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Thuparama Dagoba North of the Ruwanvelisaya
Located in a beautiful woodland setting, the Thuparama is the oldest dagoba in Anuradhapura, if not Sri Lanka. Constructed by Devanampiya Tissa, it's said to contain the right collar-bone of the Buddha. Originally in the classical 'heap of paddy rice' shape, it was restored in 1840 in a more conventional bell-shape.

It stands only 19m high and at some point in its life was converted into a vatadage or circular relic house. The circles of pillars of diminishing height around the dagoba would have supported the conical roof.


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**Thursday, October 15**
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8:00 p.m. Illuminations: Women Encountering the Divine, Performance pieces, Helmsley Theater

**Friday, October 16**
9:00-11:00 a.m. Panel Session I
9:00 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Chingari VIDEOFEST - Play Circle, Memorial Union
11:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Lunch Break
1:15-3:00 p.m. Panel Session II
3:00-3:15 p.m. Break - Main Lounge, Lowell Center and the Paul Bunyan Room, Memorial Union
3:15-5:00 p.m. Panel Session III
5:00-6:00 p.m. Social Hour/Cash Bar - Elvehjem Museum of Art
6:00-7:00 p.m. All Conference Dinner - Dining Room, Lowell Center
7:00-7:45 p.m. Keynote Address: R. A. L. H. Gunawardana, University of Peradeniya - Dining Room, Lowell Center
8:00 p.m. Illuminations: Women Encountering the Divine, Performance pieces, Helmsley Theater

**Saturday, October 17**
8:15-10:00 a.m. Panel Sessions IV
9:00 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Chingari VIDEOFEST - Play Circle, Memorial Union
10:00-10:15 a.m. Break - Main Lounge, Lowell Center and the Paul Bunyan Room, Memorial Union
10:15 a.m.-Noon Panel Session V
Noon-1:15 p.m. All Conference Luncheon - Dining Room, Lowell Center
1:15-3:00 p.m. Panel Session VI
3:00-3:15 p.m. Break - Main Lounge, Lowell Center and the Paul Bunyan Room, Memorial Union
3:15-5:00 p.m. Plenary Session - Lowell Center, Dining Room
5:00-7:00 p.m. Rajasthan Studies Roundtable; Komal Kothari
5:00-6:30 p.m.  Social Hour/Cash Bar - Main Lounge, Lowell Center
8:00 p.m.  Illuminations: Women Encountering the Divine, Performance pieces, Helmsley Theater

Sunday, October 10
8:00 a.m.  Social Hour/Continental Breakfast - Main Lounge, Lowell Center
9:00-10:00 a.m.  Poetry Reading and Commentary, Vijay Seshadri, The New Yorker, 118 Lowell Center
10:00-10:15 a.m.  Break - Main Lounge, Lowell Center
10:15-Noon  Panel Session VII
Noon  Conference Adjournment

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 $5.00.

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

The pre-registration rate for panelists is $75 ($25 for students). The same rate applies to participants who register in advance before September 1. Registration rates after that date and at the door are $80 for regular registration and $30 for students. Conference materials are available at the registration desk in the main lounge are of Lowell Center.

Abstracts: "Abstracts of Papers Presented at the 27th Annual Conference on South Asia" is available for $10.00 in the Conference Office, Room 115, Lowell Center.

Location of Panels: Panels are presented in both Lowell Center and the Memorial Union. For panels scheduled in the Memorial Union be sure to check the Today in The Union Board located to the right of the front stairway to confirm locations.

Conference Office: The Conference office is located in Room 115, Lowell Center. 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.

Message Board: A message board is available near the registration desk at Lowell Center throughout the Conference.

All-Conference Meals: Tickets for the All-Conference Dinner and Lunch were made available with pre-registration.

Shuttle Service: A shuttle is provided between the Friederich Center and Lowell Center at key times. Check the Conference Office at Lowell Center or the main desk at the Friederich Center for departure times.

Audio-Visual Equipment: Audio-Visual Equipment problems should be reported immediately to the Conference Office at Lowell Center or the main desk at the Memorial Union.

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Association Meetings

Thursday, October 15
CONSLAD 7:00 - 9:00pm Lower Lounge, Lowell Center
Title VI Directors 8:00 p.m. Room 118 Lowell Hall

Saturday, October 17
AISLS 6:00 - 7:30pm Room B1A Lowell Hall
Thursday, October 15
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Room 118, The Lowell Center
The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, I

The Dynamics of the Rise and Fall of Harappan Civilization
Farzad Ali Durani, Peshawar University, Pakistan

Early Harappan Phase in Saurashtra with Special Reverence to Padri and its Contribution to the Development of the Mature Phase of Harappan Culture
Vasant S. Shinde, Deccan College, India

Pre and Proto-Historic Profile of the Salt Range: Result of Recent Explorations
Saiful Rahman Dar, Lahore Museum, Pakistan

In Quest of New Cultural Horizons in the Gomal Plain
Shabaz Khan, Punjab Department of Archaeology, Pakistan

New Evidence for the Origin of Harappan Civilization: Excavations at Jhandi Bahur I and II
Ihsan Ali Khan, Peshawar University, Pakistan

1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Room 118, The Lowell Center
The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, II

Impact of the Indus Civilization on the Chalcolithic Cultures of India, with special reference to the Mewar Region of Rajasthan
V. N. Misra and V. S. Shinde, Deccan College, India

Recently Discovered Site of Bhandu Kubo
Nilofer Shaikh, Khairpur University, Pakistan

On the Results of Recent Archaeobotanical Investigations with Reference to Harappan Sites in Rann of Kutch and Saurashtra Penninsula, Western India
Mukund D. Kajale, Deccan College, India

Do the "Sorath Harappan" Sites in Kathiawad Represent a Local Chalcolithic Culture?
Supriya Varma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Thursday, October 15
3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Room 118, The Lowell Center
The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, III

Archaeological Problems with Specialization
Jaya Menon, M. S. University, India

How do we Assess the Significance of the Harappan External Trade?
Sheren Ratnagar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Sailing on a Dhow from Gujarat to the Persian Gulf
Lajwanti Shahani, Deccan College, India

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Dance Performance
Thursday, October 15
8:00 pm

Hemsley Theater

"Illuminations: Women Encountering the Divine"

Performance pieces featuring
Gitanjali Koland
Bharatanatyam dancer

and
Deborah Procter
performance artist/actress.
Friday, October 16
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Beefeaters Room, Memorial Union
Roundtable: What's Marx(ism) Got to Do with It? A Roundtable Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Communist Manifesto

Chair: S. Shankar, Rutgers University
Srimati Basu, DePauw University
Purnima Bose, Indiana University
Chandana Mathur, New School for Social Research
Vijay Prashad, Trinity College

Capitol View Room, Memorial Union
Media, Modernity, and Tradition: Re-presenting Indian Representations of India

Chair: Shanti Kumar, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Beauty Pageants as a Discourse of Globalization
Radhika Parameswaran, Indiana University-Bloomington
"Made in India:" Music, Television, and Global Youth Culture
Shanti Kumar, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Tradition and Modernity in Bombay Cinema: Through a Cognitive Lens
Pradeep Sopory, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Mediating the Boundaries of Medical Identity: Indian Feminists and Pathological Representations of Purdah in Colonial India
Maneesha Lal, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Friday, October 16
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Inn Wisconsin West Room, Memorial Union
Social Contexts of Writing in South Asia: Interdisciplinary Approaches

Chair: Robert Simpkins, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Text as Talisman in Tibetan Cultural Regions
Katherine Anne Paul, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Comparative Graffitology of Buddhist Inscriptions
Jason Neelis, University of Washington
Social Contexts and Social Perceptions of Books as Seen in South Asian Art
Robert Simpkins, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Discussant: Richard Salomon, University of Washington

Inn Wisconsin East Room, Memorial Union
Emerging Identities in Sri Lanka: Nationality, Religion, and Violence, I

Chair: Michele R. Gamburd, Portland State University

Linking Self and Social Structure: A Psychological Perspective on Sinhalese Social Identity
Mark A. Freeman, Drew University
Hell in a Faraway Place: Human Rights Abuses in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka
Robert C. Oberst, Nebraska Wesleyan University
Transforming the Feminine Body through the Violence of War: Conversations with Tamil Women in Jaffna
Yamuna Sangarasivam, Syracuse University
Violence and the Transformation of Masculinity, Motherhood, and National Identity
Michele R. Gamburd, Portland State University
Friday, October 16  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center
Siting Sita: Contested Images of the Ramayana's Heroine, I

Chair: Mary McGee, Columbia University
Curating Sita
Anne Murphy and Shana Sippy, Columbia University
Relocating Ramarajya: Perspectives on Sita's Kitchen in Ayodhya
Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge
Rejecting Sita: Indians Respond to the Ideal Man's Cruel Treatment of his Ideal Wife
Linda Hess, University of California at Davis

Discussant: Robert Goldman, University of California - Berkeley

Old Madison West Room, Memorial Union
Nepal Bhasa and Newa Culture

Chair: Mohan N. Shrestha, Bowling Green State University
Nepal Bhasa (the Language of Newars): Possibilities and Limitations
Uma Shrestha, Western Oregon University
Linguistic and Cultural Issues in Translating Nepal Bhasa (Newari) Literature
David Hargreaves, Western Oregon University
Vasudhara, the Buddhist Goddess of Wealth
Gautama Vajracharya, University of Wisconsin-Madison
The Social Ramifications of Marrying the God Narayan
Gregory Price Grieve, University of Chicago

Friday, October 16  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Old Madison East Room, Memorial Union
Identifying Ladakh: People, Practices, Politics

Chair: Martijn van Beek, Aarhus University
The Politics of Hill Council in a Marginal Place
Kim Gutschow, Harvard University
A Uniquely Marginal Place: Relocating Ladakh
Martijn van Beek, Aarhus University
Controversies Surrounding Shia Self-Mortification Practices in Leh Township, Ladakh
David Pinault, Santa Clara University
Searching for Ladakh on the World Wide Web: The GIGO Principle and Gossip from the Electronic Bazaar
Michael J. Khoo, University of Colorado at Boulder

Profile Room, Memorial Union
Economic, Urban, and Physical Geographical Patterns in South Asia

Chair: P. P. Karan, University of Kentucky-Lexington
New Economic Policy and Foreign Direct Investments in India
Jayati Ghosh, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Availability of Some Urban Services in Ludhiana: An Emerging Millionaire City in Punjab, India
Satish K. Davgun, Bemidji State University
Geographic Patterns of Japanese Investments in South Asia
Todd Stradford, University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Patterns of the Daily Summer Monsoon Rainfall: Events at Three Selected Stations in Bangladesh
Rafique Ahmed, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
Architectural Variation in the Ranked Dairies of the Toda Inhabiting the Nilgiris of Southern India
William Noble, University of Missouri, Columbia
Friday, October 16
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Reception Room, Memorial Union
"Desis Represent:" Contests of Gender, Style, and Nation in Diasporic South Asian Youth Cultures

Chair: Sunaina Maira, Harvard University

South Asian Youth Culture: Identity, Gender, and Community
   Shalini Shankar, New York University
Gendered Belonging: Diaspora, Community and Sexual Behavior
   Linta Varghese, University of Texas at Austin
Ethnic Yearnings: Second-Generation Indian Americans in New York City
   Sunaina Maira, Harvard University

Discussant: Kirin Narayan, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Room 118, The Lowell Center
The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology IV

A Fresh Study Into the Urban Planning of the Harappans in the Light of Recent Excavations
   R. S. Bisht, Archaeological Survey of India
Moenjodaro-The Metropolitan City of the Indus Civilization: Site Development
   Saeed-ur-Rehman, Archaeology and Museums, Pakistan
Expansion and Contraction-Phenomena of an Urban Formation Process
   Michael Jansen, RWTH-Aachen, Germany
Radiocarbon Dates and the Sites of Harappa and Mehrgarh
   Richard H. Meadow, Harvard University
City and Countryside in the Upper Indus Valley
   Rita P. Wright, New York University

Friday, October 16
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Room B1A, The Lowell Center
Re-presenting Categories of Indian Modernity

Chair: Ronald Inden, University of Chicago

The Anomalous Position of Bengal in Modern Indian Historiography
   Andrew Sartori, University of Chicago
The Imagination of the "Local:" A Study of Provincial Museums in 20th Century Bengal
   Rochona Majumdar, University of Chicago
Configuring Science in 19th Century India
   Nikhil Rao, University of Chicago
The Discursive Practice of 'Freedom' in Colonial India: A Genealogy
   Mithi Mukherjee, University of Chicago

Roundtable North Room, Memorial Union
Institutional Breakdowns

Chair: Ashkan Nimbark, Dowling College

Unofficial Local Civil Wars in India: A Study of Private Caste Armies and Rural Unrest in Bihar, a North Indian State
   Ashwani Kumar, University of Oklahoma
Institutional Breakdown, Tamil Secession, and the Plausibility for Conflict Resolution: The Case of Sri Lanka
   Neil DeVotta, University of Texas at Austin
The Role of Political Institutions in Economic Governance: Federalism and Center-State Relations in India
   Aseema Sinha, Cornell University
BJP Government Watch: A Report Card
   S. P. Udayakumar, University of Minnesota
Friday, October 16  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Roundtable South Room, Memorial Union  
Going Against the Grain: Resisting and Refashioning Gender Imperatives in Sri Lanka

Chair: Jeanne Marecek, Swarthmore College

Militant Comrades and Innocent Young Women: Negotiation of Identity among Free Trade Zone Women Workers of Sri Lanka  
Sandya Hewamanne, University of Texas at Austin

A Matter of Life and Death: Women’s Suicide as Gendered Protest in Sri Lanka  
Jeanne Marecek, Swarthmore College

Co-opting Old Networks for New Businesses: Women Entrepreneurs in Sri Lanka  
Manjari Wijenaike, Boston University

Nationalism and Feminism: The Case of Eelam (Tamil Sri Lanka)  
Jeyanthi Siva, University of California at Berkeley

Lunch

Friday, October 16  
11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

On Your Own

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1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Beefeaters Room, Memorial Union  
Gender, Ethnicity, and Civil Society in Afghanistan: Taliban Public Policy and the Afghan State

Chair: Charles H. Kennedy, Wake Forest University

War, Ethnicity, and the State in Afghanistan  
Rasul Bakhsh Rais, Quaid Azam University

State Identity and Civil Society in Taliban-Controlled Afghanistan  
Megan Reif, Wake Forest University

The Position of Women in Afghanistan  
Devendra Sharma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Discussant: Robert Wirsing, University of South Carolina

Capitol View Room, Memorial Union  
Culture and Economy: Contemporary Criticisms in South Asia

Chair: Roby Rajan, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

The Future of Criticism in India  
Vinay Lal, University of California-Los Angeles

Toward Politics Beyond Resentment  
Shankar Ramaswami, University of Chicago

Economics of Remembrance  
Roby Rajan, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Lines of Ascent in India Criticism  
Anil Lal, Roosevelt University
Friday, October 16
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Inn Wisconsin East Room, Memorial Union
Emerging Identities in Sri Lanka: Nationality, Religion, and Violence, II

Chair: Mark P. Whitaker, University of South Carolina-Aiken

Stamp Acts: Philatelic Self-Representation in Ceylon and Sri Lanka
Jonathan S. Walters, Whitman College

Decolonizing Colombo: The Survival of the Colonial Landscape
Nihal Perera, Ball State University

Art and Identity
H. L. Seneviratne, University of Virginia-Charlotte

Tamil Intellectuals, Western Academia and Political Activism
Mark P. Whitaker, University of South Carolina-Aiken

Friday, October 16
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Inn Wisconsin West Room, Memorial Union
Insights into Tibetan Diaspora: Community and Conflict

Chair: Susan Leanne Gartzke, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Death, Dying, and Diaspora: Tibetan Refugees in Chicago
Jennifer Marie Chertow, Stanford University

When Worlds Collide: Watching the West Enter Tibetan History
Paul Donnelly, Northern Arizona University

Lo-gsar: Ritual Preservation and Modification in the Tibetan Diaspora in Madison
Susan Leanne Gartzke, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Katherine Anne Paul, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center
Mapping Post-Coloniality in Fiction and Film

Chair: Josna Rege, Dartmouth College

Mutations in Migration: Salman Rushdie's Satanic Verses
Nalin Jayasena, University of California-Riverside

Exile as Castration in Mississippi Masala
Stefanie Dunning, University of California, Riverside

The Shadow Lines: Erasing Hegemonies
Sukanya Banerjee, University of California, Riverside

Making Life Possible: The Principles and Pragmatics of Women's Locations
Josna E. Rege, Dartmouth College
**Friday, October 16**  
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Old Madison East Room, Memorial Union*  
**Dalit Discourses of Emancipation in India**

Chair: Rahul Debnath, University of Chicago

**Globalization vs. Dalits: A Cultural Interpretation**  
K. P. Singh, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"Our Culture is being Destroyed:" Dalit Buddhist Nationalism  
Owen M. Lynch, New York University

**Who Will Write Our History?**  
Peter Gottschalk, Southwestern University

Discussant: Eleanor Zelliot, Carleton College

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*Old Madison West Room, Memorial Union*  
**South Asian Women's Narrativity: Describing the Diaspora**

Chair: Nalini Lamba Nieves, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Narratives of Diasporic South Asian Feminism**  
Anupama Jain, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Historicizing Early 20th Century European and Late 20th Century South Asian Narratives**  
Kulvinder Arora, University of California, San Diego

**Questioning Community: First and Second Generation South Asian Women Write Identity**  
Nalini Lamba Nieves, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**The Politics of Arrival: Bharati Mukherjee and Chitra Divalaruni**  
Shailja Sharma, DePaul University

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*Reception Room, Memorial Union*  
**Translating Cultures, Translating Selves: Critical Issues in Representing South Asian Experience**

Chair: Geeta Patel, Wellesley College

**The Story that Comes After**  
Kamala Visweswaran, University of Texas at Austin

**A New Breeze: Questions on Region, Representation, and Postcoloniality**  
Ravina Aggarwal, Smith College

**The Didactic: A Continuous Challenge in Translating from Urdu**  
Agha Shahid Ali, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Discussant: Piya Chatterjee, University of California-Riverside
Friday, October 16
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Room 118, The Lowell Center
The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, V

Tracing the Origins of Indus Writing, Craft Specialization, and Hierarchical Socio-Economic Organization: The Ravi and Kot Diji Phases at Harappa
J. M. Kenoyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Language of the Indus Civilization and the Prehistoric Settlement of South Asia
Michael Witzel, Harvard University

Southeastern Baluchistan During the Early 3rd Millennium BC
Ute Franke-Vogt, Institute of Near Eastern Archaeology, Germany

Dhara and the "Zhob" Culture in the Punjab
Mohammad Siddique, Department of Archaeology, Government of Pakistan

Room B1A, The Lowell Center
Spectacle and the Staging of "Woman" in 19th and 20th Century Theatres of South Asia

Chair: Kathryn Hansen, Columbia University

Space and Spectacle: Gender and Visual Configuration in the 19th Century Bengali Public Theatre
Rimli Bhattacharyya, University of Baroda

Setting the Stage: Gendering the Nation in the Theatre of John de Silva
Neloufer de Mel, University of Colombo

On the Side of Draupadi: Teejan Bai's Dashashana Vadha
Sameera Iyengar, University of Chicago

Women's Parts: Female Impersonators in the Parsi Theatre
Kathryn Hansen, Columbia University

Friday, October 16
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Roundtable South Room, Memorial Union
Down Memory Lane: Constructing the Colonial Family using Law, Personal Narrative, and Photographs

Chair: Geraldine Forbes, SUNY-Oswego

Remembering and Writing the Subaltern: Reminiscences of Domestics in Middle-Class Writings of Colonial Calcutta
Swapna Banerjee, University of Florida, Gainesville

To Honor and Obey: Indian Christian Companionate Marriage
Eliza F. Kent, University of Chicago

On Bigamy, Divorce, and Inter-Caste Marriage: Some Questions Regarding the Place of "Law"
Anupama Rao, University of Michigan

Family Photographs and Feminist Outrage: The Dynamics of Memory
Geraldine Forbes, SUNY-Oswego

Roundtable North Room, Memorial Union
Textual Dating: Old Assumptions, New Reconsiderations

Chair: Edwin Bryant, Harvard University

Dating the Mahabharata
Alf Hiltebeitel, The George Washington University

Astrochronology: Dating the Vedic Texts
Edwin Bryant, Harvard University

Dating the Bhagavadgita: What is the Evidence for Such an Enterprise?
Robert N. Minor, University of Kansas

Dating the Bhagavata Purana
Dennis Hudson, Smith College
Friday, October 16
3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Capitol View Room, Memorial Union

Emerging Identities in Sri Lanka: Nationality, Religion, and Violence, III

Chair: Tessa Bartholomeusz, Florida State University

Dharma Warriors: Buddhist ‘Just-War Thinkers’ in Sri Lanka
   Tessa Bartholomeusz, Florida State University

Kali Before the Eelam War: Celebration of a Sri Lankan Tamil Goddess Festival in the 1970’s
   Dennis McGilvray, University of Colorado-Boulder

Kali in a Landscape of War: Responses to Social and Political Violence at a Tamil Goddess Temple
   Patricia Lawrence, University of Colorado-Boulder

Discussant: E. Valentine Daniel, Columbia University

Inn Wisconsin West Room, Memorial Union

Buddhism in a Comparative Perspective

Chair: Stuart Sarbacker, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Bodhisattva’s Samadhi: Meditation and Tradition
   Stuart Sarbacker, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Karma Kagyu: American Buddhism in Comparison
   Indira Y. Junghare, University of Minnesota

Interpreting Competing Views: An Examination of the Gelugpa School of Tibetan Buddhism and Its Representation of Santaraksita and Late Developments in Indian Buddhist Doctrine
   James Blumenthal, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Paul Donnelly, Northern Arizona University
Friday, October 16
3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center
The Politics of Difference in the Himalayan Region

Chair: Susan Hangen, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Liberal Narratives in the Himalayas
Selma K. Sonntag, Humboldt State University

Shopping for Legitimacy: Environment, Inigenousness, and the Hill People of Uttar Pradesh
Dave Stuligross, University of California at Berkeley

Nepali Nation-State in the Era of "Tribalism"
Pramod Mishra, Duke University

Susan Hangen, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Old Madison East Room, Memorial Union
Anxiety, Sexual Speech, and Censorship in 20th Century India

Chair: Ruth Vanita, University of Montana

Pleasure as Perverse, Procreation as Pure: 20th Century Indian Approaches to the Kamasutra
Ruth Vanita, University of Montana

The Troubled Existence of Sex and Sexuality: Feminists Engage with Censorship
Shohini Ghosh, Jamia Milia Islamia University, India

The Place of Artistic Vision in Postcolonial Times: In Defense of Arundhati Roy
Sonya Jones, Allegheny College

Discussant: Carla Petievich, Montclair State University
Friday, October 16
3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Profile Room, Memorial Union
The Legitimacy of Liberalization in India

Chair: Ismail Shariff, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

The Political Economy of Trade and Financial Liberalization in India
   Rahul Mukherji, Columbia University
Rhetoric and Restructuring: Legitimating Industrial Change in South-Central Mumbai, India
   Harini Narayanan, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The Market Subject?: The Identity of the Telecommunications Worker in the Context of Liberalization in India
   Paula Chakravarty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Global Competition, the Indian Media Industry, and Identity Formation
   Anshu N. Chatterjee, University of California at Berkeley

Reception Room, Memorial Union
Bringing Hindu Scriptures to American Students

Chair: Paul Mundschkenk, Western Illinois University

Introducing the Vedas to a New Generation
   Wendall Charles, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Understanding the Upanishads: Creating a Comparative Context
   Boyd H. Wilson, Hope College
Krishna in The Classroom: The Real Battle of the Bhagavad Gita
   Paul Mundschkenk, Western Illinois University

Discussant: Ishwar Harris, College of Wooster

Friday, October 16
3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room B1A, The Lowell Center
Food Fights and Feasts, Framing Identities through Food

Chair: C. E. Naim, University of Chicago

A Gastro-economy of Indian Regions
   Krishnendu Ray, Culinary Institute of America
Food Fights: Polemical Literature and Culinary Injunctions
   Katherine Eirene Ulrich, University of Chicago
A Feast for the Mind: Food Images in the Poetry of Sukumar Ray
   Emily Bloch, University of Chicago
Reading and Devouring: The Gastropoetics of Madhur Jaffrey
   Parama Roy, University of California, Riverside

Room 118, The Lowell Center
The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology VI

The "Harappanization" of Saurashtra in Gujarat, India: Some Questions
   Frank Herman, Laboratorium voor Prehistorie, Belgium
A Preliminary Ethnoarchaeological Study of Pastoralism in Gujarat, India
   Kuldeep K. Bhan, M. S. University, India
From Loteshwar to Dholavira: The Development of Pastoralism in North Gujarat and Kutch
   Ajita Patel, M. S. University India and Harvard University
Tilling the Land of Moving the Herds: An Ethnoarchaeological Approach to the Changing Landscapes of the Late Harappan in Gujarat, India
   Seetha N. Reddy, University of California-San Diego
**Friday, October 16**  
3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Roundtable North Room, Memorial Union*  
**Kannada Literature and Modernity**

Chair: Nalini Natarajan, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

**Gender, Caste and Modernity in Samskara**  
Nalini Natarajan, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

**From Druvasapura to Oberlin: The Reception of SAMSKARA in a Small Midwestern Liberal Arts College**  
Paula Richman, Oberlin College

**Secular Nationhood and the Reflexive Critique of Hinduism: Girish Karnad's Tale-Danda**  
Aparna Dharwadker, University of Oklahoma

Discussant: Leela Prasad, Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies

*Roundtable South Room, Memorial Union*  
**Rethinking Charity and Philanthropy in Modern India**

Chair: Eliza Kent, University of Chicago

**Philanthropy as Public Culture: Merchants and Temple-Building in India**  
Anne Hardgrove, University of Michigan

**Competing Empathies, Competing Charities in 19th Century India**  
John R. McLane, Northwestern University

**Idioms of Benevolence: The Expression of Philanthropy in Colonia Bengal**  
Brian Hatcher, Illinois Wesleyan University

Discussant: Douglas Haynes, Dartmouth College

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**Social Hour/Cash Bar**  
**Exhibition Tour**  
Friday, October 16  
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Elvehjem Museum of Art

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**All Conference Dinner**  
Friday, October 16  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
**Dining Room, Lowell Center**

*Pre-purchased dinner tickets only. Tickets will be collected as you enter the Dining Room. Wine service is available upon request.*

**Welcome and introductory remarks by**  

**Usha Nilsson**  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Conference Chair
Keynote Address

Friday, October 16
7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
Dining Room, Lowell Center

R.A.L.H. Gunawardana
Vice-Chancellor
Professor of History
University of Peradeniya
Sri Lanka

Everyone Welcome

Dance Performance
Friday, October 16
8:00 pm

Hemsley Theater

“illuminations: Women Encountering the Divine”

Performance pieces featuring
Gitanjali Kolanand
Bharatanatyam dancer

and
Deborah Procter
performance artist/actress.

Saturday, October 17
8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Beefeaters Room, Memorial Union

Constructing Identities in India’s Regions

Chair: Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, Emory University

Localities of Festival, Identities of the “Local:” Shifting Loci of “Belonging” in Sringeri, Karnataka
Leela Prasad, University of Pennsylvania

Religious Geography and Regional Consciousness in Maharashtra
Anne Feldhaus, Arizona State University

Terukkutu Goes Green
David Rudner, Tufts University

The Civic and the Ethnic in National Time and Space: Assam in the Music of Bhupen Hazarika
Sanjib Baruah, Bard College

Capitol View Room, Memorial Union

Sri Lanka in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives in an Anniversary Year I: History Writing Since Independence

Chair: Chandra R. de Silva, Old Dominion University

History Writing on South Asia from a Sri Lankan Perspective
John D. Rogers, Tufts University

Modern Indian History and the History of Modern India
Frank F. Conlon, University of Washington

History as Myth in the Postcolonial State
Robert Nichols, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Barbara N. Ramusack, University of Cincinnati
Saturday, October 17
8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Inn Wisconsin West Room, Memorial Union
Male Goddesses and Benevolent Gods

Chair: David M. Knipe, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Virashaivism Redefined: The Heroic Folk Tradition of Shiva Devotees in Pre-Modern Telugu Country
Daniel D'Attilio, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Sants, Warriors and Bards: Sectarian Literature as a Source for the Study of Dadupanthi Nagas
James Hastings, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dattatreya Worship in Popular Hinduism in Coastal Andhra Pradesh
M. V. Krishnayya, Andhra University, India

The Cult of Hariti
Sree Padma, Bowdoin College

Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center
Balancing the Two Worlds: Construction of the Indian Diasporic Identity in the U. S.

Chair: Rajeshwari Pandharipande, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The Sacred Landscape of Hindu Temples: A Marker of Indian Diasporic Identity in the U. S.
Bharat Mehra, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Bharatanatyam: An Artistic Tool for the Construction of Indian Cultural Identity in the U. S.
Kalpa V. Raman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

"Ritualizing" the Grammar of Culture: Indian Diasporic Identity in the U. S.
Rajeshwari Pandharipande, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Old Madison East Room, Memorial Union
Material Conditions for Literary History in Modern South Asia

Chair: Henry Schwartz, Georgetown University

Mentalities on the Margins: The Telugu Book in a Colonial Province
Pillarisetti Sudhir, American Historical Association

Old Norms in New Bottles: Constructions of Gender and Ethnicity in the Early Tamil Novel
Sita Raman, Santa Clara University

Is There a Literary History of Modern Bengal?
Henry Schwarz, Georgetown University

Colonial Literature, Publicity, and Emerging Cultural and Political Discourses
Veena Naregal, School of Oriental and African Studies

Old Madison West Room, Memorial Union
New Approaches to Study the Problem of Child Labor in India

Chair: Randas Lamb, University of Hawai'i

Street Children and Liberalization: A Paradox of Inequality in India
Dinesh Kumar Giroh, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Heating Glass on the Oven: A Plight of Child Labor in Shikohabad
Raj Kumar Sharma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Child Labor Among the SCs/STs and Others in India
Rajeev Sharma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Discussant: Rahul Mukherji, Columbia University
Saturday, October 17
8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Reception Room, Memorial Union
Ethnicity, Gender and Religion: The Dynamics of Nation Building in Pakistan

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

Ethnicity, Islam and the Army in Pakistan
Hasan-Askri Rizvi, Columbia University

Imagining the Nation: Gender, Ethnicity, and Nation Formation in Pakistan
Farhat Haq, Monmouth College

Bhutto’s Ethnic Strategy: Conceptualizing Nation-Building and State-Formation
Agha Saeed, California State University, Hayward

Discussant: Syed Bashir Hussain, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Room L150, Elvehjem Museum of Art
The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, VII

Environmental Research in the Indus Valley (Mainly Archaeobotany and Paleopalynology)
Lorenzo Costantini, IISAO, Italy

Environmental Constraint and Cultural Choice: Changing Agricultural Strategies During the Indus Valley Civilization
Steven A. Weber, Washington State University, Canada

Phytolith Analysis in the Indus Valley: A Still Untapped Technique for the Understanding of Secondary Products at Harappa: Faunal Methodologies for Understanding Urban Economics
Marco Madella, Cambridge University, England

Secondary Products at Harappa: Faunal Methodologies for Understanding Urban Economics
Laura J. Miller, New York University

Perishable Trade and Dries Fish During Third Millennium B. C. in the Greater Indus Valley Region
William R. Belcher, Central Identification Lab, Hawaii

Room B1A, The Lowell Center
Ordering Deviance: Studies in Coercion and Modernity

Chair: Satadru Sen, University of Washington-Seattle

Food Fights: Prison Diets and the Modernization of Punishment in Colonial India
Satadru Sen, University of Washington-Seattle

Coercion and Integration: Mechanisms of Convict Control in the Penal Settlements, c. 1800-1880
Clare Anderson, University of Leicester, United Kingdom

Criminal Mothers and Superstitious Fathers: The Modernization of Maternal and Child Health Care in Tamil Nadu, South India
Cecilia Van Hollen, University of California-Berkeley

Masking Contradictions of Modernity: Colonial Textbook Narratives
Clare Talwalker, Duke University

Room L130, Elvehjem Museum of Art

Chair: Gloria Goodwin Raheja, University of Minnesota

History: Of the Cube, In the Cube, For the Cube
E. Valentine Daniel, Columbia University

"Hindu Transactions" in Colonial Spaces
Gloria Goodwin Raheja, University of Minnesota

The Language of Shoes in the Kingdom of Savar
Ann Grodzins Gold, Syracuse University

The Traffic in Kidneys: Debt, Dowry, and the Visceral Economy of the Gift
Lawrence Cohen, University of California at Berkeley
Construction of National Identities

Chair: Laura Jenkins, University of Cincinnati

Colonial Power and the Representation of Indian Communities
Karni Pal Bhati, University of Notre Dame

The Malleability of the Feminine: Gender and Nationalism in Tamil Nadu
Christine Keating, University of Washington

Hindu Nationalism and the Official Boundaries of Religious and Caste Communities in India
Laura Dudley Jenkins, University of Cincinnati

Heretical Body, National Space: On Being "Sindhi" in Karachi
Laura A. Ring, University of Chicago

Material Modernities: Nationalism and the Transformation of Indian Urban Space

Chair: Mary Hancock, University of California, Santa Barbara

Inside-Out: Public Space and the Speech Culture of the Bengali Middle Class in 19th Century Calcutta
Swati Chattopadhyay, University of California, Santa Barbara

Domesticating Colonial Space: Gandhi Topis, Charka Flags, and the Making of National Space, 1921-1930
Lisa N. Trivedi, University of California, Davis

Cities of Desire
Mary Hancock, University of California, Santa Barbara

Discussant: Richard Fox, Washington University, St. Louis
Break
Lowell Center and Memorial Union
10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

Saturday, October 17
10:15 a.m. to Noon

Capitol View Room, Memorial Union
Sri Lanka in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives in an Anniversary Year, II: Anthropologists Reconsider Village Studies

Chair: Deborah Winslow, University of New Hampshire
Development and "Village" Identity on Sri Lanka's Southeastern Frontier
Mike Woost, Hartwick College
Stayers and Movers, Both Part of Globalization
Pauline Kolenda, University of Houston
Representing the Other in a Nepali Village: Tourism, Tharus, and Village Walks
Arjun Gunaratne, Macalester College

Discussant: R. L. Stirrat, University of Sussex

Inn Wisconsin East Room, Memorial Union
Women's Bodies, Women's Lives

Chair: Lynn Vincentnathan, Northeastern Illinois University
Learning to Labor on India: The Subculture of Women Construction Workers
Lynn Vincentnathan, Northeastern Illinois University, and George Vincentnathan, Aurora University
Everyday Landscapes: Historical Perception and Modernity in Banarsi Women's Material Narratives
Rachel Meyer, University of Texas at Austin
Transexualizing Translation: Performing the Voice of the (Male as Female) Narrator in Vijai Dan Detha's Short Story, Two Faced
Christi Merrill, University of Iowa
Does a Good Indian Get AIDS?: A Postcolonial-Feminist Analysis of the Gendered AIDS Body in Indian Discourse
Sarmistha Banerjee, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center
Siting Sita: Contested Images of the Rayamayana's Heroine, II

Chair: Mary McGee, Columbia University
Resiting Sita: Gender and Narrative in Valmiki's Sundarakanda
Sally Sutherland Goldman, University of California at Berkeley
Like Mother, Like Son: Sita and Hanuman
Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa
From Divine to Human: Sita in Women's Songs
Usha Nilsson, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: V. Narayana Rao, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Saturday, October 17
10:15 a.m. to Noon

Old Madison East Room, Memorial Union
Images of India in the West

Chair: Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University

Idolatry and Indology: The Asiatick Researches and India, 1789-1839
Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College

Identity, Images, and Icons: British Representations of India
Rose M. Deneve, Syracuse University

The Whale Avatar of the Hindous in Melville’s Moby Dick
Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University

Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa

Old Madison West Room, Memorial Union Room, Memorial Union
Dalits as Agents for Social and Cultural Change, I

Chair: Eleanor Zelliot, Carleton College

Untouchables as an Internal Colony
Gary Michael Tartakov, Iowa State University

The Death of Comrade Moti: A Dalit Christina Memory
Mathew N. Schmalz, The College of Holy Cross

The Economics of Ramnami Bhajan
Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i

Saturday, October 17
10:15 a.m. to Noon

Profile Room, Memorial Union
Agrarian Institutions: Questions of History, Power, and Culture

Chair: Vinay Gidwani, University of British Columbia

Choice or Compulsion, Consent or Conflict, Continuity or Discontinuity? A Thematic Assessment of Marginalist and Marxist Approaches to Agrarian Institutions and Agrarian Change, With Special Reference to India, Part I
Navroz Dubash, University of California at Berkeley

Choice or Compulsion, Consent or Conflict, Continuity or Discontinuity? A Thematic Assessment of Marginalist and Marxist Approaches to Agrarian Institutions and Agrarian Change, With Special Reference to India, Part II
Vinay Gidwani, University of British Columbia

Waste, Power, and Caste: Towards a Historical Ethnography of South Indian Drylands
Anand Pandian, University of California at Berkeley

Discussant: David Ludden, University of Pennsylvania
Saturday, October 17
10:15 a.m. to Noon

Reception Room, Memorial Union
Politics After "Nehruvianism": Thinking Through the Effects of Markets, Media, and Migration

Chair: Arvind Rajagopal, Purdue University
Emerging Markets and New Regimes of Value: Selling Fast-Moving Consumer Goods in India
Arvind Rajagopal, Purdue University
The Sexual Lives of Refugees: Legal Subjects of "American" Law, and Narratives of Punjabi Women in the U.S.
Inderpal Grewal, San Francisco State University
Transgressive Images: Television Censorship in the Cultural Politics of Economic Reform
Rupal Oza, Rutgers University

Discussant: Purnima Mankekar, Stanford University

Room 118, The Lowell Center
Language Learning Abroad: Maximizing the Role of the Local Environment

Chair: Surendra Gambhir, University of Pennsylvania
Language Learning in a Study Abroad Context: A Self-Report
Gabriela N. Ilieva, University of Minnesota
Designing A Study Abroad Program to Incorporate Environmental Language Exposure: The UNC-JNU Semester India Program
Afroz Taj, North Carolina State University
Summer Intensive Language Study Abroad: Maximizing the Role of the Local Environment
Herman H. van Olphen, University of Texas at Austin
Cognitive Perspectives and Community Participation in Study Abroad Contexts
Surendra Gambhir, University of Pennsylvania

Saturday, October 17
10:15 a.m. to Noon

Room L130, Elvehjem Museum of Art
Papers in Honor of McKim Marriott, II: Narratives of Gender, Politics, and Place

Chair: Katherine Pratt Ewing, Duke University
Being a Widow and Other Life Stories: The Interplay Between Lives and Words
Sarah Lamb, Brandeis University
More Ways to be Empowered: The Oriya Hindu Reality
Usha Menon, Drexel University
On Nannul 290, a Tamil Seneiotic
Bernard Bate, University of Chicago
Making Place and Space Matter in South India
Diane P. Mines, Washington University, St. Louis

Room B1A, The Lowell Center Hall
Writing and "Overwriting " History in Pre-Colonial South Asia: Sites of Production, Audiences, Repertoires

Chair: David Curley, Western Washington University
Kings as Sites of Historical Memory: The Case of Kakatiya Prataparudra
Cynthia Talbot, University of Texas at Austin
History, Myth, and Time: A Perspective from 18th Century Bengal
Kumkum Chatterjee, Pennsylvania State University
This-Wordly Rituals, Other-Wordly Histories: Past and Present at the Court of Raja Raj'ballabh
David L. Curley, Western Washington University

Discussant: Stuart Gordon, Independent Scholar
Saturday, October 17
10:15 a.m. to Noon

Room L150, Elvehjem Museum of Art
The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, VIII

Cross-Craft Comparisons among the Indus High-Tempature Pyrotechnologies
Heather M.-L. Miller, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Exploring Diversity in Harappan Material Culture: A Case Study of Metal Vessels
Heidi J. Miller, Harvard University

Aspects of Continuity in Copper-base Metallurgy and the Use of High-Tin Bronze From the Indus Valley Into Present Day South India
Sharada Srinivasan, Smithsonian Institution, Conservation Lab Fellow

The Harappan Phenomenon in an Archaeometallurgical Perspective
D. P. Agrawal, Physical Research Laboratory, India

Roundtable South Room, Memorial Union
Nations and Nationalisms: Reinterpreting Boundaries in Princely India

Chair: John E. McLeod, University of Louisville

Demystifying the "Ideal Progressive:" Resistance Through Mimicked Modernity in Princely Baroda, 1900-1913
Mann Bhagavan, University of Texas at Austin

Democratic Discourse and its Discontents: Indian Nationalism in Hyderabad State
John Roosa, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Patrons of Indian Arts and Humanities: Indian Princes as Cultural Nationalists
Barbara N. Ramusack, University of Cincinnati

Discussant: John E. McLeod, University of Louisville

All-Conference Luncheon

(Pre-purchased tickets only)

Saturday, October 17
Noon to 1:15 p.m.

Dining Room, Lowell Center
Saturday, October 17
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Beefeater's Room, Memorial Union

India's 1998 12th National Elections: Extremism or Moderation?, II

Chair: Harold Gould, University of Virginia

The General (Lok Sabha) Elections of 1998: An Analytical Perspective on the State of Bihar
Binoy S. Prasad, University of Missouri-Columbia
Regionalism, Communalism, and Political Moderation in Punjab and Haryana
Paul Wallace, University of Missouri
Hegde: Bevath and Hegde Tooketh Away: A Dismantled JD Opens South Asia to BJP Penetration
Harold Gould, University of Virginia

Discussant: Suzanne Rudolph, University of Chicago

Capitol View Room, Memorial Union

Sri Lanka in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives in an Anniversary Year, III: The State and Economic Reform in South Asia

Chair: Anita Shastri, San Francisco State University

Logics of State Intervention: The Problem of Social Democracy and Developmental States
Ronald J. Herring, Cornell University
Liberalizing India's Economy: Context and Constraints
Vanita Shastri, Harvard University
Christopher Caudle, University of California at Berkeley
Economic Liberalization in Sri Lanka: Growth vs. Welfare?
Anita Shastri, San Francisco State University

Saturday, October 17
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Inn Wisconsin West Room, Memorial Union

Expanding Civil Society, Shrinking Political Spaces

Chair: Joel Silliman, University of Iowa

Interrogating the Standard NGO Narrative: The Case of Women's NGOs in South Asia
Jael Silliman, University of Iowa
Democracy, Governance, and Civil Society in Bangladesh: Emergent Contradictions in NGO Practice
Shelley Feldman, Cornell University
Women's Wor(ks) in India's Narmada Valley Movement
Pratyusha Basu, University of Iowa
In the Shadow of Globalization: State and Civil Society in South Asia
Mustapha Kamal Pasha, American University

Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center

Women and the Public Sphere in Colonial India

Chair: Christine Kwajewski, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Life and Light for Heathen Women, 1869-1910: Western Medicine in the Hands of American Missionary Women
Christine Kwajewski, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Nauch Girls and Colonial Vice: Kipling's Fiction and Sexual Indian Women
Anupama Taranath, University of California, San Diego
On the Margins of Nationalist Autobiography: Real and Imagined Collaborators in Binodini Das's 'Amar Katha (My Story)'
Esha Niyogi De, University of California, Los Angeles
The Making of a Telugu Reading Public: Kandukuri Viresalingam's Rajasekhara Charitraamu
Lisa Mitchell, Columbia University
Saturday, October 17
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Old Madison West Room, Memorial Union
Dalits as Agents for Social and Cultural Change, II

Chair: Owen M. Lynch, New York University

Regeneration vs. Reservation: A Dalit Struggle
Rahul Deepankar, University of Chicago

The Grounds for, and Limits of, Affirmative Action Policy in India
Ashok K. Acharya, University of Toronto

Through the Looking Glass of the Dalits
Charles Wendell Barlow, University of Aarhus, Denmark

Discussant: Marc Galanter, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Old Madison East Room, Memorial Union
Feminine Vulnerabilities: A Consideration of Women and Power in South Asia

Chair: Jyotsna Vaid, Texas A & M University

Hand-Outs or Liberation? Status Manipulations and Gender Implications Among Immigrant Muslim Women
Huma Ahmed Ghosh, San Diego State University

Blueprint of a Revolution?: Resistance of Male Power by South Asian Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence
Shamita Das Dasgupta, Rutgers University

A Heart Like a Man: Feminine Power and Patriarchal Constraints in a Nepali Community
Ernestine McHugh, University of Rochester

Discussant: Rashmi Luthra, University of Michigan-Dearborn
Saturday, October 17
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Room L130, Elvehjem Museum of Art
Papers in Honor of McKim Marriott, III: Transnationalism and Rhetorics of Identity and Difference

Chair: Lawrence Cohen, University of California at Berkeley

Escape from "Border Crossings:" Using Marriott's Ethnosociology to Re-examine Multiple Identities
Katherine Ewing, Duke University

Nationalism, Transnationalism, Metabolism: Yoga, Naturopathy, and the Bioecology of World Health Reorganization
Joseph S. Alter, University of Pittsburgh

Teaching Complexes: Education and Ideologies of Language in Banaras
Chaise LaDousa, Syracuse University

Discussant: Steven Kemper, Bates College

Room 118, The Lowell Center
Muskaraake: Sarcasm, Satire, and Farce in North India

Chair: Manindra Verma, University of Wisconsin-Madison

How to be Sarcastic in Hindi-Urdu
Peter Edwin Hook, University of Michigan

Expressing Sarcasm in Maithili and Hindi
Mithilesh K. Mishra, University of Chicago

Bharatendu Harischandra Makes Fun of English
Sagaree Sengupta, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Language and Humor: A Study of Yusufi's Writings
Tahsin Siddiqi, University of Michigan

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Saturday, October 17
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Room L150, Elvehjem Museum of Art
The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, IX

Harappan Eschatology and the Organization of the Harappan State
Paul Christy Jenkins, University of Wisconsin-Madison

New Insights on the Late Harappan Phase at Harappa
Manabu Koiso, Kamakura, Japan

Deterioration and Conservation of Mohenjodaro
Niaz Rasool, Department of Archaeology and Museums, Pakistan

On-Site Conservation: Ensuring a Future for Indus Archaeological Collections
Harriet Beaubien, Smithsonian Institution, Conservation Analytical Lab

Roundtable North Room, Memorial Union
Witness and Defendant: The Role of Urdu in Debates Around Indian Nationalism

Chair: Raza Mir, University of Massachusetts

Gandhi ho ke Ghalib ho: Urdu Poetry at National Crossroads
Ali Mir, Purdue University

Willed Losses of Memory: Urdu Novel and the Decline of Socialist Values
Raza Mir, University of Massachusetts

Breaking the Sectarian Mold: Urdu and Telugu in Hyderabad
Vamsi Vakulabharanam, University of Massachusetts

Discussant: Maya Yajnik, University of Massachusetts
Saturday, October 17
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Roundtable South Room, Memorial Union
Indian Transregional Commerce in the 18th Century

Chair: Scott Levi, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Warfare and Horse Trading in Pre-Colonial India
Pradeep Barna, University of Nebraska at Kearney
The 18th-Century Indo-Central Asian Textile Trade
Scott Levi, University of Wisconsin-Madison
The Bengal Saltpetre Trade and World Gunpowder Supplies, 1600-1850
James W. Hoover, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Kevin Downey, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Break
Lowell Center and Memorial Union
3:00 to 3:15 p.m.

Saturday, October 17
3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room L150, Elvehjem Museum of Art
The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology, X

Was the North Bactrian Oasis Colonized by Populations from South Central Turkmenistan? Cranio metric Approach
Brian E. Hemphill, Vanderbilt University
The Bronze Age Natural Resources of Southern Central Asia
Randall Law, University of Wisconsin-Madison
The Floral-Wreath Attribute in Buddhist Art of Ancient Gandhara
Carolyn W. Schmidt, Independent Scholar
The Indus Civilization: Strategies for the 21st Century
Mohammad Rafique, Mughal Dept of Archaeology, Pakistan

Plenary Session
South Asia Before and After the Nuclear Tests

Saturday, October 17
3:15 to 5:00 p.m.

Dining Room, Lowell Center

Special invited speakers

K. Subrahmanyan
Consulting Editor
The Economic Times
and author
Nuclear Proliferation and International Security

George Perkovitch
U.S. Foreign Policy Consultant
and author
History of India’s Nuclear Program

Social Hour/Cash Bar
Exhibition Tour
Saturday, Oct 17
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Elvehjem Museum of Art
Saturday, October 17
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Penthouse Room, Madison Inn

Rajasthan Studies Roundtable Featuring Komal Kothari

Peter Claus, California State University, Hayward
Joan L. Erdman, Columbia College, Chicago
Ann Grodzins Gold, Syracuse University
Carol Henderson, Stern College, New York
Nancy Martin, Chapman University, California
Michael Meister, University of Pennsylvania
Daniel M. Neuman, University of California, Berkeley

Dance Performance
Saturday, October 17
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and

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Sunday, October 18
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Room 118, Lowell Hall
Sunday Morning Special Event
Poetry Reading
Vijay Seshadri
contributor, The New Yorker

Sunday, October 18
10:15 a.m. to Noon

Lower Lounge, The Lowell Center
Sri Lanka in South Asia: Comparative Perspectives in an
Anniversary Year, IV: Civil Society and Change

Chair: Robert C. Oberst, Nebraska Wesleyan University

Communal Violence in Karachi
Kavita Khory, Mount Holyoke College

NGOs, the State, and Democratization in Bangladesh and Nepal
Jeff Key, Sweet Briar College

State, Civil Society, and Representative Democracy: Some
Samuel S. Gurupathm, Mott Community College
Sunday, October 18
10:15 a.m. to Noon

Room 118, Lowell Center
Roundtable: The Present and Future of Indus Valley Archaeology

Chair: J. M. Kenoyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Open Forum

Room B1A, Lowell Center
Living in the U.S.A.: UnWrapping Identities of Indian Americans

Chair: Miriam Sharma, University of Hawai'i

Illuminating India: How a South Asian Diaspora Helps Build a Hindu Nation
Himance Gupta, University of Hawai'i

Performing Selves: Expressions of Indian American Identities through Popular Culture
Nitasha Sharma, University of California-Santa Barbara

What's So Funny About an Indian Accent?
Monica Ghosh, University of Hawai'i

Discussant: Miriam Sharma, University of Hawai'i

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See Master Schedule of Events for additional events not listed.

Page 6  Ajanta Site Seminar will be held Saturday evening from 6:00-7:30 in Room 118, Lowell Hall

Page 6  South Asia Participation at the AAS will be held in the Dining Room, Lowell Hall

Page 6  AISLS meeting will be held in the Lower Lounge, Lowell Hall

Page 14  Ghulam Nabi Fai, Kashmiri American Council--Washington D.C. Will be a participant on A Round Table on South Asia’s Apple of Discord: Kashmir

Page 14  Deborah Soper will not be presenting on South Asian Architecture in a Cultural Landscape, I

Page 19  K. Sivaramakrishnan, Yale University will chair Globalization, Modernity, and Locality in Stories of Development, II

Page 21  Round Table: The Perfect Male: Masculinity in South Asian Religions, I will be held in Tripp Commons, Memorial Union (part II below also)

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Page 33  Bradley Hertel will not be presenting on Caste, Politics, Mythology, and Representation

Page 43  Kim Gutschow will not be presenting on Cosmology and Complexity of Pilgrimage

Page 44  Marat M. Elkanidze will not be presenting on Early Buddhist Textual Intentions and Implications

Page 49  Fawzia Afzal Khan’s name is misspelled

Page 50  Sharri R. Clark will not be presenting on Material Culture in Context: Archaeology of the Indus Valley and Buddhist Periods, II

Page 61  Natyakalalayam Dance Company was misspelled tickets available for $8 in Room 115, Lowell Hall

Page 62  The 10 am break on Sunday Morning will be held in the Main Lounge at Lowell Hall

Page 63  Ajay Skaria, University of Virginia, will be taking the place of Dipesh Chakrabarty as discussant for The Iconography of the Indian Nation-State