

The Center For South Asia Studies
14th Annual South Asia Conference
University of California, Berkeley
Boalt School of Law
Saturday/Sunday, February 13/14, 1999

Agenda

Saturday, February 13

Session 1
9:00 - 10:30 AM

Panel 1: Regionalism, Federalism, and the Political Economy of Policy Change in India: A Re-examination

Panel Chair: David Stuligross, Political Science, UC Berkeley

Discussant: Arun Swamy, Politics, Oberlin College

- The Role of Political Institutions in Economic Governance: Federalism and Center-State Relations in India
Aseema Sinha, Government, Cornell University
- Subnational States as Developmental "Models": Do the Analogies Work?
Ron Herring, International Relations, Cornell University
- Jharkhand, Bihar, and India: The Federal Politics of a Statehood Demand Movement
David Stuligross, Political Science, UC Berkeley

Panel 2: Body Talk: Prescriptions, Prohibitions, and Polemics in Colonial and Contemporary India

Panel Chair: Sandhya Shetty, English, University of New Hampshire

Discussant: Inderpal Grewal, Women Studies, SF State University

- Meat-Eating, Masculinity, and Renunciation
Parama Roy, English, UC Riverside
- The Hindu Nationalist Socio-Sexual Order According to the RSS: On Homosexuality/Homophobia/A-Sexuality/Heterosexuality
Paola Bachetta, Sociology, University of Kentucky
- Consumption and Corporeality: Diet and the Configuration of Arya Manhood in the Writings of Dayananda Saraswati
Jyotsna Uppal, History, Queens College
- Diet, Dress, Ornament: How to be Hindu, a Woman, and a Physician
Sandhya Shetty, English, University of New Hampshire

Session 2
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Panel 3: Law, Economy and Culture: Shifting Loci of Political Power in Pakistan

Panel Chair: Leo Rose, Political Science, UC Berkeley

Discussant: Hafeez Malik, Political Science, Villanova University

- Judicial Activism and the Superior Courts in Pakistan Since the Death of Zia-ul-Haq
Charles Kennedy, Politics, Wake Forest University
- The Cultural Invasion of Pakistan by Foreign Media: A Shift of Power Within or Outside?
Theodore P. Wright, Jr., Political Science, Emeritus, University of Albany
- Rule of Law and Power Politics: The Trajectory of Constitutional Amendments in Pakistan
Agha Saeed, Political Science, Cal State University, Hayward

Panel 4: Falling off the Map: South Asian Popular Culture at Large

Panel Chair: Bakirathi Mani, Modern Thought and Literature, Stanford University

Discussant: Purnima Mankekar, Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University

- Politicizing the Site of Fashion: Conversations with Designing Women in Bangladesh
Elora Halim Chowdhury, Women's Studies, Clark University

- Dressing the Diaspora: Clothing Practices, Ethnic Performance and the Politics of Cultural Cross-Dressing
Bakirathi Mani, Modern Thought and Literature, Stanford University
- Chaste Identities: Indian American Youth and Popular Culture in New York
Sunaina Maira, Human Development and Psychology, Harvard University

Session 3
1:30 - 3:00 PM

Panel 5: Socio-Economic Life in South Asia (Cancelled)

Panel 6: Gender, Citizenship, and National Identity in South Asia

Chair & Discussant: Jyotsna Uppal, History, Queens College

- The Unveiling of a Nation
Teresa Heffernan, English, St. Mary's University, Quebec
- India, Women, Migration: Gendering the National Body
Radhika Mongia, Speech Communication, Women's Studies Program, and Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Recovered? Partition, Nationalism and the Gendered Migrant in Jyotirmoyee Devi's *The River Churning*
Jill Didur, English, Concordia University, Montreal

Session 4
3:15 - 4:45 PM

Panel 7: Listening for the Poets' Voice: Style and Poetic Convention in Tamil Religious Literature

Chair: George L. Hart, III, South/Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley

Discussant: Indira Peterson, Asian Studies, Mount Holyoke College

- Locating Tamil Religious Texts Within the Poets' World: A Guide to "the Guide to the God"
Layne Little, South/Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley
- Metaphorical Language in the Tirumantiram
Carlos N. Mena, South/Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley
- Antal Re-considered: Stringing Kotai's Garlands of Ecstasy
Archana Venkatesan, South/Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley

Panel 8: Tibetan Diaspora: De-/Reconstructing Communities and Identities in Exile

Chair: Jennifer M. Chertow, Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University

Discussant: Bakirathi Mani, Modern Thought and Literature, Stanford University

- Transcendental Tourism
Noelle Stout, Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University
- Ama-la: A Woman in Three Acts
Melinda Pilling, South Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago
- Death, Dying, and Diaspora: Tibetan Refugees in Chicago
Jennifer M. Chertow, Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University
- *Lo-gsar*: Ritual Preservation and Modification in the Tibetan Diaspora in Madison
Susan Gartzke, Languages and Cultures of Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison

5:00 PM: **Reception**

6:00 - 9:00 PM

The popular Hindi film **KATHA** will be introduced by
Narendra Panjwani, editor, Bombay Times. Indo-American Community Lecturer in India Studies and Springg
1999 faculty member in Film Studies

Sunday, February 14

Session 5:

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Panel 9: Mapping Governmentality: Engagements of State and Subject

Chair: Akhil Gupta, Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University

Discussant: Lawrence Cohen, Anthropology, UC Berkeley

- Of Tigers and Men: The Political Rationality of the Imperial Hunt in Mughal and British India
Anand Pandian, Anthropology, UC Berkeley
- Superiority into Sympathy: Slavery, Colonialism, and the Work of Sympathy
Amit Rai, Literary and Cultural Studies, New School for Social Research
- "My life as a Public Servant": Official Fictions and Anthropological Narratives
Akhil Gupta, Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University

Session 6

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Panel 10: Whose House is it? Three Perspectives on Domestic Space

Chair: Kathleen James, Architecture, UC Berkeley

Discussant: Swati Chattopadhyay, Architectural History, UC Santa Barbara

- Ritual, Tradition and the Domestic Landscape of the Tharu of the Terai
William P. Duncanson, Architecture, UC Berkeley
- The Ethics and Norms of Development Disasters: Housing After the 1993 Maharashtra Earthquake
Alex Salazar, Architecture, UC Berkeley
- The Trouser Under the Cloth: Domestic Expressions of Elite Status in Colonial Ceylon
Anoma Pieris, Architecture, UC Berkeley

Panel 11: South Asians in the United States: National and Transnational Affiliations

Chair: Panel Chair: Susan Koshy, Asian American Studies, UC Santa Barbara

Discussant: Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Sociology, UC Santa Barbara

- Domestic Politics and Transnationalism: Dalip Singh Saund's Indianist Orientations as US Congressman
Sandhya Shukla, Anthropology, Columbia University
- The Web of Politics of Diasporic Hinduism: The Case of North America
Vinay Lal, History, UCLA
- Narratives of South Asian American Exceptionalism
Susan Koshy, Asian American Studies, UC Santa Barbara

Session 7

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Panel 12: Gender and the Politics of Representation: Constructions of the Indian Female Figure Through Literature, Art and History

Panel Chair: Brinda Rao, Sociology, UC Berkeley

Discussant: Saba Mahmood, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley

- The Body of the Courtesan: A Contested Site
Anita Anantharam, South/Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley
- The Imagining and Imaging of Begam Samru
Alka Hingorani, History of Art, UC Berkeley
- Decoding the Nameless: Theorizing Historical Agency for Women Without Names
Durba Ghosh, History, UC Berkeley

Panel 13: South Asian Diasporic Communities: (Re)Making Culture, Identity and Labor

Panel Chair: Monali Sheth, Ethnic Studies, UC Berkeley

Discussant: Jane Singh, Ethnic Studies, UC Berkeley

- Our Own Country?: Economic and Social Class Among South Asian Americans
Partha Mazumdar, American Studies, University of Kansas

- Race, Desire and Gender Relations in the Post-Colonial Context: Internalizing Representations of the "Other" in South Asian America
R. Farrah Qidwai, Ethnic Studies/History, UC Berkeley
- Is Panethnicity Panning Out?: The Development of a South Asian American Panethnic Identity
Jaideep Singh, Ethnic Studies, UC Berkeley

Session 8

3:15 PM - 4:45 PM

Panel 14: Rethinking Work and Labor Politics in India

Panel Chair: Sharad Chari, Geography, UC Berkeley

Discussant: Gillian Hart, Geography, UC Berkeley

- Abstract Time, Work-discipline, and Agrarian Capitalism
Vinay Gidwani, Economics, University of British Columbia
- "Here, Toil is Capital": the Contradictory Politics of Work and Unionism in Tiruppur, Tamilnadu
Sharad Chari, Geography, UC Berkeley
- Domesticated Bodies: Class, Gender and Patronage Politics in Calcutta's Rural-Urban Transformation
Ananya Roy, City & Regional Planning, UC Berkeley
- Eradication of Child Labor in India - A Reality!!!
Nalini Shekar, Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action

Panel 15: Defining the Nation

Panel Chair: Vasudha Dalmia, South/Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley

Discussant: Durba Ghosh, History, UC Berkeley

- Women, Social Reform, and the Nation: Premchand's Sevasadan
Suzanne McMahon, South/Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley
- A Nation's Moharram: Aadha Gaon by Rahi Masoom Raza
Adrienne Copithorne, South/Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley
- Cracks in the Road: The Indonesian Parellel to Partha Chatterjee's Moment of Manoeuvre
Brandon Spars, South/Southeast Asian Studies, UC Berkeley
- Reading Proliferation and the Proliferation of Reading
Snehal Shingavi, English, UC Berkeley