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on
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The 29th Annual Conference will be held in the year 2000
Friday, October 13 (beginning at 9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, October 14
Sunday, October 15 (ending at noon)
with a pre-conference event on Thursday, October 12

The 30th Annual Conference will be held in the year 2001
Friday, October 19 (beginning at 9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, October 20
Sunday, October 21 (ending at noon)
with a pre-conference event on Thursday, October 18

As always, the conference will be held at the
Lowell Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison,
and the deadline for proposal receipt is May 15.

We recommend that you periodically check the Center for South Asia web site (above) for deadlines, paper & panel proposal forms, accommodations, and more.
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9:00 a.m.-6:45 p.m.  Chingari Videofest - Pyle Center Auditorium
11:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m.  Lunch Break
1:15-3:00 p.m.  Panel Session
3:00-3:15 p.m.  Tea & Coffee Break
3:15-5:00 p.m.  Panel Session
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8:00-10:00 p.m.  Panel Session

Saturday, October 16
8:15-10:00 a.m.  Panel Session
9:00 a.m.-5:45 p.m.  Chingari Videofest - Pyle Center Auditorium
10:00-10:15 a.m.  Tea & Coffee Break
10:15-10:45 a.m.  Asia Society - K-12 Outreach Programs
10:15 a.m.-noon  Panel Session
noon-1:15 p.m.  All Conference Luncheon
1:15-3:00 p.m.  Panel Session
3:00-3:15 p.m.  Tea & Coffee Break
3:15-5:00 p.m.  Plenary Session - Pyle Center Lakeshore Room
5:00-6:00 p.m.  Social Hour/Cash Bar
6:15-7:45 p.m.  Various Association Meetings
6:00-8:00 p.m.  Highlights of Past Chingari Videofests - Pyle Center Auditorium
8:00-10:00 p.m.  Panel Session

Sunday, October 1
8:00-10:15 a.m.  Social Hour/Continental Breakfast
8:15-10.00 a.m.  Panel Session
9:00-10:00 a.m.  Hindustani Classical Music Performance - Lowell Center Dining Room
10:15-noon  Panel Session
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 must register, including students. The regular pre-registration rate for panelists and participants who register before September 1 is $75, or $25 for students. 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 area of Lowell Center.

Abstracts of Papers Presented at the 28th Annual Conference on South Asia is available for $10.00 in the Conference Office, 115 Lowell Center.

Location of Panels: Panels are presented in both the Lowell Center, 610 Langdon Street, and the Pyle Center (previously known as the Wisconsin Center), 702 Langdon Street.

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, and cannot be sold at the conference. Occasionally, a few extra tickets can be purchased from individuals; see the Message Board. If you have a pre-purchased ticket but decide not to attend the meal, we regret we are unable to exchange or sell your ticket for you. You may use the Message Board in the main lobby for that purpose.

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

Slide Previewing Room: You may preview your slides in Room 116, Lowell Center.

Association Meetings

Thursday, October 14
Title VI Directors 7:00-8:00 p.m. Lowell Center, Room 118

Friday, October 15
Nepal Studies Reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. Memorial Union, Main Lounge

Saturday, October 16
War & Society 7:30-8:15 a.m. Lowell Center, Main Lounge
AISL Studies 5:15-6:15 p.m. Lowell Center, Lower Lounge
Rajasthan Studies 5:15-7:00 p.m. Lowell Center, Room B1A
Nepal Studies Assoc. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Lowell Center, Room 118
Sikh Conf. - Business 8:00-10:00 p.m. Lowell Center, Lower Lounge

Sunday, October 17
Maharashtra Studies 9:00-10:00 a.m. Lowell Center, Room B1A
Thursday, October 14
1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NACSSA Pre-Conference Event

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS
(NACSSA)

Conference on South Asian Politics and The Economy

See conference web site (www.wisc.edu/southasia/conf/) or on-site
program-update flyer for a complete list of presenters in Sessions I & II

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Lowell Center, Lower Lounge
SESSION I - Internal Affairs Round Table

chaired by Bishnu Poudel, Chair, NACSSA (Nepal)

Session One will address Internal Affairs, including economics,
 domestic politics, internal security issues, and secessionist
movements.

3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Lowell Center, Lower Lounge
SESSION II - External Affairs Round Table

chaired by Ernest Correa, Vice Chair, NACSSA (Sri Lanka)

Session Two will address External Affairs, including nuclear
proliferation and relations among India, Pakistan, China, and the
United States

There is no additional registration fee to attend the NACSSA
sessions on Thursday afternoon -- all welcome!

Thursday, October 14
1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NACSSA Pre-Conference Event

6:30 to 7:00 p.m. - Lowell Center Dining Room
Cash Bar
7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Lowell Center Dining Room
Dinner
Tickets for dinner must be bought in advance, but all are welcome for the
Keynote Address and Commentaries.

8:00 to 10:00 p.m. - Lowell Center Dining Room
SESSION III - Prospects for War and Peace

chaired by Raju Thomas, Vice Chair, NACSSA (India)

Keynote Presentation:

After Kargil: The Kashmir Issue & Nuclear Weapons
Michael Krepon, Henry L. Stimson Center

Commentaries:

A Historical Perspective
Robert Hathaway, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington
Indian Perceptions and Policy Response
Damodar Sardesai,, UCLA
Nuclear Arms Control Prospects
Clifford Singer, University of Illinois
Consequences for Pakistan
Marvin Weinbaum, University Illinois, U.S. State
Department

The National Advisory Council on South Asian Affairs (NACSSA) is a
Washington D.C. - based non-profit organization.
Book Exhibit

Lowell Center, Room B1B

Friday, October 15 ............. 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 16 ........... 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 17 ........... 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Participants include:
The American Institute of Indian Studies
Center for South Asia, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison
Duke University Press
Indiana University Press
Nataraj Books
Oxford University Press
The Scholar's Choice
South Asia Book

Registration Begins

Friday, October 14
8:30 a.m.
Lowell Center, Main Lounge

CHINGARI VIDEOFEST:
South Asian Video Festival

Pyle Center Auditorium

Friday, October 14 ............. 9:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Saturday, October 15 .......... 9:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Chingari Forum announces the annual Chingari South Asian Video Festival at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Chingari VideoFest will be an opportunity to view the latest videos from South Asia and its diaspora that concern a politically progressive agenda.

Documentary and fictional works that promote critical discourse around such issues as the labor movement; racism; religious fundamentalism; economic globalization and market fundamentalism and its impact on the poor; patriarchy and gender politics; the location and construction of social identities; lesbian, gay, and bisexual struggles; social justice movements; political and economic human rights; and environmental degradation will be screened.

Chingari Forum is a South Asian and South Asian-American progressive students' collective at UW-Madison. For further information on the video festival, please contact Chingari at chingari@macc.wisc.edu or Box 513, Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street, Wisconsin 53706.

More information about the Chingari Videofest is provided on the flyer in your conference packet.
Lowell Center, Lower Lounge

The Politics of Sex and Nation: Labor, Legal Codes, and Popular Culture

Chair: Sunaina Maira, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Child Labor and Gendered Citizenship
Ethel Brooks, New York University

‘American’ Macho: Negotiating Nationalism and Masculinity in the Desi Scene
Ananya Mukherjea, Graduate Center of the City University of New York

Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code
Suparna Bhaskaran, Antioch College

Sexing the Diaspora and Queering South Asian American Studies
Sunaina Maira, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Lowell Center, Room B1A

Identifying Voices: Gendered, Religious, and Regional Identities

Chair: Mary Ann Maslak, St. John’s University

Decoding Gender in Selected Rigvedic Hymns
Gabriela Nik. Ilieva, New York University

Women’s Advice in Greek and Sanskrit Epic
Emily Blanchard West, University of Minnesota

Shifting Definitions of Self and Other: Muslim Identities during Moharram in Ajmer
Keri Olsen, Syracuse University

Local Saint vs. Modern Reformer: Themes in Bangladeshi Islamic Practice
Jean Ellickson, Western Illinois University

Lowell Center, Room 118

New Perspectives on Colonial Urban History: Chennai, Calcutta, and Patna

Chair: Veena Oldenburg, City University of New York, Baruch College

Changing Ideologies and Architectural Patronage in North Calcutta
Monolina Bhattacharyya, University of Minnesota

Mapping Nostalgia and the Nation in the Black Hole of Calcutta
Ian Barrow, Middlebury College

Padri ki Haveli, Patna, and the Shape of a Colonial City
Rebecca M. Brown, St. Mary’s College of Maryland

Sacred Space/Secular Space/Urban Space: The Goddess Temple
Joanne P. Waghorne, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Pyle Center, Room 111

Identity Shifts Across Time, Place, and Language

Chair: Monica Ghosh, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

Hindu and Muslim Orient
Sridevi Menon, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

Healing Stones: Cultural Memory and the Indian Community of Hawai‘i
Nritikaar Dhesi, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

Linguistic Hegemony: English Language Education in West Bengal
Barry Cowan and Promita Chatterji, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa and University of California, Berkeley
Friday, October 15
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Pyle Center, Room 112
Mandis and Bazaars: Trading Places and the Nature of Local Markets in Colonial South Asia

Chair: Laxman D. Satya, Lock Haven University

Market Formation in Khandesh, 1820-1920
Douglas Haynes, Dartmouth College

Rural Markets and Periodicity in Colonial Bihar, 1793-1947
Anand Yang, University of Utah

Rolling Local Markets in the Villages of Colonial Berar: 1850-1900
Laxman D. Satya, Lock Haven University

Negotiating the Landscape: Imperial Spaces, Peoples’ Markets and the Mobility of Timber in late 19th and early 20th Century North India
Ruhi Grover, University of Otago

Pyle Center, Room 217
Controversies and Contested Issues in Buddhist Studies

Chair: Jim Blumenthal, Oregon State University

Putting the Bliss Back in Emptiness: The Tantric Middle Way of Shakya-mchog-ldan
Paul Donnelly, Northern Arizona University

The Purpose and Politics of Representation: A Re-Evaluation of dGe-lugs Commentarial Literature
Jim Blumenthal, Oregon State University

Tathagatagarbha Thought: ‘Critical Buddhism’ Critique In the Context of Early Japanese Buddhism
Mark Dennis, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Sara McClintock, Harvard University

Pyle Center, Room 220
Struggle for Social Justice and Identity: Issues of Dalits and Buddhism in India

Chair: Christopher Queen, Harvard University

We Seek Justice: Agra’s Ambedkar Jayanti Parade
Owen M. Lynch, New York University

Revolutions and Counter-Revolutions: Study of Religious Conversions in India
Rahul Deepankar, Chicago University

Navayana Architecture
Gary M. Tartakov, Iowa State University

Glazing for Social Justice: Ethnographic Study of Dalits in Bihar
Charles W. Barlow, University of Aarhus, Denmark
Friday, October 15
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Pyle Center, Room 317

Representations of Love in Punjabi Literature

Chair: Amritjit Singh, Rhode Island College

'Isq-i haqiqi and 'Isq-i majazi: Representations of Love in Hir Varis Shah
Suzanne McMahon, University of California, Berkeley

Love and Translation: A Punjabi Poet in the Contemporary World
Simona Sawhney, Vanderbilt University

Articulations of Love
Sabina Sawhney, Hofstra University

Discussant: Amritjit Singh, Rhode Island College

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

Lowell Center, Lower Lounge

Youthful Engagements with the Public and the Popular: Local Explorations of South Asian Youth

Chair: Falu Bakrania, Stanford University

Explorations of Consumption, Commodities, and Style among South Asian-American Youth in Queens
Shalini Shankar, New York University

Second Generation Magazines and the Discursive Production of ‘South Asian Youth’ in London
Falu Bakrania, Stanford University

Beauty Queens: The Staging of the Miss India-USA Pageant
Bakirath Mani, Stanford University

Discussant: Ritty Lukose, University of Chicago

Lowell Center, Room B1A

Narrative, Dialogue, Selfhood: The New Wave of Life-History Research in South Asia I

Chair: Robert Desjarlais, Sarah Lawrence College

Lives, Stories, Poetics and "Authenticity"
Kathryn March, Cornell University

Narrating Selves in the South Asian Diaspora
Kirin Narayan, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"Honor," Irony and Violence in Partition Narratives
Gloria Goodwin Raheja, University of Minnesota

The Interplay Between Life and Words in a Widow’s Life Story
Sarah Lamb, Brandeis University

Lunch
11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
On Your Own
While our printer did a wonderful job with a difficult project, the following printer’s error slipped by everyone in their final production stage.

PAGE 15 has been printed twice, and PAGE 16 left out. We deeply regret that this error could not be corrected in time to produce and mail out corrected programs. Instead, we have reproduced PAGE 16 on the reverse of this leaflet, to be an insert in your program.

In addition, there is a mistake in one of the panels on Saturday night (8 - 10 p.m.), Bangladesh and West Bengal: Literature, Politics and Environment. The Conference Coordinator incorrectly assigned the title of a withdrawn paper from this panel to Dr. Anjishnu Roy. Dr. Roy’s title should be “Literature, Environment, and Raising of Awareness”. My apologies to Dr. Roy for this error on our part.
Friday, October 15
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lowell Center, Room 118
Space and Place: Social Landscapes in South Asia

Chair: Amita Sinha, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Social Spaces and Sacred Places: Structuration of Hindu Pilgrimage
Jonathan D. Durr, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Place Archetypes and Landscape in India
Amita Sinha, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

From Garden Suburb to Olde City Ward: The Social Processes Generating Incrementally the Built Environment
R. Thomas Rosin, Sonoma State University

Separating the Yam from the Boulder: Statemaking and Space on the Anglo-Gorkha Frontier, 1730-1814
Bernardo A. Michael, University of Hawai`i at Manoa

Pyle Center, Room 111
Transacting Identities Across Borders

Chair: Michael H. Fisher, Oberlin College

A Mixed Community in 19th Century London
Michael H. Fisher, Oberlin College

The Landscape of Identity: Transacting Indian, Assamese and Tai-Abom in Assam
Yasmin Salkia, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Tourist Spots, Truck Stops, and Local Places: Spatial Transactions Along the Karakoram Highway
Chad Haines, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: David Gilmartin, North Carolina State University
Lowell Center, Lower Lounge

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Sarah Lamb, Brandeis University

Pyle Center, Room 112

Conducting Trade in Early Colonial South Asia

Chair: Brian P. Caton, University of Pennsylvania

Animal Traffic: Pastoralists and Local Trade in Southwestern Panjab
Brian P. Caton, University of Pennsylvania

'Independent' Tribal Trade and State Business: Commercial Sectors and Their Integration in Late Nineteenth Century Afghanistan
Shah Mahmud Hanif, University of Michigan

The Anapoorny Incident: Trade and Permutations of British Empire in the Indian Ocean, 1812-1824
Tamara Hudec, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Anand A. Yang, University of Utah

Pyle Center, Room 205

Perspectives of Indian Polity: State to International

Chair: Ismail Shariff, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Aspects of State Politics in India: A Case Study of Orissa
Mohammed B. Alam, Miyazaki International College, Japan

Nation and Institution: Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Indian Independence
Srirupa Roy, International Center for Advanced Studies, New York

Anindyad Saha, Cornell University

Indian National Security Policy: Minimal Nuclear Deterrence
P. M. Kamath, University of Mumbai
Pyle Center, Room 217
The Meaning of Contemporary Buddhism: Lay and Monastic Discourses in Sri Lanka

Chair: George D. Bond, Northwestern University

Discourses of Buddhist Monastic Identity
Ananda Abeysekara, Northwestern University

Shifting Perceptions of Peace in Sri Lanka
Tessa Bartholomeusz, Florida State University

Lay Meditation Gurus and Groups in Sri Lanka
George D. Bond, Northwestern University

Discussant: Chandra R. de Silva, Old Dominion University

Pyle Center, Room 317
Literary Metamorphoses: Tamil and Other Traditions

Chair: George Hart, University of California-Berkeley

Syntax as Poetry: The Kuruntokai and the Kumarasambhava
George Hart, University of California, Berkeley

Who is the Kuravanji Fortune-Teller? Strategies of Indigenization in an 18th Century Tamil Literary Genre
Indira Viswanathan Peterson, Mt. Holyoke College

A Crane is a Crane is a Crane: Issues of Form, Meaning, and History in Prakrit and Old Tamil Short Verse
Martha Ann Selby, University of Texas at Austin

Discussant: Steven Hopkins, Swarthmore College

Pyle Center, Room 220
Religion and Philosophy: Establishing and Crossing Boundaries

Chair: Deepak Sarma, University of Chicago

Madhvacarya on Women, Shudras, and brahmabandhus, unworthy Brahmins
Deepak Sarma, University of Chicago

Buddhist Deities in the Hindu Pantheon
Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Radha Tantra: Vernacular Sanskrit in the Service of the Goddess
Rebecca J. Manring, Indiana University

Indian Philosophy and Pluralism in North America
K. Sundaram, Lake Michigan College

Tea and Coffee Break
3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Lowell Center, Main Lounge
and
Pyle Center, Ameritech Lounge
Lowell Center, Lower Lounge

National Identity and the ‘Woman Question’: The Discourse and Practice of Feminism, Respectability and Sexuality From Colonial to Postcolonial India

Chair: Geraldine Forbes, State University of New York-Oswego

Internationalism and the Early Women’s Movement in India
Mrinalini Sinha, Southern Illinois University

Defining Respectability: Servants and Sexuality in Middle Class Writings of Colonial Calcutta
Swapna M. Banerjee, University of Florida, Gainesville

‘Ordinary’ Sex, Prostitutes, and Middle Class Wives: Sexual Practice, Liberalization, and National Identity
Heather Dell, Rosemont College

Discussant: Barbara N. Ramusack, University of Cincinnati

Lowell Center, Room B1A

Narrative, Dialogue, Selfhood: The New Wave of Life-History Research in South Asia II

Chair: Robert Desjarlais, Sarah Lawrence College

Re-Creating the Self in Narrative and Ritual
Ernestine McHugh, University of Rochester

A Yolmo Phenomenology of Dying
Robert Desjarlais, Sarah Lawrence College

Discussant: James Wilce, Northern Arizona University

Discussant: Margaret Mills, Ohio State University

Pyle Center, Room 111

Languages, Histories and the Puzzle of ‘Identity’

Chair: Robert Hueckstedt, University of Virginia

'Through Throats Where Many Rivers Meet': Macaronic Poetry and a Cosmopolitan Mughal Identity
Shantanu Phukan, University of North Carolina

Languages, Communities, and Families The 19th Century Intelligentsia as Insiders
Nita Kumar, Center for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta

As Brothers and Others: ‘Hindu’, ‘Muslim’, and Multiple Identity in Rural India
Peter Gottschalk, Southwestern University

The National Autobiographer: Gandhi’s Experiments with Truth and Self
Sameer Pandya, Stanford University
Friday, October 15
3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pyle Center, Room 112
Serving Empire, (In)forming Nation: The Structure and Uses of Historical Narrative in Tod’s Rajasthan

Chair: Thomas Trautmann, University of Michigan

James Tod in the Making of Prithviraj Cauhan
Cynthia Talbot, University of Texas at Austin
Desh and Perdesh in Tod's Rajast'han
Norbert Peabody, University of Cambridge
Who are the Rajputs?: The Interpretive Projects of Lt.-Col. James Tod
Jason Freitag, Columbia University

Pyle Center, Room 205
Models of Citizenship in An Indian Metropolis: The Case of Bangalore

Chair: Leslie Orr, Concordia University

Millenarian Visions in the City: The Sai Baba Movement and its Urban Constituency
Smriti Srinivas, Ohio State University
Cycling, Diving, Public Space and Urban Citizenship
May Joseph, New York University
Democratic Participation in Bangalore: Implementing the Indian 74th Amendment
James Heitzman, Georgia State University

Pyle Center, Room 217
Roundtable: Himalayan Environmental Degradation Revisited

Chair: Barbara Brower, Portland State University
John Metz, Northern Kentucky University
Jack Ives, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada
P. P. Karan, University of Kentucky
David Zurick, Eastern Kentucky University

Pyle Center, Room 220
Women Renouncers and Ascetic Ideals in Jainism and Hinduism

Chair: Meena Khandelwal, Denison University

Female Renunciation and the Terapanthi Moral Order
Anne Vallege, University of Toronto
Gender and Celibacy: Female Jain Ascetics
Sherry Elizabeth Fohr, University of Virginia
Gender, Sexuality, and the Distinction Between Asli and Nakli Sadhus
Meena Khandelwal, Denison University
Discussant: Tessa Batholomeusz, Florida State University
Friday, October 15
3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pyle Center, Room 317

Prescriptions of Faith: The Legacy of Radical Urdu Literature

Chair: Kamala Viswaswaram, University of Texas at Austin

Priyamvada Gopal, Cornell University

Woh yaar hai jo khushboo ki Tarah, Jis ki zubaan Urdu ki tarah: The Friendly Association Between Urdu Literature and Hindi Cinema
Raza Mir, Monmouth University

Urdu Poetry, Socialist Ethos and International Solidarity
Ali Husain Mir, Indiana-Purdue University

Discussant: Amer Mahboob Tipu, Haiga-e-Arbab-e-Zaug

Friday, October 15

All Conference Dinner
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Lowell Center, Dining Room

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 Kirin Narayan, Conference Chair

Keynote Address
7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Lowell Center, Dining Room

A special invited lecture by

Kapila Vatsyayan
Academic Director
Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts

Everyone Welcome
Friday, October 15
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Lowell Center, Lower Lounge
Roundtable on Confrontation and Politics in Contemporary Sikhism

Chair: Paul Wallace, University of Missouri-Columbia
N.G. Barrier, University of Missouri-Columbia
Lou Fenech, Northern Iowa University
Arthur Helweg, Western Michigan University
Surjit Singh Narang, Guru Nanak Dev University
Pashaura Singh, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Virginia Van Dyke, University of Washington, Seattle
Verne A. Dusenbery, Hamline University

Lowell Center, Room B1A
Roundtable: Intelligentsia and Political Resistance in Pakistan: An Assessment

Chair: Mustapha Kamal Pasha, American University
Farhat Haq, Monmouth College
Syed Bashir Hussain, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Tayyab Mahmud, Cleveland State University
Aurangzeb Syed, Northern Michigan University

Friday, October 15
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Lowell Center, Room 118

Sponsored by the War and Society in South Asia Group

Chair: DeWitt Ellinwood, State University of New York at Albany
Pradeep Barua, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Pauline Kolenda, University of Houston
John Lynn, University of Illinois at Champaign
Andre Wink, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Nepal Studies Association Reception
with Cash Bar

8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Memorial Union, Main Lounge

Everyone Welcome
Saturday, October 16

7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.
Lowell Center, Main Lounge
Meeting of the
War and Society in South Asia Group
Please meet in the northwest corner of the lounge

8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Lowell Center, Lower Lounge
Representations of Same-Sex Desire in Twentieth-Century India
Chair: Ruth Vanita, University of Montana
Homophobia in Fiction/Homoeroticism in Advertising: The Discourse of Options in Twentieth-Century India
Ruth Vanita, University of Montana
Fire: The Trials and Tribulations of Sexuality on Film
Geeta Patel, Wellesley College
Facing the Mirror: My Experience of Preparing an Anthology of Contemporary Lesbian Writing
Ashwini Sukthanker, Harvard University
Discussant: Lawrence Cohen, University of California, Berkeley

Saturday, October 16
8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Lowell Center, Room B1A
Genres in Tension and Transformation: The Politics and Circulation of Lamentation and Related Forms, Part I
Chair: Richard Wolf, Harvard University
Value and Vitality in a Literary Tradition: Female Poets and the Urdu Marsiyah
Amy Bard, Columbia University
Lamenting the Past, Or the Passing of Lament? The Postcolonial Fate of a Genre in Bangladesh and India
James M. Wilce, Northern Arizona University
Transformations in Lamentation Ritual and the Internationalization of Shi'a Identity in the ‘Horse of Karbala’ Procession in Leh District, Ladakh
David Pinault, Santa Clara University
Malleable Mourning: Shi'a Muslim Women Crafting Muharram Flagellation Rituals for Personal and Political Caring in Peshawar, Pakistan
Mary Hegland, Santa Clara University

Lowell Center, Room 118
Anthropologizing Development: Gender and Contested Spaces of Transformation in South Asia I
Chair: Shubhra Gururani, York University
Natural Frames in Feminist Tourism: Women's Development Becomes a Tourist Destination
Coralynn Davis, Grinnell College
Who is “the Developed Woman?” Negotiating Gendered Identities in Contested Terrain
Rebecca Klenk, University of Washington, Seattle
The Gendered Mainstreaming of Development: The Discourse of Gender and Development
Sangeeta Kamat, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Discussant: Kim Berry, Humboldt State University
Saturday, October 16
8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Pyle Center, Lakeshore Room
The Himalayas and Beyond: Land, Labor, and Language

Chair: Selma K. Sonntag, Humboldt State University

Diversity and Discord in the Tajik Pamir
Stephen F. Cunha, Humboldt State University

Nepalese Visa-Overstayers in Japan: Communities and Organizations for Social Survival
Keiko Yamanaka, University of California-Berkeley

Minority Language Politics in North India
Selma K. Sonntag, Humboldt State University

Discussant: Gerald Berreman, University of California, Berkeley

Pyle Center, Room 112
Financing War, Trade and Industry: Early Modern Social and Economic History

Chair: Ian Wendt, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Hindus Beyond the Hindu Kush: Indian Moneylenders in Early Modern Central Asia
Scott Levi, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Inter-Weaving Communities: Indian Textile Industry and Trade in the 17th Century
Ian Wendt, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Conquest and Credit: Indian Financiers, the East India Company, and the Carnatic Wars
James Hoover, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Stewart Gordon, University of Michigan

Pyle Center, Room 111
Body Talk: Prescriptions, Prohibitions, and Polemics in Colonial and Contemporary India

Chair: Parama Roy, University of California-Riverside

Consumption and Corporeality: Diet and the Configuration of Arya Manhood in the Writings of Dayananda Saraswati
Jyotsna Uppal, Queens College-CUNY

Meat-Eating, Masculinity, and Renunciation: A Gandhian Grammar of Diet
Parama Roy, University of California-Riverside

The Documentation of Desire: Photographic Practice and Sexual Discourse in Colonial India
Anupama Taranath, University of California, San Diego

Discussant: Paola Bacchetta, University of Kentucky

Pyle Center, Room 205
Cross-National Identities

Chair: Suchitra Mathur, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Nation and Diasporic Identity in Anita Desai's Baumgartner's Bombay (1988) and Kamala Markandaya's The Nowhere Man (1972)
Hena Ahmed, Truman State University

'A Feminine Form of Transportation': Marital Migrations and the Politics of Liberation in Alexander and Divakaruni's Suchitra Mathur, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Marriage and Identity in Late Modernity: How Second Generation Indian Americans Negotiate Identities through Marriage
Vincent H. Melomo, State Univ. of New York-Binghamton

Ayurveda and the American New Age: Saints, Scholars and Scientists
Sita Reddy, University of Pennsylvania
Saturday, October 16
8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Pyle Center, Room 213
Recent Research on the Upanishads

Chair: Signe Cohen, University of Pennsylvania

The Early and Middle Vedic Origins of the Vocabulary for the Self in the Upanishads
John Robert Gardner, University of Iowa

Food, Sacrifice, and 'Deities' in Aitareya Upanishad: A Study in Vedic Intertextuality
Steven Lindquist, University of Texas

The Katha Upanishad Reconsidered
Sighe Cohen, University of Pennsylvania

Pyle Center, Room 217
Different Contesting Perspectives on Religious Conversion in South Asia: Hindu, Muslim, Christian and Buddhist
Sponsored by the South Asian Muslim Studies Association

Chair: Theodore P. Wright, Jr., State Univ. of New York-Albany

Contemporary Hindutva Anti-Christian Pogroms and Their 19th Century Roots
Geoffrey A. Cook, Independent Scholars of South Asia

New Muslims and Islamic Renewal: The Changing Dynamics of Conversion to Islam in India
Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University Chicago

Buddhist Conversion and Social Marginality
Christopher Queen, Harvard University

Hindu Attitudes Towards Conversion
Avind Sharma, McGill University

Pyle Center, Room 220
Defining and Re-defining Religious Community Identities

Chair: James M. Hastings, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Creating a Community of Grace: Themes in the Hagiography of the Pushti Marga
Shandip Saha, Indiana University, Bloomington

The Religious Policies of Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II and the Formulation of Pre-Colonial 18th Century Vaishnava Identities
James M. Hastings, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Christian Missionary Responses to the Islamic Modernism of Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan
R. Alan M. Guenther, McGill University

The Novels of Bhai Vir Singh and the Imagination of Sikh Identity, Community and Nation
C. Christine Fair, University of Chicago

Pyle Center, Room 226
Performing the Political

Chair: Sunita S. Mukhi, Asia Society

Dancing Death by Fire: 'Unable to Remember Roop Kanwar' Ananya Chatterjee, University of Minnesota

Theater in Liberation and Peace: The Global and the Pakistani Context
Fawzia Afzal Khan, Montclair State University

Performance as Empowerment: 'It’s a Drag Being an Indian Woman'
Sunita S. Mukhi, Asia Society

Can the Subaltern Sing? Music, Subjectivity, and Language Politics in South India
Amanda Weidman, Columbia University
Saturday, October 16
8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Pyle Center, Room 309
Religion, Ethnicity, and Communal Politics

Chair: Kant Nimbark, Dowling College

The Work of Our Own Hands? Rethinking the Discourses of Extremism and Religious Nationalism in India
Deepa S. Reddy, Rice University

Does India Need a Common Civil Code for Different Religious Groups?
Krish Bhansali, Mississippi State University

So What's Left?: An Engagement with the Leftist Response to Communism in India Today
Nivedita Majumdar, University of Florida

Territory-Based Ethnic Conflict in Southern Asia
David N. Zurick, Eastern Kentucky University

Saturday, October 16

Pyle Center, Room 317
Gandhi, Sen and Poverty

Chair: Romesh Diwan, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Mahatma Gandhi, Sen and Poverty
Romesh Diwan, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Plan for Poverty Eradication Revisited
Ashok Bhargava, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Poverty as Inequity, Equity and Economic Growth: Lessons from Asia
Suresh Desai, Montclair State University

Tea and Coffee Break
10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Lowell Center, Main Lounge

and

Pyle Center, Ameritech Lounge

K-12 Outreach Programs
Presentation and Discussion

Alison Kaminsky, Asia Society

10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Lowell Center, Main Lounge

Alison will be available in the Main Lounge until noon for questions and discussion. More information is available in your conference packet.
Lowell Center, Lower Lounge
Ethnic Contests: Dissimulating South Asian-America I: Community and Conflict in South Asian-America

Chair: Mahua Sarkar, State University of New York-Binghamton

Taking Care of Ones Own: Class and Community in Urban South Asian-America  
Linta Varghese, University of Texas at Austin

Reflections on Queer South Asian-America: Coalitional Politics and Disunity in Community  
Surabhi Kukke and Svatl Shah, Harvard University and Columbia University

Racism, Multiculturalism and Strategic Nirvana: The Infrastructure of Yankee Hindutva  
Biju Mathew, Rider University

Lowell Center, Room B1A
Genres in Tension and Transformation: The Politics and Circulation of Lamentation and Related Forms, Part II

Chair: Richard Wolf, Harvard University

The Aesthetics of Drumming in Ritual Mourning  
Richard Wolf, Harvard University

From Isolation to Regional Renown: Biraha, A Folk Music  
Genre of the Bhojopuri Region of North India  
Scott Marcus, University of California, Santa Barbara

Discussant: Carl Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Discussant: C. M. Naim, University of Chicago

Lowell Center, Room 118
Anthropologizing Development: Gender and Contested Spaces of Transformation in South Asia II

Chair: Shubhra Gururani, York University

Feminization and Marketization of Development in Nepal: The Perils and Prospects of Microcredit  
Katharine Rankin, University of Toronto

The Cultural Politics of Empowerment: Local Feminisms, NGOs, and Development  
Shubhra Gururani, York University

An Organic Politics: Women, Organizing, and “Development” in an Indian Plantation  
Piya Chatterjee, University of California, Riverside

Discussant: Stacy Pigg, Simon Fraser University

Pyle Center, Lakeshore Room
Adjusting to Change in the Himalayan World

Chair: To be announced

Autobiography, Autoethnicity, and Intersubjectivity: Analyzing Communication in Northern Pakistan  
David Butz, Brock University

Reflecting on Reflex: Relations of Time, Positionality and Power in the ‘Field’  
Kenneth Macdonald, University of Iowa

The Lay of the Land: Demonesses, Dakinis, and Tibetan Women  
Melinda Fay Pilling, University of Chicago

How Does Modern Schooling Shape Caste Practices Amongst Nepali Youth?  
Karen Valentin, University of Copenhagen
Feminism and Knowing the Other

Chair: Nancy Cook, York University

Knowing the Other: Renegotiating Powerful Subjectivities
Nancy Cook, York University

Placing Each Other in Baltistan: A Geography of Knowing
Kathryn Besio, University of Hawai`i

The Sites and Spaces of Ethnographic Inquiry: Reflections
on Identity and Interviewing in Northern Pakistan
Sarah Halvorson, University of Colorado at Boulder

Situating Myself in Canada and Speaking About the
Implication of the Hadood Ordinance on Pakistani Women
Shahnaz Khan, St. Francis Xavier University

Patterns of Continuity and Change in Early Modern State
and Society

Chair: Brendan LaRocque, University of Wisconsin-Madison

A 17th Century Messianic Movement: The “Great Path” of
Mahamat Prannath
Brendan LaRocque, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Mughal War of Succession of 1658: Contesting Power
Within the Mughal Empire
Munis Faruqui, Duke University

The Role of Merchant Capital in Goan History
Raghuraman S. Trichur, Temple University

Personal and National Literary Relationships

Chair: To be announced

The New/Old Love Laws of Arundhati Roy’s The God of Small Things
Kremena Todorova, University of Notre Dame

Gendered Bodies, Violent Identities: Partition and the
Production of Indian National Identity in South Asian Literature
Kavita Daiya, University of Chicago

To Love, Develop or Destroy?: Rhetorics of Relationship
between Adivasis and the Nation of India
Jennifer Wenzel, Stonehill College

Mahasweta, Tribals, and Aesthetics
Elizabeth Otten Delmonico, Truman State University

Vernacular Futures: Language, Literature and Modernity
in Colonial India

Chair: Vasudha Dalmia, University of California, Berkeley

Arumuga Navalar and the Advent of Prose Orality in Tamil
Public Discourse
Bernard Bete, University of Chicago

Punjabi as an Oral Tradition: The Publishing Paradox
Farina Mir, Columbia University

The Legacy of Colin Mackenzie: Collecting Practices and the
Construction of Literary Traditions in Colonial Andhra
Rama Sundari Mantena, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Discussant: Vasudha Dalmia, University of California, Berkeley
Pyle Center, Room 217
Yuganta: Reading Mahabharata as Another Millennium Winds Down

Chair: Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa

Vyasa: Getting to Know the Author
   Alf Hiltebeitel, George Washington University

Chaos in the Basement: The Architecture of Book Two
   Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa

Seeing the Mahabharata Through the Ramayana Tradition
   Paula Richman, Oberlin College

Discussant: James Laine, Macalester College

Pyle Center, Room 220
Constructing Sexuality in Hindu Text and Practice

Chair: Susan S. Wadley, Syracuse University

Religious Aspirations and Sexual Norms: Defining Sexuality in the Mahabharata
   Arli Dhand, Mount Allison University

Desire and Divinity: Constructing Sexuality in the Love-Play with Krishna
   Tracy Coleman, Brown University

Motini's Allure: Caste and Sexuality in the North Indian Epic Dhola
   Susan S. Wadley, Syracuse University

Discussant: Smriti Srinivas, Ohio State University

Pyle Center, Room 226
Teaching the ‘Other’: Using South Asian Media in a Multicultural Curriculum

Chair: Shanti Kumar, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Teaching Hollywood’s Other in a Multicultural Curriculum: Lessons from Bandit Queen
   Jyotika Virdi, University of Windsor

Teaching the Complexity of Indian Society: Father, Son, Holy War
   Steve Deane, State University of New York-Geneeseo

Diversity, South Asians and Media Representations: South Asian Women in the News
   Radhika Parameswaran, Indiana University, Bloomington

Films of the South Asian Diaspora: Complicating Notions of Identity, Geography and Culture
   Purnima Bose, Indiana University, Bloomington

Pyle Center, Room 309
State-Private Sector Debate in India

Chair: Shelley Feldman, Cornell University

Recent Developments in the State-Private Sector Dialogue in India: Coalition Government Responses to Anti-Reformist Forces
   Mark I. Cohen, Temple University

Reassessment of Nehruvian Economic Policy and Its Impact on Current Reforms
   Praveen K. Chauchry, University of Pennsylvania & Swarthmore College

Organized Labor and the Prospects for Economic Reform: Democratic Corporatism in India
   Emily Alterman Rice, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Shelley Feldman, Cornell University
Saturday, October 16
10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Pyle Center, Room 313
South Asia and Globalization

Chair: Walter C. Neale, University of Tennessee

India and Globalization: False Premises and What Not to Do
Walter C. Neale, University of Tennessee

Globalization and the Advantage of the Already Advantaged
Murray J. Leef, University of Texas at Dallas

Globalization and Democratization?: The Case of Pakistan
Charles H. Kennedy, Wake Forest University

All Conference Luncheon

Noon to 1:15 p.m.

Lowell Center, Dining Room

Pre-purchased dinner tickets only.
Tickets will be collected as you enter the Dining Room.

Pyle Center, Room 317
Gandhi and Gandhians in Century Twenty-One: Questions of Legacy and Relevance

Chair: Paul Mundschenk, Western Illinois University

Mahatma Gandhi: Hindu Nationalist or Nationalist Hindu?
Allen Greenberger, Pitzer College

The Fate of Sarvodaya in the Twenty-First Century
Ishwar Harris, College of Wooster

Gandhi’s Swaraj: A Tonic for Inner Growth, but Socially and Politically Irrelevant
Paul Mundschenk, Western Illinois University

Discussant: Wendell Beane, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Lowell Center, Lower Lounge

Ethnic Contests: Dissimulating South Asian-America II: Emergent Fissures in Community Scholarship

Chair: Biju Mathew, Rider University

On the Politics of Community in South Asian-American Studies
Kamala Visweswaran and Ali Husain Mir, University of Texas at Austin and Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne

The Struggle Over Ethnic Studies in American Universities: Coalitions Along the Margins
Junaid Rana, University of Texas at Austin

Blood in Ethnic Studies: An Afro-Dalit Adventure
Vijay Prashad, Trinity College

Lowell Center, Room 118

The Local In Global Perspective

Chair: Amita Shastri, San Francisco State University

Developing Love: The Significance of Development Discourse in Nepali Love Letters
Laura M. Ahearn, University of South Carolina-Columbia

Reorienting the Sasana: Buddhist Education in 19th-Century Lanka
Anne M. Blackburn, University of South Carolina-Columbia

Sri Lanka’s Migrant Housemaids: Rethinking ‘The Village’
Michele R. Gamburd, Portland State University

Human Rights in an Ethnic War Zone: Is Civil Society Possible?
Mark P. Whitaker, University of South Carolina-Aiken

Lowell Center, Room B1A

Nationalism as Problematic

Chair: Amarddeep Singh, Duke University

A Certification Anomaly: Censoring Bollywood’s ‘Sacrificial Woman’
Monika Mehta, University of Minnesota

Loving Globally in the Age of National Bombs and Transnational Capitalism
Betty Joseph, Rice University

Caste, Literature, and the Nation: A View from Bombay
Clare Talwalker, Duke University

Nationalism and the Caste/Race Problematic in Gora
Amarddeep Singh, Duke University

Pyle Center, Lakeshore Room

International Visions and Local Dilemmas

Chair: P. P. Kahan, University of Kentucky

World Heritage Sites and Sacred Places of Power
Bruce McCoy Owens, Wheaton College

Promoting Forest Improvement in Nepal
John J. Metz, Northern Kentucky University

Discussant: Kathryn March, Cornell University
Saturday, October 16
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pyle Center, Room 111
Dilemmas of Middle-ness: The Making of Middle Classes in South Asia

Chair: Sanjay Joshi, Northern Arizona University

Gender and the Contradictions of Middle Class Respectability in Colonial Lucknow
Sanjay Joshi, Northern Arizona University

Class as Cultural Practice: Middle-Class Experience in Kathmandu
Mark Liechty, University of Illinois, Chicago

A Venerable Past: Early Nationalist Histories of British-India
Sudipta Sen, Syracuse University

Between Love and Marriage: The Romance of Youth
Ritty Lukose, University of Chicago

Pyle Center, Room 112
The Politics of Ceremonial in Mughal and Post-Mughal India

Chair: Gail Minault, University of Texas at Austin

The Emperor's Clothes: 'Robes of Honor' in Mughal India
Gavin R. G. Hambly, University of Texas at Dallas

Price and Promise in the Royal Gift of Paan
David Curley, Western Washington University

The Mughal Khilat: Shinde, the Peshwa and the Marathi Political Crisis of 1792
Stewart Gordon, University of Michigan

The Emperor's Old Clothes: Robing and Sovereignty in Late Mughal and Early British India
Gail Minault, University of Texas at Austin

Pyle Center, Room 205
Daughter of India: Nayantara Sahgal and the Problems of Nationhood

Chair: Janet M. Powers, Gettysburg College

Nayantara Sahgal: Evolution of a Political Identity
Indrani Mitra, Mount St. Mary's College

Politics and Polyphonic Voices in Sahgal's Rich Like Us
Janet M. Powers, Gettysburg College

The India that Never Was: Sahgal's Vision of Secular Democracy in Mistaken Identity
Madhu Mitra, College of Saint Benedict

Pyle Center, Room 213
Aesthetics, Economy and Politics in Pakistan: Analyzing National Conversations

Chair: Frances Pritchett, Columbia University

Confessions of Born-Again Citizens: Elite Autobiographies and National Consciousness
Agha Saeed, California State University-Hayward

Oppositional Strands in the Literary Discourse in Pakistan: A Study of Iqbal and Faiz
Dilnawaz A. Siddiqui, Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Political Economy of Pakistan: Debates and Directions
Syed Bashir Hussain, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Discussant: Frances Pritchett, Columbia University
Saturday, October 16
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pyle Center, Room 217
The Many-Faced Goddesses of South Asia

Chair: Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Vajrayogini: The Many-Faced Goddess of the Sadhanamala
Stuart Rey Sarbacker, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Cult of Devi: Marathi Manifestations
Indira Y. Junghare, University of Minnesota

The Goddess Sarasvati: An Ontological Reconfiguration
Frank Morales, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: Kathleen M. Erndl, Florida State University

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

Pyle Center, Room 226
Popular Indian Cinema and its Audiences

Chair: Ronald Inden, University of Chicago

Dancing and Dialogue: The Split Male Subject of Film Revisited
Lawrence Cohen, University of California, Berkeley

Indian Cinema Audiences: Consumers or Producers?
Lakshmi Srinivas, University of California, Los Angeles

Cinema and Public Fantasy in Bollywood
Priya Joshi, University of California, Berkeley

Discussant: Ronald Inden, University of Chicago

Pyle Center, Room 220
Predicaments and Poetics of Muslim Identity in India:
Variable Meanings of Caste, Code, and Community

Chair: Kristin L. Bright, Stanford University

Major and Minor Minorities: Special Rights for Muslims and Women in India
Laura Dudley Jenkins, University of Cincinnati

The Variable Meaning of Caste Among Muslims in Hyderabad, India
Syed Ali, University of Virginia

"Urdu is Like a Woman Without Support:" Banarsi Muslim Poets' Opinions on the Status of Urdu
Christopher Lee, Syracuse University

Gender, Authenticity, and Identity in Greco-Islamic Medicine in India
Kristin L. Bright, Stanford University

Pyle Center, Room 309
Discourses of Progress

Chair: Christina Melhorn Landi, American University

Legalizing Patriarchy
Seira Tamang, American University

International Law and Prostitution in Early Twentieth Century Bombay
Ashwini Tambe, American University

Discourses of Trade: Resources and Roles for the South in the Global Economy
Christina Melhorn Landi, American University

Development at Work: Discourses of Awareness
Tatsuro Fujikura, University of Chicago
Saturday, October 16
1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pyle Center, Room 313
Post-Colonial Identities in a Globalizing World

Chair: Himadeep Muppudi, University of Minnesota

Making Sense of Indian Nuclear Tests
Latha Varadarajan, University of Minnesota

Producing Desi Silicon Valleys: Globalization in Postcolonial India
Himadeep Muppudi, University of Minnesota

Competing Sites, Contesting Visions: Media Constructions of Woman/Nation/Globalization in the 1996 Miss World Pageant
Sujatha Sosele, Georgia State University

Saturday, October 16

Tea and Coffee Break
3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Lowell Center, Main Lounge
and
Pyle Center, Ameritech Lounge

3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pyle Center, Lakeshore Room

Plenary Session
Human Rights Issues in South Asia

Chair: Joseph Elder, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Anwar Iqbal
Journalist and Diplomatic Correspondent for The News

Ved Pratap Vaidik
Journalist and Chairman, Council for Indian Foreign Policy

Sherine Xavier
Home for Human Rights

To be preceded by a brief memorial for
Neelam Tiruchelvam
International Center for Ethnic Studies, Sri Lanka

Pyle Center, Room 317
Collaboration, Region, and Religion in Nineteenth-Century Colonial Ethnography

Chair: Karni Pal Bhati, University of Notre Dame

Who’s Who in Colonial Folkloristics
Sadhana Nairnani, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Consolidating “the Deccan” in Late Nineteenth-Century Colonial Folklore Collections
Leela Prasad, Duke University

Missionary Martyrs in British India
Angela Schwer and Karni Pal Bhati, Fairmont State College and University of Notre Dame

Discussant: Paula Richman, Oberlin College
Saturday, October 16
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Social Hour / Cash Bar
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Lowell Center, Main Lounge

5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
Lowell Center, Lower Lounge
Annual General Meeting of the
American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies

5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Lowell Center, Room B1A
Meeting of the Rajasthan Studies Group

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Lowell Center, Room 118
Annual Membership Meeting of the
Nepal Studies Association

HIGHLIGHTS
of
Past CHINGARI Videofests
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Pyle Center Auditorium
see flyers in program packets for more details

Saturday, October 16
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Lowell Center, Lower Lounge
Business Meeting on Sikh Politics and Religion
Conference
Chair: Paul Wallace, University of Missouri-Columbia
       N. G. Barrier, University of Missouri-Columbia

Lowell Center, Room B1A
Bangladesh and West Bengal: Literature, Politics, and Environment
Chair: Zillur R. Khan, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
An Examination of Man-Environment Relationships in Bangladesh
Anjishnu Roy, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Ombudsman System as a Tool of Public Accountability
Najmul Abedin, Austin Peay State University
Consensus Building, Political Stability, and Natural Forces
Zillur R. Khan, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Lowell Center, Room 118
Human Rights in Nepal
Chair: James F. Fisher, Carleton College
The Struggle for Human Rights in Nepal: The Case of Tanka Prasad
James F. Fisher, Carleton College
Situating and Historicizing Human Rights in Democratic Nepal
Lauren Leve, Wellesley College
People's Participation in the Political Process in Nepal
Tara Niraula, Columbia University
Discussant: Gerald Berreman, University of California, Berkeley
Sunday, October 17
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Lowell Center, Main Lounge

Social Hour / Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Lowell Center, Room B1A
Meeting of the Maharashtra Studies Group

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Lowell Center, Room B1A

Memorial Service for Bea Miller

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Lowell Center, Room B1A

Memorial Service for Bea Miller

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Lowell Center, Dining Room

Special Sunday Session: Hindustani Classical Music

Ravindra Goswami, sitar
Ramchandra Pandit, tabla

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

Lowell Center, Lower Lounge

Subject to Change: Gender, Culture and National Identity

Chair: Mythili Sreenivas, University of Pennsylvania

Nationalizing Marriage: The Dravidian Movement’s Reorganization of Gendered Identities
Mythili Sreenivas, University of Pennsylvania

Prescriptions for Patriotism: Indian Women’s Magazines Advice for the Modern Female Subject
Sujata Moorti, Old Dominion University

Where Are We Now? Movements in the Political Participation of Women in India
Sreevidya Kalaramadham, University of Iowa

Undesired Intrusions: Subaltern Agency and Power
Tapati Bharadwaj, University of Cincinnati

Lowell Center, Room 118

Memories of Conflict: The Interpellation of India in Cultural Narratives of Trinidad

Chair: Srimati Basu, DePauw University

Memories in Conflict: Conflicts in the Construction of Historic Memory
Marcollo McVorran, DePauw University

The Construction of Religious Memory: Imagining Hinduism
Srimati Basu, DePauw University

The Ganges Has Met the Nile: Hybridity in Caribbean Feminism
Roseanne Kanhai, Western Washington University
Sunday, October 17

10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Tea and Coffee Break

Lowell Center, Main Lounge

10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lowell Center, Room B1A
Images of Women and National Identity

Chair: Mekhala Devi Natavar, Duke University

Femininity, of the ‘Pleasant-Confectionery’ Brand, Violated:
Reading Jyotirmoyee Devi and Mahasweta Devi’s Writings on Rape
Debali Mookerjea, University of Chicago
Combative Constructions of Femininity in the 1980s: Women and the Indian Nation
Nandita Ghosh, Fordham University
Feminism and Modernity: A Study of Indian Films in the 90s
Annapurna Devi Pandey, University of California, Santa Cruz
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Almost all of the images we received were of children: happy and sad, working and playing, in traditional and non-traditional dress, poor and well-to-do. Clearly, the issue of human rights in South Asia was seen as an issue affecting the future, as represented by children.

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