

Modern South Asia Workshop 2015



Yale Modern South Asia Workshop

April 11 & 12, 2015

Program

Saturday, April 11

8:30-9:00am • Breakfast (Luce Hall Common Room)

Welcome & Opening Remarks
Karuna Mantena, Yale University

9:00-11:00am • Critical Biographies

Dinyar Patel, Harvard University
Dadabhai Naoroji and Colonial Bombay's Educative Tradition: Education and Reform during the Young Bombay Movement

Christopher Moffat, University of Cambridge
Politics and the Meaning of Bhagat Singh

Roanne Kantor, University of Texas at Austin
My Heart, My Fellow Traveler: The Latin American Itineraries Faiz Ahmed Faiz

Discussant: Karuna Mantena, Yale University

11:15-1:15pm • Economies & the Reinvention of Space

Mircea Raianu, Harvard University

'A Mass of Anomalies:' Land, Law and Sovereignty in Jamshedpur, 1909-present

Nishpriha Thakur, Shiv Nadar University

Market Spaces as Markers of Social Segregation: Locating the Spatial Segregation in Surat through the Ethnography of Markets

Diksha Dhar, The English and Foreign Languages University

Deciphering Identity in Calcutta: A Spatio-Temporal Reading of the Maidan

Discussant: Benjamin R. Siegel, Boston University

1:30pm • Lunch (Luce Hall Common Room)

2:30-4:30pm • Credit, Commodities & Markets

Hayden Kantor, Cornell University

Temporary Schemes, Tenuous Livelihoods: Articulations of Precariousness in Rural Bihar

Vanessa Chishti, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Producing Paradise: Kashmir's Shawl Economy and the Politics of Representation c.1770-c.1900

Aditi Saraf, Johns Hopkins University

Ellipses of Exchange: Credit without End in Srinagar's Wholesale Market

Discussant: Julia Stephens, Yale University

Sunday, April 12

9:00-11:00am • Aspirational Identities

Leya Mathew, University of Pennsylvania

The Politics of Hope: School "choice", English, and Inequality in Liberalizing Kerala

Ethiraj Dattatreyan, University of Pennsylvania

Imaging Cosmopolitanism: Immaterial Labor and Delhi, India's Emerging Youth Culture Industry

Elizabeth Ann Mount, Syracuse University

Hierarchy, "Human Rights," and Hijra Communities in South India

Discussant: Tariq Thachil, Yale University

11:15-1:55pm • Technologies of Mediation

Madhumita Lahiri, University of Michigan

Sound and the Social Film: Bombay Cinema and its 1930s Audiences

Nikhil Menon, Princeton University

Computing India: Statistics, Computers and India's Planned Future

Rijuta Mehta, Brown University
The Repatriation Portrait: Women at the End of Empire

Aparajita Mukhopadhyay, Salisbury University
Lost in Transit: Railway Crimes and the Regime of Control in Colonial India

Discussant: Tejaswini Ganti, New York University

3:00– 3:45 PM • Closing Remarks

Rohit De, Yale University
Kathryn Hardy, Yale University