

Yale Modern South Asia Workshop 2014

Room 203 • Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue



APRIL 5, 2014

9.00 – 11.00am

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Ashwini Deo, *Yale University*

POLITICS OF VISUAL REPRESENTATION

Chair: Kedar Kulkarni, *Yale University*

Kena Wani, *Duke University*

**Public Statuary and the Politics of Affect:
The Case of Ambedkar Statues and the
Dalit Politics of Representation in Mumbai**

Sravani Biswas, *Syracuse University*

**Maulana Bhashani as an Icon:
Politics of Representation and Popular Rebellion**

Ranu Roychowdhury, *University of Chicago*

**Shaheed Minar: Photography, Social Commitment,
and the City 1977-91**

Discussant: Durba Mitra, *Fordham University*

11.15am – 1.15pm

TEXTS AND PRACTICES OF READINGS

Chair: Asiya Alam, *Yale University*

Courtney Sato, *Yale University*

**The Idea of Asia: Pan-Asianism in the Intellectual
Thought of Rabindranath Tagore and his Interlocutors**

Rahul Gairola, *University of Washington*

**British (Di)visions: Transreligious Alliances in
Anita Desai's "Clear Light of Day" and
Khushwant Singh's "Train to Pakistan"**

Ritwik Bhattacharya, *Princeton University*

Hari Prasad Shashtri and the Post-Historical Novel

Discussant: Avishek Ganguly, *Rhode Island School
of Design*

2.30 – 4.30pm

STATE SOCIETY RELATIONS IN POST COLONIAL CONTEXT

Chair: Sadia Saeed, *Yale University*

Roger Begrich, *University of Basel*

**Difference as a Mode of Belonging. Adivasis,
Alcohol, Religion and the Law**

Yelena Biberman, *Brown University*

**Military Capacity and State Outsourcing of Violence:
Pakistan's Military Campaigns in East Pakistan (1971)
and Baluchistan (1973-77)**

Harry Fischer, *University of Illinois- Urbana Champaign*

**Shifting Authority, Channeling Democracy:
Transforming water management in the Indian
Himalayas**

Discussant: Uday Chandra, *Max Planck Institute*

APRIL 6, 2014

9.00 – 11.00am

CONSTRUCTING THE CITY-SPACE

Chair: Rajashree Mazumder, *Yale University*

Chitra Venkataramani, *Johns Hopkins University*

**Unsettled Visions: Public Participation and the
Making of the New Development Plan in Mumbai**

Tariq Rahman, *University of Oregon*

**Between Worlds: Imagination and a
Gated Community in Bhakkar, Pakistan**

Gayatri Nair, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*

The City, the Commons and a Community

Discussant: Sheetal Chhabria, *Connecticut College*

11.15 – 1.15pm

SELF AND RELIGIOUS SUBJECTIVITIES

Chair: Asiya Alam, *Yale University*

Yael Lazar, *Duke University*

**A Temple in Your Phone: Hindu Darśan
and Mobile Media**

Merin Shobhana, *Laurier-Waterloo University*

**The Sufism of Bawa: Islamic Mysticism in
Contemporary Sri Lanka**

SherAli Tareen, *Franklin & Marshall College*

The Politics of Friendship on Colonial Muslim India

Discussant: Andrew Quintman, *Yale University*

2.30 – 3.30pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Sadia Saeed, *Yale University*

Asiya Alam, *Yale University*

Rajashree Mazumder, *Yale University*

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