



South Asia Day Trinity Term 2017
Tuesday, 23rd May (Week 5)
9.45am-6.00pm
Leonard Wolfson Auditorium
Wolfson College



South Asia Research Cluster (SARC), Wolfson College, University of Oxford & the Contemporary South Asian Studies Programme

Symposium commemorating 70 years of India's Independence: Re-configuring power: looking back at the decades around independence

Programme

Registration from 9.45am

10.00 – 10.10am: Welcome and Opening remarks

Prof. Barbara Harriss-White and Dr. Karuna Dietrich Wielenga

10.10 – 11.10am: India and the World

Chair: Dr. Kate Sullivan de Estrada, (Lecturer in Modern Indian Studies, SIAS/DPIR, Oxford)

Adam Lerner (PhD candidate, University of Cambridge) *Nehru's Pre-Independence Foreign Policy Evolution: Imagining and Re-imagining a Non- Aligned Movement*

Stefan Tetzlaff (Post-doctoral Research Fellow, German Historical Institute, London) *Indo-British Business Deals and Economic Relations Beyond the Empire (c. 1940-50)*

11.10 – 11.30: Coffee break

11.30am – 12.30pm: Identity, Nationalism and Politics

Chair: Prof. David Washbrook (Emeritus Fellow, St Antony's College, Oxford)

Prof. Maya Tudor (Associate Professor, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford) *We the Hindus: India's Re-imagined National Identity*

Prof. Taylor C. Sherman (Associate Professor, London School of Economics) *A New Type of Revolution: the Development of Indian Socialism, c.1930s-1960s.*

12.30 – 1.30pm: Lunch

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1.30 – 2.15pm: Short Presentations

Chair: Prof. David Hardiman, (Professor Emeritus, University of Warwick)

Shashank Kela (Visiting Scholar, Wolfson College, University of Oxford) *Managing forests: Environmental history, Political Economy and the Forest Department in South India*

Prof. Marcus Banks (Professor, ISCA, University of Oxford) *Photography and Memory Across the Decades: from 'Ranji' to the Present First Thoughts.*

2.15 – 3.15pm: Questions of equality

Chair: Dr. George Kunnath, (Lecturer in Modern Indian Studies, SIAS, Oxford)

Dr. Eleanor Newbigin (Senior Lecturer, SOAS London) *Hindu family law reform 1930s-1950s: the many lives of the Hindu Code Bill.*

Dr. Shabnum Tejani (Senior Lecturer, SOAS, London) *Why Secularism is about Caste: Ambedkar on Inequality and Identity after the Poona Pact, 1932 - 1956.*

3.15 – 3.30pm: Coffee break

3.30 – 5.00pm: Public Policy and Legislation

Chair: Dr. Judith Heyer (Emeritus Fellow, Somerville College, University of Oxford)

Dr. Karuna Dietrich Wielenga (Post-doctoral fellow, SIAS, University of Oxford) *Labour, Law and Politics: A historical understanding of the making of the informal sector.*

Dr. Louise Tillin (Senior Lecturer, King's College, London) *Freedom from Want in India: Planning Social Security for the Post-War World.*

Dr. Cressida Jervis Read (Research Associate, Faculty of History, University of Oxford) *Eradication speculation: visions for the future and continuities with the past in post-Independence India's malaria control programme.*

5.00 – 6.00pm: Final Panel

Chair: Prof. Barbara Harriss-White (Professor Emeritus of Development Studies, Oxford)

Prof. David Hardiman (Professor Emeritus of History, University of Warwick)

Dr. Devaki Jain (Feminist economist and eminent activist, India)

Prof. Matthew McCartney (Director of CSASP, SIAS, University of Oxford)

Prof. David Washbrook (Emeritus Fellow, St Antony's College, Oxford)

Registration: To register for the South Asia Day please **RSVP to Karuna Dietrich Wielenga** at karuna.dietrichwielenga@area.ox.ac.uk.