A workshop on: Law, citizenship and democratic state building in India between 1910-1960s

University of Nottingham, 10 April 2014, 11.30am-5.30pm The Hogarth Room, The Hemsley (the old Staff Club), University Park, Nottingham, NG72RD

Review and discussion of draft papers (to receive a copy of the papers please email <u>Stephen.Legg@nottingham.ac.uk</u>)

11.30-12.15 Session 1: India's constitutional framework before independence and its implications for democratic state building

Steve Legg Dyarchy: scalar geographies of interwar India

(Geography, University of Nottingham)

Discussants: Gould, Newbigin

Arvind Elangovan Sir B N Rau and the 1935 Act

(History, Wright State University: by skype)

Discussants: Legg, Newbigin

12.15-12.35 Coffee/Tea break

12.35-13.00 Session 2: Democratic citizenship in the transition to independence

Ornit Shani Rewriting the bureaucratic colonial imagination

in the preparation of the first elections

(Asian Studies, University of Haifa)

Discussants: De, Elangovan

13.00-14.15 Lunch break

14.15-15.30 Session 3: Democracy and citizenship at the social margins

William Gould Repealing the obnoxious law: Citizenship,

'denotification' and the Habitual Offenders Act,

1939 – 1952

(History, University of Leeds)

Discussants: Legg, Shani

Uditi Sen Terra Nullius: Making Andamans Indian

(South Asian Studies, Hampshire College: by skype)

Discussants: Sherman, De

15.30-15.45 Tea/Coffee break

15.45-17.00 Session 4: Using the constitution to make citizenship from below

Rohit De The education of Brenda Mary Pinto: the right

to English in a postcolonial republic

(History & Law, University of Cambridge)

Discussants: Shani, Gould

Taylor Sherman Constitutionalism and Muslim belonging in the

decade after independence

(History, LSE)

Discussants: Elangovan, Sen

17.00-17.30 Comments and summing up