



## Ireland India Institute Postgraduate Conference on South Asia

26th May 2017

Purcell House, All Hallows Campus,  
Dublin City University, Drumcondra, Dublin

08:00 - 09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 - 10:00 Room: <b>AHCPG02</b>	<p>Welcome and Introduction <b>Prof. Eileen Connolly</b>, Director, Ireland India Institute</p> <p>Keynote Address : <b>'Gandhi, the Gita and Modern India'</b> Speaker : <b>Dr. Faisal Devji</b>, Reader in Indian History, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford</p>

10:00 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 11:45	<b>Morning Session-1</b> (3 parallel panels)
Room: <b>AHCPG02</b>	<p><b>Panel 1 – 'Telling Tales: South Asia through Literary Lens'</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Raahi Adhya</b>, 'An Exploration of Representations of Gender and Sexuality in Thakumar Jhuli (1907)'</li> <li>➤ <b>Shruti Amar</b>, 'Gender, Folklore, and Postcolonial discourse'</li> <li>➤ <b>Gopika Jadeja</b>, 'You Keep the Cow's Tail: Dalit Identity and Literature in Gujarat, Western India'</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Prof. Eugene McNulty (TBC)</p>
Room: <b>AHCPG09</b>	<p><b>Panel 2 – 'Elusive constructions of nation and nation-building'</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Fahmeda Naheed</b>, 'Security Strategies and Confidence Building Measures in India-China Relationship'</li> <li>➤ <b>Akshay Ranade</b>, 'Discourse on 'Nationalisms' – An Indian Counter-narrative'</li> <li>➤ <b>Ditilekha Sharma</b>, 'Hindutva Nationalism and Construction of the</li> </ul>

	<p>Transgender Citizen'</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Kenneth McDonagh</p>
<p>Room: <b>AHCPG10</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 3 – ‘Challenging Structures: Rights and policies in South Asia’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Nita Mishra</b>, ‘Empowering community and the self: a study of lived experiences of grassroots development practitioners in Odisha, India’</li> <li>➤ <b>Rishi Jha</b>, ‘The Politics of Urban Renewal and Rights of the Urban Poor in Mumbai’</li> <li>➤ <b>Tavseef Mairaj Shah</b>, ‘Agricultural resilience-sustainability and food security in South Asia in the context of changes in global climate’</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Prof. Tridib Chakraborti</p>

11:45 - 12:00    Tea break

12:00 - 13:30	<b>Morning Session – 2</b> (3 parallel panels)
<p>Room: <b>AHCPG02</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 4 – ‘The Interplay of Religion and Politics in South Asia’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Minakshi Buragohain</b>, ‘Locating Religion in Contemporary Pakistan and Bangladesh’</li> <li>➤ <b>Kapil S</b>, ‘Social Movements and (Re) Presentations of Hindu Women: Reading the Contestations of (Re) Sanctioning and Adjusting the Erstwhile Hindu Patriarchy’</li> <li>➤ <b>Seiko Okayama</b>, ‘The selection of Muslim candidates to represent political parties in India: An example of the Indian National Congress in Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat’</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Prof. Anjoo Sharan Upadhyaya</p>
<p>Room: <b>AHCPG09</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 5 – ‘Conflict and Concord: Imagining the future of South Asia’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Dr. Sara Dissanayake</b>, ‘Far-Right Extremism in Sri Lanka: National Security Implications and Way Forward’</li> <li>➤ <b>Manjida Ahamed</b>, ‘From social movement to legal reform in International Criminal Law: Responsibility of a State’</li> <li>➤ <b>Manjima Madhuri</b>, ‘The Shahbagh Protests: A New Social Movement in Bangladesh’</li> <li>➤ <b>Raza Naeem</b>, ‘Neither Tragedy Nor Farce: The Contradictions of Bourgeois Democracy in Pakistan’</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Dr Gezim Visoka</p>
<p>Room: <b>AHCPG10</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 6 – ‘I was there: Narrating memories, revisiting history’</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Rahul Ranjan</b>, ‘Memorial Reconstruction of History: Adivasi Women and Landlessness in Nagri, Jharkhand’</li> <li>➤ <b>Mantasha Binti Rashid</b>, ‘Everyday-ness of Oppression and an Identity Consciousness’</li> <li>➤ <b>Sweta Chakraborty</b>, ‘Navigating Identities: Social Biography of Bengali Muslim Women in Kolkata’</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Prof. Eileen Connolly</p>
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13:30 - 14:30      Lunch (will be provided)

14:30 – 15:30 Room: AHCPG02	<p>Keynote Address            : <b>‘Power Play: Clothes and Caste in India’</b></p> <p>Speaker                        : <b>Dr. Meena Kandasamy</b>, poet writer, activist and translator</p> <p>Introduction                 : <b>Prof. Anjoo Sharan Upadhyaya</b>, ICCR Chair Professor, Ireland India Institute</p>
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15:45 - 17:15	<b>Afternoon Session</b> (3 parallel panels)
Room: <b>AHCPG09</b>	<p><b>Panel 7 – ‘Communities in Perspective: Dealing with identities’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Joy Prafful Lakra</b>, ‘State, Industrialization and Changing Adivasi Identity: A study of Jharkhand state in Eastern India’</li> <li>➤ <b>Meenakshi Nair</b>, ‘Negotiating Claims: Authoring Citizenship and Identity in Adivasi Life’</li> <li>➤ <b>Joyashree Sarma</b>, ‘Questions of Identity: Political citizenship and Cultural Dynamics in Assam, India’</li> <li>➤ <b>Marlijn Meijer</b>, ‘Experiences of discrimination among young adults in West Bengal – an intersectional analysis’</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Jean-Philippe Imbert</p>
Room: <b>AHCPG10</b>	<p><b>Panel 8 – ‘Fresh perspectives on South Asia: Reinventing the normative’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Kanagarathinam D V</b>, ‘The Nation Making in the Construction of Medical Identities in Colonial Tamil Region’</li> <li>➤ <b>Areasha Banglani</b>, ‘Decolonizing Education and Empowerment: A Case for Indigenous Knowledges’</li> <li>➤ <b>Radha Kapuria</b>, ‘Between Ridicule and Romanticization: A Genealogy of the Mirasis in Colonial Punjab’</li> </ul> <p>Chair: Prof. John Doyle</p>
Room: <b>AHCPG02</b>	<p><b>Panel 9 – ‘Ways of Seeing: Negotiating Mediated Spaces in South Asia’</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Mohd Tahir Ganie</b>, ‘A Frame Analytical Approach to the Kashmiri Youth</li> </ul>

Accounts about the Kashmir Conflict'

- **Dustie Spencer**, 'Kashmir's Freedom Movement: Exploring the Human Right Frame'
- **Ratan Kumar Roy**, 'Clicking, Commenting and Generating Views: the Notions of mediated politics in Bangladesh'
- **Sreyasi Chatterjee**, 'Exploring Role of New Media, Non-Governmental Organizations and Social Advocacy Groups in Creating Public Awareness and Shaping Public Attitudes Towards GM Food Crops in North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Nadia and Hooghly districts of West Bengal (India)'

Chair: Dr. Eugenia Siapera

17:15 - 17:30      Vote of thanks- Organizing Committee