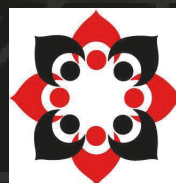


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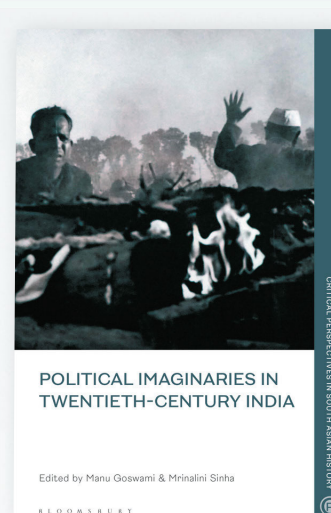
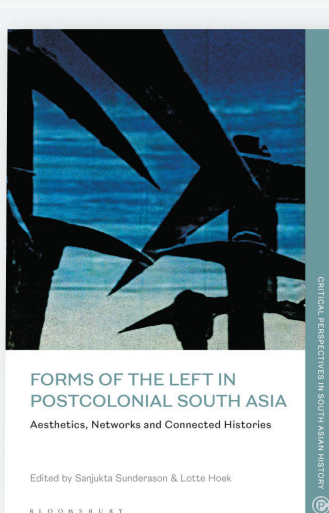
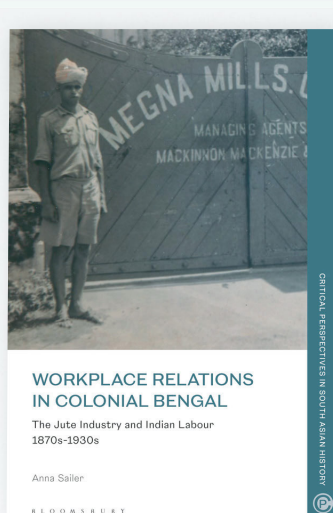
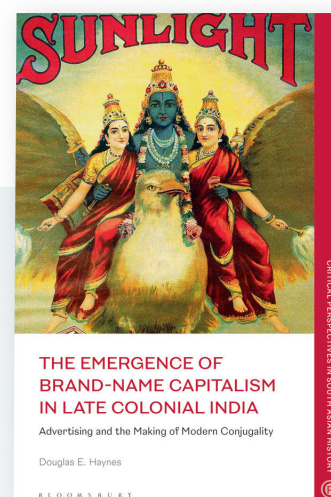
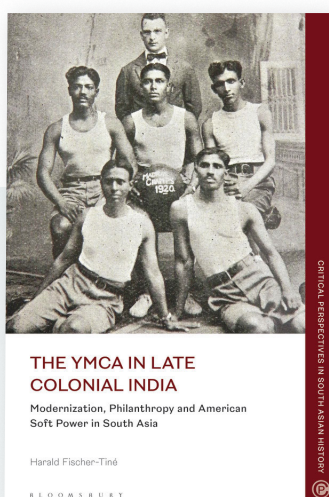
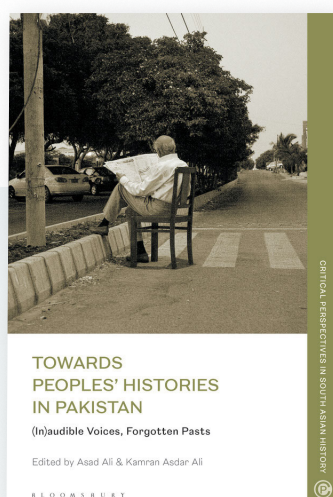
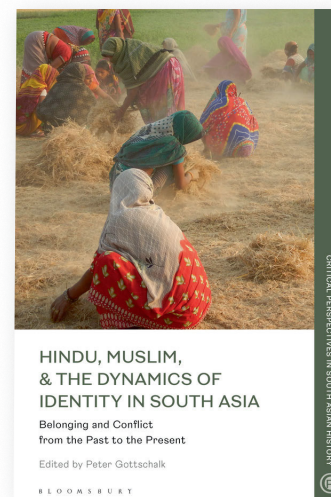
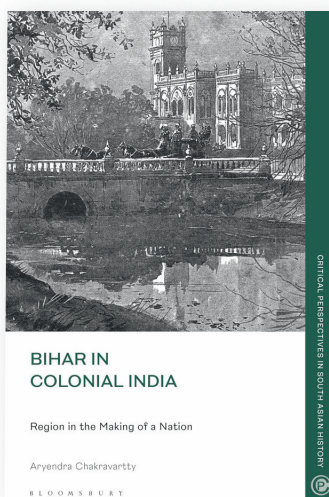
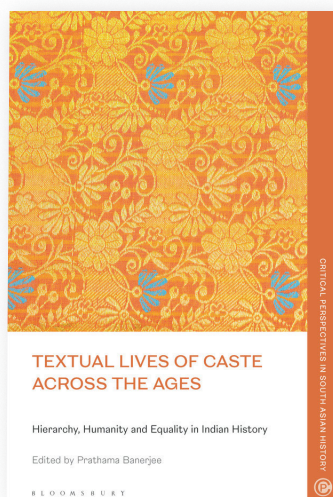
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Flipping the script: Enabling performative classrooms by relocating grammar to pre-class preparation and digital drills	Marina Rimscha	HUJI
Hindi Lipi: A Contextualized Approach to Script Learning	Ritu Jayakar	Pennsylvania State University
From Talking About Hindi to Talking in Hindi: Grammar and the Communicative Approach in Language Teaching	Elmar Josef Renner	Copenhagen University

Panel 2 Borders, Citizenship and Documentation (Day 1 · Panel Slot 1 · 10:30–12:00 · B104)

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Between Homeland and No-Man's Land: Migration, Affect, and Border Fluidity across Bangladesh and Assam	Dr. Udit Banerjee	Assistant Professor of English, VIT-AP University
Changing Forms of Exclusion: The Epistemic Erasure of Karachi's Bengalis	Wakeel Ahmed	Current: Bahria University, Karachi Past: Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha
Triangulated Subjects Passport Bureaucracy, Derivative Personhood, and the Gendered Architecture of Mobility in Late-Colonial India, 1933–1942	Tanmay Kulshrestha	University of Leeds

Panel 3 Care, Reproduction and the Politics of Development (Day 1 · Panel Slot 1 · 10:30–12:00 · B202)

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Political Penalty of Care: Exploring Political Ambition and Mobility through Care Labour	Shreya K Sugathan	University of Hyderabad
Fragile Pathways to Schooling: An Ethnographic Study of Children's Primary Education in Hard-to-Reach Bangladesh	Pronita Dutta	University of Oxford
A Meeting Point for Women Experts: The Delhi Maternity Conference (1927)	Laura Carballido-Coria	Metropolitan Autonomous University-Cuajimalpa

Panel 4 Caste, Labour and Anti-Caste Assertion in History (Day 3 · Panel Slot 8 · 14:15–15:45 · MB C232)

★ Study Group: (*Anti-caste Activism in the South Asian Diaspora SG*)

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Between Varna and Jati: Winners and Losers in Late 19th Century Punjab	Abraham Akhter Murad	University of Oxford
Caste, Labour and Super Structure: Dalit and their Counter-Caste Negotiations in the Occupational Shift	Dr. Neelima Rashmi Lakra; Dr. Dhaneswar Bhoi	University for the Creative Arts; University of Edinburgh
Savitri: The Blazing Torch of Knowledge	Achintya Prahlad	Faculty of Music, University of Cambridge
Patterns of mobility by caste among Punjabis in central Italy: class convergence and status assertion	Annamaria Laudini	European University Institute

Panel 5 Cultural Production, Memory and the Margins (Day 1 · Panel Slot 1 · 10:30–12:00 · B205)

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Blasphemy, Justice, and Citizenship in Contemporary Pakistani Literature, Film, and Television	Maryam Mirza	Durham University
After the Archive: Afghan Songs, Digital Circulation, and the Politics of Access	Wagma Bromand	Folkwang University of Arts

Panel 5 Cultural Production, Memory and the Margins (Day 1 · Panel Slot 1 · 10:30–12:00 · B205)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Lhakar as Cultural Resilience: Memory, Postmemory, and Everyday Resistance in Tibetan Exile	LAKSHMI P	CHRIST UNIVERSITY, BENGALURU, INDIA
Imagining Balochistan in Anglophone Pakistani Writing: Colonial Prefigurings	Madeline Clements	Teesside University

Panel 6 Diaspora, Belonging and Transnational Lives (Day 1 · Panel Slot 1 · 10:30–12:00 · B303)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Walking as Diasporic Inheritance: A South Asian American Auto-Ethnography from the Deep South to the Triveni Sangam	Arjun Dasari	Duke University/Ph.D. in History
Diasporic Belonging: An anatomy of emotions	Tania Saeed	Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)
Curry Delivery: Savoring South Asian Food Culture in Canada	Asma Sayed & Pushpa Raj Acharya	Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Is Seeing Believing? How British-Pakistani Communities React To Online Misinformation About Home From A Distance	Mariam Khan	Goldsmiths

Panel 7 Law, Politics, and the Reconfiguration of Religious Pluralism in India (Day 1 · Panel Slot 1 · 10:30–12:00 · B304)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Caste Across Religions? Religious Boundary-Making and the Scheduled Caste Category in India	Anna-Lena Wolf	Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
From benevolent accommodation to suspicion: the evolving response of the Indian state to Muslim demands for reservations	Julien Levesque	CNRS-GSRL
The Making of a Christian Legal Ecosystem: Responses to Anti-Christian Violence in India	Nidah Kaiser	King's College, London
Beyond State Legibility: Contesting India's New Citizenship Regimes from the Urban Margins	Dilshaad Hossain	Durham University

Panel 8 Narrative Form, Madness and the Uncanny in Fiction (Day 1 · Panel Slot 1 · 10:30–12:00 · B305)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Dreamscapes in the Fiction of Khalid Jawed	Md Faizan Moquim	VIPS-TC, GGSIPU
Unsettling Home: Madness and the Domestic Space in Jerry Pinto's <i>Em</i> and the Big Hoom	Deepanwita Dey	Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai
Revisiting Sara Suleri: Intimacy, Nationalism and Violence	Sarah Humayun	LUMS
Negotiating Power and Poetry: King Harṣa in/and the Sanskrit Literary Tradition	Debdutta Sanyal	Ashoka University, India / School of Liberal Studies and Humanities, UPES Dehradun, India

Panel 9 Caste, Class, and Capitalism: Rethinking labour/anti-caste struggle (Day 1 · Panel Slot 2 · 14:30–16:00 · B103)		
★ Study Group: <i>(Anti-caste Activism in the South Asian Diaspora SG)</i>		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
When Dalits Speak the Language of Class: Janata in the 1930s	Prabodhan Aravind Pol	Manipal Academy of Higher Education
Negotiated Solidarities: Caste, Capitalism and Working-Class Politics in Colonial Bombay	Sumeet Mhaskar	School of Liberal Arts, Bennett University
I shall do as Ambedkar wants me to': Ambedkar, Communists and Dalit Mobilization in 1930s Bombay	Jesus F. Cháirez-Garza	University of Manchester

Panel 9 Caste, Class, and Capitalism: Rethinking labour/anti-caste struggle (Day 1 · Panel Slot 2 · 14:30–16:00 · B103)		
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Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Plantation expropriation and anti-caste future in India	Jayaseelan Raj	Senior Lecturer, King's College London

Panel 10 Colonial Knowledge, Frontiers and Categories (Day 1 · Panel Slot 2 · 14:30–16:00 · B104)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
The Making of Pashtunwali: British Colonial Discourse and the Production of Normative Knowledge	Izhar Ahmed Khan	Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt am Main
Treaties, Surveys, and Maps – Making of the Thar Frontier 1820s-1840s	Paro Tomar	Shiv Nadar University
Making Subjects, Unmaking Citizens: Sovereignty, Subjecthood and the Formation of Sikkim's Borderland Identity	Meghashree Dev	National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.
Disrupting Colonial Power: Land and Subjecthood in Early 20th Century Assam	Tabassum Huq	—

Panel 11 Counting Lives, Contested Truths: The Politics of Numbers in the Re-Making of Contemporary India (Day 1 · Panel Slot 2 · 14:30–16:00 · B202)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Who's Counting? Critical Reflections on the Quantification of Sedition in India	Lubhyathi Rangarajan	SOAS University of London
Algorithmic Justice: The Making and Resisting of the Carceral State in Maharashtra	Monica Sakhrani	The Square Circle Clinic, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
Measured Exclusion: Between Enumeration and Erasure in Electoral lists in Assam	Fariya Yesmin	SOAS
Counting the Dead, Counting the State: Covid-19 Mortality and the Politics of Non-Enumeration in India	Nidah Kaiser	King's College London

Panel 12 Law, Property, Religion and Women's Rights (Day 1 · Panel Slot 2 · 14:30–16:00 · B204)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Contesting Personal Law Across Borders: Minority Women's Legal Mobilisation and Gender Justice in India and Bangladesh	Dr. Maitree Devi	Independent Researcher
Legal Pluralism and Women's Economic Citizenship: How Personal Laws Constrain Women in Post-Conflict Sri Lanka	Gayanthi Ranatunga	Dublin City University
Property, Endowments, and Piety: Muslim Women and the Religious Economy of Care in Waqfnamas	Alina Naqvi	University of Sheffield

Panel 13 Nationalism, Emotion and Anti-Colonial Thought (Day 1 · Panel Slot 2 · 14:30–16:00 · B205)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Witnessing the Hungry Body: Visuality, Aurality and Community Formation in Lahore Conspiracy Case, 1929	Kamalpreet Kaur	University of Manchester
Cultural Narrative of the Nationalist movement in Interwar Madras Presidency	P Srinidhi	IIT Bombay
Rethinking freedom through Bhakti: The Individual and the Social in Ramchandra Shukla and Hazari Prasad Dwivedi	Prachi Gupta	IILM University/Assistant Professor
Minority identity as a site of power: deconstructing the protracted processes of minoritisation in Indian Politics	ZARNAIN MANZOOR	Assistant Professor, Amar Singh College, Srinagar

Panel 14 Reconfiguring Social Movements - Digital Media, Caste, and Hindu Nationalism in India (Day 3 · Panel Slot 6 · 09:30–11:00 · MB C426)

★ Study Group: *DREAMS (Digital Humanities, Emergent AI & Media Theory) SG*

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Social media for social change? Rethinking activism in India in the age of algorithms	Tejas Harad	University of Pennsylvania
Digitisation, Accumulation, and a Recovered History of Women's Education	Sneha Krishnan	University of Oxford
Hindutva's Digital Saviors: Female Political Influencers, Platforms, and Affordances	Sarah	University of Michigan

Panel 15 Women's Writing, the Body and Self-Inscription (Day 1 · Panel Slot 2 · 14:30–16:00 · B304)

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Writing Back' the Body: Autosomatography, Normativity and Narrative Resistance in the Life Writings of Disabled Women in India	Keerthi Moses	English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad
Rethinking 'World Travel': Embodied Knowledge and Decolonial Senses in Malayali Women's Travel Writing, 1930s-1960s.	Devi Perakathu Jeevan	University of Hyderabad, India
Narratives of girlhood and coming-of-age in the Kashmir Valley in Farah Bashir's Rumours of Spring and Priyanka Matoo's Bird Milk & Mosquito Bones	Ayantika Nath	University of Bristol

Panel 16 Work, Skill and Labour in Historical Perspective (Day 1 · Panel Slot 2 · 14:30–16:00 · B305)

★ Study Group: *Labour and Work in South Asia SG*

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Dismissal of Native Cooks from the British Regiment Mess of the British Indian Army, 1863-1945.	Progga Halder	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
Artisans as Ghorwallahs: Mapping Mobility, Skill and Adaptation with the Clockmakers of Bengal and Bombay (1785-1890)	Swagatalakshmi Saha	University of Manchester
Steam, Patriotism, and Subaltern Mobility: Indigenous Maritime Enterprises and the Politics of Technology in Colonial Bengal	Oishi Dhar	University of Hawaii at Manoa
The Journalist as Criminal: Wages and Prisons, Death and Taxes	Ritika Prasad	University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Panel 17 Caste, Capital and the Question of Merit (Day 1 · Panel Slot 1 · 10:30–12:00 · B103)

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Social Stratification in Corporate India: Caste Representation on Elite Firm Boards	Pratyancha	University of Oxford
'Freebies like reservation is not helping India': Meritorious nationalism in negotiating the rejection of caste-based reservations.	Rahul Sambaraju	City, St George's University of London
"Skins called Race; Skins called Caste": Possibilities of thinking comparatively?	Malvika Nair	University of Warwick
Caste by Death: A Philosophical Investigation	JADUMANI MAHANAND	O P JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY, SONIAPT

Panel 18 Digital Care Infrastructures: Labour, Marginality and Platform Politics in India's Covid-19 Crisis (Day 1 · Panel Slot 3 · 16:30–18:00 · B104)

★ Study Group: *DREAMS (Digital Humanities, Emergent AI & Media Theory) SG*

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Online Labour in the Time of the Pandemic: ASHA Worker Platform Solidarities during the Covid Lockdowns	Tarangini Sriraman	King's College London
Infrastructures of Death: Digital Labour and the Politics of Pandemic Care	Nidah Kaiser	King's College, London
Platform Activism: Parallel Infrastructures during Covid-19	Steven S George	King's College London

Panel 19 Everyday Law, Policing and Access to Justice (Day 1 · Panel Slot 3 · 16:30–18:00 · B202)

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Guilty Pleas and Quotidian Injustice: The Experience of the Fair Trial Programme in Maharashtra	Monica Sakhrani	The Square Circle Clinic, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
How to Alienate the Actors? – Revisiting the Approach of Brahmanical Juridical Literature on Actors and Aesthetic Performance (c. 200 BCE – c. 300 CE)	Souradeep Mukhopadhyay	Ph.D. Scholar, Department of History, Ashoka University
Indian law as Global Law: the Colonial Production of Global Indenture as Indian System	Morag Wright	University of Freiburg
Justice for the Invisible: Assessing the Role of Anti-Trafficking Tribunals in Protecting Returnee Migrant Women in Bangladesh.	Mst. Asma Mahmud	M.Phil Fellow at the Institute of Bangladesh Studies, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh and Senior Civil Judge at Bangladesh Judicial Service.

Panel 20 Gender, Marginality and Political Power (Day 1 · Panel Slot 3 · 16:30–18:00 · B204)

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
'Reclaim the Spaces!': Queer Collectives and The Fight for Gender-Inclusive University Campuses in India	Pallavi Pradhan	University of Delhi
Beyond the Zenana: Marginal Working Women as the Visible Representative of Womanhood in Nineteenth Century Bengal	Fairooz Jahan	University of Leeds
From Barber to Gig Worker: Muslim Labour, Gujjar Dominance, and Hindu Majoritarianism in an Urban Village in Delhi	Khawla Zainab	University of Oxford

Panel 21 Hindu Nationalism: Aesthetics and Everyday Majoritarianism (Day 1 · Panel Slot 3 · 16:30–18:00 · B205)

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Saffron Intense: The Aesthetics of Majoritarian Normalization in Contemporary India	Surya Ghildiyal	University of Bern
The Divine Bovine: Investigating Cow Politics in Authoritarian India	Pearl Pandya	Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern
The Hindu Customer Educational Markets, Hyper-Accountability, and the Rise of Bottom-Up Hindutva	Ritika Arora	London School of Economics and Political Science

Panel 22 Kinship, Money and the Everyday Economy (Day 1 · Panel Slot 3 · 16:30–18:00 · B303)

Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Symbolic revival of matrilineal tharavad: A study on kinship, identity, memory and gender among the Thiyya communities in contemporary Kerala	Akhil Unnikrishnan	University of Hyderabad, India

Panel 22 Kinship, Money and the Everyday Economy (Day 1 · Panel Slot 3 · 16:30–18:00 · B303)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Neither Saved nor Wasted: Time and Money among the Birhor of Jharkhand	Joane Marner	London School of Economics
Beyond ‘wife in the colony’: Gendering the Sindhi merchant diaspora in Hong Kong	Radhika Mathrani Chakraborty	University of Manchester
‘Sticky Money’: Debt, Credit and ‘Inverted Bondage’ in an Indian Woodworking Cluster	Thomas Chambers	Oxford Brookes University

Panel 23 Science, Medicine and Colonial Expertise (Day 1 · Panel Slot 3 · 16:30–18:00 · B304)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
From Astrology to Astronomy: Colonial Knowledge and the Transformation of Astral Science	Heena	University of Leicester
The Discontents of ‘Modern’ Ayurveda: Gandhi’s critique of Ayurveda and its histories	Atish Das (Co-author - Dr. Manhar Charan)	Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi
Poetic Anatomy: Reading V.P. Subramania Mudaliar’s “A Poem on the Ox” Against Colonial Veterinary Discourse	Nivedhana Pandian	King’s College London
Between Memory and Measurement: A Re-Reading of Nazhikamani in Travancore.	Noushida KK	University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, Telengana, India

Panel 24 South Asia in the World: Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (Day 1 · Panel Slot 3 · 16:30–18:00 · B305)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Mapping Pakistan as a Bridge State in the Gulf Security Complex	Asma Faiz	Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan
The War Before the War: Kashmir, Pakistan’s Alliances, and India’s Diplomacy before the 1965 War	Mithun Mathew	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
Provenance and Empire: the Toshakhana and the erasure of diplomatic gifts in colonial India	Emma Martin	University of Manchester
Performative Benevolence: When Diplomatic Branding Masks Coercive Border Governance	Chayanika Bhaduri	Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar

Panel 25 Aspiration, Bureaucracy and Institutional Life (Day 2 · Panel Slot 4 · 09:30–11:00 · B103)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
World-Making In the Univers(e)ity: Intimacy, Aspiration and Suspension	Himalika Mohanty	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
Multidisciplinary Approach for Entering the Bureaucracy: Ethnographic Vignettes from The Mecca of Aspiring Civil Servants in India	Debanshu Panwar	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
Data, Disclosure, and (Dis)comfort: Information-sharing processes in India’s Reproductive and Maternal Healthcare System	Jyotirupa Das	University of Edinburgh

Panel 26 Dalit Life-Worlds, Language and the Screen (Day 2 · Panel Slot 4 · 09:30–11:00 · B104)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Urban Ecological Memories: Caste, City, and Dalit Subjectivity in Gujarati Dalit Fiction	Dr Keshabhai Govind Marvada	Centre for Culture and Development, Vadodara
The Living Dead: Linguistic Marginalization in the Poetry of Jitendra Vasava	Mrigakshi Das	Nottingham Trent University
Between the Spectator and the Spectacle : Tamil Dalit Cinema and the Limits of Dalit Visibility	S SIVASURIYAN	Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bengaluru.

Panel 26 Dalit Life-Worlds, Language and the Screen (Day 2 · Panel Slot 4 · 09:30–11:00 · B104)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
“Arrested on Exam Day”: Structural Violence and Criminalisation of Dalit Youth in Northern India	Vaishali Khandekar	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad

Panel 27 Devotion, Text and Premodern Literary Traditions (Day 2 · Panel Slot 4 · 09:30–11:00 · B202)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
(Re)telling Karbala in seventeenth century Gujarat: The life and the afterlife of the Maqṭalnāmāh	Arslan Jafri	Ahmedabad University
Tamil local deities Jainization in Tamil Jain Prabandha Literature	PRAGALADHAN A	JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY
Shamanism and Ancestor worship in Sangam Literature and Shijing Literature	VETRISSELVI A	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Panel 28 Hindu Nationalism, Minorities and Majoritarian Power (Day 2 · Panel Slot 4 · 09:30–11:00 · B204)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
How Hindu Nationalists Reimagine Martyrdom: Studying the Nuh Riots.	Pearl Pandya	Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern
A religious border: The Partition of 1947 and the territorial roots of the Hindu Rashtra	Rahul Sambaraju	City St George's
Majoritarian minority: Political Christians of Kerala and support for BJP	Bipin Sebastian	Northwestern University

Panel 29 Minority Memories: Nostalgia and the Indian Nation-State (Day 2 · Panel Slot 4 · 09:30–11:00 · B205)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Return of the Rebellion: 1857 War of Independence and Indo-Muslim Modernist Fiction	Zehra Kazmi	Research Associate in South Asian Studies, Institute of Ismaili Studies, London
The Fraught Archive: Ephemera, Print Cultures and Digital Nostalgia in the Anti-CAA and Anti-NRC protests	Stuti Pachisia	University of Cambridge
Lonely and Nostalgic in the Northeast	Dr des. Lily Tekseng	University of Cambridge

Panel 30 Representation, Devolution and State Capacity (Day 2 · Panel Slot 4 · 09:30–11:00 · B303)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Does the devolution of power to local governments lead to new legislative career pathways for elected representatives at higher levels? Evidence from Kerala, India.	MOHAMMED SAFVAN K	University of Hyderabad,
Making of state-level politics: Does the ‘absence’ of primary care and elementary education as public goods define political competition?	Priyadarshini Singh	2026-27, Global Public Health Fellow, India- China Institute, New School. USA
Revisiting federalism in neoliberal India: State Assemblage Approach	Jingyi Zhang	King's College London, Department of International Development
State-Society Bargaining Structures and Developmental Governance: Land Acquisition in Kerala and Tamil Nadu	Deepika M	University of Hyderabad

Panel 31 Sovereignty, Recognition and Postcolonial Nation-Making (Day 2 · Panel Slot 4 · 09:30–11:00 · B304)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Different Nationalisms, Two Nation-States? Sheikh Abdullah and the Princely State as a Site of 'Layered' Sovereignty in the Late Colonial and Postcolonial Era	Dr Iffat Rashid	King's College London
Politics of Non Recognition: The Narikuravar Community's Prolonged Struggle for Scheduled Tribe Status in India (1965–2022)	KALIYAPERUMAL M	Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi
Demythifying Indian Nationalism: A Subaltern Perspective Choreographing Absence: Postcolonial Heritage at the Khajuraho Dance Festival	Rajasekharam Mallipudi Mihika Banerjee	Independent researcher University of California, Los Angeles

Panel 32 Water, Extraction and Environmental Politics (Day 2 · Panel Slot 4 · 09:30–11:00 · B305)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Strategic Abeyance and Hydro-Politics: Rethinking the Indus Waters Treaty in a Securitised South Asia	Sayantan Bandyopadhyay	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Whose Development? Converging Ideologies of Dam-building in Pakistan (1960-76)	Selina Bashir	University of Leeds
Residues of Extraction: Coalfield Chronicles in Contemporary Indian Visual Culture	Somrita Banerjee	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
Social Life of Forest Rights among the Gujjar of the Western Himalayas	Noëlle Counord	EHESS, Paris, Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Sociale

Panel 33 Caste, Schooling and Educational Justice (Day 2 · Panel Slot 5 · 11:30–13:00 · B103)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Caste, Childhood and Narratives: Reading Dalit Child in Contemporary Memoirs	Dr. Seema Sarohe; Ruchika Gautam	University of Delhi
Critical Caste Pedagogical Interventions: Teacher Education as Cornerstone	Dr. Seema Sarohe	University of Delhi
Preparing to Belong: Disability and the Struggle for Inclusion in Delhi Schools	Sagarika Pradhan	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
Classroom as Sites of Discrimination and Assertion in Indian Higher Education	Dr. Nisha Dedhwal	Assistant Professor, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College for Women, Department of Education, University of Delhi

Panel 34 Governing the Sacred: The Legal, Material and Cultural Realities of Secularism in Bangladesh (Day 2 · Panel Slot 5 · 11:30–13:00 · B104)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
When Law meets Performative Religion: Constitutional Erosion in Bangladesh	Rokeya Chowdhury	Independent Researcher
Secularism and the regulation of property	Faisal Kamal	University of Utah
The Politics of Plausibility: Context and the Functional Realities of Secularism in Bangladesh	Muhammad Rezaur Rahman	University of Oxford

Panel 35 Language, Literacy and Regional Epistemologies (Day 2 · Panel Slot 5 · 11:30–13:00 · B202)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Learning to Read in Colonial Kerala: Notes while organising a transnational Literary Textbooks/Teaching Archive	Sulthana Nasrin	King's College London/JNU, Delhi
Rajbanshi Literature: Analysing an Evolving Literary Tradition	Shohini Barman	Nottingham Trent University

Panel 35 Language, Literacy and Regional Epistemologies (Day 2 · Panel Slot 5 · 11:30–13:00 · B202)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Red Lights, Buses, Traffic, and Rain: An ethnography of travelling to and returning from work in Amazon Warehouses in India	Suraj Telange	Duke University, North Carolina, USA
Publishing from the Margins and the Production of Regional Epistemologies: A case study of independent presses in Darjeeling hills and Sikkim	Ranu Sherpa	Indian Institute of Technology Mandi

Panel 36 Muslim Women and the Making of Gendered Publics in Modern South Asia (Day 2 · Panel Slot 5 · 11:30–13:00 · B204)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Amongst "Sisters": Devotion and Community in Urdu Print	Rushnae Kabir	University of Pennsylvania
Science Fiction and Horror in Tehzib-e-Niswan: Gender and Literary Genre in 20th Century Urdu Print Cultures	Nudrat Kamal	University of Pennsylvania
Reform as Lived Practice: Mappila Muslim Women and the Pedagogical Worlds of Islamiya	ZIYANA FAZAL	Northwestern University/Doctoral candidate

Panel 37 Northeast India: Borderlands, Recognition and Modernity (Day 2 · Panel Slot 5 · 11:30–13:00 · B205)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Rethinking the Concept of the Urban: Plantation Modernity in Jorhat, Northeast India	Nawal Nagi	The English and Foreign Languages University, Lucknow, India
Tribal entrepreneurs and selfhood: making enterprise culture in upland North East India	S. Seigoulie Haokip	SOAS University of London
State Categories and Everyday Coexistence: Kurmi Mahato, Santal Counter Mobilization, and the Politics of Tribal Recognition in Chotanagpur	Prosanta Sarkar	University of Hyderabad
Schooling the nation in vernacular: Perspectives from a school in Assam.	Odity Barthakur	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Panel 38 Partition, Memory and Narrative Form (Day 2 · Panel Slot 5 · 11:30–13:00 · B303)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Of hidden hilly paths and jungle shortcuts: Escape, Violence, and Partition in a Himalayan Hill Station	Alfisha Sabri	University of Warwick
Navigating Memory and Affect through the Narrative Form in Shahidul Zahir's Fiction	Ashmita Saha	Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur
Rhizomes of Riot: Mapping Communal Violence in The Once and Future Riot	First Author: Abdullah Parwaiz; Second Author: Sharmien Ajmal	Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
Seven Decades and Counting :Intergeneration mobility of a Dalit Refugee Family	Minee Pratiksha	University of Zürich

Panel 39 Populism, Polarisation and Democratic Decline (Day 2 · Panel Slot 5 · 11:30–13:00 · B304)		
★ Study Group: <i>Democracy and Authoritarianism in South Asia SG</i>		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Modified era: Understanding polarisation through support for Modi	Prarthana Puthran	Sciences Po
Victimhood Nationalism and Democratic Decline: Hindutva in Contemporary India	M Sudhir Selvaraj	University of Bradford

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Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Populist Politics in the Pakistani Diaspora: Championing Imran Khan in the UAE	Eeman Ali	Oxford University
India's Rise in the International Arena: Mother India, Ambivalences, and Shifting Gendered Imaginations	Shireen Manocha	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Panel 40 Statelessness, Political Transition and the Nation-Form (Day 3 · Panel Slot 6 · 09:30–11:00 · MB C232)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
From Battlefield to Nowhere: the Non-Transferability of Military Capital in the LTTE	Lola Guyot and Giacomo Mantovan	Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne / Istituto Universitario de Lisboa
Rise of left populism in Sri Lanka: agrochemical ban, Aragalaya and the electoral victory of National People's Power	Upul Wickramasinghe	Durham University
Statelessness and Citizenship, and the Making of Up-Country Tamil Identity in Post-colonial South Asia	Blessy Mathew	University of Hyderabad

Panel 41 Caste, Elites and Electoral Politics in the States in India I (Day 3 · Panel Slot 6 · 09:30–11:00 · MB C325)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
The Making of Uttar Pradesh's New Politicians: The Elite Roots of Inclusion	Gilles Verniers	Sciences Po
Dravidian Politics and Political Elites in Tamil Nadu	Vignesh Rajahmani and Andrew Wyatt	King's College London and University of Bristol
A Double-Engine on Wealth: Entry Costs, Caste and Electoral Power in India	Nirmanyu Chouhan	CSDS - Lokniti

Panel 42 Decolonial Nationhood in India and Beyond: Statecraft, Civilizational Politics, and the New Nation (Day 1 · Panel Slot 2 · 14:30–16:00 · B303)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
The Conditional Hindu Citizen: Theorising political socialization beyond ideological instruction	Saloni Pradhan	School of History, Politics and International Relations, University of Leicester
Decolonizing the Hindu Mind': Authoritarian Populism and the Political Life of Decoloniality in India	Shray Mehta	Northumbria University
Decoloniality and Transnational Hindutva	Dr Edward Anderson	Northumbria University

Panel 43 Ecologies, Species and Coastal Life-Worlds (Day 3 · Panel Slot 6 · 09:30–11:00 · MB C429)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Multispecies Hierarchies in the Sundarbans: Negotiating Fear, Disaster, and Coexistence	Camellia Biswas	Royal Holloway, University of London
Between the State and Fisherfolk: A Political Economy Perspective from Kerala	Anupama S Krishnan	University of Hyderabad
Sepoys Not at Ease: War Veterans and the Anti-Forestry Movement in British Kumaon (ca. 1914–1921)	Shivam Pandey	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India

Panel 44 Print, Periodicals and Reading Publics (Day 3 · Panel Slot 6 · 09:30–11:00 · MB R201)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
“Look at the Sun emerging out of the East”: “Mashriq” in late colonial Urdu print sphere	ARSHDEEP SINGH BRAR	University of Pennsylvania
Vivekodayam and the Malayalam Literary Sphere in the Early Twentieth Century Keralam	Keerthana L.S.	Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, Delhi NCR
Hindi journals, domesticity and ethnicity in colonial Calcutta	Sophie Dieckmann	South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University
Hungry Generation Bulletins: The Art and the Politics of Manifestoeing in a Modern Postcolonial Republic	Sayantani Chowdhury	University of Delhi

Panel 45 Welfare, Platforms and the Digital Economy (Day 3 · Panel Slot 7 · 11:30–13:00 · MB C232)		
★ Study Group: <i>Labour and Work in South Asia SG</i>		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Unconditional Cash Transfers as Social Welfarism in South Asia: Policy Prudence or Fiscal Blunder?	Dr. Nishant Kumar	Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India
Who Gets Through? Gig Workers, Construction Workers, and the Uneven Terrain of Collective Action in Contemporary India	Shefali Jain	National Law School of India University, Bengaluru
Enacting safety in ride-hailing: safety work, vigilance and the labour of mobility	maryam altaf	University of Oxford
Beyond Connectivity: Education, Labour, and Digital Participation among Grocery Retailers in Tamil Nadu	Ajay Chandra Vasagam, Taruni Sanjeyan and Vignesh Rajahmani	Independent Researcher; Independent Researcher; King's College London

Panel 46 Bangladesh: Insurrection, Aesthetics and the State (Day 3 · Panel Slot 7 · 11:30–13:00 · MB C325)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Dynamics of the 2024 Bangladesh Insurrection: Mechanisms and Processes of Mobilization and Demobilization	Shapan Adnan	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
Future evidence: images and the quest for justice amidst the 2024 July Uprising in Bangladesh	Vincent Hasselbach	PhD Candidate, Department of Anthropology, University College London
Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and “Golden Bengal” as an Aesthetico-Political Ethos	Rehnuma Sazzad	School of Advanced Study, University of London
Culture, Capital and Capabilities: Madrasas of Bangladesh	Zahidul Hassan Sajid	University of Oxford

Panel 47 Caste, Elites and Electoral Politics in the States in India II (Day 3 · Panel Slot 7 · 11:30–13:00 · MB C426)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Continuing Political Conservatism or Towards a Slow, Silent Revolution in Rajasthan?	Jusmeet S. Sihra	University of Cambridge
Elite Resistance in Gujarat	Sharik Laliwala and Christophe Jaffrelot	University of California, Berkeley and King's College London
Kerala: Consociationalism and its Limits	Nissim Mannathukkaren	Dalhousie University
Who rules Madhya Pradesh? The other Hindi belt	Christophe Jaffrelot and Shantanu Kulshreshtha	King's College London; University of Melbourne

Panel 48 Extending the frontiers of Hindutva (Day 3 · Panel Slot 7 · 11:30–13:00 · MB C429)		
★ Study Group: Democracy and Authoritarianism in South Asia SG		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Hindutva's Bovine Question: A Regional View from Western India	Kenneth Bo Nielsen	University of Oslo
Inventing Traditions: Revising India's Calendar of National Events	Andrew Wyatt	University of Bristol
Cementing Power: Narendra Modi's Architectural Dynamism and its Implications for Indian Democracy	Simona Vittorini	SOAS

Panel 49 Performance, Ritual and Gendered Embodiment (Day 3 · Panel Slot 7 · 11:30–13:00 · MB R201)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Exploring Power, Divinity & Queerness in Pre-modern Marathi Folk: Understanding figures of Nachya, Jogta, and Bharud	Aditya Patil and Punarwasu Kapgate	SOAS and Birkbeck University of London
Ritual, Space, and the Politics of Belonging: Transgender (Hijra) Practices at the Bahuchar Mata Temple	Dharti Sharma (Co authors: Dr. Barnali Chetia & Dr. Arohi Anand)	Indian Institute of Information Technology Vadodara
Performing Gender: Cross-Dressing and Theatre Praxis in Nupi Shumang Leela	Premmi Wahengbam	Assistant Professor, Royal Global University
Bhakti participants within Brahmanical Patriarchy: Gender, sexuality and respectability in Sapthaham publics	Neelima Mundayur	University of Edinburgh

Panel 50 The State, Constitutionalism and Political Economy (Day 1 · Panel Slot 1 · 10:30–12:00 · B204)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
India's Two Constitutions	Suryapratim Roy	Trinity College Dublin
Trading Political Loyalty: The Political Economy of Aid in Afghanistan	Sarajuddin Isar	—
Digital Technologies, DBTs, and the Political Economy of Welfare Delivery: Insights from India's Flagship Urban Housing Scheme	Moubani Maitra	University of Zurich

Panel 51 Intimate Politics: Marital Relationships and Gendered Political Power (Day 3 · Panel Slot 8 · 14:15–15:45 · MB C325)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Minister, Confidant, and Unacknowledged Husband: Familial Rule in Sikandar's Bhopal	Zara Ismail	University College London
Partners in Politics: Navigating presence, power, and possibility in urban politics in Delhi.	Sumedha Chakravorthy	University of Cambridge
Between Space and Surveillance: Love, Gender, Caste and Technology in Rural Intimacies	Disha K R	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay & University of Edinburgh (Visiting Commonwealth Scholar)

Panel 52 Caste, Purity and the Grammar of Hierarchy (Day 3 · Panel Slot 8 · 14:15–15:45 · MB C426)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Toilet Theory: What Open Defecation Teaches us about Caste and its Explanatory power?	Balmurli Natrajan	William Paterson University of New Jersey
Imposing Caste on Elephants: Interspecies Realm of Hierarchy Building in Kerala, India	Anu Karippal	University of Virginia

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Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
De-brahminising the Sari: When Decolonisation Reproduces Caste	Nikaytaa	Rutgers University
Practising Begumpura: Anti-Caste Education and Reparative Futures	Yuvraj Singh	University of Oxford

Panel 53 Gender, Reading and Intimate Life (Day 3 · Panel Slot 8 · 14:15–15:45 · MB C429)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Making of the Nation's Mothers: Women's Political Memoirs and Identity Construction in Post-1971 Bangladesh	Apabrita Mitra Sarkar	Durham University
"Unruly Readers? : Adolescence, Aesthetic Form, and Political Anxiety in 1970s India"	Anju Parvathy Biju	University of Pennsylvania
Social Media and the Everyday Lives of Young Maldivians	Zura Wafir	University College London

Panel 54 Sound, Sense and Regional Aesthetic Worlds (Day 3 · Panel Slot 8 · 14:15–15:45 · MB R201)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Inculturation in Syrian Christian Performance Traditions in Kerala: Understanding the Evolution of Margamkali	Sijin M George (Author), Dr Kavya Krishna K.R. (Co-Author)	Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi
Malabar–Africa Entanglements: Colonial Military Experiments and the Making of Mappila Muslim Cross-Regional Identities, 1896–1907.	MUHAMMED JUNAID	University of Hyderabad
Culinary Aesthetics and the Limits of the “Palatable”: Producing South Asia in Children’s Literature	Manjari Singh	Galgotias University, Greater Noida, India
Beyond the Fragrance: Rethinking Smell and its Aesthetics in Kannauj's Attar Industry	Rumela Chatterjee	Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence (SNioE)

Panel 55 Localised diasporic Hindu Nationalism (Day 2 · Panel Slot 5 · 11:30–13:00 · B305)		
Paper Title	Author(s)	Affiliation
Managing Mandirs and More: Phatic Labour and Women in the Hindu far-right	Aparna Agrawal	PhD Candidate, University of Oxford
Beyond the Diaspora Metropolis, exploring Hindu Nationalism through circulation, rumour and mobilisation	Syed Fahad Kamal	Independent, SOAS Leicester Inquiry
Conviviality and Conflict: Boundary-Making and Hindu Nationalism in Local Diaspora Contexts	Sasha Patel	PhD Candidate, University of Sussex

SPECIAL EVENTS

DAY 1

11 SEPTEMBER 2026 (FRIDAY)

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FORTHCOMING CAMBRIDGE COMPANION TO INDIAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY

KHALILI LECTURE THEATRE (KLT)

12:00 PM–1:15 PM

Editors: Indrajit Roy, University of York, and Manali Desai, University of Cambridge

In conversation with: Simona Vittorini, SOAS University of London, and Christophe Jaffrelot, King's College London

Join Indrajit Roy and Manali Desai for a panel discussion on the forthcoming *The Cambridge Companion to Indian Politics and Society*. Bringing together interdisciplinary perspectives on the transformations that have reshaped India since 1989, the volume examines changing political institutions, social mobilisation and ideas of India in the context of economic liberalisation, anti-caste politics and Hindu nationalism. Roy and Desai will be in conversation with Simona Vittorini and Christophe Jaffrelot about the volume and the new theoretical, methodological and empirical approaches it brings to the study of contemporary India.

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6:00 PM–7:00 PM

DAY 2

12 SEPTEMBER 2026 (SATURDAY)

BASAS ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING | A DISCUSSION ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM & THE GEN Z MOBILISATIONS

KHALILI LECTURE THEATRE (KLT)

2:00 PM–4:00 PM

The BASAS community will gather for the Association's Annual General Body Meeting, including a discussion on Academic Freedom and the Gen Z Mobilisations.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS | NEW ASIAN KOOL: DIASPORA, MILLENNIAL SOUNDS AND THE SPATIAL POLITICS OF THE ASIAN UNDERGROUND, 1995–2000

KHALILI LECTURE THEATRE (KLT)

4:30 PM–7:00 PM

Chair: Subir Sinha, Director, SAI SOAS University of London

Speaker: Tariq Jazeel, UCL

In this keynote, Tariq Jazeel explores the emergence of the Asian Underground, or "New Asian Kool", in Britain during the mid-to-late 1990s. Through artists including Asian Dub Foundation, Nitin Sawhney, Talvin Singh and DJ Ritu, he examines how music, dance and club culture helped write second-generation South Asian experience into Britain's national story. The lecture reflects on the possibilities of the multicultural moment at the turn of the millennium and its uneasy relationship with the bordering, nationalism and anti-immigration politics that followed, asking what this cultural history can tell us about Britain's political present.

DAY 3

13 SEPTEMBER 2026 (SUNDAY)

PUBLICATION WORKSHOP WITH PUBLISHERS & EDITORS

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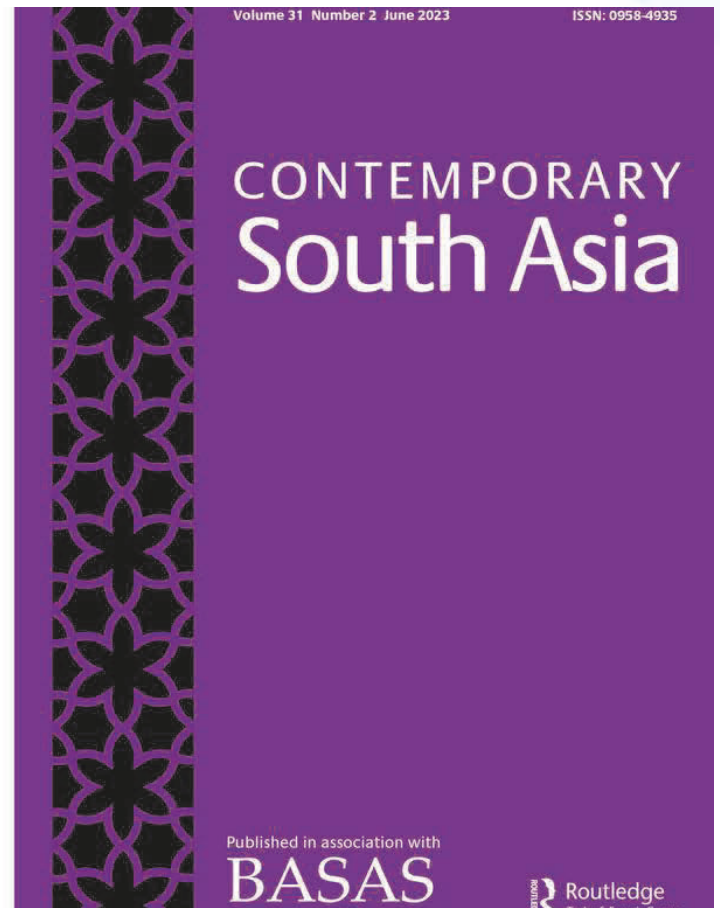
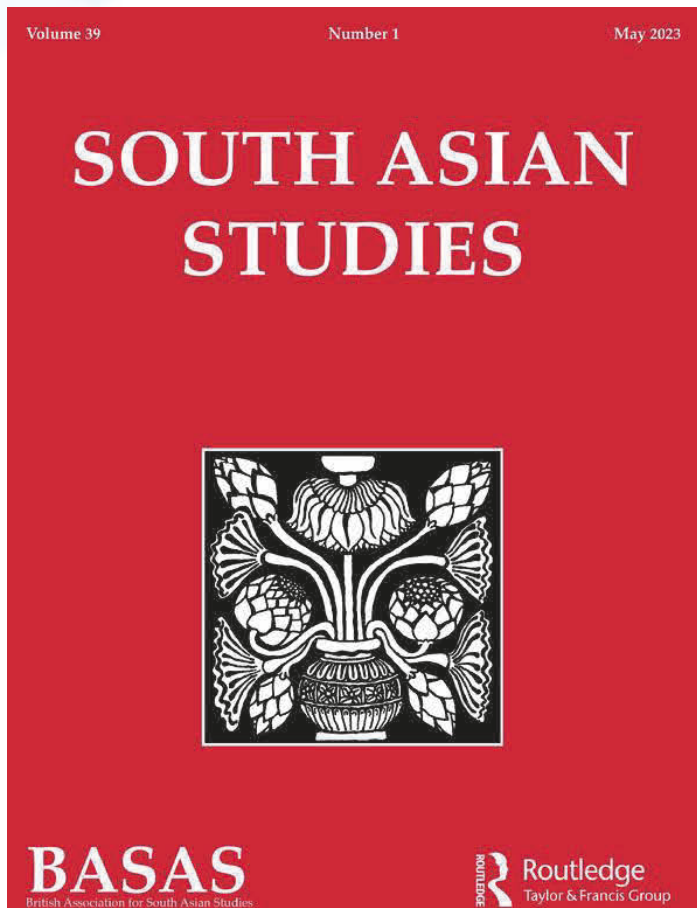
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Moderator: Vignesh Rajahmani

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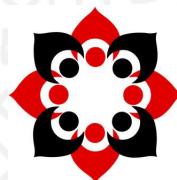
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