Arjun Appadurai Gives First Major Address at Yale at Crossing Borders Conference

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Recently named the William K. Lanman Jr. Professor of International Studies at Yale University, Arjun Appadurai will make his first major address to the Yale community at the Crossing Borders Conference. His Keynote Address, entitled "War, Terror and Identity: The Future of Disciplinary Sovereignty", will take place on Friday, November 1, at 4:30 pm at Henry R. Luce Hall. The Keynote Address and the Conference are open to the Yale community.

The Crossing Borders Conference will take place November 1-2 at Luce Hall. The Conference is a summation of three years of faculty-led initiatives to rethink traditional area studies, and to develop new forms of scholarship and pedagogy that explicitly engage transborder approaches, focusing on questions of mobility, modernity, development, and identity in an age of globalization.

In addition to the Keynote Address, there will be three panel discussions: "Environment and Development: Dilemmas of Power and Place" on November 1 at 2:00 pm; "Migration and Globalization: Dilemmas of Sovereignty and National Belonging" on November 2 at 9:00 am; and "Language and Culture: Translating the Globe" on November 2 at 11:15 am.

Convening the Conference are: Arun Agrawal, Associate Professor, Political Science; Vilashini Cooppan, Assistant Professor, Comparative Literature; Michael Holquist, Professor and Chair, Comparative Literature, and Professor, Slavic Languages and Literature; Patricia Pessar, Associate Professor, American Studies, Anthropology, African American Studies, and Director, Global Migration Project at the Yale Center for International and Area Studies; Eric Worby, Assistant Professor, Anthropology.

In February 2002, Professor Arjun Appadurai was appointed the William K. Lanman Jr. Professor of International Studies at Yale University, a new international, interdisciplinary professorship created by Yale University at the Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS). He joined the Yale faculty in July of 2002 and has a primary appointment in Anthropology and secondary appointments in Sociology and Political Science. His current primary research focus is on globalization in the context of urbanization in developing countries and he heads a Center Initiative on "Global Cities." He also is helping to further strengthen South Asian Studies at YCIAS.

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