

2018 January INDAS-South Asia/Martin Chautari International Symposium
“Peaceful Development of South Asia”

Date: January 5-6 (Fri-Sat), 2018

Venue: Himalaya Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

Program

Day 1 (January 5th, 2018)

10:00 Registration

Opening Remarks (10:30)

Speakers: Koichi Fujita (Kyoto University, Japan),
Yogesh Raj (Martin Chautari, Nepal) ,
Minoru Mio (National Museum of Ethnology, Japan)

Panel 1: Democracy, State, and Institution (11:00-12:30)

Moderator: Michael Hutt (University of London, UK)

11:00 Vigilantism in India: New Forms of Majority Tyranny
Kazuya Nakamizo (Kyoto University, Japan)

11:15 Creating Majoritarian Democracy: Communal Tension and
Bharatiya Janata Party in the 2017 Legislative Assembly Election
in Uttar Pradesh
Norio Kondo (Institute of Development Economies, Japan)

11:30 Gendered Anxieties in Nepal’s Foreign Policy after Democratization
Seira Tamang (Independent Scholar, Nepal)

11:45 Comment
Commentator: C.K. Lal (Writer, Nepal)

Discussion

12:30 -13:30 Lunch

Panel 2: State and Religion in South Asia (13:30-15:15)

Moderator: Minoru Mio

13:30 Imagining a Pluralistic Nation: Struggles of Secularism, Toleration, and
Islamophobia in 21st Century India
Peter Gottschalk (Wesleyan University, USA)

13:45 Religion, Culture and Secularism in Indian Discourse of Community/Nation
during Post-Independence Era: With Reference to Kashmir, August 1953
Toru Tak (Kyoto University, Japan)

14:00 When Words Will Not Do: Theravada Buddhism and the Emergence of Violence
Pradeep Jegannathan (Shiv Nadar University, India)

- 14:15 State and Violence in Myanmar: The Rohingya Crisis and its implication on South and Southeast Asia
Kazi Fahmida Farzana (University Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)
- 14:30 Comment
Commentator: Yogesh Raj
- Discussion
- 15:15 Tea & Coffee Break

Panel 3: Democratization and Social Movements in South Asia (15:30-17:15)

Moderator: Tatsuro Fujikura (Kyoto University, Japan)

- 15:30 Human Dignity and Dalit Movements in India
Kusuma Satyanarayana (English and Foreign Languages University, India)
- 15:45 Contesting Justice and Dalit Rights in the Post-Ambedkar Era
Maya Suzuki (Tokyo University for Foreign Studies, Japan)
- 16:00 Homogenization of Social Movement Dynamics under a “Clever” Nepali State, 2007-2012
Lokranjan Parajuli (Martin Chautari Research Institute, Nepal)
- 16:15 Negotiating Inside and Outside: Advanced Locality Management (ALM) and the Civic Realm in Mumbai
Yoko Taguchi (Hitotsubashi University, Japan)
- 16:30 Comment
Commentator: Minoru Mio
- Discussion
- 18:00 Reception (Himalaya Hotel)

Day 2 (January 6th, 2018)

- 10:30 Registration

Panel 4: Peaceful Development and Religious Thoughts in South Asia (11:00-12:30)

Moderator: Mitsuya Dake (Ryukoku University, Japan)

- 11:00 Secularizing Nepali Politics
Bhaskar Gautam (Martin Chautari Research Institute, Nepal)
- 11:15 Rethinking the Buddhist Discourses on Politics and Physical Violence
Tsunehiko Sugiki (Hiroshima University, Japan)
- 11:30 Abdus Sattar Edhi: The Modern Incarnation of a Pacifist Sufi
Tahir Kamran (Government College University, Pakistan)
- 11:45 Comment
Commentator: Akio Tanabe (University of Tokyo, Japan)
- Discussion

12:30 -13:30 Lunch

Panel 5: How Does a Conflict End? (13:30-14:45)

Moderator: Kanak Dixit (Himal Southasian, Nepal)

13:30 The Production of Collectivities after Conflicts in Nepal
Tatsuro Fujikura

13:45 Political Communities of Sorrowing: Living with Loss in Sri Lanka
Malathi De Alwis (International Centre for Ethnic Studies &
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka)

14:00 The Peace Paradox: An Ethnography of Everyday life in Chittagong
Hill Tracts (CHT), Bangladesh
Ranjan Saha Partha (Jahanginagar University, Bangladesh)

Discussion

14:45 Tea & Coffee Break

General Discussion (15:00 -16:00)

Moderator: Seira Tamang

Discussants: Surya Kiran Gurung (Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Nepal)
Kazuya Nakamizo

Day 3 (January 7th, 2018)

Excursion to Kathmandu (possibly Darbar Square, Swayambhunath,
Pashpathinath), Bhaktapur, Patan (Lalitpur Durbar square), Dhulikel
and the office of Martin Chautari

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