankee Hindutva**

Biju Mathew, Rider University

*Lowell Center, Room B1A*

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**Genres in Tension and Transformation: The Politics and  
Circulation of Lamentation and Related Forms, Part II**

Chair: Richard Wolf, Harvard University

**The Aesthetics of Drumming in Ritual Mourning**

Richard Wolf, Harvard University

**From Isolation to Regional Renown: Biraha, A Folk Music  
Genre of the Bhojpuri Region of North India**

Scott Marcus, University of California, Santa Barbara

Discussant: Carl Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Discussant: C. M. Naim, University of Chicago

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**10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Room 118*

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**Anthropologizing Development: Gender and Contested Spaces of Transformation in South Asia II**

Chair: Shubhra Gururani, York University

**Feminization and Marketization of Development in Nepal: The Perils and Prospects of Microcredit**

Katharine Rankin, University of Toronto

**The Cultural Politics of Empowerment: Local Feminisms, NGOs, and Development**

Shubhra Gururani, York University

**An Organic Politics: Women, Organizing, and "Development" in an Indian Plantation**

Piya Chatterjee, University of California, Riverside

Discussant: Stacy Pigg, Simon Fraser University

*Pyle Center, Lakeshore Room*

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**Adjusting to Change in the Himalayan World**

Chair: To be announced

**Autobiography, Autoethnicity, and Intersubjectivity: Analyzing Communication in Northern Pakistan**

David Butz, Brock University

**Reflecting on Reflex: Relations of Time, Positionality and Power in the 'Field'**

Kenneth Macdonald, University of Iowa

**The Lay of the Land: Demonesses, Dakinis, and Tibetan Women**

Melinda Fay Pilling, University of Chicago

**How Does Modern Schooling Shape Caste Practices Amongst Nepali Youth?**

Karen Valentin, University of Copenhagen

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**10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Room 111*

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**Feminism and Knowing the Other**

Chair: Nancy Cook, York University

**Knowing the Other: Renegotiating Powerful Subjectivities**

Nancy Cook, York University

**Placing Each Other in Baltistan: A Geography of Knowing**

Kathryn Besio, University of Hawaii

**The Sites and Spaces of Ethnographic Inquiry: Reflections on Identity and Interviewing in Northern Pakistan**

Sarah Halvorson, University of Colorado at Boulder

**Situating Myself in Canada and Speaking About the**

**Implication of the Haddood Ordinance on Pakistani Women**

Shahnaz Khan, St. Francis Xavier University

*Pyle Center, Room 112*

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**Patterns of Continuity and Change in Early Modern State and Society**

Chair: Brendan LaRocque, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**A 17th Century Messianic Movement: The "Great Path" of Mahamat Prannath**

Brendan LaRocque, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**The Mughal War of Succession of 1658: Contesting Power Within the Mughal Empire**

Munis Faruqui, Duke University

**The Role of Merchant Capital in Goan History**

Raghuraman S. Trichur, Temple University

**Saturday, October 16**  
**10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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**Personal and National Literary Relationships**

Chair: To be announced

**The New/Old Love Laws of Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things***

Kremena Todorova, University of Notre Dame

**Gendered Bodies, Violent Identities: Partition and the Production of Indian National Identity in South Asian Literature**

Kavita Daiya, University of Chicago

**To Love, Develop or Destroy?: Rhetorics of Relationship between Adivasis and the Nation of India**

Jennifer Wenzel, Stonehill College

**Mahasweta, Tribals, and Aesthetics**

Elizabeth Otten Delmonico, Truman State University

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**Vernacular Futures: Language, Literature and Modernity in Colonial India**

Chair: Vasudha Dalmia, University of California, Berkeley

**Arumuga Navalar and the Advent of Prose Orality in Tamil Public Discourse**

Bernard Bate, University of Chicago

**Punjabi as an Oral Tradition: The Publishing Paradox**

Farina Mir, Columbia University

**The Legacy of Colin Mackenzie: Collecting Practices and the Construction of Literary Traditions in Colonial Andhra**

Rama Sundari Mantena, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Discussant: Vasudha Dalmia, University of California, Berkeley

**Saturday, October 16**  
**10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Room 217*

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**Yuganta: Reading Mahabharata as Another Millennium  
Winds Down**

Chair: Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa

**Vyasa: Getting to Know the Author**

Alf Hiltebeitel, George Washington University

**Chaos in the Basement: The Architecture of Book Two**

Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa

**Seeing the Mahabharata Through the Ramayana Tradition**

Paula Richman, Oberlin College

Discussant: James Laine, Macalester College

*Pyle Center, Room 220*

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**Constructing Sexuality in Hindu Text and Practice**

Chair: Susan S. Wadley, Syracuse University

**Religious Aspirations and Sexual Norms: Defining Sexuality  
in the Mahabharata**

Arti Dhand, Mount Allison University

**Desire and Divinity: Constructing Sexuality in the Love-Play  
with Krishna**

Tracy Coleman, Brown University

**Motini's Allure: Caste and Sexuality in the North Indian Epic  
Dhola**

Susan S. Wadley, Syracuse University

Discussant: Smriti Srinivas, Ohio State University

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**10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Room 226*

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**Teaching the 'Other': Using South Asian Media in a Multicultural Curriculum**

Chair: Shanti Kumar, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Teaching Hollywood's Other in a Multicultural Curriculum: Lessons from *Bandit Queen***

Jyotika Viridi, University of Windsor

**Teaching the Complexity of Indian Society: *Father, Son, Holy War***

Steve Derne, State University of New York-Geneseo  
**Diversity, South Asians and Media Representations: South Asian Women in the News**

Radhika Parameswaran, Indiana University, Bloomington  
**Films of the South Asian Diaspora: Complicating Notions of Identity, Geography and Culture**

Purnima Bose, Indiana University, Bloomington

*Pyle Center, Room 309*

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**State-Private Sector Debate in India**

Chair: Shelley Feldman, Cornell University

**Recent Developments in the State-Private Sector Dialogue in India: Coalition Government Responses to Anti-Reformist Forces**

Mark I. Cohen, Temple University

**Reassessment of Nehruvian Economic Policy and Its Impact on Current Reforms**

Praveen K. Chaudhry, University of Pennsylvania & Swarthmore College

**Organized Labor and the Prospects for Economic Reform: Democratic Corporatism in India**

Emily Altermatt Rice, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Shelley Feldman, Cornell University

**Saturday, October 16**  
**10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Room 313*

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**South Asia and Globalization**

Chair: Walter C. Neale, University of Tennessee

**India and Globalization: False Premises and What Not to Do**

Walter C. Neale, University of Tennessee

**Globalization and the Advantage of the Already Advantaged**

Murray J. Leaf, University of Texas at Dallas

**Globalization and Democratization?: The Case of Pakistan**

Charles H. Kennedy, Wake Forest University

*Pyle Center, Room 317*

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**Gandhi and Gandhians in Century Twenty-One:  
Questions of Legacy and Relevance**

Chair: Paul Mundschenk, Western Illinois University

**Mahatma Gandhi: Hindu Nationalist or Nationalist Hindu?**

Allen Greenberger, Pitzer College

**The Fate of Sarvodaya in the Twenty-First Century**

Ishwar Harris, College of Wooster

**Gandhi's Swaraj: A Tonic for Inner Growth, but Socially and  
Politically Irrelevant**

Paul Mundschenk, Western Illinois University

Discussant: Wendell Beane, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

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## **All Conference Luncheon**

***Noon to 1:15 p.m.***

*Lowell Center, Dining Room*

*Pre-purchased dinner tickets only.*  
Tickets will be collected as you enter the Dining Room.

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**Saturday, October 16**  
**1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Lower Lounge*

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**Ethnic Contests: Dissimulating South Asian-America II:  
Emergent Fissures in Community Scholarship**

Chair: Biju Mathew, Rider University

**On the Politics of Community in South Asian-American  
Studies**

Kamala Visweswaran and Ali Husain Mir, University of  
Texas at Austin and Indiana-Purdue University, Fort  
Wayne

**The Struggle Over Ethnic Studies in American Universities:  
Coalitions Along the Margins**

Junaid Rana, University of Texas at Austin

**Blood in Ethnic Studies: An Afro-Dalit Adventure**

Vijay Prashad, Trinity College

*Lowell Center, Room B1A*

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**Nationalism as Problematic**

Chair: Amardeep Singh, Duke University

**A Certification Anomaly: Censoring Bollywood's 'Sacrificial  
Woman'**

Monika Mehta, University of Minnesota

**Loving Globally in the Age of National Bombs and  
Transnational Capitalism**

Betty Joseph, Rice University

**Caste, Literature, and the Nation: A View from Bombay**

Clare Talwalker, Duke University

**Nationalism and the Caste/Race Problematic in Gora**

Amardeep Singh, Duke University

**Saturday, October 16**  
**1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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*Lowell Center, Room 118*

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**The Local In Global Perspective**

Chair: Amita Shastri, San Francisco State University

**Developing Love: The Significance of Development  
Discourse in Nepali Love Letters**

Laura M. Ahearn, University of South Carolina-Columbia

**Reorienting the Sasana: Buddhist Education in 19th-Century  
Lanka**

Anne M. Blackburn, University of South Carolina-  
Columbia

**Sri Lanka's Migrant Housemaids: Rethinking 'The Village'**

Michele R. Gamburd, Portland State University

**Human Rights in an Ethnic War Zone: Is Civil Society  
Possible?**

Mark P. Whitaker, University of South Carolina-Aiken

*Pyle Center, Lakeshore Room*

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**International Visions and Local Dilemmas**

Chair: P. P. Karan, University of Kentucky

**World Heritage Sites and Sacred Places of Power**

Bruce McCoy Owens, Wheaton College

**Promoting Forest Improvement in Nepal**

John J. Metz, Northern Kentucky University

Discussant: Kathryn March, Cornell University

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**1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Room 111*

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**Dilemmas of Middle-ness: The Making of Middle Classes  
in South Asia**

Chair: Sanjay Joshi, Northern Arizona University

**Gender and the Contradictions of Middle Class  
Respectability in Colonial Lucknow**

Sanjay Joshi, Northern Arizona University

**Class as Cultural Practice: Middle-Class Experience in  
Kathmandu**

Mark Liechty, University of Illinois, Chicago

**A Venerable Past: Early Nationalist Histories of British-India**

Sudipta Sen, Syracuse University

**Between Love and Marriage: The Romance of Youth**

Ritty Lukose, University of Chicago

*Pyle Center, Room 112*

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**The Politics of Ceremonial in Mughal and Post-Mughal  
India**

Chair: Gail Minault, University of Texas at Austin

**The Emperor's Clothes: 'Robes of Honor' in Mughal India**

Gavin R. G. Hambly, University of Texas at Dallas

**Price and Promise in the Royal Gift of Paan**

David Curley, Western Washington University

**The Mughal Khilat: Shinde, the Peshwa and the Marathi  
Political Crisis of 1792**

Stewart Gordon, University of Michigan

**The Emperor's Old Clothes: Robing and Sovereignty in Late  
Mughal and Early British India**

Gail Minault, University of Texas at Austin

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**1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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*Pyle Center, Room 205*

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**Daughter of India: Nayantara Sahgal and the Problems of Nationhood**

Chair: Janet M. Powers, Gettysburg College

**Nayantara Sahgal: Evolution of a Political Identity**

Indrani Mitra, Mount St. Mary's College

**Politics and Polyphonic Voices in Sahgal's *Rich Like Us***

Janet M. Powers, Gettysburg College

**The India that Never Was: Sahgal's Vision of Secular Democracy in *Mistaken Identity***

Madhu Mitra, College of Saint Benedict

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**Aesthetics, Economy and Politics in Pakistan: Analyzing National Conversations**

Chair: Frances Pritchett, Columbia University

**Confessions of Born-Again Citizens: Elite Autobiographies and National Consciousness**

Agha Saeed, California State University-Hayward

**Oppositional Strands in the Literary Discourse in Pakistan: A Study of Iqbal and Faiz**

Dilnawaz A. Siddiqui, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

**Political Economy of Pakistan: Debates and Directions**

Syed Bashir Hussain, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Discussant: Frances Pritchett, Columbia University

**Saturday, October 16**  
**1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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**The Many-Faced Goddesses of South Asia**

Chair: Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Vajrayogini: The Many-Faced Goddess of the Sadhanamala**

Stuart Ray Sarbacker, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**The Cult of Devi: Marathi Manifestations**

Indira Y. Junghare, University of Minnesota

**The Goddess Sarasvati: An Ontological Reconfiguration**

Frank Morales, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Kathleen M. Erndl, Florida State University

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**Predicaments and Poetics of Muslim Identity in India:  
Variable Meanings of Caste, Code, and Community**

Chair: Kristin L. Bright, Stanford University

**Major and Minor Minorities: Special Rights for Muslims and  
Women in India**

Laura Dudley Jenkins, University of Cincinnati

**The Variable Meaning of Caste Among Muslims in  
Hyderabad, India**

Syed Ali, University of Virginia

**"Urdu is Like a Woman Without Support:" Banarsi Muslim  
Poets' Opinions on the Status of Urdu**

Christopher Lee, Syracuse University

**Gender, Authenticity, and Identity in Greco-Islamic Medicine  
in India**

Kristin L. Bright, Stanford University

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**Popular Indian Cinema and its Audiences**

Chair: Ronald Inden, University of Chicago

**Dancing and Dialogue: The Split Male Subject of Film  
Revisited**

Lawrence Cohen, University of California, Berkeley

**Indian Cinema Audiences: Consumers or Producers?**

Lakshmi Srinivas, University of California, Los Angeles

**Cinema and Public Fantasy in Bollywood**

Priya Joshi, University of California, Berkeley

Discussant: Ronald Inden, University of Chicago

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**Discourses of Progress**

Chair: Christina Melhorn Landi, American University

**Legalizing Patriarchy**

Seira Tamang, American University

**International Law and Prostitution in Early Twentieth Century  
Bombay**

Ashwini Tambe, American University

**Discourses of Trade: Resources and Roles for the South in  
the Global Economy**

Christina Melhorn Landi, American University

**Development at Work: Discourses of Awareness**

Tatsuro Fujikura, University of Chicago

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**Post-Colonial Identities in a Globalizing World**

Chair: Himadeep Muppidi, University of Minnesota

**Making Sense of Indian Nuclear Tests**

Latha Varadarajan, University of Minnesota

**Producing Desi Silicon Valleys: Globalization in Postcolonial India**

Himadeep Muppidi, University of Minnesota

**Competing Sites, Contesting Visions: Media Constructions of Woman/Nation/Globalization in the 1996 Miss World Pageant**

Sujatha Sosale, Georgia State University

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**Collaboration, Region, and Religion in Nineteenth-Century Colonial Ethnography**

Chair: Karni Pal Bhati, University of Notre Dame

**Who's Who in Colonial Folkloristics**

Sadhana Naithani, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Consolidating "the Deccan" in Late Nineteenth-Century Colonial Folklore Collections**

Leela Prasad, Duke University

**Missionary Martyrs in British India**

Angela Schwer and Karni Pal Bhati, Fairmont State College and University of Notre Dame

Discussant: Paula Richman, Oberlin College

**Saturday, October 16**

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## **Tea and Coffee Break**

**3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.**

*Lowell Center, Main Lounge  
and*

*Pyle Center, Ameritech Lounge*

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**3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

*Pyle Center, Lakeshore Room*

## **Plenary Session**

### **Human Rights Issues in South Asia**

Chair: Joseph Elder, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Anwar Iqbal**

Journalist and Diplomatic Correspondent for *The News*

**Ved Pratap Vaidik**

Journalist and Chairman, Council for Indian Foreign Policy

**Sherine Xavier**

Home for Human Rights

*To be preceeded by a brief memorial for*

**Neelam Tiruchelvam**

International Center for Ethnic Studies, Sri Lanka

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*Lowell Center, Main Lounge*

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*Lowell Center, Lower Lounge*

**Annual General Meeting of the  
American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies**

**5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

*Lowell Center, Room B1A*

**Meeting of the Rajasthan Studies Group**

**5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

*Lowell Center, Room 118*

**Annual Membership Meeting of the  
Nepal Studies Association**

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
*of*  
**Past CHINGARI Videofests**

**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

*Pyle Center Auditorium*

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**Business Meeting on Sikh Politics and Religion  
Conference**

Chair: Paul Wallace, University of Missouri-Columbia  
N. G. Barrier, University of Missouri-Columbia

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**Bangladesh and West Bengal: Literature, Politics, and  
Environment**

Chair: Zillur R. Khan, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

**An Examination of Man-Environment Relationships in  
Bangladesh**

Anjishnu Roy, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

**Ombudsman System as a Tool of Public Accountability**

Najmul Abedin, Austin Peay State University

**Consensus Building, Political Stability, and Natural Forces**

Zillur R. Khan, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

*Lowell Center, Room 118*

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**Human Rights in Nepal**

Chair: James F. Fisher, Carleton College

**The Struggle for Human Rights in Nepal: The Case of Tanka  
Prasad**

James F. Fisher, Carleton College

**Situating and Historicizing Human Rights in Democratic  
Nepal**

Lauren Leve, Wellesley College

**People's Participation in the Political Process in Nepal**

Tara Niraula, Columbia University

Discussant: Gerald Berreman, University of California, Berkeley

**Sunday, October 17**

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**Social Hour / Continental Breakfast**

**8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

*Lowell Center, Main Lounge*

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**8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.**

*Lowell Center, Room B1A*

**Meeting of the Maharashtra Studies Group**

**9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

*Lowell Center, Room B1A*

**Memorial Service for Bea Miller**

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**9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

*Lowell Center, Dining Room*

**Special Sunday Session:  
Hindustani Classical Music**

**Ravindra Goswami, sitar**

**Ramchandra Pandit, tabla**

**Sunday, October 17**  
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**Subject to Change: Gender, Culture and National Identity**

Chair: Mytheli Sreenivas, University of Pennsylvania

**Nationalizing Marriage: The Dravidian Movement's  
Reorganization of Gendered Identities**

Mytheli Sreenivas, University of Pennsylvania

**Prescriptions for Patriotism: Indian Women's Magazines  
Advice for the Modern Female Subject**

Sujata Moorti, Old Dominion University

**Where Are We Now? Movements in the Political Participation  
of Women in India**

Sreevidya Kalaramadam, University of Iowa

**Undesired Intrusions: Subaltern Agency and Power**

Tapati Bharadwaj, University of Cincinnati

*Lowell Center, Room 118*

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**Memories of Conflict: The Interpellation of India in  
Cultural Narratives of Trinidad**

Chair: Srimati Basu, DePauw University

**Memories in Conflict: Conflicts in the Construction of  
Historic Memory**

Marcelle McVorrán, DePauw University

**The Construction of Religious Memory: Imagining Hinduism**

Srimati Basu, DePauw University

**The Ganges Has Met the Nile: Hybridity in Caribbean  
Feminism**

Roseanne Kanhai, Western Washington University

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**Tea and Coffee Break**

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*Lowell Center, Main Lounge*

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*Lowell Center, Lower Lounge*

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**Domestic Space and the Management of Gender**

Chair: Martha Ann Selby, University of Texas at Austin

**Gender Roles in Early Hindi Literature for Women**

Vasudha Dalmia, University of California, Berkeley

**The Bhadramahila, the Bhadrakok and the Servant: Domestic Ideologies in Late 20th Century Calcutta**

Raka Ray, University of California, Berkeley

**Hindu Nationalist Women's Identities in Domestic/Public/Nation-Space**

Paola Bacchetta, University of Kentucky

Discussant: Gail Minault, University of Texas at Austin

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Chair: Mekhala Devi Natavar, Duke University

**Femininity, of the 'Pleasant-Confectionery' Brand, Violated:  
Reading Jyotirmoyee Devi and Mahasweta Devi's Writings on  
Rape**

Debali Mookerjee, University of Chicago

**Combative Constructions of Femininity in the 1980s : Women  
and the Indian Nation**

Nandita Ghosh, Fordham University

**Feminism and Modernity: A Study of Indian Films in the 90s**

Annapurna Devi Pandey, University of California, Santa Cruz

**Nationalism and the Woman Question in Indian Comic Book  
Literature**

Karline McLain, University of Texas at Austin

*Lowell Center, Room 118*

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## **India's Fisheries: Social and Ecological Impact of Globalization and Economic Development**

Chair: Janet A. Rubinoff, York University

**Petty Traders, Gender and Household Survival in a South  
Indian Fishery**

Holly M. Hapke, East Carolina University

**Globalization and the Transformation of Backwater  
Aquaculture on Goa's Khazan (agricultural) Lands**

Janet A. Rubinoff, York University

**Wealth and Waste: Contrasting Legacies of Fisheries  
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The Center sent out a request for images to use in this year's program, asking for "images relating to the topic of our Plenary Session, Human Rights in South Asia".

Almost all of the images we received were of children: happy and sad, working and playing, in traditional and non-traditional dress, poor and well-to-do. Clearly, the issue of human rights in South Asia was seen as an issue affecting the future, as represented by children.

We were only able to use a selection of the images we received; please look for our future K-12 outreach web site to see more. And if you have images you would like to donate, please contact the Center at the email address on the back cover.

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