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Two Days Interdisciplinary International Conference February 24th- 25th, 2023

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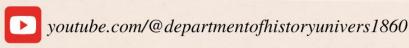
Communities, Cultures and the Environment: Forging Interactions and Identities

venue

Day One: February 24, 2023 Auditorium, Satyakam Bhawan Day Two: February 25, 2023 Room No. 6, Satyakam Bhawan

Near Social Sciences Building University of Delhi





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

<u>SESSION III (03.30 PM – 05.30 PM): COMMUNITIES, ECOLOGY AND SUSTENANCE</u> Chair: Professor R.C. Thakran, University of Delhi

- Hathiyārohāni, the Elephant Trainers and Handlers: Communities Involved in Pachyderm Management and their Role in Cross Cultural Interactions (4th c. BCE 1st 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: Satrunjaya 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