

BASAS Annual Conference 2017



Message from BASAS Chair

I am very pleased to welcome you all to the 2017 BASAS Annual Conference, co-hosted this year by University of Nottingham's Institute of Asia and Pacific Studies and by Nottingham Trent University's Centre for Postcolonial Studies. I for one am looking forward to all the exciting events that the organisers have laid on for us.

Aside from the wealth of panels, there is the keynote lecture by Urvashi Butalia from Zubaan Books, entitled *A Sense of the Past: Reflections on Partition and Memory*, the session for Graduate and Early Career delegates, the BASAS prize-giving for the best graduate student paper at the reception hosted by Taylor and Francis (publishers of *South Asian Studies* and *Contemporary South Asia*), and the conference dinner. In addition, the Asia Business Centre is hosting a reception at the same venue as the exhibition *Threads of empire – Rule and Resistance in colonial India c. 1740-1840*, based on University of Nottingham's extensive archives (curated by Onni Gust), and there is a lunchtime lecture by Erica Wald, entitled *The 'Thin White Line': European soldiers in colonial India*. Please also note the schedule for the BASAS AGM and an Extraordinary General Meeting at which a revised Constitution for BASAS will be discussed and (we hope) agreed.

As Chair of BASAS, I want to express my warmest thanks and appreciation on behalf of BASAS Council and the membership of BASAS to our hosts for your hospitality and for all the hard work that we know has gone into organising this conference.

Professor Patricia Jeffery
Chair, British Association of South Asian Studies

Message from Director of the Institute of Asia and Pacific Studies

The Institute of Asia and Pacific Studies (IAPS) and the Centre for Postcolonial Studies are delighted to welcome the delegates to the British Association for South Asian Studies annual conference. Held in the 70th year of Indian and Pakistani independence, BASAS conferences have always provided the opportunity for stimulating interactions between scholars working on South Asia within different disciplines and from different parts of the world.

All of the organizing committee have been impressed with the array of fantastic topics that are covered in the conference and there will be some difficult choices to be made in identifying which panels to attend. There was no difficult choice however, in deciding to invite Urvashi Butalia to be our keynote speaker, and we are delighted that she not only agreed to deliver the keynote, but is also involved in a discussant role for panels being organized by Professor Stephen Legg.

We are also extremely proud that Dr Onni Gust has curated an exhibition for IAPS and the University on Threads of Empire: Rule and Resistance in Colonial India. We are holding a reception on the first night of the conference at the exhibition to enable you to visit it. More details can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/threadempire>. Another development to draw your attention to is the new social media platform of IAPS www.iapsdialogue.org featuring interdisciplinary analysis of South Asia. We hope that you will enjoy reading it (and contributing to it).

We are fortunate in Nottingham to have so many scholars working on South Asia from different disciplines, not only in the University of Nottingham but also in Nottingham Trent University. The organising committee of this conference has been comprised of three members from each institution; collaboration we hope to continue. I would especially like to thank Dr Diego Maiorano who has expertly led this organising committee, as well as its other members, Dr Onni Gust, Dr Kathryn Lum, Dr Humaira Saeed and Dr Nicole Thiara, all of whom have invested an enormous amount of time and effort into making this conference run smoothly. Last, but by no means least, Dishil Shrimankar deserves special praise for managing the (extensive) administration behind the scenes as do the other PhD volunteers, Daniel Bilton, Filippo Boni, Francesca Silvestri and Becca Savory Fuller who are working hard over the next few days at the conference itself.

We hope that you enjoy Nottingham, both for its intellectual as well as its social delights! Have a wonderful conference.

Professor Katharine Adeney

Useful Information

Conference location: Engineering Science Learning Centre (ESLC), University Park, University of Nottingham (number 54 on the campus map).

Keynote lecture location: Nottingham Conference Centre, Newton Building, Lecture Theatre 2 (Nottingham city centre), Entrance off Goldsmith Street, NG1 4BU.

Local taxi Services: Cable Cars +44(0)115 9229229.

Coates café is the closest option for coffee/tea and food and will be open for delegates between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm. Coates Building (right next to the ESLC).

ATM: there are two ATM machines at Portland Building (number 15 on the map).

Places to eat: Portland Building (number 15 on the map) has a number of options for food (most of them closing between 4 and 6 pm). The Lakeside Arts Centre is an alternative not far from the conference venue. Dinner is not provided on the first evening (although there will be a reception/buffet at the Lakeside Arts Centre (number 49 on the map)). The area just to the west of the University campus is called Beeston and there are numerous restaurants and pubs there.

Pharmacy: Boots, Portland Building (number 15 on the map).

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Social Media Tag: #BASAS2017

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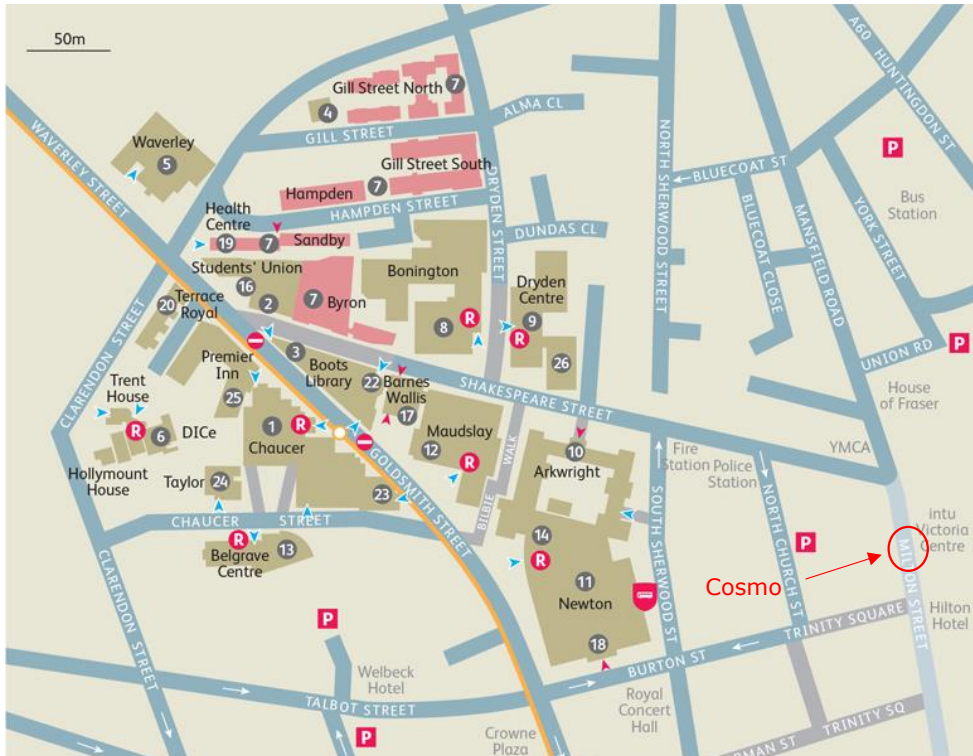
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Directions to the keynote venue

Urvashi Butalia will give the keynote lecture titled 'A Sense of the Past: Reflections on Partition and Memory'. The keynote lecture is hosted by Nottingham Trent University at the Nottingham Conference Centre, Newton Building, Lecture Theatre 2 (number 18 in the map just below). The closest entrance is off Goldsmith Street.



Delegates can travel free of charge on the tram from University Park to the city centre (one way). Please note that you must have your conference badge with you when boarding the tram.

You can walk to 'University of Nottingham' tram stop, next to the South Entrance, on University Boulevard (the tram stop is marked in green on the campus map). Then you can take the tram (direction: Hucknall) and get off at 'Royal Centre'. From there, it is a short walk to the Nottingham Conference Centre. There are two entrances, one on Talbot Street and one off Goldsmith Street (which is the same street where the tram stops).

Conference Dinner

The conference dinner (included in the conference fee) will be held at Cosmo, 29A Milton Street, Trinity Square, Nottingham NG1 3EN, +44 (0)115 9507755. This is just a short walk from the keynote venue (see map above).

Note for presenters and chairs

Please follow the following guidelines to ensure a smooth conference.

Presenters:

- Please arrive at the room at least 10-15 minutes prior to the start time of your session.
- Please ensure that your presentation is delivered within the time limit: 15 minutes max for panels with 4 papers, 20 minutes max for panels with three papers.
- If using a slideshow, please ensure you upload the necessary file to the main computer in the room.

Chairs:

- Please arrive at the room at least 10-15 minutes prior to the start time of your session.
- Prior to the start of the session, please ensure that the presenters have uploaded their slideshows onto the room's main computer. Ensure that the presenters are aware of the order of their presentations.
- Please ensure the panel starts (and finishes) on time; do not wait for late arrivals.
- Please briefly introduce each presenter.
- Please ensure that presenters strictly keep to time.
- Please ensure sufficient time (at least 30 minutes) for questions and discussion.
- All questions and discussion should follow the conclusion of the final paper, rather than remarks in between each paper.
- Please end the session at the allocated time to ensure the conference schedule runs on time.
- Conference volunteers will be present at the start of the session to provide any assistance required.

Recording and Photography Notice

The Association will be recording video and audio podcasts during this event.

Agreement has already been sought from those who will feature prominently in these recordings. All edited video and audio material will be available at www.basas.org.uk and its purpose will be to allow those who could not be present at the conference to learn about some of the papers presented and discussions which took place at the event.

In addition, please be aware that conference delegates may be recorded or photographed in a non-intrusive manner by a roving camera filming long distance shots during tea breaks, receptions, prize-giving ceremonies, or networking sessions.

If you have any concerns relating to the recording and photography please contact the BASAS Assistant Secretary at: basas@basas.org.uk

Schedule at a glance

Wednesday 19 April

- 12.00-14.00: Check in, registration and coffee
- 14.00-15.30: First Session
- 15.30-16.00: Coffee Break
- 16.00-17.30: Second Session
- 17.45-18.45: BASAS Annual General Meeting followed by Extraordinary General Meeting
- 19.00-20.30: Reception sponsored by the Asia Business Centre and Exhibition: *Threads of Empire*

Thursday 20 April

- 09.00-10.30: First Session
- 10.30-11.00: Coffee Break
- 11.00-12.30: Second Session
- 12.30-14.30: Lunch
- 12.30-13.30: Lunchtime Lecture by Erica Wald
- 13.30-14.30: Graduate and Early Career Session
- 14.30-16.00: Third Session
- 17.15-18.45: Keynote Lecture given by Urvashi Butalia (in city centre)
- 18.45-19.30: Contemporary South Asia and South Asian Studies drinks reception, sponsored by Taylor and Francis
- 20.00-23.00: Dinner at Cosmo

Friday 21 April

- 09.00-10.30: First Session
- 10.30-11.00: Coffee Break
- 11.00-12.30: Second Session

Panel schedule

Conference location: Engineering Science Learning Centre (ESLC), University Park, University of Nottingham (number 54 on the campus map).

Day 1: 19/04/2017	14.00-15.30	16.00-17.30
Room B01	Clientelistic politics across South Asia	Political spectacle in South Asia
Room C01	Education and cultural capital	The Certainty of Caste
Room B08	The state and political power in contemporary Pakistan	South Asia's socio-ecological apocalypse
Room B07	Bangladesh's journey from 'basket case' to 'new emerging economy'	International relations
Room B02	Nuclear policy and military intervention	Decolonisation from below: forgotten moments of labour politics
Room A09	Caste and Community part 1	Caste and Community part 2
Room B13	The legacy of Empire and anti-colonial nationalism (part 1)	The legacy of Empire and anti-colonial nationalism part 2
Room B15	Food and nutrition in colonial India	

17.45-18.45: BASAS Annual General Meeting followed by Extraordinary General Meeting (Room A48, Sir Clive Granger Building, number 16 on the map)

19.00-20.30: Exhibition 'Threads of Empire' and Reception (Lakeside Arts)

Day 2, morning: 20/04/2017	09.00-10.30	11.00-12.30
Room B01	Globe, nation, province and court	Dividing Cities
Room C01	Ethnicity and representation in Indian politics	The Decline and rise of political parties in India
Room B08	The kaleidoscope of memory and spatial imagination in Bhopal	Ageing, death, body and care: ethnographies of South Asia's gerontological turn
Room B07	Dalit literature	Feminist political subjectivities in South Asia
Room B02	Contentious empowerment	Eighteenth-century legal cultures
Room B13	Law and legal reform	Arts, performance and material culture (part 2)
Room A09	Arts, performance and material culture (part 1)	Migration, belonging and displacement

12.30-14.30: Lunch (Atrium)

Day 2, afternoon: 20/04/2017	12.30-13.30	13.30-14.30	14.30-16.00
Room B01		GEC Session: Early Career Researchers: What's Next?	Everyday politics in India
Room C01	SAS Meeting		Migrations of India: reciprocity and kinship in motion
Room B08		CSA Meeting	Kingship and ritual
Room B07			Politics of the female body
Room B02			Feminist politics and the political economy of development in India
Room B13			Nation building
Lakeside Arts Centre	Lunchtime Lecture by Erica Wald - The 'Thin White Line': European soldiers in colonial India'		

16.00-17.15: travel to the city centre for the keynote (see map). This should take around 30-45 minutes.

17.15-18.45 Keynote Public Lecture given by Urvashi Butalia (Zubaan Books). The keynote is hosted by Nottingham Trent University at the Nottingham Conference Centre, Newton Building, Lecture Theatre 2 (the entrance is off Goldsmith Street)

Following the keynote lecture, reception sponsored by Taylor and Francis, publisher of *South Asian Studies* and *Contemporary South Asia*, and announcement of the BASAS paper prize winner.

20.00: Dinner at Cosmo - 29A Milton Street, Trinity Square, Nottingham, NG1 3EN

Day 3: 20/04/2017	09.00-10.30	11.00-12.30
Room B01	Right-wing postcolonialism	Neo-Hindutva
Room C01	Women in South Asia	History and politics of labour and welfare in India
Room B08	Social policy, land and development	Religious practice and beliefs
Room B07	Social spaces	Urban space

Full Schedule

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Wednesday 19 April 2017, 12.00-13.45: registration and coffee

13.45: Conference Welcome to delegates

Wednesday 19 April 2017, 14.00-15.30

Room B01

Clientelistic politics across South Asia: towards a comparative analysis

Andrew Wyatt, University of Bristol

Chair

Ward Berenschot and Sarthak Bagchi, Leiden University

Comparing clientelistic politics: brokers and mediators in Bihar and Gujarat

Julian Kuttig, Ghent University

Political Machines and Student Politics in provincial Bangladesh: Violent party labour in Rajshahi city

Anwesha Dutta Chowdhury, Ghent University

Ambiguous patronage and culture of fear – vote buying through terror in Assam

Nicholas Martin, University of Zurich

Corruption and factionalism in contemporary Punjab: an ethnographic account from rural Malwa

Room C01

Education and cultural capital

TBC

Chair

Garima Jaju, University of Oxford

The Cultural Production of an 'Employable Person': A Case of Madrasa Students in West Bengal, India

Nandini Hebbar N, Delhi School of Economics

'He gave us the college': A Social History of Engineering Colleges in Tamil Nadu

Muntasir Sattar

How an Unemployed Educated Man Becomes 'Competent'

Sugandha Nagpal, University of East Anglia

The return migrant, migrant in waiting and the non-migrant: Diverse trajectories of social mobility

Room B08

The State and Political Power in Contemporary Pakistan

Muhammad Ali Jan, University of Oxford

Chair

Johann Chacko, SOAS & Azeema Cheema, National Defense University

Stating Differences: Sectarian Sunni Messaging Strategies in Pakistan

Umair Javed, LSE

Profit, protest, and patronage: Bazaar-state relations in urban Punjab

Sameen Mohsin Ali, SOAS

'Wolves of the Ante-Chamber': Bureaucratic Politicisation & the Politics of Delivery in Punjab, Pakistan

Muhammad Ali Jan, University of Oxford

'Water is Life': Canal Irrigation and Political Power in Pakistani Punjab

Room B07

Palash Kamruzzaman,
University of Bath

Papreen Nahar, Durham
University

Haseeb Mahmud,
Heilbronn University

Samuel Cooper, University
of Bath, and Palash
Kamruzzaman, University
of Bath

Bangladesh's journey from 'basket case' to 'New Emerging Economy'

Chair

The childless women in Bangladesh: Scapegoat of global
population policy,

A Genealogy of Salafist Terrorist Groups of Bangladesh

Socioeconomic, political and environmental impacts
embodied in trade in Bangladesh – an interdisciplinary
comparison between sectors and regions

Room B02

Katharine Adeney,
University of Nottingham

Ann Mary George,
University of Leicester

Francesca Silvestri,
University of Nottingham

Md. Jobair Alam,
Macquarie University

Nuclear Policy and military intervention

Chair

Indian response to China's hypersonic missile vehicle
programme: Cold War in the East?

US nuclear policy towards India

Constitutional Change and Security Force Dynamics in
South and Southeast Asia: An Example from Myanmar

Room A09

Nicole Thiara, Nottingham
Trent University

Anwesha Roy, Kings
College London

Aftab Alam, University of
Delhi

Balmurli Natrajan, William
Paterson University of New
Jersey

Caste and Community Part 1

Chair

The Bengal Famine of 1943: From Community to
Communal

Changing Contours of Indian Politics: Triumphant
Hindutva and Spectre of Caste

Castes Without Casteism? The Real Beef with Caste and
'Culture'

Room B13

Stephen Legg, University
of Nottingham

Sarbani Bandyopadhyay,
St. Xavier's College

Ria Kapoor, University of
Oxford

Patrick Clibbens,
Somerville College, Oxford

The legacy of Empire and anti-colonial nationalism part 1

Chair

The Different Lives of Caste: Bengali Dalit Narratives on
the Past and the Present,

Why not a refugee?

Rejuvenating the Nation: Sexology, 'Traditional' Medicine
and Nationalism in the Career of M.A. Ansari (1880-1936)

Room B15

Taylor C. Sherman, LSE

Ashok Malhotra, Queen's University Belfast

Ashutosh Kumar, University of Leeds

Catriona Ellis, University of Edinburgh

Food and nutrition in colonial India

Chair

Robert McCarrison: Rats, Race and Class in the Colonial Imaginary

Food and Health of Indentured workers from India to the Sugar Colonies, 1830-1920

Feeding the schoolchild in colonial South India

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break, Atrium**Wednesday 19 April 2017, 16.00-17.30****Room B01**

Simona Vittorini, SOAS

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Sruthi Muraleedharan, SOAS

Jean-Thomas Martelli, King's College London

Political Spectacle in South Asia

Chair

Modi à la Mode. Narendra Modi's fashion and the performance of populist leadership

Performing 'Demonetization': symbolic field of 'currency notes' and 'citizen queues'

"Sadhus in a Secular Uniform": Indian Marxism and the Practice of Declassing in an Elite Campus

Room C01

Marianne Keppens

Marianne Keppens, Ghent University

Jakob De Roover, Ghent University

Sarika Rao, Ghent University

Prakash Shah, Queen Mary, University of London

The certainty of Caste

Chair

Evidence for the Caste System? The Language and Archaeology of the Indo-Aryans

Cast Out of Caste: On the Excommunication of the Untouchables

What Do Translations Do? A Case from India

Certainty of caste: The UK debate

Room B08

Pritam Singh, Oxford Brookes University

Nadia Singh, Oxford Brookes University

Geeta Sinha, Oxford Brookes University

Raj Kamal Singh Mann, Oxford Brookes University

South Asia socio-ecological apocalypse

Chair

Sustainability of Green Energy Imperatives in South Asia: A Case Study of Punjab, India

Mining led Industrialization and Patriarchy: the relationships and interactions of tribal women in Odisha, India

Exploring change in the net food status of South Asian countries: 1961-2013

Room B07

Francesca Silvestri,
University of Nottingham

Filippo Boni, University of
Nottingham

Asad Abbas

Ludovica Marchi, LSE

International relations in South Asia

Chair

The domestic and international implications of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

Why CPEC will hinder Pakistan's development in the long run

Inspiring Security Cooperation: The EU, ARF, ASEAN And Myanmar

Room A09

Kathryn Lum, Nottingham
Trent University

Vanya V Bhargav,
University of Oxford

Rudabeh Shahid, Durham
University

Abdul Qadar, EHESS, Paris

Caste and Community Part 2

Chair

Lala Lajpat Rai: Between Conservative and Progressive'

Social Capital Formation in the Bengali-speaking Muslim Communities in Three Indian Border States

Islam, Hierarchy, social identity, Punjabi village

Room B13

Stephen Legg, University
of Nottingham

Sudipa Topdar, Illinois
State University

Maximilian Drephal, The
University of Sheffield

Ibtisam Ahmed, University
of Nottingham

The legacy of empire and anti-colonial nationalism Part 2

Chair

Native Children and the Politics of Imperial Schoolbooks in Late Colonial India

Financing the diplomacy of the Raj: fiscal colonialism, subsidies and the Indian Empire

Language in the British Raj – The Pursuit and Legacy of a Linguistic Utopia

Room B02

Diego Maiorano, University
of Nottingham

Perna Agarwal, King's
College London

Naina Manjrekar, SOAS

Zaen Alkazi, SOAS

Decolonisation from Below: Forgotten moments of labour politics on the eve of independence

Chair

Decolonisation from the Docks: Calcutta Port strike of 1947 and the resilience of labour solidarities

Decolonisation from the Seas: The 1946 naval mutiny that shook the Raj

Decolonisation from the Mills: The many meanings of labour militancy in 1946

Wednesday 19 April 2017, 17.45-18.45

BASAS General meeting (Room A48, Sir Clive Granger Building, number 16 on the map)

Wednesday 19 April 2017, 19.00-20.30

Exhibition, Lakeside Arts Centre: Threads of Empire: Rule and Resistance in Colonial India c. 1740-1840.

Reception sponsored by the Asia Business Centre

Thursday 20 April 2017, 09.00-10.30

Room B01

Globe, Nation, Province, Court

Stephen Legg, University
of Nottingham

Chair

Yasmin Khan, University of
Oxford

Global Displacement in the 1940s & the Place of Partition

Jesús F. Cháirez –Garza,
University of Leeds

Stone Instead of bread: Untouchability, Ambedkar and
the Promise of Pakistan

Oliver Godsmark,
University of Sheffield

Partition, Linguistic Reorganisation and Provincialisation

Hannah Fitzpatrick,
University of Aberdeen

Terms of Reference: The Space of the Courtroom in the
Lahore Boundary Commission Hearings, July 1947

Room C01

Ethnicity and Representation in Indian Politics

Sarthak Bagchi, University
of Leiden

Chair

Katharine Adeney,
University of Nottingham

India: The world's largest (ethnic) democracy?

Andrew Wyatt, University
of Bristol & C. Manikandan,
Pondicherry University

Caste and Political Recruitment in India

Rochana Bajpai, SOAS)
and Adnan Farooqui, Jamia
Millia Islamia

Paradoxes of Muslim representation: Asaduddin Owaisi
and the changing politics of the AIMIM

Room B08

**The kaleidoscope of memory and spatial
imagination in Bhopal**

Simon Leese, SOAS

Chair

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Bhopal in geographies of Arabic knowledge production in
the 19th century

David Landau, SOAS

Changing City and Unstable Terrain in Manzoor
Ahtesham's Bhopal

Pawas Bisht, Keele
University

Re-imagining Bhopal: Art & Activism in the Shadow of
Disaster

Room B07

Nicole Thiara, Nottingham
Trent University

Daniel Bilton, Nottingham
Trent University

Gopika Jadeja, Kings
College London

Lissa Lincoln, American
University of Paris

K. Deepanjan, JNU

Dalit Literature

Chair

Tamil Dalit Literature and the Representation of Political
History

Literature, Participation and Citizenship: the Dalit Literary
Sphere in Gujarat

"Poetry": Writing Resistance

Culture and Identity Formation: Dalit Intellectual
Traditions in Contemporary South India

Room B02

Naomi Hossain, IDS,
University of Sussex

Jayanthi Lingham, SOAS

Tahrat N. Shahid,
University of Oxford

Sohela Nazneen, IDS,
University of Sussex

Deeptha Chopra, IDS,
University of Sussex

Contentious empowerment? Women, neoliberal development and politics in South Asia

Chair

Deconstructing empowerment in a "victor's peace":
women's working lives in Jaffna district, Sri Lanka

When the Politics of Religion and Development Clash:
The National Women Development Policy in Bangladesh

Beyond Political Inclusion: Negotiating Gender Equity in
Bangladesh

Paid work, Unpaid Care Work and Women's
Empowerment: the case of India and Nepal

Room B13

TBC

Morten Koch Andersen,
Danish Institute Against
Torture

Mansoor Ahmed, EHES-
Paris.

Sabera Kara, University of
Warwick

Tahrat N. Shahid,
University of Oxford

Law and Legal Reform

Chair

For the betterment of the Country: Stickiness and
Slipperiness of Law

Tracing the legacy of Council of Islamic Ideology in initial
years of Pakistan 1947-1973

Muslim Women and Legal Reform: Personal Laws and
Women's Rights in Twentieth Century South Asia

When the Politics of Religion and Development Clash:
The National Women Development Policy in Bangladesh

Room A09

Humaira Saeed,
Nottingham Trent
University

Daniela De Simone, The
British Museum

Nikita Kaul, Delhi School of
Economics

Arts, performance and material culture (part 1)

Chair

Living on the Edge: The Nilgiri Mountains Culture of South
India

Craft and its Discourse: Walnut Carving in Kashmir

Sonika Jain

Exploring the Issues of Caregiving of an Elderly Parent by an Adult Working Daughter through a Discussion of Contemporary Hindi Film Piku (2015)

Amir Parpia

Gināns and their effect on the Khojā beliefs, identity and worldview – a historical and contemporary analysis

10.30-11.00: Coffee Break, Atrium

Thursday 20 April 2017, 11.00-12.30

Room B01

Jesús F. Cháirez –Garza

William Gould, University of Leeds

Stephen Legg, University of Nottingham

Anjali Bhardwaj-Datta, University of Cambridge

Urvashi Butalia, Zubaan Books

Dividing Cities

Chair

Rethinking the Politics of Scale in 1940s Uttar Pradesh: P.D. Tandon, Hindu Mobilisation and Militarism

The Pre-Partitioned City? Re-Constructing Hindu-Muslim Spaces of 1940s Delhi

Genealogy of a Partition City: War, Migration, and Urban Space in Delhi

Commentary

Room C01

Andrew Wyatt, University of Bristol

Dishil Shrimankar, University of Nottingham

Rekha Dewakar, University of Sussex

Arjan H. Schakel and Wilfried Swenden

Miriam Wenner, University of Zurich

The Decline and Rise of Political Parties in India

Chair

'Party organisation and polity-wide parties at the state-level in India'

Evaluating Duverger's Law in India: A comparison of national and state assembly elections, 1989 – 2016

The decline of the Congress Party: toward an understanding and explanation of the when, where and how?

Supporting poor parties? "Anti-political" visions and social movements in Darjeeling

Room B08

Tom Widger & Mihirini Sirisena

Penny Vera-Sanso, Birkbeck College

Mihirini Sirisena, University of Edinburgh

Tharindi Udalgama, University of Durham

Tom Widger, University of Durham

Ageing, death, body, care: ethnographies of South Asia's gerontological turn

Chair

Discourses on Ageing and Later Life and the Realities of Ageing in Poverty

Duty to care: Analysis of Sri Lanka's Protection of the Rights of Elders Act

A Life of Piety: Aging and dying in a rural Sinhala Village

An appropriate sacrifice? Perfections of generosity and the politics of elder charity in Sri Lanka's gerontological turn

Room B07

Carole Spary, University of Nottingham

Annie Devenish, University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)

Carole Spary, University of Nottingham

K. Kalpana, IIT Madras

Feminist political subjectivities in South Asia

Chair

'Mine has been an eventful life': Negotiating power, voice and subjectivity, in the writing of Indian feminist histories

What's in a memoir? Women MPs' representations of the Indian parliament

Discussant

Room B02

Onni Gust, University of Nottingham

Christopher Fleming, University of Oxford

Akhila Mathew, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Erica Mukherjee, Stony Brook University

Eighteenth century legal cultures

Chair

Critical Legal Sub-Ethics in Modern Indian Mahābhārata Fiction

Dakans, Law and the State: A Study of Witchcraft Petitions in Eighteenth century Jodhpur

The Impermanent Settlement: Bengal's Riparian Environment, 1793-1845

Room B13

Humaira Saeed, Nottingham Trent University

Aishika Chakraborty, Jadavpur University

Rose Hussey, University of Edinburgh

Anaïs Da Fonseca, SOAS

Divya Rao, University of Warwick

Arts, performance and material culture (part 2)

Chair

Nationalism off-stage: Performing Resistance with Tagore

Abanindranath Tagore and Mughal Art: Redressing the Void

Cherial Paintings from Telangana India: The institutionalisation of a tradition

Accessing Basavanna's Anti-Caste Vacanas through Ramanujan: A Marriage of Poetry, Music, and Translation

Room A09

Susan Thomas, American University

Adnan Khan, University of Malakand

Sarah Gandee, University of Leeds

Bitopi Dutta, Dublin City University

Kavita Bhanot

Migration, belonging and displacement

Chair

Migration, Traditions and transformation among the Pakhtuns of Pakistan

Demarcating borders, defining citizens: Partition, displacement, and 'criminal tribe refugees' in East Punjab, 1947-55

Gendered Impact of Development Induced Displacement in tribe societies: The case of North East India

Reading the Whiteness of British Asian Literature

12.30-14.30: Lunch, Atrium

12.30-13.30: Lunchtime Lecture, Lakeside Arts

Erica Wald, 'The 'Thin White Line': European soldiers in colonial India'

13.30-14.30 Graduate and Early career Event: 'Early career Researchers. What's Next? Room B01

Chair: Katharine Adeney, University of Nottingham

Presentations and discussion: Dr Jesus Chairez-Garza, Dr Annie Devenish, Dr Oliver Godsmark, Dr Lipika Kamra

Thursday 20 April 2017, 14.30-16.00

Room B01

Rochana Bajpai, SOAS

Diego Maiorano University of Nottingham, Suruchi Thapar-Björkert & Hans Blomkvist, University of Uppsala

Vidya Sagar Pancholi, University of Sheffield

Hugo Gorringe, University of Edinburgh

Glyn Williams, University of Sheffield, et al.

Everyday Politics in India

Chair

Poor People's Politics in Rural India

The impact of state sponsored slum redevelopment schemes on existing local power dynamics: a case study of a fringe sub-city to Mumbai

'In the last elections we are so backward we didn't even get money to vote': Money and Elections in South India

Enacting Gender-Sensitive, Participatory Slum Upgrade: Lessons from the implementation of BSUP and RAY in Trivandrum, Kerala

Room C01

Susan Thomas and Nishaant Choksi

Susan Thomas, American University

E. Gabriel Dattatreyan Goldsmiths College, University of London

Nishaant Choksi, Kyoto University

William Gould, University of Leeds

Migrations of India: Reciprocity and Kinship in Motion

Chair

Social networks, reciprocity, and student migration

Pan Africanist solidarity and a negotiation of reciprocal exchange: The case of African Kitchens in Delhi, India

Marks that bind: graphic production in the narration of kinship and migration among the Santals of eastern India

Discussant

Room B08

Ibtisam Ahmed, University of Nottingham

Aashique Ahmed Iqbal, University of Oxford

Priya Atwal, University of Oxford

Paolo Eugenio Rosati, La Sapienza, Rome

Kingship and ritual

Chair

Of Princes and Planes: Aviation in the Indian States 1933-48

The Punjabi Maharajah at the Court of the British Queen: The Re-making of Royalty in an Imperial Context

Blood, Desire and Kingship: King Naraka and the State Formation Process in Ancient Assam

Room B07**Politics of the female body, reproductive rights and its health consequences amongst South Asian Women**

Maya Unnithan, University of Sussex

Chair

Papreen Nahar, University of Manchester

Moral Dilemmas of IVF use: Experience of Bangladeshi Childless Women

Sayani Mitra, University of Goettingen

Reproductive disruptions and the transforming spatio-temporalities of the surrogate bodies in India

Reetika Revathy Subramanian, University of Cambridge

Contested Realities and Health Consequences: A study on the effects of Khatna on Dawoodi Bohra women in India

Nishtha Lamba, University of Cambridge

Psychological Impact of Commercial Surrogacy among South Asian Women, Nishtha Lamba

Room B02**Feminist politics and political economy of development in India**

Carole Spary, University of Nottingham

Chair

K. Kalpana, IIT Madras

Organizing Women: The Dilemmas of State-sponsored Developmentalism

Binitha V Thampi, IIT Madras

Feminist Labour Politics in the Neo-liberal Era: A case of Munnar Tea Plantation Labour Struggle

Lipika Kamra, Georgetown University-Qatar

Women, Counterinsurgency, and Statemaking in Rural Eastern India

Room B13**Nation building**

Elena Valdameri

Chair

Amar Sohal, University of Oxford

The Great Indian Experiment: Abdul Ghaffar Khan and the National Idea

Elena Valdameri, University of Milan

"Gopal Krishna Gokhale: creating citizens in colonial India (1890-1915)",

Catharina Hänsel, SOAS

Capitalist Planning? The "Bombay Plan" and the Leftist Critique in the Indian National Movement, 1927-1945

16.00-17.15: travel to the city centre for the keynote (see map). This should take around 30-45 minutes.

Thursday 20 April 2017

17.15-18.45 Keynote Public Lecture given by Urvashi Butalia (Zubaan Books). The keynote is hosted by Nottingham Trent University at the Newton Building, Lecture Theatre 2 (the entrance is off Goldsmith Street)

Following the keynote lecture, reception sponsored by Taylor and Francis, publisher of *South Asian Studies* and *Contemporary South Asia*, and announcement of the BASAS paper prize winner.

20.00: Dinner at Cosmo - 29A Milton Street, Trinity Square, Nottingham, NG1 3EN

Friday 21 April 2017, 09.00-10.30

Room B01

Right-wing Postcolonialism

Deborah Sutton,
Lancaster University

Chair

Shalini Sharma, Keele
University

'Hindutva and Postcolonialism'

Deborah Sutton,
Lancaster University

'What does Hindutva see in Postcolonialism?: Historicism and Politics in South Asia'

Edward Anderson,
University of Cambridge

Discussant

Room C01

Women in South Asia

Carole Spary, University
of Nottingham

Chair

Shruti Amar, Kings
College London

Beyond the Curtain: Women and Folklore in Indian Fiction in English

Gemma Scott, Keele
University

'Women will have to fight this battle': Political prisoners under India's Emergency, 1975-1977

Sreenanti Banerjee,
Birkbeck College

Emergency and the Postcolonial Biopolitics of Family Planning

Room B08

Social policy, land and development

Diego Maiorano,
University of Nottingham

Chair

Taisha Grace Antony,
Institute of South Asian
Studies, Singapore

The New Child Labour Law In India: Some Limits to Legal Solutions To A Structural Problem

Devanshi Chanchani,
University of East Anglia

Decentralisation, citizen participation and ICDS governance: A comparative study from Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

Mamata Pradhan,
University of East Anglia

Gendered pattern of product choices in Public Distribution System in India-Bihar, Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Odisha

Chiara Arnavas, LSE

"Inshallah, there will be change" Populist Politics of Dispossession in India

Room B07

Erica Wald

Erica Wald, Goldsmith
University, London

Raphael Susewind, King's
College London

Becca Savory Fuller,
University of Exeter

Social Spaces

Chair

Creating Social Spaces : the Life and Afterlife of the
Bombay Theatre, 1770-1856

Rifah-e-Aam Club, Lucknow: Public sphere and public
space in urban India

Playing at the borders between public and private:
Performance and protest in contemporary India

10.30-11.00: Coffee Break, Atrium**Friday 21 April 2017, 11.00-12.30****Room B01**

Edward Anderson,
University of Cambridge

Eviane Cheng Leidig,
University of Oslo

Priya Swamy, Tilburg
University

Arkotong Longkumer,
University of Edinburgh

Neo-Hindutva: Emergent forms and spaces of Hindu nationalism

Chair

Neo-Hindutva: Emergent forms and spaces of Hindu
nationalism

Introducing Dutch Hindutva: Narrating 'Hinduness'
through Surinamese colonial legacies

The fractured landscape of Northeast India: Hindutva and
territoriality

Room C01

Karuna Dietrich Wielenga
and Louise Tillin

Karuna Dietrich Wielenga,
University of Oxford

Louise Tillin, King's College
London

Jon Wilson, King's College
London

History and Politics of Labour and Welfare in India

Chair

Law and labour politics in early independent India: The
emergence of a formal-informal divide

Planning for Social Policy in Post-War Independent India

The labour camp as a model for Indian welfare - from
Famine Relief to MGNREGA

Room B08

Filippo Boni, University of
Nottingham

Fakhar Bilal, Royal
Holloway University of
London

Mujeeb Ahmad

Muhammad Shakeel
Ahmad

Religious practice and beliefs

Chair

Growth of Deobandi Madrasas in Pakistan

South Asian Muftis on Western Civilization: An Analytical
Study of their Fatawa

Religion, Democracy and Electoral Politics in Hybrid
Regimes: A case of Pakistan

Room B07

Becca Savory Fuller,
University of Exeter

Shreyashi Dasgupta,
University of Cambridge

Sumrin Kalia, LSE

Aysha Iqbal Viswamohan,
IIT Madras and Sayanty
Chatterjee, IIT Madras

Carmel Christy

Urban space

Chair

Ad-hoc Verticality: (In)formal Housing, Governance and
the Planning of Contemporary Dhaka

Determinants of Civic Engagement among Youth of the
Mega-City Karachi

Transgression, Morality and Gender Dynamics:
Representation of Small Towns in Popular Hindi Cinema in
the Globalized Age

Narrativising Kochi: City space through caste and race

