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**Two Days Interdisciplinary International Conference**  
**February 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

on

**Communities, Cultures and the Environment:**  
**Forging Interactions and Identities**

venue

**Day One: February 24, 2023**


**Day Two: February 25, 2023**


**Auditorium, Satyakam Bhawan**

**Room No. 6, Satyakam Bhawan**

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**Communities, Cultures and the Environment: Forging Interactions and Identities  
(Two Days Interdisciplinary International Conference)  
(Friday & Saturday: February 24 & 25, 2023)**

**Day One – Friday: 24 February, 2023**

*Each session will have one Chair and three-four speakers. The Chair will introduce and give twenty minutes for presentation to each speaker. A 15-20 minutes discussion after completion of all the presentations is desired.*

**INAUGURAL SESSION (10.00 AM to 11.15 AM)**

1. Welcome Address: Professor Seema Bawa, Head of the Department, University of Delhi, Delhi.
2. Professor Ujjwal Kumar Singh, Dean, Research (Humanities & Social Sciences), University of Delhi, Delhi.

**TEA BREAK: 11.15 – 11.30 AM**

**SESSION I (11.30 AM – 01.00 PM): HISTORIES FROM MARGIN**

**Chair: Professor Anirudh Deshpande, University of Delhi**

1. Belonging and Fragments: Travelers along the Karakorum  
*~ Professor Aloka Parasher Sen, University of Hyderabad, Telangana*
2. Allahabad – Identities and Interaction: A case of Marginal Communities of Hindi Patti  
*~ Professor Badri Narayan, GBPSSI, UP*
3. Dalit Business History in India  
*~ Dr Chinmay Tumbe, IIM, Ahmedabad, Gujarat*

**LUNCH: 01.00 – 01.45 PM**

**SESSION II (01.45 PM – 03.15 PM): COMMUNITIES, PATRONAGE AND LEGITIMACY**

**Chair: Professor T.K.V. Subramanyan, University of Delhi**

1. The State and the Community: A Curious Case of Donative Inscriptions in the Western Indian Buddhist Rock-Cut Caves  
*~ Dr Abhijit Dandekar, Deccan College, Pune*
2. Pilgrimage, Community and Patronage Networks in Art and Architecture of Early India  
*~ Professor Seema Bawa, University of Delhi, Delhi*
3. Catering to Various Needs: Reading Images and Mythology of the Sun God as Expressions of Community Identity. (Online)  
*~ Dr Marion Frenger, Bonn University, Germany*

**TEA BREAK: 03.15 – 03.30 PM**

**SESSION III (03.30 PM – 05.30 PM): COMMUNITIES, ECOLOGY AND SUSTENANCE**

**Chair: Professor R.C. Thakran, University of Delhi**

1. *Hathiyārohāni*, the Elephant Trainers and Handlers: Communities Involved in Pachyderm Management and their Role in Cross Cultural Interactions (4<sup>th</sup> c. BCE - 1<sup>st</sup> c. CE).  
~ Professor Jaya Sinha Tyagi, University of Delhi, Delhi
2. Of the Naukis, the Navikas and the Niryamakas : Exploring a Riverine/Maritime Community of Early India.  
~ Professor Suchandra Ghosh, University of Hyderabad, Telangana
3. Tropical Cyclones, Weather Forecasting and Coastal Communities of Eastern India  
~ Professor Vipul Singh, University of Delhi, Delhi
4. Topographies of Asceticism in Buddhist Literary and Visual Narratives: Environmental Allowances for Emplacement of Previous-Birth Stories in Ancient Gandhara. (Online)  
~ Professor Jason Neelis, Waterloo, Canada

**Day Two – Saturday: 25 February, 2023**

**SESSION IV (09.45 AM – 11.15 AM): RELIGIOSITY AND SITES OF IDENTITY FORMATION**

**Chair: Professor Vijayalaxmi Singh, University of Delhi**

1. Religious Leaders, Community Identities and Mapping the Urban: Changing Contours of the Temple Town of Srirangam in Medieval South India  
~ Dr Ranjeeta Dutta, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
2. Renovations and Contestations: Śatrunjaya through the Ages  
~ Professor Shalin Jain, University of Delhi, Delhi
3. Jina and Jina Image. How Images Contribute to the Construction of Religious Founder Figures. (Online) ~ Dr Patrick Felix Krüger, Ruhr University, Bochum Germany

**TEA BREAK: 11.15 -11.30 AM**

**SESSION V (11.30 AM – 01.00 PM): ASSERTION AND NEGATION OF IDENTITIES**

**Chair: Professor S.Z.H. Jafri, University of Delhi**

1. Coromandel Weavers in the French Settlements: Clothing and Furnishing Material for the Foreign Markets ~ Professor Arvind Sinha, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
2. “We have Nothing to do Either with Musalmans or Hindus”: The *Bairagis* in Mughal India.  
~ Professor R.P. Bahuguna, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi
3. Emerging Identities and Practices of Lamenting Husain in Medieval India.  
~ Professor Syed Ali Nadeem Rezavi, Aligarh Muslim University, UP

**Lunch: 01.00 PM – 01.45 PM**



**SESSION VI (01.45 PM – 03.15 PM): CLAIMS, CONFLICTS AND CONTESTATIONS**

**Chair: Professor Amar Farooqui, University of Delhi**

1. From Martial Race to Criminal Tribe: Colonial Criminal Tribe Laws and Pasi Community in North India.  
~ Professor Alok Prasad, University of Allahabad, UP
2. Conquest, Community and Ethnogenesis in Colonial North-Eastern India  
~ Professor Sanghamitra Misra, University of Delhi, Delhi
3. Studying Medieval Indian after the Vernacular Turn: Comparing Data from Punjab and Rajasthan  
~ Dr Vikas Rathee, Central University of Punjab, Punjab

**Tea Break: 03.15 PM – 03.30 PM**

**SESSION VII (3.30 PM TO 5.30 PM): CONFERENCE PLENARY**

**Chief Guest: Professor Sumit Sarkar, University of Delhi**

1. Professor Prabhu P. Mohapatra (*Moderator*)
2. Professor Farhat Hasan
3. Dr Rana P. Behal
4. Professor Mahesh Rangarajan
5. Professor Amar Farooqui

**05.30 PM ONWARDS: VOTE OF THANKS AND VOLUNTEERS' FACILITATION**

