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Future Conferences

2002: October 11 - October 13 Pre-Conference Events: October 10

Location: Lowell and Pyle Conference Centers

2003: October 24 - October 26
Pre-Conference Events: October 23
Location: Madison Concourse Hotel

Conference Information

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Association Meetings and Auxiliary Events

Thursday, October 18

9:00am - 8:00pm: Pre-Conference - Re-Thinking India's Democracy: The Politics of Social & Institutional Change - 118 Lowell_

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies Business Meeting - 117 Lowell Center

Friday, October 19

8:00 am - 10:00 am: National Resource Center Directors' Meeting - 117 Lowell Center

8:15 pm - 10:15 pm: Independent Scholars of South Asia (ISOSA) General Meeting - Lowell Center Lower Lounge

Saturday, October 20

9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Committee on South Asian Libraries and Documentation (CONSALD) Online Technologies Workshop - B1B-B1A Lowell Center

5:15 pm - 7:15 pm: Rajasthan Studies Group Meeting -117 Lowell Center

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm: American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies Board of Directors Meeting - 225 Pyle Center

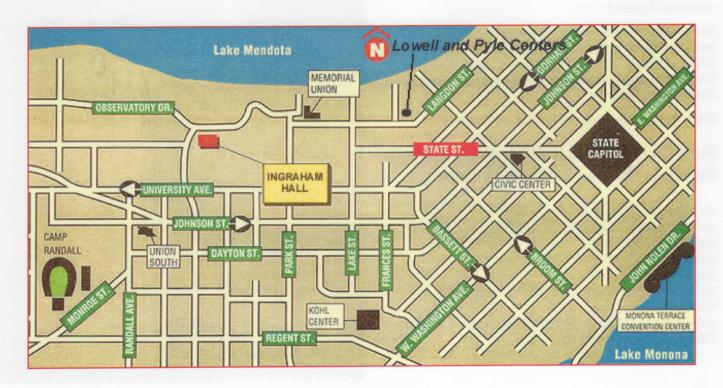
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm: United States Educational Foundation in India (USEFI) Meeting - Lowell Center Lower Lounge

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm: American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies Annual General Meeting - 225 Pyle Center

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm: Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies Membership Meeting - 118 Lowell Center

9:00 pm - 10:00 pm: American Instititute For Pakistan Studies/Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (AIPS/BULPIP) Reception for Friends, Fellows, and Members - 225 Pyle Center

8:30 pm - 10:30 pm: Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies Reception & Cash Bar - Lowell Center Upper Lounge Note: there will be a 9:15pm discussion. The topic is: "Informal Discussion on the Regicide of the King"



Thursday, October 18, 2001: Pre-Conference Event - 118 Lowell Center

Re-Thinking India's Democracy: The Politics of Social and Institutional Change

Convener and Organizer: Aseema Sinha, University of Wisconsin - Madison

The experience of democratization in India reveals the simultaneous coexistence of several interesting trends. If we distance ourselves somewhat from the short swings of the electoral cycle, two developments, slower in their temporal rhythm, seem to be brewing in the laboratory of Indian democracy. The first trend is change in the institutional setting; the second pertains to the politicization of new social forces, hitherto either denied voice or underrepresented. These two trends - social upheaval and institutional change - need to be analyzed together.

Within the domain of institutional change, perhaps the most obvious is a reworking of the federal order with greater power to the states in both economic affairs as well as more political autonomy. The other major institutional transformation is in the party system; the one-party dominant system characterized by the hegemonic Congress party has given way to a multiparty regionalized system. Equally striking have been the changes in the social bases and ideologies of politics. One the one hand, Indian democracy has become more exclusionary as a Hindu majoritarian version of mobilization has proceeded apace. Simultaneously, however, an inclusionary pressure has been exerted by the entry of new strata into the political elite: backward castes, Dalits, women, tribals. This "second democratic revolution" has been characterized by very high rates of political participation among lower strata, anomalous in the Western experience of democracy.

This conference aims to take stock of the democratic experience in India with a particular focus on analyzing the interaction between social transformation and institutional change. At the same time, it is desirable to frame these changes in a longer historical perspective.

Panel 1 - 9:00 am - 10:30 am
Elections, Political Mobilization and Party Systems

Chair: Aseema Sinha (University of Wisconsin - Madison)

Ashutosh Varshney, "Identity over Economics? Political Mobilization in Democratic India?" (University of Michigan)

Yogendra Yadav, "Rethinking Politics of Social Cleavages: Indian Elections, 1996-2001," (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, India)

Anindya Saha, "Why does a Simple Plurality Electoral System Produce a Regionalized Multi-Party System?: Reconciling Duverger's Law with the Indian Experience," (Cornell University)

Discussant: Kanchan Chandra (M.I.T.)

10:30 am - 10:45 am: coffee & tea break

Panel 2 - 10:45 am - 12:15 pm Frameworks For Thinking about Indian Democracy: at the Intersection of History and Theory

Chair: V. Narayan Rao ((University of Wisconsin - Madison)

Partha Chatterjee, "Modernity, Democracy and the Violence of the State: A Political Negotiation of Death," (Columbia University and CSSS, Calcutta).

Sandria Freitag, "Re-imagining the Role and Participants in Civil society," (University of California at Santa Cruz)

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm: lunch - on your own

Panel 3 - 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

Political Economy and Democracy in India

Chair: Joe Elder ((University of Wisconsin - Madison)

John Harriss, "How Much Difference Does Politics Make? Regime Types and Trends in Rural Poverty in India," (London School of Economics, London)

Aseema Sinha, "The Spatial Politics of Economic Adjustment: India's Economic Reforms in Comparative Perspective," (University of Wisconsin-Madison).

Discussant: Baldev Raj Nayar (McGill University) 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm: coffee & tea break

Panel 4 - 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Federalism and Democratization

Chair: Shanti Kumar ((University of Wisconsin - Madison)

Rob Jenkins, "Explaining Divergent Patterns of State-Level Institutional Reform," (University of London)

Douglas V. Verney, "Transforming the Indian Political System: What Are the Alternatives?" (University of Pennsylvania)

Discussant: Swarna Rajgopalan (Yale University)

4:15 pm - 5:45 pm: Roundtable Session

Chair: Vinay Dharwadker (University of Wisconsin - Madison)

Edward Friedman (University of Wisconsin-Madison) Marc Galanter (University of Wisconsin-Madison) V. Narayana Rao (University of Wisconsin-Madison) Crawford Young (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm: Cash Bar

6:45 pm - Dinner in Lowell Center Dining Room

Friday, October 19, 2001 Panel Session I: 9:00 am - 10:45 am

A Place to Remember...or Not: Local Intersections of Memory, Forgetting, and Identity Construction

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Chair: Syed Ali, James Madison University

Banarsipan, Pseudonyms and Pissing on Walls: Images of City and Self among Banarsi Muslim Poets Christopher Lee, Canisius College

Forgetting to Remember, Remembering to Forget: Identity Construction among Hyderabadi Muslims in New York Syed Ali, James Madison University

The Raj that Memory Forgot: Local Forgetting During National Remembering
Peter Gottschalk, Southwestern University

Discussant: Karen Leonard, University of California - Irvine

Economics and Development Ad Hoc Panel

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Chair: Baldev Raj Nayar, McGill University

The International Integration of the Indian Economy Baldev Raj Nayar, McGill University

The Politics of Marketizing Capital: Development, Transition, and State Power in Indian Financial Reform Matthew C. J. Rudolph, Cornell University

People's Movements Against Corruption: Transparency, Accountability, and the Right to Information in India Anne Marie Goetz, University of Sussex, and Robert Jenkins, University of London

Leadership Change, Democracy, and Development in Rural North India Anirudh Krishna, Duke University

Sage, Saint, King: Alternative Historiography in the Maharashtrian Milieu

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Chair: Christian Novetzke, Columbia University

Who Killed Namdev?: The Forensics of Authorship in a Non-Modern Tradition

Christian Novetzke, Columbia University

Did Visvamitra Really Eat Dog Meat?: Historical and Dharmic Contexts in the Performance of a Puranic Narrative

Adheesh Sathaye, University of California - Berkeley

You tell me who Shivaji was, and I'll you who you are Ananya Vajpeyi, University of Chicago

Discussant: Nicholas B. Dirks, Columbia University

Watersheds of Inquiry: John Thayer Hitchcock's Himalayan and South Asian Legacy (Part 1 of 2)

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Chair: Alfred Pach, University of Chicago

A Taste Shared: Reflecting John Hitchcock and the Good in Fieldwork Tom Fricke, University of Michigan

The Legacy of John Hitchcock's Cultural Ecology in the Anthropology of Himalaya

Stephen Mikesell, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Impact of Social Factors on Child Health and Disability: Comparative Results from Bangladesh and Pakistan Maureen Durkin, Columbia University

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Roundtable Discussion: Archaeology and Cultural Heritage of Afghanistan and Pakistan

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Chair: Martha Carter, Ancient India and Iran Trust

Participants:

Raymond Allchin, Cambridge University Martha Carter, Ancient India and Iran Trust Bridget Allchin, Ancient India and Iran Trust J. Mark Kenoyer, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Ramayanas Off Center: Modern Ramayanas in South India and Bengal

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Chair: V. Narayana Rao, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Centering the Book of War: Heroic Fury in the Ramayana Murals at Mattancheri Palace in Kerala Mary Beth Coffman Heston, College of Charleston

The Ethics of Beheading Shambuka: Modern Ramayana Plays in South

Paula Richman, Oberlin College

Humanizing Animals in Dutt's Bengali Ramayana Poem Clinton Seely, University of Chicago

The Ramayana Relinvented in 20th Century Bengal: Roy's Parody and Basu's Short Story Mandakranta Bose, University of British Columbia

Macrocosm in a Microcosm: Ethnic and Political Identities in Sri Lanka and South Asia

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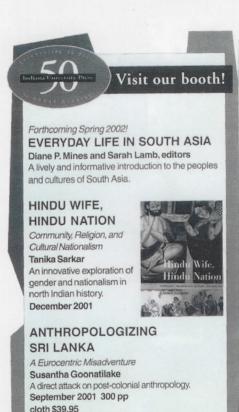
Chair: V. Ravindiran, Department of History, University of Manitoba

Batticaloa Muslim Identity in Historical Perspective Dennis McGilvray, University of Colorado at Boulder

Interrogating Ethnicity in South Asia: Some Reflections from a Comparison of Tamil Ethnicity Across the Palk Straits V. Ravindiran, University of Manitoba

Shaping the Political Arena: The United National Party of Sri Lanka Amita Shastri, San Francisco State University

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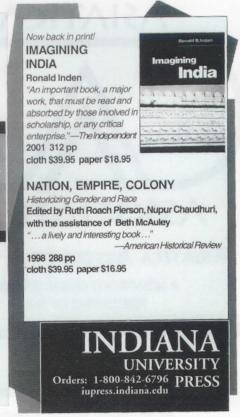
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Chair: Anand Yang, University of Utah

Sexuality, Discipline and the Racial Boundaries of the Bengal Army in the Mid-19th Century

Douglas M. Peers, University of Calgary

Crime, Madness and the Cannabis User: The Lunatic Asylum and the Construction of the 'ganja-smoker' as Social Problems in Colonial India, 1857-1892

James H. Mills, University of Strathclyde

Native Women and the Colonial Penitentiary Satadru Sen, Washington University - St. Louis

Discussant: Sandria Freitag, University of California - Santa Cruz



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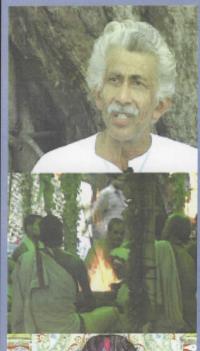
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Education for Progress: The Politics of Schooling in Colonial and Post-Colonial India

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Chair: Abby McGowan, University of Pennsylvania

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Gregory G. Maskarinec, University of Hawaii

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Women's Islamic Activism in Bangladesh Maimuna Huq, Columbia University

Blurring the Private: NGOs, Women's Rallies and Militant Islam Lamia Karim, Rice University

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Yaksi as Contemporary Folklore and Cinema Star: Alive (Dead), Well, and Hip in Kerala

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Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

The Waning of Spirit Possession in 20th Century Kerala Murphy Halliburton, Queens College, CUNY

Discussant: Rich Freeman, University of Michigan

Lila in Context: Local Expressions of Krishna Devotion

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Chair: Pika Ghosh, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Janmashtami at Govindadev Temple: Celebrating the Birth of Jaipur's God-King

Cynthia Atherton, Middlebury College

Image Theory and the Economy of Vallabha Sampradaya Images at Kota

Woodman Taylor, University of Illinois at Chicago

Inscribing Krishna's Lila in Hindu Women's Lives Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University - Chicago

Discussant: Donna Wulff, Brown University

Cinematic Sites: Family, Home and Nation in Indian Film

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Chair: Katherine F. Hacker, University of British Columbia

The Emancipated Imagination: Reading and Resistance in Satyajit Ray's Charulata

Kathleen Wyma, University of British Columbia

The Home and the World: Rethinking the Allegory in a Contemporary Context

Kari Shepherdson, University of British Columbia

Rites of Consumption? Framing Marriage in Hum Aapke Hain Kaun Monisha Srinivas, University of British Columbia

Fire, Imperial Trauma and Indian Cinema Rajdeep Gill, University of British Columbia

Bangladesh in the 21st Century: Political Economic and Environmental Dimensions

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

Man-Made Environmental Pollution in Bangladesh Rafique Ahmed, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

Economy and Education: Distance Education for Bangladesh Khandker A. Wahhab, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

Technology Transfer: The Old-Fashioned Way Shafi A. Khaled, University of Wisconsin - River Falls

Values, Identity and Development
Zillur Khan, University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh

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Orientalism, Religion, and Colonial Discourse Lowell Center Lower Lounge:

Chair: Amardeep Singh, Lehigh University

Colonialism and the "Oriental Kabala" Mandakini Dubey, Duke University

An Affair of Greased Cartridges: Religion and Orientalism in Representations of 1857 Amardeep Singh, Lehigh University

Post-Colonial Orientalisms: A Story of Inherited Critiques Deepa S. Reddy, University of Houston - Clear Lake

The Emergence of the Anglophone Guru Srinivas Aravamudan, Duke University



TEA AND COFFEE BREAK 3:00 pm - 3:15 pm LOWELL UPPER LOUNGE

Begin Panel Session III

Ideals of Citizenship in Colonial and Postcolonial India

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Chair: Vasudha Dalmia, University of California - Berkeley

Lucknow's Jalsa-i Tahzib: An Urban Elite, Organized Agency and Early 'Associational Culture' in British India Ulrike Stark, University of Heidelberg

'Aspiring to True Brahminhood' - The Dissemination of Civic Ideals in the Gurukul Kangri (1902-22) Harald Fischer-Tiné, Humboldt University

Patriotic Swayamseva: The Cultivation of Active Citizens in Late Colonial India

Carey A. Watt, University of British Columbia

Citizenship in Independent India: A View of the Early Fifties Vasudha Dalmia, University of California - Berkeley

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Tablighi Tales

Barbara D. Metcalf, University of California - Davis

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Susan Schomburg, Harvard University

Intra- and Interreligious Boundaries in Contemporary Bangladeshi Islam Hans Harder, Halle University

Discussant: Peter J. Bertocci, Oakland University

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Chair: Enrica Garzilli, University of Macerata

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Gautama Vajracharya, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Abhinavagupta's Representation of the Three Worlds Enrica Garzilli, University of Macerata

A Localized View of South Asia: The Nagas of Kashmir Michael Witzel, Harvard University

Discussant: Hans Henrich Hock, University of Illinois - Urbana Champaian

Embracing the World Through Renunciation: Everyday Lives of Women Renouncers

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Chair: Ann Grodzins Gold, Syracuse University

Traditional Feminists and Modern Saints: Sannyasinis Confuse Dominant Models

Meena Khandelwal, University of Iowa

Passionate Renouncers: Hindu Nationalist Renouncers and the Politics of Hindutva

Kalyani Devaki Menon, Syracuse University

Renouncing Expectations: Baul Women, Feminine Respectability, and Renunciation

Lisa I. Knight, Syracuse University

Betwixt and Between Asceticism and Domesticity: Buddhist Nuns in Kashmir

Kim Gutschow, Brandeis University

Losses, Retrievals, and Anxieties of Hope: The Cultural Logic of Trans/forming Indian Identities 111 Pyle Center

Chair: Makarand Paranjape, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Jewish Portraits, Indian Frames: Gender, Colonialism and Identity Jael Silliman, University of Iowa

Anxiety of Influence and Indian Identity
Lalita Pandit, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

Translated Id/entities: English India and Its Others Makarand Paranjape, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The Cultural Logic of Speed: Indian Identity in Global Time Deepika Bahri, Emory University

Pakistan and the Taliban

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Chair: Craig Baxter, Juniata College

Participants:

Ahmed Rashid, Far Eastern Economic Review Mumtaz Ahmad, Hampton University Kurt Behrendt, Temple University Brian Spooner, University of Pennsylvania

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Ethnicity, Class, and Gender: Capital in a South Asian Labor Market in the Midwest

Kathleen Bubinas, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Social, Political, and Ecological Considerations of Joint Forest Management in Himachal Pradesh, India Heather Plumridge, University of Michigan - School of Natural

Resources and Environment

American Undergraduate Reflections on the Partition of India

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Chair: Manju Parikh, Saint John's University

Participants:

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Chair: Barbara Ramusack, University of Cincinnati

Contesting Historiographies: A Comparison of Social Studies Textbooks in India and Pakistan

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Yvette Claire Rosser, University of Texas - Austin

Women's Studies and Women's History Geraldine Forbes, State University of New York - Oswego

It Is Their Fear of History

Dolores Chew, Marianopolis College

Discussant: Indrani Chatterjee, Rutgers University

Nature and Nation: Perspectives from India and Nepal

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Chair: K. Sivaramakrishnan, University of Washington

The Sovereign State and the Subjects' Right in Nature: India under Company Rule

Gunnel Cederlöf, Uppsala University

Indigenous Natures: The Politics of Forest and Ethnicity in Meghalaya, Northeast India

Bengt Karlsson, Uppsala University

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Space and Semiosis in South Indian Texts 118 Lowell Hall

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Mapping Madras in the Sarvadevavilasa: Urban Space, Topography, and Discourses of Power in a Nineteenth-Century Sanskrit text *Indira Viswanathan Peterson, Mount Holyoke College*

A Gendered Topology: Regionalization of Power in the Tirukkailayañanavula Blake Wentworth, University of Chicago

In the Spaces of the Sacred Shadow Rich Freeman, University of Michigan

Urban and Textual Form in Medieval Cholamandalam Whitney Cox, University of Chicago

Regional Perspectives on the History of Caste: Panjab, Maharashtra, and Sri Lanka

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Chair: Chandra R. de Silva, Old Dominion University

No Caste in the Bar: Social Categories in Panjab, 1800-1947 Brian P. Caton, University of Pennsylvania

Caste as Maratha: Colonial Sociology and Social Conflict in Early Twentieth Century Maharashtra Prachi Deshpande, Tufts University

Caste as a Social Category and Identity in Colonial Sri Lanka John D. Rogers, Tufts University

Discussant: Sumit Guha, Brown University

Reordering Power: The Politics of Decentralization and Local Government in Pakistan (part 1 of 2) 112 Pyle Center

Chair: Charles Kennedy, Wake Forest University

Pakistan's Local Government Plan, 2000 and Ethnic Accommodation Charles Kennedy, Wake Forest University

Decentralization and Federalism: New Challenges, Old Problems Saeed Shafqat, Columbia University

Democracy and Authority in Pakistan Robert Nichols, Stockton College

Analysis of District Government Elections in Pakistan, 2000-2001 Aurangzeb Syed, Northern Michigan University

Words and Actions in the Forging of Vedic Hermeneutics

225 Pyle Center

Chair: Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University

Gods as Priests: The Rbhus and the Third Soma Pressing Joel Brereton, University of Texas - Austin The Children of Rta: Relations among 'Powers' in the Veda Carlos Lopez, Florida State University The Domestic Ritual Codes and the Promotion of Vedic Piety Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University

Magic and Metonymy in Vedic Poetry and Sacrifice Laurie Patton, Emory University

Playback Time: Looking Seriously at Film Songs Lowell Center Lower Lounge

Chair: Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa

Toward a Theory of Aesthetic and Narrative Conventions in Hindi Film Music

Gregory D. Booth, University of Auckland

Borrowing Hats: Song Parody and Social Critique in Aadmii (1939) Neepa Majumdar, Indiana University

How Musical is Bollywood?: Song Integration in Hindi Cinema of the 1950s-1970s

Alison E. Arnold, North Carolina State University

All Hindi Films Are (Not) Musicals: Film Songs and Genre Definitions in an International Frame

Corey K. Creekmur, University of Iowa

Himalayan Subsistence and Emigration

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Chair: John J. Metz, Northern Kentucky University

The Evolving Agroforestry System of Chimkhola, an Upper Slope Village of West Central Nepal John J. Metz, Northern Kentucky University

A Passion for Pine: Forestry Practices of the Apatani People of Arunachal Pradesh Michael Rechlin, Principia College

Nepalese Emigration to South Asia: an Historical Perspective Mohan N. Shrestha, Bowling Green University

Women: Conflict, Love, and Litigation Ad Hoc Panel 220 Pyle Center

Chair: Aradhanu Parmar, University of Calgary

Emerging Narratives Anila Asghar, Harvard University, and Meenakshi Chhabra, Leslie University

Women, the Constitution, and Fundamental Rights: An Exploration of Social Action Litigation in the Indian Supreme Court Modhurima DasGupta, Brown University

Writing Themselves into History: Women's Organizations and Islamization in Pakistan, 1977-1988

Mobina Hashmi, University of Wisconsin - Madison

The Flow of Love and Money After Broken Marriage in India Siru Maunuksela-Aura, University of Helsinki

Nations, Migrations, Diasporas: Towards a New Internationalism

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Chair: Vijay Prashad, Trinity College

Colonial Migrations and Post-Colonial Nations Tayyab Mahmud, Cleveland State University

The Transnational Foundations of National Formations: Migration, the Nation, and State Sovereignty
Radhika Mongia, University of California - Santa Cruz

The Incommensurability of Transnationalism and Globalization Biju Mathew, Rider University

Discussant: Srirupa Roy, University of Massachusetts - Amherst

Disease, Dearth, Affliction

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Chair: Parama Roy, University of California, Riverside

'In the Heat of the Noonday Sun': Tropical Depression and Psychic Meteorology

Sandhya Shetty, University of New Hampshire

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Rosemary Marangoly George, University of California - San Diego

"Figures of Famine"
Parama Roy, University of California - Riverside

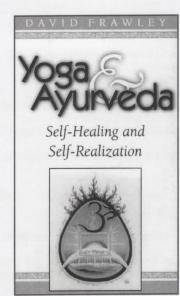
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Against Their Will: Nepal's Theatre of Girl-Trafficking Carol Davis, Pomona College

The Beachcombers of Kathmandu: Cultural Translation for Foreign Visitors to Nepal Heather Hindman, University of Chicago

A Sociological Study on Child Labor in Nepal (A Case Study of Domestic Child in Urban Terai of Eastern and Central Development

Badri Nath Sharma, Tribhuvan University

Reconfiguring Tradition: Religion, Ritual and Revitalization in Three South Asian Contexts

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Chair: Fred W. Clothey, University of Pittsburgh

The Power of Place: Rethinking and Relocating Vaisnava Holy Sites in Colonial Bengal

Jason D. Fuller, University of Pennsylvania

A Rural Temple in Urban Andhra: Classicization through Folk Festival Robert Phillips, University of Pittsburgh

A Tale of Two Hills: Creating, Preserving, and Transmitting Hanuman Festival Traditions in Pune and Satara Jeffrey M. Brackett, University of Pittsburgh

Discussant: Fred W. Clothey, University of Pittsburgh

Reordering Power: Ideology and Praxis of Decentralization in Pakistan (Part 2 of 2)

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Chair: Riaz Ahmed

The Political Economy of Decentralization in Pakistan Syed Bashir Hussain, University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh

Ideology and Practice of Centralization and Decentralization in Pakistan Farhat Haq, Manmouth College

The Central Issue in the Decentralization Debate Agha Saeed, California State University - Hayward

Discussant: Riaz Ahmed

Mediating Modernities in the Era of Globalization

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Chair: Shanti Kumar, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Public Culture, Private Selves: Books in the Age of Liberalization Priya Joshi, University of California - Berkeley

Cybercommunities and the Technologies of the Postcolonial Himadeep Muppidi, Vassar College

Diaspora in the Digital Age: The Cybercultures of Indians in the United States

Madhavi Mallapragada, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Imagining Hyderabad: Media and the City in Globalization Shanti Kumar, University of Wisconsin - Madison

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Sri Lanka's Illiberal Democracy and the October 2000 Parliamentary

Neil DeVotta, University of Texas - Austin

Justice Sayyid Mahmud and the Codification of Anglo-Muhammadan

Alan M. Guenther, McGill University

Legitimacy and 'Tradition': Henry Maine and the Intellectual Foundations of Indirect Rule Karuna Mantena, Harvard University

Ideas of India: Nationalism & Narrative Giles Pinto, University of Toronto

The Contested 'Public Sphere': Temple Entry, Classical Music, and Personal Law

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Chair: Rachel Sturman, University of Michigan

The Emergence of a "Dalit Public": Temple-Entry and the Politics of

Anupama Rao, Barnard College

Modern Hinduism and Classical Art: V.D. Paluskar's Syndicated Music **Nationalism** Janaki Bakhle, Columbia University

Colonial Law and Intimate Relations: Defining Hindu Laws of Inheritance in the Bombay High Court Rachel Sturman, University of Michigan

Discussant: Partha Chatterjee, Columbia University

Thinking Through the Dalit-Bahujan 'Community' 112 Pyle Center

Chair: Gary Michael Tartakov, Iowa State University

Uneasy Alliance Between Dalits and OBCs: Prospects and Retrospect K. P. Singh, University of Washington - Seattle

Caste Lists and Certificates: Community Definition through Reservation

Laura Dudley Jenkins, University of Cincinnati

How to Make a 'Community'? Contradictions between 'Marriage Circles' and Community/Society in a Dalit Bahujan Organization Balmurli Natrajan, Iowa State University

Discussant: Eleanor Zelliot, Carleton College

Globalization & Diaspora Ad Hoc Panel

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Chair: Sangita Gopal, Old Dominion University

Bharata Natyam, Pedagogy and Context, in the United States Mark D. Kittlaus, University of Pittsburgh

Desi Driver: Identity and Social Mobility in the South Asian American Taxi Driving Community

Ali S. Taqi, Loyola University Chicago

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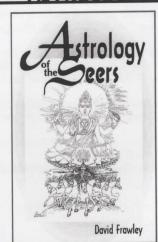
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Memory and Forgetting in Contemporary Nepal 226 Pyle Center

Chair: Laura M. Ahearn, Rutgers University

We Must Dig Out the True History of This Land: Narratives of the Past and Boycotts of the Dasain Festival in Nepal Susan Hangen, University of Pittsburgh

A Brother Will Forget: Cultural History of Family Memory and Inheritance Law in Nepal Laura Kunreuther, Bard College

Constructing a Past Together: Memory in Nepali Love Letters and Political Speeches Laura M. Ahearn, Rutgers University

Song and Memory Kathryn S. March, Cornell University

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Social Categories and Ethnomusicological Field Experience in Kerala Rolf Groesbeck, University of Arkansas - Little Rock

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Images and Illusions of Indian Magic and Magic India Shreeyash Palshikar, University of Chicago

Marginal Peoples and Wandering Borders: The Integration of Autonomous Regions and Unruly Spaces into the Pakistani State

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Chair: Julie Flowerday, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Traversing the State: Travel and the Postcolonial State in Northern Pakistan

Chad Haines, University of NC, Chapel Hill

From the Camp to the Village: Territorializing Refuge in Azad Jammu

Cabeiri deBergh Robinson, Cornell University

Hunza Scales into Pakistan: The Waistline of a Marginal Region in the Belly of a State

Julie Flowerday, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Discussant: Saeed Shafqat, Columbia University

Globalization & Human Rights Ad Hoc Panel 220 Pyle Center

Chair: Obaidul Haque, University of Dhaka

A Forlorn Minority: Stateless Biharis in Bangladesh Obaidul Haque, University of Dhaka

Violent Intersections: Globalization and Human Rights in India Angana P. Chatterji, California Institute of Integral Studies

Cultural Globalization and Dalit Citizenship: Questions of Gender and Community

Usha Zacharias, Westfield State College

Participating in Informal Groups for Social Empowerment: Evidence from Rural India

Mangala Subramaniam, University of Connecticut - Storrs

Seeds: Preservation, Manipulation and the Genomics Revolution

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Chair: Ronald Herring, Cornell University

Seed Talk: Cyclicality and its Opposites Ann Grodzins Gold, Syracuse University

Enlisting 'The Poor' as Political Strategy: The Battle over Genetically **Engineered Organisms** Ronald Herring, Cornell University

Genes, Seeds and Constructed Scarcity Lakshman Yapa, Pennsylvania State University

Discussant: Smitu Kothari

Religion and Medicine Ad Hoc Panel

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Chair: Tissa Jayatilaka, Grinnell University

Miscarriage, Myth and Medicine in the Kasyapa Samhita Anthony Cerulli, University of Chicago

Challenge to Religious Identities: Christian Conversions and the Indian Response in Bombay City, 1839-1850 Jesse S. Palsetia, University of Toronto

From the "Scientific" to the "Indigenous": Homeopathy in South India Gary Hausman, Independent Scholar

Perceptions of Culture and Social Practice in Early Modern Tanjavur, 1727-1765

Axel Utz, Pennsylvania State University

Homes, Pasts, Memories: Other Understandings of History

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Chair: Sarah Lamb, Brandeis University

Memory Conduits and Identity Labels: Ideas of King and Tribe in Kota **Oral Tradition**

Richard K. Wolf, Harvard University

The Shadows of the Non-Eventful Brian Keith Axel, Harvard University

The "New Artisan": Global Labour in the Culture Trap Arindam Dutta, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Discussant: Nita Kumar, Reed College

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The Nation and Modernity in the Countryside: Representing 'The Rural' in South Asia

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Chair: Ian Petrie, University of Pennsylvania

On the Margins of the Nation: the Perspective of Amcalika Writing in

Thomas de Bruijn, Leiden University

The Gift of Janjati: The Fashioning of a Tribal Identity Rashmi Bali Chilka, Independent Scholar

Representing and Creating Character in the Countryside: Bengal, c.1880-1947

lan Petrie, University of Pennsylvania

Imagining Healing Landscapes in Ayurvedic Medicine Mary Cameron, Florida Atlantic University

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Chair: Kamala Visweswaran, University of Texas, Austin

Ghalib in the Progressive Idiom Syed Akbar Hyder, University of Texas, Austin

Aesthetic Experiment or Aesthetic Failure? The Plebian Poetry of Sahir

Raza Mir, Monmouth University

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Recent Research in Buddhist Philosophy

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Chair: Jim Blumenthal, Oregon State University

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Participants:

Amitava Kumar, Penn State University Christi Merrill, University of Michican Kirin Narayan, University of Wisconsin - Madison Roshni Rustomji, Stanford University

Contested Identities, Contested Space: Conflict and Compromise in South Asia and the Diaspora

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Chair: Preeti Chopra, University of California - Berkeley

Competition and Monopoly in Seventeenth Century Indian Ocean Ports Ian C. Wendt, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Race, Class, and Community: Philanthropy and the Division of the Public Realm in Colonial Bombay

Preeti Chopra, University of California - Berkeley

Colonial Museums, Indian Nationalism and Crushed Glass in the Eyes of History

Kristy Phillips, University of Minnesota

The Formation of the Physical Indian Temple Imprint in Northern California

Reena Mehta, University of California - Berkeley

Literature & Politics Ad Hoc Panel

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Chair: Patrick Colm Hogan, University of Connecticut

Jacobinism in India, Indianism in English Parliament: Political Concatenation and Enlightenment Critique in the thought of Edmund Burke

Sunil M. Agnani, Columbia University

Holborn, Central Finsbury, and Salisbury's "Black Man": Dadabhai Naoroji in London (1886-1892)

Sukanya Banerjee, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Resistance to Macaulayism and the Rise of Urdu as a Weapon of Commitment Literature in English India (1857-1947)

Syed Hassan, Claflin University

Ethical Issues and Subversive Humor in Modern Malvi Folk Literature Richa Pauranik, Indiana University - Bloomington

Evolutions of the Srivaisnava Sect

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Chair: George Hart, University of California - Berkeley

Unrequited Love as Public Spectacle: The Poetry of Tirumankai Alvar Srilata Mueller, University of Heidelberg

A Journey from Human to God: Reworkings of Sangam Literature by Nammalvar

George Hart, University of California - Berkeley

Loving God in Three Languages: Sanskrit and the Cosmopolitan Vernacular in the Poems of a 14th century South Indian Saint-Poet Steven Hopkins, Swarthmore College

Srivaisnava and Rajaji: From Religion to Politics Geetha Murali, University of California - Berkeley

Private Women, Public Fortunes

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Chair: Shuchi Kapila, Kenyon College

Narrative, Politics, and the Representation of Women Candidates Wendy Singer, Kenyon College

The Servant's Tale: Public and Private Politics in South Asian Fiction Yumna Siddiqi, University of North Carolina - Greensboro

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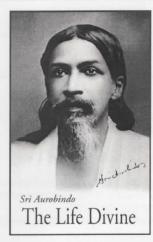
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Questioning History from Colonial India

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Chair: Rama Sundari Mantena, Universty of Michigan

An Indian History? Reflections on the Rajatarangini of Kalhana Vinay Lal, University of California - Los Angeles

Flooding History: Catastrophic Pasts and the Politics of Loss in Tamil India

Sumathi Ramaswamy, University of Michigan

History and Archive in Colonial India Rama Sundari Mantena, University of Michigan

Discussant: Nicholas B. Dirks, Columbia University

Women's Narratives, Men's Mediations: Questioning Gendered Voices in Colonial India and Postcolonial Pakistan

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Chair: Barbara Metcalf, University of California - Davis

The Padmini Story in Tod's Annals: Rajput Patriarchy Reinterpreted Ramya Sreenivasan, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Gendered "Folk" Practices in Colonial Narratives: Performing the Punjabi *Pax Patriarchica*

Michelle Maskiell, Montana State University

Qissas, Kafis, Sufis and Class Hero(in)es: Readings in the Legend of Hir-Ranjha

Carla Petievich, Montclair State University

Representations of a Gendered Self in Pakistani Women's Autobiographies/Memoirs Ruqayya Y. Khan, University of California - Santa Barbara

Art from the Edge: Art Produced Along South Asia's Borders

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Chair: Marsha G. Olson, University of Minnesota

Temples, Paintings, Poets and Avatars: Reclaiming Sisodia Authority Under Mughal Rule Jennifer Joffee, University of Minnesota

Good Shepherd Rockeries: An Image at the Confluence of Cultures Marsha G. Olson, University of Minnesota

A "Post-Colonial" Reading of the Laxmi Vilas, Vadodara Hawon Ku Kim, University of Minnesota

Wrestling the Modern: P. T. Reddy and the Language of Post-Indepedence Indian Art Rebecca M. Brown, St. Mary's College of Maryland

Politics in India: Beginning of a New Millennium 112 Pyle Center

Chair: Paul Wallace, Uiversity of Missouri - Columbia

Grass Roots Politics in Karnataka and U. P: Does "North-South" Really Matter?

Harold Gould, University of Virginia

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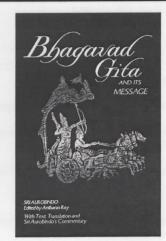
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Political & Economic Entrepreneurship in Post-Mughal India

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Chair: Richard B. Barnett, Univ. of Virginia

Ideology and Statecraft in 18th-Century Punjab Purnima Dhavan, Univ. of Virginia

Multani Merchants in the Indo-Afghan Empire Scott Levi, Eastern Illinois University

Strategies of State and Society in Hyderabad, 1752-1803 Richard B. Barnett, Univ. of Virginia

Discussant: Muzaffar Alam, Univ. of Chicago

The Problem of Nihilism in Madhyamaka Buddhist Philosophy

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Chair: Paul Donnelly, Northern Arizona University

Superficial - Out of Profundity: Re-Evaluating the Question of Nihilism in Regard to Madhyamaka Philosophy
Paul Donnelly, Northern Arizona University

Compassion and Ethical Nihilism: The Problem of the Ontological Referent of Compassion in Indian Buddhism Stephen Jenkins, Humboldt State University

Interpreting the Two Truths: D. F. Burton on Nàgàrjuna John Dunne, UW-Madison

Nàgàrjuna's Arguments Edward Falls, UW-Madison

Contentions of Illegality: Places and Publics in Colonial and Post-Colonial Urban Punjab

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