

# YOUNG SOUTH ASIA SCHOLARS MEET

# 2011

# ENGENDERING AND DEGENERATING SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES

19.- 21. MAY

Thursday, 19.05.2011

Venue: Festsaal, Luisenstrasse 56

06:00 PM

**Welcome Note** by *Michael Mann* / Professor for Culture and History of South Asia at the Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University

**Keynote** "Rethinking a dubious category: Representational activism and new mobilities among 'Muslim women' in India" *Nadja-Christina Schneider* / Junior Professor for Mediality and Intermediality in Asian and African Societies at the Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University

06:00 PM

**Reception**

Friday, 20.05.2011

Venue: Institute for Asian and African Studies (HU) Invalidenstrasse 118, R. 317

09:30-10:00 AM

**Introduction** by *Jana Tschürren* (ETH, Zürich): "Intersectionality: Gender and sexuality, empire and nation in modern South Asian History"

10:00-11:30 AM

**Panel "Gender and Development in South Asia"** Chair: *Manuela Ciotti, IGK*

*Ingvild Jacobsen* (Norwegian University of Life Science, Aas): "Women's security in a post-conflict context (Pakistan: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Afghanistan)"

*Evgeny Kochkin* (Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg): "Gender bias in educational expectations of children from Indian rural areas"

*Farhat Naz* (University of Bonn): "Caste system making women visible and invisible in community based water management: a case study of rural northern Gujarat, India"

11:30-11:45 AM

**Coffee/Tea Break**

11:45-01:15 PM

**Panel "Gender and Politics"** Chair: *Nitin Sinha (ZMO)*

*Patrick Hesse* (Humboldt University): "Liberating Women, defending Tradition: Communist perspectives on gender emancipation in the mid-20th century"

*Mirella Lingorska* (University of Tübingen): "Female ascetics in the Hindutva"

*Shahnaz Khalil-Khan* (Humboldt University): "What accounts for the absence of a concerted Muslim women's movement in J&K?"

01:15-02:15 PM

**Lunch Break**

02:15-03:45 PM

**Panel "Gender and Work - I"** Chair: *Prabhu Mohapatra, IGK*

*Srimayee Dam* (University of Calcutta): "Gender dimensions on 'role-changing': An integrative approach"

*Julia Grünenfelder* (University of Zurich): "The discursive constitution of the 'Pakistani Working Woman'"

*Devika Sethi* (JNU/Göttingen): "'Girl Clerks', 'Lady Officers' and 'Officers' Wives': Women's Employment in the Indian State"

03:45-04:00 PM

**Coffee/Tea Break**



04:00-05:00 PM

**Panel "Gender and Work - II: Capitalizing Bodies, Capitalizing Work"**

Chair: Anne Griffiths, IGK

*Lisa Caviglia (University of Heidelberg): "A feminist geography of sex work in Nepal: Bridging spaces, transnational movement and the body as capital and investment"*

*Sneha Banerjee (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi): "Wombs to-let: Subversive 'work' or exploitation under capitalist patriarchy?"*

05:00-05:15 PM

Coffee/Tea Break

05:15-06:30 PM

**Film and Discussion: "The Women's Centre" (2006)**

*A short documentary by Jesper Nordahl about a Sri Lankan women self-help centre.*

Saturday, 21.05.2011

Venue: Institute for Asian and African Studies (HU) Invalidenstrasse 118, R. 317

09:00-10:30 AM

**Panel "Sexual Identities" Chair: Michael Mann, Humboldt University**

*Manju Ludwig (University of Heidelberg): "The inconsistencies of discourse: The colonial archive on sexuality, sodomy and 'unnatural' behavior in 19th century North India"*

*Cora Gäbel (University of Tübingen): "Homosexuals, prostitutes or transgender? The Hijras in South Asia"*

*Kathryn Lum (European University Institute, Florence): "Equal before God, yet invisible among the Sangat: The discourse on sexuality in Sikhism"*

10:30-10:45 AM

Coffee/Tea Break

10:45-12:45 PM

**Panel "Producing Norms of Conjuality" Chair: Heike Liebau, ZMO**

*Prabhāt Kumar (University of Heidelberg): "Household events' in the late 19th century Bihar"*

*Razak Khan (Free University, Berlin): "Purdah politics: Narratives of princely zenana women"*

*Anja Wagner (University of Heidelberg): "Women, men, couples: Towards a unified ethnography of gender"*

*Fritzi Titzmann (Humboldt University, Berlin): "Gender and mobility: A case study on Gujarati matrimonial media"*

12:45-1:45 PM

Lunch Break

01:45-03:15 PM

**Panel "Gender: Representation and Performance - I"**

Chair: Heiko Frese, University of Heidelberg

*Maritta Schleyer (MPI, Berlin): "Sufi heroines: Gendered emotional styles and female agency in Khwaja Hasan Nizami's writing"*

*Sukla Chatterjee (University of Heidelberg): "Playing on the body: White woman's gaze and the nautch girls"*

*Aishika Chakraborty (Brahmananda Keshab Chandra College, Calcutta): "Gendering performance: The contemporary intervention in Indian dance"*

03:15-03:30 PM

Coffee/Tea Break

03:30-04:30 PM

**Panel "Gender: Representation and Performance - II"**

Chair: Heiko Frese, University of Heidelberg

*Deimantas Valanciunas (Vilnius University): "The mythologized femininity: Gendered identity and representation of a woman in Indian goddess films"*

*Hana Waisserová (Masaryk University, Brno): "South Asian Transnational Womanhood by Lahiri: Re-writing South Asian gender roles?"*

04:30-04:45 PM

Coffee/Tea Break

04:45-05:45 PM

**Round Table with** *Michael Mann (Humboldt University) / Melitta Waligora (Humboldt University) / Heiko Frese (University of Heidelberg) / Heike Liebau (Zentrum Moderner Orient)*