

Yale Modern South Asia Workshop 2012

Room 203 • Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue



SATURDAY, APRIL 7

9:15am - 9:30am

WELCOME

K. Sivaramakrishnan, *Yale University*

9:30am - 11:45am

PANEL I: ETHNICITY, CLASS AND DIS/POSSESSION

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

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

Michael Levien, *University of California-Berkeley*
The Politics of Dispossession: Notes on India's "Land Wars"

Moizza Binat Sarwar, *Oxford University*
A Study of Stakeholders in the Informal Settlement Upgrading Programme in Karachi, Pakistan

Urmitapa Dutta, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
"In Their Minds We Will Always Be Separate": Everyday Violence and the Hegemony of Ethnic Identity Politics in Northeast India

Shrochis Karki, *Oxford University*
Indigenous Identity, Aspiration and Agency

1:00pm - 3:00pm

PANEL II: CAPITAL AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

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

Discussant: **Daniel Keniston**, *Yale University*

Jason Jackson, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
Economic Interests and Policy Preferences: Insights from the Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investment in India

Amy Bhatt, *University of Maryland*
From NRI Zero to Indian Hero: The Indian I Ter as Development Entrepreneur

Lauhona Ganguly, *American University*
Re-Producing Reality: Cultural Adaptation of Reality TV Formats & the Cultural Sway of the Market in India

3:30pm - 5:30pm

PANEL III: CULTURAL PRODUCTIONS

Chair: **Madhavi Murty**, *Yale University*

Discussant: **Shital Pravinchandra**, *Yale University*

Nafisa Hasan, *University of Toronto*
Music in the Time of War: A Study of the Patriotic Songs of the Liberation War of 1971 in Bangladesh

Jeremy Stoll, *Indiana University*
Crafting Activism in India's Comics Culture

R. Benedito Ferrao, *University of London (Birkbeck College)*
The Many Africas of Goa: Liberation and Literature in the Making of Subjectivity

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

9:00am - 11:00am

PANEL IV: TECHNOLOGIES OF BUREAUCRACY AND STATE-MAKING

Chair: **Arupjyoti Saikia**, *Yale University*

Discussant: **Rochisha Narayan**, *Yale University*

Sanjog Rupakheti, *Rutgers University*
Social Regulation and Reproduction: Legalizing Jati and Rituals in the Gorkhali State

Benjamin Siegel, *Harvard University*
Meals for Millions: Food and Citizenship in India's Scarcity Era, 1949-1966

Ramya Swayamprakash, *Jawaharlal Nehru University*
Tapping into 'National Rivers': Dams, 'Development' and Engineers in Independent India

12:00pm - 2:00pm

PANEL V: SPACES OF CONTESTATION

Chair: **Sana Haroon**, *Yale University*

Discussant: **Juned Shaikh**, *Yale University*

Radha Kumar, *Princeton University*
Scenes of Crime: Caste Violence in Southern Tamil Nadu c. 1920-1990

Kristin Francoeur, *Indiana University*
Locating the Reality of the 'Queer Private' in post-Section 377 India

Mira Lynn Rai, *University of California-Santa Barbara*
The Other Prison: Constructing a Spatial History of Prisons in British India

2:15pm - 3:30pm

CLOSING DISCUSSION

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

Sara Shneiderman, *Yale University*
Madhavi Murty, *Yale University*
Sana Haroon, *Yale University*