

## **Conference: Crossing Boundaries**

**Department of History, 27-28<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Room No. 6, New Building, Faculty of Social Sciences**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### **Panel 1: Shifting From the Macro History of the Nation: South Asian Middle Ages in the *longue durée***

Chair: Kumkum Roy (Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University)

1. Pankaj Jha (Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi): Society before State: Language, Literature and Power in (Pre-) Mughal Times
2. Rajat Datta (Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University): 'Towards Political Economy of Early Modernity in South Asia: Some Issues and a Framework'
3. Mudit Trivedi (University of Chicago): Of Rubble, Ornament and Conversion: Materiality, Tradition and Belonging in Medieval Mewat
4. Bhairabi P. Sahu and Sunil Kumar (Department of History, University of Delhi): Reading History Beyond the Sanskrit and Persian Cosmopolis

**Tea/Coffee Break 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

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### **Panel 2: Visual Cultures Beyond Borders: Transmissions and Translations**

Chair: Raziuddin Aquil (Department of History, University of Delhi)

1. Seema Bawa (Department of History, University of Delhi): The mother and the goddess: Imagining motherhood in feminine imagery in cross-cultural contexts
2. Parul Pandya Dhar (Department of History, University of Delhi): Gods in crisis: The destruction and restoration of temples and icons in Campā, Vietnam
3. R. Mahalakshmi (Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University): Cultural transactions and negotiations: Situating the Brahmanical iconography at Polonaruva, Sri Lanka
4. Sraman Mukherjee (School of Historical Studies, Nalanda University): Relics in transition: Material mediations in changing worlds

**Lunch 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Panel 3: Ideas, Memories, Practices: Travels and Transformations**

Chair: Seema Alavi (Department of History, University of Delhi)

1. Upinder Singh (Department of History, University of Delhi): Ancient Indian political ideas in an Asian frame
2. Raziuddin Aquil (Department of History, University of Delhi): Sufism in cross-cultural/ regional perspective
3. Gitanjali Surendran (Jindal Global Law School): Buddhist Networks around the Indian Ocean, c 1890-1956
4. Nonica Datta (Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University): The Afghan Script: Imperial Violence, Memory and “Umballa Durbar” (1869)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Panel 4: Literatures, Histories, Sexualities: Breaking Boundaries**

Chair: Anshu Malhotra (Department of History, University of Delhi)

1. Farhat Hasan (Department of History, University of Delhi): The Reformist Project and its Appropriation by Women: Mimesis and Transgressions in Rashidun Nisa's *Reforming Women* (1881).
2. Rakhshanda Jalil (Independent Writer and Researcher): The “Banned” Voice of Muslim Women: Familial and Gender Relations in Rasheed Jahan's *Angare* (1932)
3. Yasser Arafat (Department of History, University of Delhi): Indian Ocean Texts and Sexuality: Sexual Piety and Body Boundaries in the *Shafite Cosmopolis* (1575-1781).
4. Shweta SachdevaJha (Miranda House, University of Delhi): *Tawa'if* as Patron and Performer: Interrogating Agency and Feminist Historiography

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**Panel 5: Writing in the Global Turn**

Chair: Radhika Singha (Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University)

1. Prabhu Mohapatra (Department of History, University of Delhi): Indian Migration in Global History Perspectives
2. Nitin Varma (Humboldt University): Assam Plantation Coolies and Global History
3. Lakshmi Subramanian (CSSS, Kolkata): Responding to the Spatial Turn: Littoral Regions and Connected Histories in Comparative Historical Perspective
4. Rohit De (Yale University): The Kenyatta Trial as an Indian Legal Event

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**Panel 6: Asian Networks in the Age of Empire**

Chair: Upinder Singh (Department of History, University of Delhi)

1. Arup Banerji (Retd. Department of History, University of Delhi): Shikarpuris and Powindas Mediating Textiles for Horses in the Uzbek Khanates
2. Kingshuk Chatterji (Kolkata University): HABL AL-MATIN OF CALCUTTA  
Sayyid Jalal al-din Kashani and the Role of the Expatriate Press in the Mashruteh Revolution of 1906
3. Seema Alavi (Department of History, University of Delhi): The Crisis of Empires: The Indian Ocean Political Culture in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century
4. Chhaya Goswami (Independent Scholar, Mumbai): Overseas Plantation Enterprise: Indian Investments and the Slave Trade at Zanzibar