

Yale Modern South Asia Workshop 2011

Room 203 • Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue



SATURDAY, APRIL 9

9.00am - 11:00am

WELCOME

K. Sivaramakrishnan, *Yale University*

SESSION 1: VISUAL BINARIES

Chair: **Mrinalini Rajagopalan**, *Yale University*

Discussant: **Tamara Sears**, *Yale University*

Kartik Nair, *New York University*

***Bombay's Zombies:
The Return of the Ramsay Brothers***

Ameera Nimjee, *University of Toronto*

***The 'Courtesan Album': Colonialism, Dance,
and the Politics of Representation***

Melanie Dean, *Eckerd College*

***"Like Taking Darsan from A Baby" Supernatural
Sight and the Everyday in Tamil Visual Culture***

11.30am - 1:30pm

SESSION 2: PROVISIONING AND POLITICS AT THE MARGINS

Chair: **Tariq Thachil**, *Yale University*

Discussant: **Karuna Mantena**, *Yale University*

Soundarya Chidambaram, *The Ohio State University*

Hindu Welfare in South India's Urban Slums

Claire Snell-Rood, *University of Virginia*

***To Know the Field: The Moral and Practical
Practice of Female "Farmers" in a Delhi Slum***

Akshay Mangla, *MIT*

***Mobilizing Culture for Public Action: Community
Participation and Child Rights in Rural Uttar Pradesh***

2.30pm - 4:30pm

SESSION 3: READING BODIES/READING TEXTS

Chair: **Shital Pravinchandra**, *Yale University*

Discussant: **Indrani Chatterjee**

Debotri Dhar, *Rutgers University*

***Beyond the Binary: Rape, Suicide and the State
in Contemporary India***

Kiran Keshavamurthy, *University of California, Berkeley*
***Loving Orphans: Transcending the Sexual Body
in Dandapani Jeyakantan's Fiction 1965 -1985***

Durba Mitra, *Emory University*

***Examining the "Prostitute":
The Science of Aberration in Colonial Bengal***

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

9.00am - 11:00am

SESSION 4: CROSSING BORDERS

Chair: **Sara Shneiderman**, *Yale University*

Discussant: **Mark Turin**, *Yale University*

Nicole Berger, *University of Hawai'i at Manoa*

***Tamil, Not Tiger: Terror and Transnationalism
in the Work of M.I.A***

Malini Sur, *University of Amsterdam*

Fences and Fears

Pankhuree Dube, *Emory University*

***Death in the Museum: Museum Discourse,
Gond Art and the Indian Modern, 1981-2001***

11.30am - 1:30pm

SESSION 5: LAW AND THE STATE

Chair: **Gijs Kruijtzter**, *Yale University*

Discussant: **K. Sivaramakrishnan**, *Yale University*

Samiparna Samanta, *Florida State University*

***Cruelty Contested: The British, the Bengalis
and Animals in Calcutta, 1860-1920***

Kenneth Bo Nielsen, *University of Oslo*

***Farmers' Use of the Courts in an Anti-Land
Acquisition Movement in India's West Bengal***

Nadeera Seneviratne, *University of Leiden*

Dutch Colonial Law in Eighteenth-Century Sri Lanka

2.00pm

SESSION 5: CLOSING REMARKS & OVERALL DISCUSSION

Chair: **K. Sivaramakrishnan**, *Yale University*