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South Asia - Citywide

A MSASG – La Trobe Asia Conference 2015

Introduction and Welcome



I am very pleased that you have chosen to take part in the Melbourne South Asian Studies Group and La Trobe Asia Conference, *South Asia – Citywide*.

The aim of this day is to bring together graduate students, academics and others who share an interest in the region to present research to a knowledgeable audience of peers. It also provides you with the chance to meet others who share your interests in South Asia and to develop your academic skills professional networks.

I hope you enjoy the conference we have prepared for you this year, and I encourage you to take an active part in today's discussions and enjoy the opportunity to interact with colleagues working in this sphere.

Professor Nick Bisley

Executive Director, La Trobe Asia

Keynote

Social Revolution in India

Professor Craig Jeffrey will present three key shifts reshaping contemporary provincial India. First, the spread of education. Second, the dissemination of notions of national citizenship. Third, a rapid increase in the availability of mobile phones and smart phones. Drawing on research in a north Indian village carried out over ten years, he will reflect on the impact of this social revolution on politics, youth, schooling, corruption and the state.

Session 1

Political and Socioeconomic dynamics of Indian Students' Migration to Australia: "lives in a limbo"

Eshan Arya, La Trobe University

Emerging Challenges in Australia/India Vocational Education and Training (VET) Collaborations

Sharon Templeman, University of Melbourne

The ambivalent social interactions between established Indians and Indian international students in metropolitan Melbourne, Australia

Surjeet Dhanji, University of Melbourne

Trading in People and Trading in Services: The Political Economy of Indians' International Labour Mobility, the Development Project and International Law

Robi Rado, University of Melbourne

Session 2

Cardiovascular Disease and Type 2 Diabetes: an exploration amongst South Asians and Anglo-Australians living in Victoria, Australia

Sabrina Gupta, Monash University

Developing Children's Social Integration and Coaching Capacity through a Sport Development Program

Biju Philip, La Trobe University

The Fats of Life from Plant Source

Yakindra Prasad Timilsena, RMIT

Implementation and Evaluation of Social Attention and Communication Surveillance in a Local Community in Nepal: Social and Communication Surveillance-Nepal (SACS-N)

Rena Shrestha, La Trobe University

Working-class agency in the post-colonial Global South: the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna's 1987-1989 insurrection

Owen Bennett, Monash University

Understanding the violence in India's North East: Colonial History and Identity Construction

Sanjib Goswami, Swinburne University

Refugee movements from South Asia: Deficits in State Responsibility to Protect

Renuka Balasubramaniam, La Trobe University

Religious Innovation and Social Reform in Sri Lanka: A Comparative Study of the Main World Religions in Relation to Social Value and Cohesion

Ben Vecchiet, Deakin University

Resources

South Asia research resources

Gillian Stacey will present on the research resources available on South Asia including the collection held by La Trobe and online resources

Session 3

Civil discontents: social movements and print media discourse in India

Arjun Rajkhowa, La Trobe University

Session 4

Speaking in Tongues: An investigation into a compositional practice informed by intercultural exploration

Tim Dargaville, University of Melbourne

History of the Indian New Wave: Memories, Movements, Auteurs

Parichay Patra, Monash University

Ways of Remembering: Cinematic Justice and Collective Memory in the New India

Oishik Sircar, University of Melbourne

Tibetan women's life writing and the engendering of national history in Exile

Isabella Ofner, University of Melbourne

Program

TIME	ACTIVITY
9.00 am – 9.30 am	Registration
9.30 am – 9.35 am	Welcome – <i>Professor Andrew Brennan, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Graduate Research</i>
9.35 am – 10.15 am	Keynote Speaker – <i>Professor Craig Jeffrey, Director - Australia India Institute</i>
10.15 am – 10.30 am	Morning tea
10.30 am – 11.30 am	Session 1
11.30 am – 12.30 pm	Session 2
12.30 pm – 1.00 pm	Lunch and networking
1.00 pm – 1.30 pm	South Asia Research Resources – <i>Gillian Stacey, La Trobe University Library</i>
1.30 pm – 2.40 pm	Session 3
2.40 pm – 2.55 pm	Afternoon tea
2.55 pm – 3.55 pm	Session 4
3.55 pm – 4.00 pm	Closing remarks – <i>Professor Robin Jeffrey, Melbourne South Asian Studies Group</i>

HOUSEKEEPING

The conference is being held in the **Seminar Room, Ground Floor, Library**
Toilets are located on the ground floor
Catering will be provided in the same room to allow opportunities for networking

MSASG

Melbourne South Asian Studies Group (MSASG)

The MSASG is an informal association of people interested in the study of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Started in the late 1980s, the Group has no formal membership requirements. It has a convenor and a few helpers who maintain a mailing list (currently about 150 names) and organize a monthly seminar and occasional events. The current convenor is Surjeet Dhanji (dhanji.surjeet@gmail.com), who will be happy to add your name to the list and accept offers of presentations for future seminars. The aim of the Group is to provide a forum for research and reports about all aspects of South Asia. It has always been especially keen to feature the research of graduate students.

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