



SOUTH ASIA CONFERENCE **2015**
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FRIDAY || MARCH 6

10-10.15: Sanjeev Routray, UBC

"The Politics of Letter Writing and Office Visits"

10.20-10.35: Prabhsharanbir Singh, UBC

"Violence, Enjoyment and Nationalism: Rethinking India and its Others"

10.40-10.55: Itrath Syed, SFU

"The Rising: The Ballad of Mangal Pandey - A Postcolonial Reading"

11-11.15: Eshantha Pereis, UBC

"Hela Gee Maga: How W.B. Makuloluwa Showed Ceylon 'The Way of Sinhala music'"

11.20-11.35: Joseph Marino, UW

"Similes and the Oral Performance and Transmission of Early Buddhist Literature"

11.40-11.55: Michael Skinner, UW

"Consolidating the Void: A Study of the Structure of the Kuṣāṇa Empire"

12-1: LUNCH

1-1.15: Hannah Haegeland, UW

"Imaging Activists in South Asia & the Politics of Rights: Representations of Sex Labour and Coerced Migration/Trafficking in Nepal and Pakistan"

1.20-1.35: Kamal Arora, UBC

"Sikh Women's Religiosity and the Legacy of Violence in New Delhi's 'Widow Colony'"

1.40-1.55: Quinn Clark, UW

"The Act of Listening: Islamic Healing Stories as Tantra"

2-2.15: Rupa Pillai, Univ. of Oregon

"Situating Indo-Guyanese in New York City and the Indian Diaspora through Hinduism"

2.20-2.35: Mansi Majithia, UW

"The South Asia Oral History Project at UW"

2.40-2.55: Sharanjit Kaur Sandhra, UBC

"A Balancing Act: Positioning the Heroics of the Sikh Heritage Museum as Affective History"

3-3.15: Kristin Gupta, UW

"The Animal Body in Yoga: Metaphoric Representations and Transcending Animality"

3.20-3.35: Christopher Diamond, UW

"Negotiations of the Classical, the Vernacular, and the Popular in Maithili Drama"

3.40-3.55: Genoveva Castro, UW

"Wajid 'Ali Shah's Rahas: A Ras Lila Adaptation at the Nawabi Court"

4-4.15: Dur-e-Aden, UBC

"The Effectiveness of the US's Drone Policy of Targeted Killing in Pakistan"

4.20-4.35: Laura Randall, UW

"Rape in the Contemporary Kashmir Conflict: The Sexed Citizen, Pure Nation, and Use of Gendered Violence to Claim Territory"

4.40-4.55: Nick Gottschall, UW

"World Bank Versus Vote Bank: Governance, Development, and the Bahujan State in Mayawati's Uttar Pradesh"

5-6: RECEPTION



6-8: PLENARY SESSION || Shauna Singh Baldwin

"Mind Dancing with Language"

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SATURDAY || MARCH 7

8.30-9: COFFEE/TEA

9-9.10: *Opening Remarks*

9.10-9.30: Christian Novetzke, UW

"Non-veg"

9.30-9.50: David Geary, UBC-Okanagan

"Buddhist Circuits, The World Bank and India's 'Soft Power'"

10.05-10.25: Mandakranta Bose, UBC

"Reconstructing the Dramaturgy of Kohala"

10.25-10.45: Michael Slouber, Western Washington Univ.

"Mundane Matters: Sex and Violence in Early Medieval Jain Tantra"

11-12: SPECIAL LECTURE || Andrea Pinkney, McGill University
Driving to the Gods: Roads, Infrastructure and Accessibility in Uttarakhand Pilgrims' Literature (Māhātmyas)

12-1: LUNCH

1-2: SPECIAL LECTURE || Sumit Guha, Univ. of Texas, Austin

"The Political Ecology of the Horse in India During the Second Millennium CE"

2-2.20: Nicola Mooney, Univ. of Fraser Valley

"A Patriarchal Pastoral: Punjabi Landscapes, Contentious Nostalgias, and the Times and Spaces of Jat Sikh Identity"

2.20-2.40: Ryan Perkins, Portland State Univ.

"Reform or Sex: The Best of Both Worlds in Urdu's Literary Scene, c.1870-1910"

2.40-3: Alka Kurian, UW-Bothell

"Rape by Punishment"

3.15-3.35: Mark Turin, UBC

"Mother Tongue or Heritage Identity? Ethnicity, Belonging and Language in Sikkim"

3.35-3.55: Maya Tevet Dayan, UBC

On the Magnificent Murals of Tiruvarur and Turning Them into a World-wide Exhibition"

3.55-4.15: John Harriss, SFU,

"Revisiting Bardhan's 'Political Economy' Thirty Years On: What Happened to the Rich Farmers?"

4.30-5: SPECIAL LECTURE || Mukesh Eswaran, UBC

"A Gender-Based Theory of the Origin of the Caste System of India"

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