



**BASAS ANNUAL Conference & AGM 2005**

**30 March - 1 April 2005**  
**Devonshire Hall, [University of Leeds](#), UK**

**FINAL Programme**

**(with links to selected papers eligible for the BASAS Prize)**

**Wednesday, 30 March**

12.00-2.00pm

**REGISTRATION**

2.00-3.30pm

**PLENARY SESSION 1 (JCR)**

**Dr Sudipta Kaviraj** (SOAS) An outline of a revisionist theory of modernity

Chair: Professor **Graham Chapman** (University of Lancaster)

3.30-4.00pm

**COFFEE**

4.00-5.30pm

**PANEL 1A: Maritime archaeology and ethnographic approaches in India (JCR)**

Chair: **Dr Emma Tomalin** (University of Leeds)

1. **Dr Lucy Blue** (University of Southampton) Maritime ethnography - it is all about choice

2. **Victoria Cooper** (Wessex Archaeological Unit) The Thaikkal-Kadakkappally boat: an archaeological example of Medieval shipbuilding in the Western Indian Ocean

3. **Jesse Ransley** (English Heritage) Re-conceiving 'land' and 'water' in archaeologies of maritime cultures – Keralan backwaters

**PANEL 1B Researching and writing another economics: the South Asian**

**economy from the bottom up** (Fenton Room)

Chair: **Professor Barbara Harriss-White** (Oxford University)

1. **Dr David Hall-Matthews** (University of Leeds) Peasant perspectives on state and market in colonial and post-colonial western India

2. **Professor Staffan Lindberg** (Lund University, Sweden) After the Green Revolution then what? A Tamil Nadu restudy of agrarian households after 25 years

3. **Nikita Sud** (St Antony's College, Oxford) 'Khedut ni jamin' to land liberalisation: The political economy of Gujarat's shifting land policy

5.30-6.30pm

**DRINKS RECEPTION** sponsored by *Contemporary South Asia* (Taylor & Francis)

6.30-7.30pm

The bar will be open

7.30-8.30

**DINNER**

8.45 – 9.30

Professor **Graham Chapman** (University of Lancaster) Development, Disaster and Dolphins: a voyage down the Lower Ganges

**Thursday, 31 March**

8.00-9.00am

**BREAKFAST**

9.00-10.30am

**PANEL 2A: Echo-histories and Family Histories** (JCR)

Chair: **Professor Graham Chapman** (University of Lancaster)

1. **Anna Guttman** (University of Leeds) Family Portraits and National Histories: Nayantara Sahgal's Constructions of Indira Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru

2. **Professor Sudha Rai** (University of Rajasthan) Echo- narratives and Family Histories: Lineage, Identity and Emergent Histories of the Margins in India

3. **Vanita Sharma** (Oxford University) Contested Histories: Second Generation Punjabi Partition Narratives from Lahore and Delhi

**PANEL 2B: Roles and Relationships for women in South Asia** (Fenton Room)

Chair: **Dr Emma Tomalin** (University of Leeds)

1. **Dr Louise Waite** (University of Leeds) Embodied working lives: Female migrant labourers in India

2. **Carole Spary** (University of Bristol) [Female Political Leadership in India](#)

3. **Dr Shanti Rozario** (Cardiff University) The New Burqa in Bangladesh:

Empowerment or Violation of Women's Rights?

**PANEL 2C: Ethnic Conflict and Terrorism in South Asia** (Evans Room)

Chair: **Dr Rajat Ganguly** (University of East Anglia)

1. **Rahul Roychowdhury** (International Institute for Strategic Studies) Peace Processes and Terrorism in South Asia

2. **Shabana Fayyaz** (University of Birmingham) Countering the Threat of Terrorism in Pakistan: Question of Madarrasa Reform

3. **Dr Amalendu Misra** (Queens University Belfast) Last among Equals: Dynamics of Mohajir Uprising in Pakistan

10.30-11.00am

**COFFEE**

11.00-12.30am

**PANEL 3A: Men, the Body and Religion in South Asia** (JCR)

Chair: **Dr Sean McLoughlin** (University of Leeds)

1. **Fabrizio Ferrari** (SOAS) [Playing with corpses and worshipping skulls: Bodily modifications and ritual transformations in rural West Bengal](#)

2. **Professor Geoffrey Samuel** (University of Cardiff) Masculinity, Celibacy and the Warrior Archetype in Buddhism and Other Indic Religions

3. **Dr Louise Child** (University of Leeds) Subtle Bodies, Wrathful Deities and Men in the Tantric Tradition

**PANEL 3B: It's shining for some: an exploration of India's post-liberalisation middle classes** (Fenton Room)

Chair: **Dr Kunal Sen** (University of East Anglia)

1. **Dr Andrew Wyatt** (University of Bristol) Building the Temples of Postmodern India

2. **Pushpa Arabindoo** (LSE) [A class act: Middle class meddling and ordering of public spaces in Chennai](#)

3. **Dr Emma Mawdsley** (Birkbeck College) The middle classes, environmental justice and the public sphere

**PANEL 3C: Nepali Identity in the Diaspora** (Evans Room)

Chairs: **Professor David Seddon** (University of East Anglia) and **Dr Vibha Arora** (University of Oxford)

1. **Prof. David Seddon** (University of East Anglia) The current crises in Nepal

2. **Dr Vibha Arora** (University of Oxford) Being Nepali in Sikkim

12.30–2.00pm

**LUNCH or BASAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

2.00-3.30pm

**PANEL 4A: Religion in the South Asian Diaspora (JCR)**

Chair: **Dr Sean McLoughlin** (University of Leeds)

1. **Sarah Glynn** (Department of Geography, University of Dundee) British Muslims and the Left

2. **Tahir Abbas** (University of Birmingham) and **Prithpal Peter Sanghera** (University of Warwick) British South Asian Muslims and radicalisation of the youth: masculinity, multiculturalism, and 'Jihadi cool'

3. **Katherine Brown** (University of Southampton) [Religious Identity as a Human Rights Strategy among British Muslim Women](#)

**PANEL 4B: Street/Culture I** (Fenton Room)

Chair: **Dr Amalendu Misra** (Queens University, Belfast)

1. **Dr Katherine Brown** (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge) The Mughal street as spectacle: street performers in the Indo-Persian imagination (c.1680-1740).

2. **Dr Francesca Orsini** (University of Cambridge) Music in the streets and the coming of print

3. **Dr Prashant Kidambi** (University of Leicester) Policing the street in colonial Bombay, c. 1890-1914

**PANEL 4C: Processes of Marginalisation and State Responses** (Evans Room)

Chair: **Nageela Yusuf**

1. **Dr Vasudha Chhotray** (University of Manchester) A responsive state? Fast track participation in a South Indian district

2. **Sony Pellissery** (University of Oxford) [Micro politics of social protection: examining the effectiveness of 'right for employment' for informal sector in rural Maharashtra](#)

3. **Mona Bhan** (Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey) Visible Margins: Military, Development and Nationalism among the Brogpas of Ladakh (India)

3.30–4.00 pm

**COFFEE**

4.00-5.30 pm

**PANEL 5A: Contested Terrains: Religion, Society and State in India (JCR)**

Chair: **Dr Katharine Adeney** (University of Sheffield)

1. **Malavika Kasturi** (Assistant Professor, University of Toronto) Monasticism, Gender and Kinship, Inheritance Feuds within Vaishnava and Dasnami Sampradayas in late Colonial India

2. **Jayeeta Sharma** (Assistant Professor, Carnegie Mellon University) Bhakti and the Making of Assam/India

3. **Dr William Gould** (University of Leeds) Secularism and the contested state

**PANEL 5B: Street/Culture II** (Fenton Room)

Chair: **Dr Francesca Orsini** (University of Cambridge)

1. **Zain Shirazi** (University of Cambridge) [The Publicity of Religious Discourse: The Munazarah and Sastrarthan in Colonial North India](#)

2. **Sarah Beth** (University of Cambridge) [The Dalit Mela: Ambedkar Jayanti as a site of cultural production](#)

3. **Dr Richard Widdess** (SOAS) A Dance for the Dead in Bhaktapur, Nepal: context, performance and meaning

**PANEL 5C: Identities in Sri Lanka: Tamil and Sinhala Ethnicity** (Evans Room)

Chair: **Dr Alan Bullion**

1. **Cristiana Natali** (University of Bologna) [Building cemeteries, constructing identities](#)

2. **Zinthiya Ganeshpanchan** (Staffordshire University) [Women and Nationalism in Sri Lanka](#)

3. **Taiabur Rahman** (City University of Hong Kong) [The role of Parliamentary Committees in securing executive accountability in Sri Lanka](#)

4. **Shiam Vidurupola** (Cranfield University, UK) Ethnicity in the Sri Lankan Conflict

5. **Laavanyan Ratnapalan** (Goldsmith College) Questioning the 'prehistory' of the Sri Lankan diaspora in London

6. **Ann David** [Dance Practices in the Sri Lankan London Tamil Community: Are they markers to sustain national, cultural and ethnic identity?](#)

5.30–6.30 pm

**BASAS AGM**

7.30–9.00 pm

**CONFERENCE DINNER**

9.30–10.30 pm

**ENTERTAINMENT**

Sponsored by the School of Sociology and Social Policy and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies (University of Leeds)

**FRIDAY, 1 APRIL**

8.00–9.00am

**BREAKFAST**

9.00-10.30am

**PLENARY SESSION 2 (JCR)**

**Professor Patricia Jeffery** (University of Edinburgh) Safe Motherhood and/or the Health Care Market: a twenty-year perspective from rural UP

Chair: **Professor Ruth Pearson** (University of Leeds)

10.30-11.00am

**COFFEE**

11.00-12.30am

**PLENARY SESSION 3 (JCR) The future of South Asian Studies - the theme will be addressed by three speakers from three different perspectives**

Chair: **Professor Graham Chapman** (University of Lancaster)

1. **Professor Subrata Mitra** (Südasien-Institut, Heidelberg)

2. **Professor Staffan Lindberg** (Director and co-ordinator of SASNET - Swedish South Asian Studies Network - Lund University)

3. **Professor Dr. S.N. Balagangadhara** (Ghent University, Belgium)

12.30-2.00pm

**LUNCH**

2.00-3.30pm

**DISCUSSION GROUPS (JCR) A Research Strategy for South Asian Studies in the UK**

Chaired by Professor **Graham Chapman** (University of Lancaster)

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