

International Conference II

Mountstuart Elphinstone - between Local and Global Forces

Colonial Knowledge, National Histories and Regional Realities in South Asia

20th and 21st April 2017

Conference Schedule

April 20, 2017

SESSION I:

KNOWLEDGE AND GEOGRAPHY OF A GREATER BOMBAY? ELPHINSTONE'S LEGACY

9:00 am - 10:45 am

Jessica Chandras (George Washington University) – “Parallel Prestige Languages: English and Marathi in Higher Education in Urban Maharashtra”

Khalilullah Afzali (Independent Scholar, Director of Bysunqur Research Foundation, Herat) – Making Him “Afghan”: How Afghan Literary and Political Elites Understood Bedil in the Twentieth Century

Ramla Wahab-Salman (Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka) – “Mountstuart Elphinstone and the Mediation of Global Forces and Local Agencies: Colonial Knowledge, National Histories and Public Higher Education in South Asia”

SESSION II:

A KNOWING POWER – BOURGEOIS IDEOLOGY AND COLONIAL SURVEILLANCE

11:00 am - 12:45 pm

Shah Mahmood Hanifi (James Madison University USA) – “Afghanistan as Intellectual Capital in Anglo-American Imperial Knowledge Formations: Comparing Mountstuart Elphinstone’s *Account of the Kingdom of Caubul* and Louis Dupree’s *Afghanistan*”

Prachi Deshpande (Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta) – “Measuring Up: Land Revenue, Native Surveyors, and the State in Early Colonial Bombay”

M M Azizul Islam Rasel (University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh) – “Dutch Perception of the Mughals, Bengal and Assam: A Study of a Seventeenth Century Dutch Travelogue”

SESSION III:

EMPIRE AT THE FRONTIER

2:15 pm - 4:00 pm

Sulaiman Laiq (Academic Advisor to the Academy of Sciences of Afghanistan) – “How Pashto/Afghan Folklores Have Historically Understood ‘Englishman’”

Jawan Shir Rasikh (U Penn) – “Abd al-Hai Habibi’s Use of Henry George Raverty’s Translation of Tabaqat-e Nasiri”

Ghulam Habib Panjshiri (Kabul University, Department of History) – *Tarikh-e Degar Afghanistan: Yad’ dasht Yak Muarikh* (“Other History of Afghanistan: A Historian Note”)

**SESSION IV:
EMPIRE AT THE FRONTIER (PART TWO)
4:15 pm - 6:00 pm**

Hakeem Naim (UC Davis)—“Imperial Intrigue: Britain’s Obstructionism of the Ottoman-Afghan Relations”

Noreen Naseer (University of Peshawar) – “Law, Rights, and Colonial System in the FATA: A Critical Note on the Frontier Crimes Regulation (1901)”

Natashia Irshat Kabir (Jahangirnagar University Bangladesh) – “From the perspectives of Feminism, Colonialism, and Nationalism in South Asia: Saga of British Occupied India”

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6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

Shekhar Krishnan: “From Pathan Menace to Frontier Gandhi: Afghans in Early 20th Century Bombay City”

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April 21, 2017

**SESSION I:
THE POLITICS OF IMPERIAL KNOWLEDGE
9:00 am - 10:45 am**

Spencer A. Leonard (University of Virginia USA) – “The Enlightened Scholar-Soldier-Administrator? Mountstuart Elphinstone’s Debate with James Mill on the Foundations of Company Empire”

Veena Naregal (Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi) – “Translation of Political Economy and the Making of Colonial Disciplines in 19th Century Bombay-Pune”

Mohammad Fahim Rahimi (Kabul Museum) – An Institutional History of the Kabul Museum

**SESSION II:
TEACHING/DENYING EMPIRE/HISTORY
11:00 am - 12:45 pm**

Andi Schubert (Social Scientists’ Association, Sri Lanka) – The Demands of Dutiful Subjects: Democracy, Education, and Negotiation in Ceylon at the Turn of the 20th Century

M. Jamil Hanifi (MSU) – The Absence and Presence of Mountstuart Elphinstone in Kabuli : Elite Writings About Afghanistan

Masuma Nazari (National Archives of Afghanistan) – Archiving and Libraries in Modern Afghanistan: A Preliminary History of Afghanistan National Archives

**SESSION III:
APPROPRIATING THE WEST, DISCARDING EMPIRE
2:15 pm - 4:00 pm**

Shraddha Kumbhojkar (University of Pune) – “The Argumentative Maharashtrians: Chiplunkar’s critique of Lokahitawadi “

Asfand Yar Durrani (University of Peshawar) – Dynamics of Change in Pashto Literature: An Overview of the Plays Written to Support the Freedom Struggle against the British Raj (1929-1947)

Arun Gupta (Institute of Advanced Communication Education and Research Nepal) – “Colonialism, Historical, Memory and Nepali Nationalism”

**SESSION IV:
THE PERSISTENCE OF HISTORY AT THE FRONTIER
4:15 pm - 6:00 pm**

Anu Krishna (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Deonar (Mumbai)) – “State, Settlers and Spice Trade: Understanding the Geopolitics of Cardamom Trade and ‘Tribal Settlements’ in the Cardamom Hills of India”

Syed Sami Raza (University of Peshawar) – “Legal Sovereignty on the Border: Aliens, Identity, and Violence on the Northwestern Frontier of Pakistan”

Shahida Aman (University of Peshawar) – “Colonial Institutions and the Present Transformation in the FATA, Pakistan”

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