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Schedule of Events

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9:00-11:00 a.m. ............................................... Panel Sessions
11:00-1:15 p.m. ................................................. Lunch Break
1:15-3:00 p.m. ................................................ Panel Sessions
3:00-3:15 p.m. ................................................ Panel Sessions
5:00-6:00 p.m. ................................................ Social Hour, Lowell Hall, Main Lounge
6:00-7:15 p.m. ................................................ All Conference Dinner, Lowell Hall, Dining Room
7:15 p.m. .......................................................... Keynote Address
8:30 p.m. .......................................................... Friday Evening Special Event

Saturday, October 21
8:00 a.m. ........................................................ Registration, Lowell Hall, Main Lounge
8:15-10:00 a.m. ................................................. Panel Sessions
10:00-10:15 a.m. ............................................ Break
10:15-noon ......................................................... Panel Sessions
Noon-1:30 p.m. ................................................ All Conference Luncheon, Lowell Hall Dining Room
1:30-3:15 p.m. ................................................ Panel Sessions
3:15-3:30 p.m. ................................................ Break
3:30-5:15 p.m. ................................................ Panel Sessions
5:15-6:30 p.m. ................................................ Social Hour, Lowell Hall, Main Lounge Area, Cash Bar

Sunday, October 22
8:00 a.m. ........................................................ Social Hour, Lowell Hall, Main Lounge, Coffee, tea, donuts
8:30-10:00 a.m. ............................................... Sunday Morning Special Event
10:15-noon ......................................................... Panel Sessions
Noon ................................................................. Conference adjournment

Please be sure to check page 5 for association meetings.
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 $2.00.

Conference Registration: All participants and attendees are expected to register, including students.

The pre-registration rate for panelists is $50 ($15 for student). The same rate applies to participants who register in advance before October 1. Registration rates after that date and at the door are $55 for regular registration and $20 for students. Conference materials are available at the registration desk in the main lounge area of Lowell Hall.

Abstracts: “Abstracts of Papers Presented at the 24th Annual Conference on South Asia” is available for $7.00 in the Conference Office, 115 Lowell Hall.

Panels are presented in both Lowell Hall and the Wisconsin Center. For panels scheduled in the Wisconsin Center be sure to check the monitor in the lobby to confirm locations.

The Conference Office is Room 115 Lowell Hall. 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.

A message board is available near the registration desk at Lowell Hall throughout the Conference.

A note on All-Conference meals: Tickets for the All-Conference Dinner and Lunch were available with pre-registration. A small supply will also be on sale, on a first-come, first-served basis, on Friday morning in the Conference Office. If you have a pre-purchased ticket but decided not attend, we regret we are unable to exchange or sell your tickets for you. You may use the message board in the main lobby for that purpose.

Shuttle service is provided between the Friederick Center and Lowell Hall at key times. Check the Conference Office at Lowell or the main desk at Friederick for departure times.

Audio-Visual equipment problems should be reported immediately to the Conference Office at Lowell Hall or the main desk at the Wisconsin Center.

Video-tapes from a variety of sources are available for viewing in rooms 116 and 117 Lowell Hall throughout the Conference. They may be checked out at the Conference Office, 115 Lowell Hall.

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Association Meetings:

Nepal Studies Association, Saturday, October 21, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Lower Lounge.

CONSAIDL, Thursday, October 19, 9:00 a.m., 118 Lowell Hall.

Independent Scholars of South Asia (ISSA), Saturday, October 21, board meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; general meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m., 118 Lowell Hall.
Pre-Conference, Thursday, October 19

1:00-3:00 p.m.
226 Wisconsin Center

**World Wars and Some Interwar Consequences**
Chair: Douglas Peers, University of Calgary

"With the Empires Fighters:" India's Armed Forces in Imperial Propaganda during the First World War
Martin Wainwright, University of Akron

The Esher Report: A New View
Mark Jacobsen, USMC Staff College, Arlington, Virginia

"Wogs in the Mess:" The Introduction of Indian Officers into the Colonial Indian Army, 1919-1947
Pradeep Barua

Co-option and Control - The Role of the Colonial Army in India
Namrata Narain, Philadelphia, PA

3:15 to 5:15 p.m.
226 Wisconsin Center

**The “Martial Races” and Military Collaboration in Colonial India**
118 Lowell Hall
Chair: Chandar Sundaram, McGill University

Orientalism and Inventing Traditions: The Intellectual Underpinnings of the Martial Races Ideology
Chandar Sundaram, McGill University

Colonial Classification: Martial Race Handbooks as Ethnological Project
Mary Des Chene, Bryn Mawr College

Colonial Constructions of Honour in Marital Traditions
Pradip Dhillon, University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana

Friday, October 20
Session 1, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**Writing on the Body: Inscriptions of Nation, Progress, and Community on the Gendered Subject**
Lower Lounge, Lowell Hall
Chair: Marian Agular, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

At the “Cutting Edge” of History: Subaltern Bodies as the Sites of Liberalization, Globalization and Resistance
Raza Mir, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

War and Roses; Nation, Woman and the Bourgeois Gentleman: A Political Story
Rini Bhattacharya, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Diaspora, Community, and the Cinematic Female Body: Negotiating the Cultural Narratives of Immigrant Communities
Goldie Osuri, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

The Autobiographic Body: Constructions on the Self in the Writings of Kamala Das and Meena Alexander
Marian Agular, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

**Women and Crafts, Textiles and Trade**
B1A Lowell Hall
Chair: Donald Clay Johnson, University of Minnesota

Foreign Markets, Home Production: the Kashmiri Shawl in the 19th Century
Lotus Stack, Minneapolis Institute of Art

The Gujarati Textile Tradition
Donald Clay Johnson, University of Minnesota

Women’s Crafts and Commercialization
Abigail McGowan, League of New Hampshire Craftsmen

Discussant: Susan S. Bean, Peabody Museum of Salem
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The Place of War and the Military in South Asian History
118 Lowell Hall
Chair: Dewitt Ellinwood, SUNY at Albany
Richard Barnett, University of Virginia
Rajesh Kandian, Independent Scholar
Robert Frykenberg, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Locating the Diaspora and the Subcontinental in a Global Circuit
138 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Lamia Karim, Rice University
Gendered Meanings: Taalima Nasreen and Immigrant-Female Consciousness
Lamia Karim, Rice University
The Diasporan and the Tribal Subaltern: Tracing A Transnational Circuit of South Asian Subject Formation
Nityanand Deckha, Rice University
Reading Collage History and the Disjunctures in Identity in Amitav Ghosh's Shadow Lines
Mousumi Roy Chowdhury, Rice University

Purifying the Mind (blo sbyong): Theory and Application of a Buddhist Psychological Praxis
226 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Geshe Lhundup Sopa, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Calm and Clean: On Samapatti, Arupya-dhyana, and Fulfiling the Marga
Dan Lusthaus, Macalester College
Buddhism, Human Nature, and the Origins of Evil
William Waldron, Independent Scholar
The Translation of Lodro Thaye's Commentary on Mind Training
Robin Kornman, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Tending the Flowers of Hatred: The Uses of Anger in Mental Purification
Michael Sweet, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Discussant: John Makransky, Boston College

From the Colonial Archive and Development Rhetorics to Renunciant Thought: Heterogeneous Discourses of Gender in India
311 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Kathryn March, Cornell University
Struck Out if Considered Befitting: Women's Speech in the Colonial Archive
Gloria Goodwin Raheja, University of Minnesota
Towards a Better Way of Life: Contested Representations of Rural Women, Tradition, and Progress Within the Community Development Era
Kim Berry, Cornell University
Interpreting and Negotiating Gandhian Village and "Official" Discourse of Womanhood: Experiences From Lakshmi Ashram
Rebecca Klenk, University of Washington
Woman as Evil, Gender as Irrelevant: Contradictory Discourses of Gender in Renunciant Thought
Meena Khandelwal, University of Virginia
Discussant: Kathryn March, Cornell University

Historical Dimensions of Wildlife Management in India
313 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Edward Haynes, Winthrop College
Shikar Regulation in the Princely States of Eastern Rajasthan
Edward Haynes, Winthrop College
Gir National Park: A Historical Retrospect
Shishar Rawal, North Carolina State University
The Evolution of India's National Park System
Richard Tucker, Oakland University
Discussant 1: Vasant Saberwal, Yale University
Discussant 2: Paul Greenough, University of Iowa
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Future of South Asian Studies in a Borderless World
314 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Ashakant Nimbark, Dowling College

The "Borderless World" and "Sociology of India"
Joseph Elder, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Boundaries and Differences in Feminist Approaches to South Asian Studies
Leela Fernandez, Rutgers University
South Asian Studies in the Twenty First Century: By Whom? For Whom? What for?
Robert Goldman, University of California-Berkeley
Discussant 1: Ashakant Nimbark, Dowling College
Discussant 2: Ainslie Embree, Columbia University

Living In America
316 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Roshni Rustomji, Sonoma State University

Love, Stars and All That
Kirin Narayan, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Creating; Recreating and Retelling
Usha Nilsson, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Saleem Pegrudina, Signa Heights College
Panna Naik, University of Pennsylvania

Lunch - 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. (On your own).

Friday, October 20
Session 2, 1:15-3:00 p.m.

Indian Cinema, the State, and Questions of Modernity
Lower Lounge, Lowell Hall
Chair: Lalitha Gopalan, Georgetown University

Riotous Love Stories: Rathnam's Bombay and Chopra's 1942
Lalitha Gopalan, Georgetown University
Sanitary Subjects: A Reading of Indian Modernity and Indian Cinema
Sandhya Shetty, University of New Hampshire
The Endurance of Nargis: Stardom and Muslim Identity in Bombay Cinema
Parama Roy, University of California-Riverside

Recent Archaeological Research at Vijayanagara (to 5:00 p.m.)
Chair: Carla M. Sinopoli, University of Michigan

Fortifications in the Environs of Pre-colonial Vijayanagara and the Infrastructure of Imperial Control
Robert P. Brubaker, University of Michigan
Vijayanagara and the Commodity Economy: Porcelain as an Indicator of International Trade
Janice Bailey-Goldschmidt, University of Michigan
Contemporary Pollen Spectra and Their Relevance for Vijayanagara Land Use
Jennifer Lundal and Kathleen D. Morrison, University of Michigan
Patterns of Vijayanagara Land Use: Implications for Regional Models
Kathleen D. Morrison, University of Michigan
A Complex of Sites in the Southern Metropolitain Region of Vijayanagara
Michael F. Dega, University of Michigan
Brickmaking: Ethnoarchaeological Research and Archaeological Implications in the Vijayanagara Metropolitan Region
Lars Fogelin, University of Michigan
Friday, October 20
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Historical Roots of Contemporary Conflicts
118 Lowell Hall
Chair: Stephen P. Cohen, University of Illinois at Urbana
Reflections on Indian Strategic History
Arun Singh, Former Indian Minister
Historical and Geographical Roots of the Kashmir Crisis
Joseph Schwartzberg, University of Minnesota
Reconsiderations and Future Policies
Richard Sisson, Ohio State University
Disarmament and International Security
Devin Hagerty, University of Illinois at Urbana

Diasporic Power: Emergent Indian American Politics in a Global Economy
138 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Kaushik Ghosh, Princeton University
A Room of One's Own: Drawing Boundaries of the New Immigrant Community
Biju Mathew, Rider University
The Marginal Voice: Who Counts in This Diaspora?
Rangan Chakravarty, New School for Social Research
The Professional and the Fascist: Two Faces of the Immigrant Identity
Rahul De, University of Western Illinois
Linking Up: The South Asian Global Networks
Sangeeta Kamat, University of Pittsburgh

Recent Studies in Indo-Tibetan Buddhism.
226 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Jose Cabezon, Iliff School of Theology
Selected Problems in Doctrines and Praxis of Mahayana Buddhism
John Makransky, Boston College
Syncretism and Tradition in the Kalacakra Tantra
John Newman, New College
Apropos of Two Biographies of Varanatna
Leonard van der Kulp, University of Washington-Seattle
The Nature and Origins of a Mahamudra "Corpus"
Roger Jackson, Carleton College
The Tibetan Colophon
Jose Cabezon, Iliff School of Theology

Multiple Selves, Multiple Societies: Dialogic Approaches to Self and Society
311 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Mattison Mines, University of California-Santa Barbara
Where do I Belong: Towards a Dialogic Sense of Self
Mattison Mines, University of California-Santa Barbara
Telling the Village: Multiple Makings of Self, Other, and Ur
Diane Pauli Mines, Washington University
InsidE/OutsidE: Middle-Class Identity and Public Space in Kathmandu
Mark Liechty, University of California-Santa Barbara
Images and Negotiations of Self and Other in Domestic Service Narratives
Sara Dickey, Bowdoin College
Discussant 1: Sylvia J. Vatuk, University of Illinois at Chicago
Analyzing State/Local Relations and Explaining Local Institutional Change: Examples from Grazing Forest and Irrigation Resource Systems in the Western Himalaya
313 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Mark Baker, University of California-Berkeley
Access to Grazing Resources Among the Gaddi of Himachal Pradesh, India
Vasant Saborwal, Yale University
Small is Beautiful, But Is Larger Better? Forest Management Institutions in Kumaon Himalayas, India
Arun Agrawal, University of Florida
Changing Contexts, Steady Flows: Patterns of Institutional Change within the Communal Irrigation Systems (Kuhls) of Kangra Valley, H.P., India
Mark Baker, University of California-Berkeley
Discussant: Richard Tucker, University of Michigan

Gender and Space in South Asia
316 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Rashmi Varma, University of Illinois-Chicago
Policing the Boundaries of the Home: The Colonial State as Paterfamilias
Shuchita Kapila, Cornell University
Reading Female Spaces at the Junctures of Sexual, Class, and Religious Hierarchies in Attia Hosain’s Sunlight on a Broken Column
Mousumi Roy Choudhuri, Rice University
The Female Body All Over India: Mahasweta Devi’s Imaginary Maps
Jennifer Wenzel, University of Texas-Austin
“There Are No Women in the Third World”: Displacing Gender in Sara Suleri’s Meatless Days
Rashmi Verma, University of Illinois-Chicago

Bangladesh 1995: Unfinished Revolution Revisited
314 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Zillur Khan, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Resource Development at the Micro-level: The Role of Basic Education and Literacy
A. Noor, World Bank
Higher Education in Bangladesh: A Case Study
S. Rashid, University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana
Values, Leadership and Education
Zillur Khan, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Revolution and Reforms
Zaheer Murshid, Oxford University
Discussant 1: Minoo Adenwalla, Lawrence University
Discussant 2: Syed Hussain, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Technologies of Imagination in Contemporary South Asia
Lower Lounge, Lowell Hall
Chair: Itty Abraham, Social Science Research Council
Inverting India: Reading Roja in Film and Fantasy
Lalitha Gopalan, Georgetown University and Itty Abraham, Social Science Research Council
Chasing Miracles: Postcolonial Identity and Mimesis in Sri Lanka
Sankaran Krishna, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa
What’s Left of the Hindu Right Agenda? The National Imaginary in An Era of Globalization
Arvind Rejagopal, Purdue University
Discussant: Shelly Feldman, Cornell University
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Session 3, 3:15-5:00 p.m.

Western Perspectives on Sikhism
118 Lowell Hall
Chair: N. Gerald Barrier, University of Missouri-Columbia

A Critique of Early European Accounts of the Sikhs
Pashaura Singh, University of Michigan

John Malcolm’s Sketch of the Sikhs
Louis E. Fenech, University of Northern Iowa

British Cultural Policy and Sikhism: The Case of Trumpp and Macauliffe
N. Gerald Barrier, University of Missouri-Columbia

W.H. McLoud and his Sikh Critics:
Knowledge/Power/Representation
Verne A. Dusenberry, Hamline University

Discussant: Arthur W. Helweg, Western Michigan University

Recent Research on the South Asian Diaspora
138 Wisconsin Center
Chair: J. Edward Dixon, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Rebellion through Meditation: The Sikh Dharma in Mexico
J. Edward Dixon, University of Wisconsin-Madison

American Born Confused Deshis and Their Indian Grandparents
Jacqueline Conrath

Dancing to the Beat of a Different Drummer: Bhangra Music in New York City
Tejaswini Ganti, New York University

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Recent Research on Literature and Discourse
226 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Mathew Zachariah, University of Calgary

“A Certain Little Magazine Editor”: The Literary Scene of a Bengali Populist
William Reese, University of California at San Diego
Sir William Jones and the Development of the English and Indian Constitutions
Geoffrey Cook, Berkeley, CA

Friendship Across Cultures: Lessons from the Relationship of G.H. Hardy and A.K. Ramanujan
Mathew Zachariah, University of Calgary

Of Outlaws: Notes on Narrating ‘Industry’ and ‘Criminality’ in Tamilnadu
Sundar Kali, Madurai, Tamilnadu

Revealing Fictions, Concealing Ethnographies?: Traversing Fine Lines in Representing South Asia
311 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Agha Shahid Ali, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Readings
Agha Shahid Ali, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Selling Stories: Fieldwork, Friendship and Fiction in the Bazaars of Ladakh
Ravina Aggarwal, Smith College

The Privilege of Weeping: Plantation Politics, Exile and Poesis in the “Field” Encounter
Piya Chatterjee, University of California-Riverside

Representation and Betrayal: Unmasking Fictions in a Kathmandu Beauty Parlor
Julia Thompson, Williams College

Discussant: Kirin Narayan, University of Wisconsin-Madison
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Ecological Investigations in the Nepal Himalaya
313 Wisconsin Center
Chair: John Metz, Northern Kentucky University

Species Composition and Dynamics of Temperate and Subalpine Forests of West Central Nepal
John Metz, Northern Kentucky University

Forest Reproduction in Subalpine Forests of Khumbu
Barbara Brower, Portland State University

Fish Ecology in Nepal’s Gandaki River Basin
David Edds, Emporia State University

Forests of the Terai: a Tiger’s Perspective
J.R. David Smith, University of Minnesota-Minneapolis

Population and Habitat of the Saurus Crane in Nepal’s Tarai
Pratima Shrestha, New Mexico State University

South Asian Cultural Geography
314 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Bheru Sukhwal, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

The Materiality of Ethnicity: Hindus and Their Temples in the Nineteenth Century Diaspora
Carolyn V. Prorok, Slippery Rock University

Population Density and Deforestation in Nepal
Mohan V. Shrestha, Bowling Green State University

The Ti. Dairies of the Toda: The Nilgiri Hills of Tamil Nadu
William A. Noble, University of Missouri

An Interpretation of F.E. Pargiter’s: The Geography of Rama
Ramesh Dhussa, Drake University

Discussant: Chelvadurai Manogran, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

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Session 3, 3:15-5:00 p.m.

Literary Facades: Explorations for Meaning in the Literary Works of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and Rabindranath Tagore
316 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Anjishnu Roy, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Female Identity and Intertextuality in Tagore’s Novels
Manjari Chatterjee, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

The Narrator and the Author in Bankim Chatterjee’s Novels
Julie King, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

The Use of Icons and Symbols in Tagore’s Poetry
Anjishnu Roy, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Discourse of Negation: Vaidehi’s “Sakuntala Yondige Kaleda Aparahna” As a Subversive “Revision” of Kalidasa’s “Abijanasakuntalam”
Jyoti Panjwani, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Social Hour
(no host bar)
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Main Lounge Area, Lowell Hall
Friday, October 20
Session 3, 3:15-5:00 p.m.

All Conference Dinner
6:00-7:15 p.m.
Lowell Hall Dining Room

Pre-purchased dinner tickets only. Please display your dinner ticket near your coffee cup at your place setting. Tickets will be collected as dinner is served. Wine service is available upon request.

Welcome and introductory remarks by
Robert Frykenberg
Conference Chair

Presentation to Geshe Sopa of a Festschrift prepared in his honor, Tibetan Literature: Studies in Genre, by its co-editors, Jose I. Cabezon and Roger Jackson

The Center for South Asia presents:

a special invited lecture by
Judith Brown
Beit Professor of Imperial History, Oxford

7:30 p.m., Lowell Hall Dining Room
open to all

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Indian Dance at the Crossroads
with Anne-Marie Gaston
Lata Pada
Mekhala Abu-Lughod
8:45 p.m., Murphy Recital Hall

Saturday, October 21
Session 4, 8:15 -10:00 a.m.

Sanskrit and Related Studies
Lower Lounge, Lowell Hall
Chair: Gautam Vajracharya, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Magic and Medicine in the Vedas
Ken Zysk, New York University
Vedic Axis Mundi and Asokan Pillar
Gautam Vajracharya, University of Wisconsin
Redeath and Rebirth in Late Vedic Texts
Hans Hock, University of Illinois-Urbana

Recent Research on Early and Late Modern Indian History
B1A Lowell Hall
Chair: James Heimann, University of Copenhagen

The Rule of Law and Dharma in Early 19th Century South Indian Villages: Fines and Panchayat adjudications recorded in the Yelandur Kaditas
James Heimann, University of Copenhagen and Neelambar Hatti, Lund University
Early Parsee Settlements In Surat and Navaari
Mani P. Kamerkar, Agnes Scott College
Rewriting the Text of Dance
Matthew Allen, University of Oklahoma

The Religious Self and Its Representation: Reflections on Auto-Biographical Practice and Meaning in Colonial India
118 Lowell Hall
Chair: Frank F. Conlon, University of Washington-Seattle

Partial Lives: Finding and Reading the Autobiographies of Sanskrit Pandits in Nineteenth-Century Bengal
Brian Hatcher, Illinois Wesleyan University
The Neo-Vedantic Self: Swami Rama Tirtha’s Autobiographical Writings
Robin Rinehart, Lafayette College
Auto/Biography and Representation of Religious Revival in 19th Century Maharashtra: The Case of Vishnubawa Brahmachari
Frank Conlon, University of Washington-Seattle
Discussant, Tony Stewart, North Carolina State University
Saturday, October 21
Session 4, 8:15 -10:00 a.m.

Perspectives from the “Frontier”
Auditorium
Chair: C.S. Haines, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Etching the state upon the Landscape: Routes and the Frontierization of the Gilgit Region
C.S. Haines, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Making the Assamese “Frontier”: What “Frontier” is it Anyway?
S. Yasin Saikia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
The Social Categories of a Frontier
Shah Mehmoud Hanifi, University of Michigan
Discussant: Richard Eaton, University of Arizona

Issues In the Cultural Geography of Indian Lesbian Space: Identities, Movements, Interactions (8:15 a.m. to noon)
138 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Chandra Balachandran, North Dakota State University
Desiring/Risking Perversion: Theorizing My Queer South Asian Body
Anil Rallin, Ohio State University
Some Indian Lesbian Images
Shabari Kumar, Columbia University
Coming Out in the Diasporic Context: Indian American Stories
Pallassanna Balgopal and Niranjan Karnik, University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana
Cultural Geography of Khush: A Cybernetic Place for South Asian Lesbian Interactions
Chandra Balachandran, North Dakota State University
Roundtable Discussion: A Question of Place: Perspectives on South Asian Lesbian Diasporic Place-Experience
Chair: Chandra Balachandran, North Dakota State University

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Session 4, 8:15 -10:00 a.m.

Nationalism in the Maldives: A Historical Perspective
212 Wisconsin Center
Chair: David Kopf, University of Minnesota
Sixteenth-century Nationalism in an Indian Ocean Nation State
Rasheeda M. Didj, Temple University
Joining the Global Village: Nationalism, Internationalism and Shenandoah U (Communications in the Maldives)
Elizabeth Colton, Winchester, VA
The History of Nationalism and the Nation-State in the Maldives Islands
David Kopf, University of Minnesota
Ritual Politics, Islamic Identity and Island Nationalism
Sudeshna Baks-Lahiri
Discussant: Zillur Khan, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Negotiating Modernity with Bodies: Hinduism and “Revivalism” in North India, 1875-Present
215 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Valerie Ritter, University of Washington-Seattle
Blurring the Line Between Women and Commodities: The Power of Objects in Dowry Narratives
Rachel Meyer, University of Texas-Austin
Swadeshi Science and the Paradox of a “Modern” Medical Revivalism, 1876-1952
Kristy Bright, University of California-Santa Cruz
The Dis-Embodiment of the Beloved: Hariaudi’s Priyapravaas and the Revision of Bhakti
Valerie Ritter, University of Washington-Seattle
The Origins of Baroari Puja in Calcutta and the Construction of a Nationalist Icon
Shome Chowdury, University of Chicago
Discussant: Gloria Raheja, University of Minnesota-Minneapolis
Ajanta Site Seminar Revisited, Parts I and II (8:15 a.m. to noon)
226 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Walter Spink, University of Michigan

Recent Research on Gandhi
227 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Leah Renold, University of Texas-Austin

Gandhi and the Gospel of Wealth
   Lean Renold, University of Texas-Austin
Gandhian Hinduism and the Hindu Resurgence of the Nineties: A Restrospective Evaluation
   R. Vaitheswaran, Coe College
Jayaprakash Narayan: Walking the Gandhian Path in Independent India
   Thor Wagstron, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Some Places in South Asia: A Geographic Sampler
311 Wisconsin Center
Chair: Margaret A. Mills, University of Pennsylvania

Encompassed Dualism and Domestic Spaces: The Kudu Gollas of Karnataka
   Peter J. Claus, California State University-Hayward
The Place/Plight of the Beholder When “There is just no perspective in the Indian pictorial space…”
   Kirtana Thangavelu, University of California-Berkeley
Vertical, Lateral, Secular and Sacral: Hindukush Houses in Conception and Use
   Margaret A. Mills, University of Pennsylvania

Political Natures, Naturalized Politics: An Interdisciplinary Analysis of Environmental Change in South Asia
313 Wisconsin Center
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   Kavita Philip, Cornell University
Controlling Nature: The Developmentalist State and the Management of Ecological Limits
   Subir Sinha, Northwestern University
Ecofeminism and the Essential Woman: Women and Nature in the Environment Debate in India
   Shubhra Gururani, Syracuse University
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State Elections in India: 1995
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Ascendance to Power and the Changing Nature of BJP Politics
   Pramod Kantha, University of Missouri-Columbia
“Laloo Does It!” Consolidation of Backward Class Leadership in Bihar: An Analysis of 1995 Election to the State Legislature
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Chair: Naseem Hines

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Remembered Expressions and Imaginative Longings: Mystical Experience and Qawwali Music
Sharilee Mehera Johnston, University of Texas-Austin
Person and Presence in the North Indian Kirtan and Epic Dhola
Chaise LaDousa, Syracuse University

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Variation in Predicate Form, Case and Constituent Structure
Alice Davidson, University of Iowa
Can Different Patters of Syntactic Preferences be Detected in the Works of Hindi Writers of “Eastern” vs. “Western” Origin?
Colin Masica, University of Chicago
Internally Conditioned Morphological Variation in Hindi
Michael Shapiro, University of Washington-Seattle

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History, Narrative, and Early Modern India
Rama Mantena, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Writing Europe, Narrating Body: German Missionary Narratives from Tranquebar
Gita Rajan, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Petitions and Parliament: Narratives of British Middle-Class Evangelism
Parna Sengupta, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Narrating the Self: Caste, Violence, and the (Im)possibility of Autobiography
Discussant: Nicholas Dirks, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

The Incarceration of the Local Within the Global: Systems of Power, Production and Signification in the Indian Experience
B1A Lowell Hall
Chair: Satish Kolluri, University of Massachusetts

“Sounds of Silence”: Female Feticide and the Use of Technology
Raza A. Mir, University of Massachusetts
Technology and the Third World: The Redefinition of Space and Place
Ali H. Mir and Maya K. Yajnik, University of Massachusetts
Nuclear Signs, Nuclear Times: Strategizing the Politics of Signification
Satish K. Kolluri, University of Massachusetts
“Siting” Visuals as Transcultural Logic: Global Advertising and (Neo)colonial Imagery
Sangeeta V. Rao, University of Massachusetts
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  Jonathan S. Walters, Whitman College
- The Third Elam War: A Battle of Identities  
  Chandra R. DeSilva, Indiana State University
- The Clash of “Selves” and “Secularisms” in Contemporary Sri Lanka  
  Tessa Bartholomeusz, Florida State University
- Costumes and Post Colonial Identity in Sri Lanka  
  Darlene Hantzis, Indiana State University
- Discussant: Tessa Bartholomeusz, Florida State University

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215 Wisconsin Center
- Chair: James Blumenthal, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Alicia Vogel, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- James Blumenthal, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Hyun-soon Lee, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- James Powell, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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- Gender and Identity Politics in Pakistan  
  Farhat Haq, Monmouth College
- Muslim Women in India: Rethinking an Old Question  
  Mahna Sarkar, Johns Hopkins University
- Muslim Religious Rituals in an Indian Hill Station: The Shi’a Community and Muharram Observances in Darjeeling  
  David Pinault, Loyola University

Reshaping Marriage, Motherhood, Work, and Community: Women’s Constructions of Experience in South Asia  
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  Laura Kunreuther, University of Michigan
- I’m Offering You an Invitation to Love  
  Laura Ahearn, University of Michigan
- Creating Community Within the Conjugal Village  
  Marguerite Roulet, Madison, WI
- Nurture for Sale: Sri Lankan Housemaids and the Work of Mothering  
  Michele Gamburd, University of Michigan
- Discussant: Anne Waters, Columbia University

Politics, Power and Powerlessness  
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- Chair: Anita Weiss, University of Oregon
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  Mustapha Kamal Pasha, American University
- Women, Education, and Empowerment in Pakistan  
  Anita Weiss, University of Oregon
- Liberal Reforms and Marginalization  
  Syed Bashir Hussain, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
- Calculus of Power and Elusive Federalism  
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Carolyn Woodford Schmitt, Ohio State University
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Continuum?
Peter Hook, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Variation and Pardialectal Grammar of Hindi
Tej Bhatia, Syracuse University
Attitudes toward Hindi and Urdu among Literary Writers and
Grammarians
Tahsin Siddiqi, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Representing Traditions in 18th and 19th Century South Asia:
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History as Self-Representation: The Recasting of A Political
Tradition in Late 18th Century Eastern India
Kumkum Chatterjee, The Pennsylvania State University
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Michael H. Fisher, Oberlin College
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Carla Potierich, Montclair State University
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Reconsidering Christianity in India in the Twentieth Century
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Reinterpretation and Liberation in Emerging Dalit Theology
Stephanie Doucette and Eleanor Zelliot, Carleton College

Tribal Christian Identity: An Enigmatic Experience in North East India
Laisangkima Pachuau, Princeton Theological Seminary

Through Missionary Eyes: The Scandinavian Alliance Mission in West Khandesh in the Letters of Martha Dahstrom
Philip Engblom, Independent Scholars of South Asia

Mohta’s “Smrutichitre”: Post-Colonial Construct or Hindutvavadi Distortion?
Malcolm Nazareth, Temple University

Discussant: Frank Conlon, University of Washington-Seattle

Indian Dance at the Crossroads
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Embodied Texts, Changing Contexts: New Challenges in Kathak Dance
Mekhala Abu-Lughod, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Fallout from an Artistic Explosion: The Boom in Bharata-Natyam and its Repercussions
Anne-Marie Gaston, Carleton University

Straddling Two Cultures: Dance in the Indian Diaspora
Lata Pada, York University

American Multi-Culturalism with a South Asian Flair: Arts and Education Policy or Power Politics
Janaki Patrick, Columbia University

Discussant: Sally Banas, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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Language, Identity and the State in South Asia
212 Wisconsin Center
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Re-forming Pakistani Nationalism: State, Society and the 1972 Language Riots
Omar Qureshi, University of Chicago

Traces of Violence, Spaces of Death: The State, Identity and Community in Urban Sri Lanka
Pradeep Jeganathan, University of Chicago

Language, the Census, and the Vicissitudes of the Tharu Identity in Nepal
Arjun Gunaratne, Macalester College

Recent Research on Gender in South Asia
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Gender Images in the Maharashtra Campaign to Ban Sex Determination Tests
Jana Everett, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Sita, Eve, or Mary?: Christian Women and God-Talk in Today’s India
Glory Jothi, Princeton Theological Seminary

AIDS, Sex, and Sexuality in India: Need for Comprehensive Education
Laekshmi Gopara, Syracuse University

Residential Experiences of Home-Based Women Workers in Low-Income Communities of Dhaka, Bangladesh: A Review
Atiya Niloufer Mahmood, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
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Nationalism and Politics in 20th Century South Asian Art
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The Bombay School of Art in the 1920s: Defending European Realism
Marcella Sirhandi, Oklahoma State University
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Bradley Tindall, University of Georgia
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Gary Tartakov, Iowa State University
Modern Indian Sculpture: The Transition from Pre to Post Independence
Walter Smith, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

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Daniel Cohen, University of Virginia
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Kella Diehl, University of Texas-Austin

Indigenous Work Strategies in the Himalayas
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Mary Cameron, Auburn University
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Ken McDonald, University of Toronto
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B.B. Kshatri and R.K. Kadariya, University of Aberdeen
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Inderpal Grewal, San Francisco State University
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Mala De Alwis, University of Chicago
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Purnima Manekar, Stanford University
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R. Bhawani Prasad, V.A. Medical Center, Chicago

Mahatma Gandhi's Self-revival through the Gita
Prakash Desai, V.A. Medical Center, Chicago

Gandhi in the End: the Fast as the Ultimate Psychological Decision
Hyman Muslin, University of Illinois-Chicago

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Alfred Collins, California Institute of Integral Studies

Recent Research on Text and Discourse
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The Mythico-Ritual Syntax of Omnipotence
David Lawrence, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The Svetasvatara Upanishad Reconsidered
Signe Jansen, University of Oslo, Norway

Contestatory Discourse on the Asvamedha Parvan of the Mahabharata
Tamar Reich, The University of Chicago

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Carol Babracki, Brown University

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Stuart Corbridge, Cambridge University

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Kaushik Ghosh, Princeton University

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Sarah Jewitt, Cambridge University

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Ram Dayal Munda, Syracuse University

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Surendra Gambhir, University of Pennsylvania

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Rajeshwari Pandharipande, University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana

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Daniel Gold, Cornell University

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Neema Caughran, Syracuse University

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Corinne Dempsey, Syracuse University

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Deborah Neff, Tucson, AZ

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Phillip Zarrilli, University of California-Los Angeles
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Politics of Linguistic Identity in India
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Linguistic Identity as Hegemonic Ideology
Rajagopal Vakulabharanam, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Political Mobilization in Telangana
Vijaya Burgula, City University of New York

Local and (Trans)National Subjects: The Politics of Hindu Identity in the Telugu Diaspora in North America
Nandini Balakrishna, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Imagining the Homeland: Telugu Identity on the Internet
Vamsi Juluri, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

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Failed Hegemony and the Crisis of Class Politics in Post-Colonial India
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Srirupa Roy, University of Pennsylvania

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Umar Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The Renewed Demand for Muslim Reservations in India
Theodore P. Wright, Jr., S.U.N.Y.-Albany

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S. Shankar, Rutgers University

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The Man who Speaks Fire: Tippori Arumugam and Vulgarity in Tamil Oratory
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Social Hour

Coffee, Tea, Donuts

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Sunday Morning Special Event

Invited Lecture by

Bh. Krishnamurthi
University of Texas-Arlington
former Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad

“Regional Language vs. English in Modern India”

118 Lowell Hall

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Sandy Freitag, American Historical Association
What You Can and Can’t Get from Internet Sources
Frank Conlon, University of Washington

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Syllabi Exchange
An opportunity to share and exchange course ideas and information

Film and Media
Lalitha Gopalan, Georgetown University

Asian History
Mike Fisher, Oberlin College
KumKum Chatterjee, Pennsylvania State University

Asian Diaspora
Vijay Prasad, Syracuse and Cornell Universities

Anthropology
Gloria Reheja, University of Minnesota

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Arvind Rajagopal, Indiana University
Shelly Feldman, Cornell University

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Dan Gold, Cornell University
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B1A Lowell Hall

Chair: Paul Benjamin, Independent Scholar

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Nanda Shrestha, Florida A & M University

Nepal Options Within and Outside the Global Economy;
Soma Case Studies in Sustainability and Implications for
Grassroots Practice
Pramod Parajuli, Syracuse University

Resource Management in Central Nepal
Om Gurung, Cornell University

Modernization, Development, and Environmental Change in
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Amulya Tuladhar, Clark University

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Discussant: Bishwa Acharya, University of Georgia

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