

The Punjab Research Group

cordially invites you to the

**Thirty fourth International Conference of the Punjab
Research Group**

Theme: *Punjabs@70 Punjab: Past, Present and Future*

October 28, 2017

**Venue: Chakrabarti Room (JHB 208), John Henry Brookes
(JHB) Building, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford OX3 0BP**

Program Handbook

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Punjab Research Group has been hosting conferences at least twice a year since 1984, and was established as an inclusive and all- embracing forum for discussion and debate on issues pertaining to the East and West Punjab as well as the Punjabi diaspora. During the past 33 years, the PRG has provided space for academics to interact with each other regardless of territorial or disciplinary boundaries. Our second conference for 2017 will be held as a one-day event on 28 October in Oxford. The conference will provide a platform to academics, young researchers, journalists, artists, and activists for an inter-disciplinary discussion focusing on the theme of ‘Punjabs@70 Punjab: Past, Present and Future’.

My special thanks to every one of you for your valuable presence and participation.

Best regards

Prof. Pritam Singh,
Conference Director, 34th International Conference of the Punjab Research Group, October 28, 2017 Chakrabarti Room (JHB 208), John Henry Brookes (JHB) Building, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford OX3 0BP

Kindly read the instructions given below.

Registration

Upon arrival at the Conference venue, please proceed to the Chakrabarti Room (JHB 208), John Henry Brookes (JHB) Building, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford OX3 0BP, to complete the registration. Contact the receptionist at reception in the John Henry Brookes Building (JHB building) for directions to the room. Please note that registration desk will be open from **9.30 am October 28, 2017**.

Please report to Raj (RS Mann, the convenor of PRG) for completing your registration. During the breaks the speakers may also collect their reimbursement for travel to Oxford from within the UK.

Conference Fee: There is a fee of £10 towards attending the conference. The fee can be paid at the time of registration using following modes:

1. **International delegates:** CASH only
2. **UK delegates:** Cash or cheque. The cheque should be payable to 'Prof Eleanor Nesbitt Punjab Research Group Account'.

Presentation Room: On October 28, we will be using the Chakrabarti Room (JHB 208), John Henry Brookes (JHB) Building, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford OX3 0BP for the presentations (see map attached for directions for the venue, look for JHB i.e. John Henry Brookes Building for conference venue and HHH for parking, both the locations are also marked with hand written notes in blue font). You may ask for directions to the Chakrabarti Room (JHB 208) at the main reception located at the entrance of the JHB Building.

What should you bring along for your presentation?

- Please bring the PPT of your research paper in a pen-drive.
- Please ensure that you save your presentation file MS Office 2016 versions.
- The meeting room has an LCD projector and a computer for you to make your presentation.
- Each author will have 25 minutes for presentation. Kindly stick to the time limits.

Best Presenter Award

Best Presenter Award will be presented to a doctoral student whose presentation is judged to be the best from all the doctoral student presentations. A PRG committee will take a decision regarding the best presentation. The award will normally be announced at the end of the conference. The student must be a full-time doctoral student on the date of the conference.

Refreshments

Refreshments will NOT be provided. Please feel free to bring along drinks/food/lunch etcetera. The following eat & drink options are available on campus:

Café Central

At the heart of the building in the Forum, it is nestled in the hub of student life on Headington campus, and self-service means you can grab and go when you want a quick drink or snack.

Food: Hot and cold snacks including filling homemade sandwiches, toasties, cakes and pastries.

Drinks: Starbucks coffee and hot drinks and a range of cold drinks, juices and smoothies.

How to reach

If you are coming from Oxford Rail Station, Oxford Coach Station or Oxford City centre, the bus stop named “B2 Brookes University” is just opposite to the venue and the bus numbers 8,9, 275, 280, S5, N8, U1 and X8 will drop you at this bus stop. You are advised to confirm from the driver if the bus has a stop at Brookes University.

If you are coming from London by bus, the bus numbers X90 and Oxford Tube will drop you just opposite to the venue at bus stop named “Brookes University”. If you are coming from London by car you may want to park your car at Thornhill Park and Ride (for details see:

https://www.oxford.gov.uk/directory_record/354/thornhill_park_and_ride) and take any local bus number 8, 9, 275, 280, S5, N8, U1, and X8 will drop you just opposite to the conference venue at bus stop named “B5 Brookes University”. To take the local bus the stop is located on the main road just outside the Park & Ride. You are advised to confirm from the driver if the bus has a stop at Brookes University.

Parking at venue of the conference

Paid parking is available the Headington Hill Campus, which is just opposite to the venue, just look for post code OX3 0BT on google maps (also see map attached for conference venue and parking on campus). The details about parking for visitors and non-permit holders are available at:

<https://www.brookes.ac.uk/travel/parking/new-parking-policy-faqs/>

Off-peak charges for non-permit holders – vehicle registration must be entered at all times

0-2 hours FREE

2-3 hours £3.00

3-4 hours £6.00

4-5 hours £9.00

5+ hours (max 24 hours) £12.00

Any charges should be paid on arrival at the 'pay and display' style machines located at all car park locations.

Whom to Contact?

For any queries, please contact Raj at +44 7776815206. You may also send an email to punjabresearchgroup@gmail.com.

List of Participating Countries

The 34rd International PRG conference is proud to welcome participants from Pakistan, India and the United Kingdom.

Conference Team

Conference Director:

Prof. Pritam Singh, Professor of Economics, Oxford Brookes University.

Conference Organizers:

R S Mann (Raj), Oxford Brookes University, Oxford

Programme Outline

Saturday, October 28, 2017

- 09.30- 09.45: Registration
- 09.45- 10.00: Inaugural Address
- 10.00-11.30: Session I *Gender and family history*
- 11.30-11.50: Coffee Break
- 11.50-13.20: Session II Punjabi diaspora
- 13.20-14.00: **Lunch Break**
- 14.00-14.15: **Conference Announcements** on Publications, Scholarships and Research Projects
- 14:15-15.45: Session III *Music and cinema*
- 15.45-16.05: Coffee Break
- 16.05-17.35: Session IV Religion studies
- 17.35- 17.55: Deliberation on/Announcement of **Best Presenter Award**
- 17.55-18.15 Note of Thanks

DETAILED PROGRAMME

- 09.30- 09.45: Registration
- 09.45- 10.00: **Welcome Address:** Prof. Pritam Singh, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford.
- 10.00-11.30: **Session I Gender and family history**
- Chair: Dr. Meena Dhanda, University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom*
- 10.00 – 10.25: **Gender and policing: Understanding the experiences of women police officers in East Punjab**
*Dr. Ravinder Barn¹ and Gurcharan Virdee²,
1. Professor of Social Policy, Royal Holloway University of London and 2. Senior gender and protection consultant in humanitarian and development work*
- 10.25-10.50: **Mapping genealogical geographies of family and community heritage for people of Punjabi descent**
Chandan Mahal, PhD Candidate, Queen Mary University of London
- 10.50-11.30: **Discussion**
- 11.30-11.50: **Coffee Break**
- 11.50-13.20: **Session II Punjabi diapsora**
- Chair: Radha Kapuria, Kings College London*
- 11.50-12.15: **Kashmiri Muslims' Diaspora in Punjab under Maharaja Ranjit Singh**

Dr. Robina Shoeb, Assistant Prof in History and Pakistan Studies, University of Punjab, Lahore Pakistan

- 12.15-12.40: *The 4th Punjab: Sikhs in North East India*
Vijayta Mahendru, PhD Candidate, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- 12.40-13.20: **Discussion**
- 13.20-14.00: **Lunch Break**
- 14.00-14.15: **Conference Announcements** regarding Publications, Scholarships and Research Projects
- 14.15-15:45: **Session III Music and cinema**

Chair: Prof. Eleanor Nesbitt, University of Warwick, United Kingdom
- 14:15-14:40: **Utopia or Dystopia: Phoren in Contemporary Punjabi Cinema**
Vishal Chauhan, PhD Candidate, Birmingham City University, Birmingham, UK
- 14:40-15:05: **Between Nostalgia and Prejudice: Punjab's Musicians in and beyond 1947**
Radha Kapuria, PhD Candidate, King's College London
- 15.05- 15.45: **Discussion**
- 15.45-16.05: **Coffee Break**
- 16.05-17.35: **Session IV Religion studies**

Chair: Shreya Sinha, SOAS London

- 16.05-16.30: **Sikhism and Sustainability**
Nadia Singh, PhD Candidate, Oxford Brookes University
- 16.30-16.55: **Guru Gobind Singh's Leadership – Lessons for Our Time**
Principal Dr. Sujinder Singh Sangha OBE FRSA
- 16:55-17:35: **Discussion**
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