

## WEEKLY COLLOQUIUM

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**2016- 17**

Sr. No.	Speaker/Panelist	Institute	Topic	Date
1.	Prof. Amrita Pande	University of Cape Town	Surrogacy, Birth and the Nation : Neo-Eugenics and Birth of a Nation?	April 28, 2016
2.	Dr. Claudia Lang	Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich	The Making of an Epidemic : Depression Multiple and Global Mental Health in Kerala	August 4, 2016
3.	Mr. Sudheer Gupta	Independent Film Maker	Whose biography? How and Why	August 18, 2016
4.	Prof. Siddiq Wahid	Founder and Vice-Chancellor, Islamic University of Science and Technology. Currently Fellow at the Institute Of Chinese Studies (ICS),	Kashmir Today	August 31, 2016
5.	Dr. Johannes Quack	University of Zurich	What does "I am not religious" mean in India and Germany?"	September 8, 2016
6.	Prof. V.Sujatha	CSSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Why women scientists don't make it to the top? : The social and cultural dynamics of exclusion and bias	September 15, 2016
7.	Prof. Raj Kumar	Department of English, University of Delhi	Caste, Culture and Identity: Reading Dalit Autobiographies	Sept 22, 2016
8.	Prof. Sadhana Naithani	Centre for German Studies, SLL&CS, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Individual and Community in Contemporary German Villages	September 29, 2016
9.	Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya	Indira Gandhi National Open University	Reflections on Gender and Disability : Women and Girls with Autism"	October 13, 2016
10.	Dr. L.Lam Khan Piang	CSSS , Jawaharlal Nehru University	Whose Manipur? : Interrogating Communities and Contestations	October 20, 2016
11.	Dr. Ankur Datta	South Asian University	Coming of Age, But Out of Place: Conversations with Displaced	November 3, 2016

Kashmiri Hindu Men				
12.	Prof. Bandana Purkayastha	University of Connecticut	Migrants and Human Security : Contemporary Theories, Abiding Questions	November 10, 2016
13.	Prof. Krishna Menon	School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University	Divine Music-Evil Women : Caste, Gender and Music in the making of Modern South India	November 17, 2016
14.	Anuj Bhuwania	South Asian University	The politics of Public Interest Litigation in Post-Emergency India	February 2, 2017
15.	Prof. Surinder S. Jodhka	CSSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Exclusionary Rural Transformations : Social Dynamics of Caste and Community in the Non-farm Economy	February 9, 2017
16.	Farhana Ibrahim	Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi	Writing the Border : Bureaucracy and Citizenship in Kutch, Gujarat	February 16, 2017
17.	Dr. Sujith Parayil	CMS, JNU	Movie Screening and Panel Discussion on "The Stuart Hall Project"	February 23, 2017
18.	Dr. Bimol Akoijam	CSSS, JNU		
19.	Mekhala Krishnamurthy	Shiv Nadar University	Mandi Times : Rotations and Revolutions in an Agricultural Market	March 02, 2017

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S. No.	Speaker/ Panelist	Institute	Topic	Date
1.	Prof. Vivek Kumar	CSSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	In Search of Indian Modernity	09.04.2015
2.	Dr. Parvathi K. Iyer	Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar	Fact making, Epistemic tensions and the qualification of drugs in a industrial laboratory: Narratives from the Bench	16.04.2015
3.	Dr. Manisha Sethi	Jamia Millia Islamia	Minority claims and majoritarian anxieties: the case of the Jains	23.04.2015

4.	Prof. Sanjay Srivastava	CSSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Violent Castes	06.08.2015
5.	Dr. Tanweer Fazal	CSSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Caste conversion and anxieties of nationhood.	13.08.2015
6.	Dr. Amit Ali	CPS, Jawaharlal Nehru University	From the Rushdie Affair to Charlie Hebdo: A fatwa for Free speech	20.08.2015
7.	Dr. Cathrine Bublatzky	Chair, Visual and Media Anthropology, Heidelberg Centre for Transcultural Studies, Heidelberg	Socio-Political Role of Contemporary Art in India and Beyond	27.08.2015
8.	Dr. Vijaylakshmi Brara	Centre for Manipur Studies, Manipur University	Reading Women Reading Indigenous	03.09.2015
9.	Dr. Ganesh Devy	Chair, People's Linguistic Survey of India, Bhasha Research and Publication Centre, Vadodara	Aphasia, the Future of Memory?	29.09.2015
10.	Dr. Felix Padel	Anthropologist/ Sociologist , Oxford University	Understanding the War on Terror from a sociological/ anthropological perspective: the significance of Kurdish and other indigenous and democratic movements	01.10.2015
11.	Prof. Manas Ray	Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta	Gandhi- Antiliberal or a Departure within liberalism? (Reflections on self making as political technology)	08.10.2015
12.	Prof. Jules Naudet	Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, New Delhi	The three worlds of Indian capitalism revisiting the owner/ manager opposition through an analysis of the social space of Indian top CEOs and Chairperson	15.10.2015
13.	Prof. Nivedita Menon	Centre for Comparative Politics and Political theory, Jawaharlal Nehru University	Women's Rights to Land and the challenge of the commons	29.10.2015
14.	Dr. Aparna Devare	University of Hyderabad	Exploring Modern temporality, history and beyond: A comparative analysis of Giambattista Vico and Jyotica Phule	02.11.2015
15.	Dr. Kiran Polit	South Asia Institute, Universit of Heidelberg, Germany	Reproductive technology, Gender and bereavement in Germany	05.11.2015

16.	Dr. Miling Wakankar	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	Anti-brahmin polemic, christianity and primitive nihilism, Late 19 C Western India	12.11.2015
17.	Dr. Maan Barua	School of Geography, and Environment, University of Oxford	Lively commodities , nonhuman labour, encounter value	28.01.2016
18.	Prof. Harish Naraindas	Centre for study of Social Systems, JNU	Sacralising the foetus :the Birth of the unborn person in the Anglophone world	04.02.2016
19.	Dr. Gitika De	Hindu college, Delhi University	Ontology of information as a right in the Right to information movement in India	11.02.2016
20.	Prof. Felix Padel	Visiting Professor, CSSS, JNU	Liberating female-centric forms of knowledge and action to transform society	18.02.2016
21.	Prof. Saurabh Dube	Centre for Asian and African Studies, El Colegio de Mexico	Mirrors of Modernity	25.02.2016
22.	Dr. Ramesh Bairy	Department of Humanities, and Social Sciences, IIT Bombay, Mumbai	The Impure worlds of caste today: Thinking with AoC	03.03.2016
23.	Dr. Sukanaya Sarbadhikary	Presidency University, Kolkata	The body mind challenge : Indian religious thought and problems of translation	10.02.2016
24.	Dr. Sadhana Naithani	Centre of German Studies, JNU	Narrating Germany time , space and German village	17.03.2016
25.	Ms. Cheryl Deutsch	University of California, Irvine	Cultures of Expertise in the Rise and Fall of Delhi's Bus Rapid Transit system	31.03.2016.
26.	Dr. Gaurav Deka	Tasso Institute , Netherlands	From Dissection Tables to Past Lives: On Medicine and he Humanities	07.04.2016

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1.	Dr. Soumyabrata Choudhury	School of Arts and Aesthetics, JNU	Ambedkar in Ancient Greece : A Comparative Perspective on Caste, Debt and Graded Sovereignty	17 <sup>th</sup> April, 2014
2.	Dr. Murphy Halliburton	Department of Anthropology, Queens College and the Graduate Center, CUNY	Family, Work and Snehama : Explaining Recovery from Schizophrenia in Kerala	07 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015
3.	Dr. Pushpesh Kumar	University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	Religion, Modernity and Erotic Sensibilities	21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2014
4.	Dr. Mahuya Bandyopadhyay	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	Deviation and Limitations of (Prison) Ethnography : Reflections on Fieldwork in an Indian Prison	28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014
5.	Sh. Dadi Padumjee	Director, Ishara Puppet Theatre Trust, & President, UNIMA International de la Marrisonette)	The World of Puppets, Entertain, Educate and Change	04 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014
6.	Prof. Paul Greenough	University of Iowa, USA	Epidemiological Surveillance vs Popular Mobilization : The Cold War Launch of a Public Health Controversy in South Asia	18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014
7.	Dr. Nayanika Mathur	British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellow Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	The Reign of Terror of the Big Cat : Bureaucracy and the Mediation of Social Times in the Uttarakhand Himalaya	09 <sup>th</sup> October, 2014
8.	Dr. Jan Beek	Researcher, AFRASO, Goethe-Universitat Frankfurt	Cyber Fraud and Policing : From Africa to India	30 <sup>th</sup> October, 2014
9.	Dr. Geeti Sen	Art Historian and Writer, Author of "Feminine Fables, Imaging the Indian Woman in Painting, Photography and Cinema" (2002)	Reclaiming the Body : Women's Narratives in Contemporary Art	05 <sup>th</sup> November, 2014
10.	Dr. Amit Prasad	University of Missouri-Columbia	Labour, Actor Network Theory, and Postcolonial Science Studies :	13 <sup>th</sup> November, 2014

		Have They Been Too Hasty in Dismissing Euro/West-Centrism		
<b>II.</b>	Dr. Brahma Prakash	School of Arts and Aesthetics, JNU	Reconfiguring Myth through Time, Space and Genre : Labour of Love and Desire for Chaste in the myth of Reshma-Chuharmal	20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2014
<b>12.</b>	Dr. Rajarshi Dasgupta	Centre for Political Studies, JNU	The Games of Truth in Communist Politics	15 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015
<b>13.</b>	Prof. Gabriele Alex	Director, Asia-Orient-Institute Eberhard Karls University Tuebingen	Re-ordering Processes in the Field of Humanitarian Aidwork : Negotiating Between Local and Global Concepts and Practices	22 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2015
<b>14.</b>	Prof. Alice Rangel De Paiva Abreu	Professora Emerita, Universidade Federal Do Rio De Janeiro	Women and Science in Brazil : Successes and Remaining Challenges for Gender Equality in the Knowledge Society	29 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015
<b>15.</b>	Prof. Avatthi Ramaiah	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	Development in Caste Society	30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2015
<b>16.</b>	Dr. Meena Khandelwal	University of Iowa, USA	Decolonial Pedagogy for Environment and other Urgent Matters	5 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015
<b>17.</b>	Dr. Shireen Mirza	Indian Institute of Technology-Madras	Urban Aspirations and Transcendental Moorings : Ethnography of Associational Life in Mumbai's Urban Peripheries	12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015
<b>18.</b>	Prof. Ari Sitas	University of Cape Town	Beyond Relativism	19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015
<b>19.</b>	Prof. Roger Jeffery	South Asia, University of Edinburgh	Clinical Trials in South Asia : Building a Knowledge Society	26 <sup>th</sup> February, 2015
<b>20.</b>	Dr. Alito Siqueira	University of Goa	Learning is Recovering : Towards a Pedagogy for Inclusion	5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015
<b>21.</b>	Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma	Tezpur University, Tezpur	Dams, Development and Environment : Experiences from Northeast India	12 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015
<b>22.</b>	Dr. Sonam Wangchuk	Founder, SECMOL (Students Educational and Cultural movement of	Making Sense of Education in High Himalayas... and the World	13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015

		Ladakh)		
23.	Prof. Carol Upadhya	National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore	Speculating on Development : Transnational Circuits of Accumulation in Coastal Andhra	17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015
24.	Prof. John Harris	Simon Fraser University, Vancouver	What's Happened to the Rich Famers? Political Economy of Indian Agriculture Revisited	26 <sup>th</sup> March, 2015

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1.	Dr. Gernot Saalman	DAAD Visiting Fellow, Albert Ludwig University, Freiburg, Germany	The Relevance Of Marx, Weber And Durkheim Today	4 <sup>th</sup> April, 2013
2.	Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya	Assistant Professor, IGNOU	Gender, Disability And Care	5 <sup>TH</sup> April, 2013
3.	Dr. Anindyo Roy	Colby College, Maine, USA	Savage Pursuit: Colonialism, Missionary Power And The Promise Of Modernity In E.M.Forster's 'A Life To Come'	8 <sup>TH</sup> April, 2013
4.	Prof Siva Umapathy	J C Bose Fellow, Indian Institute Of Science, Bangalore	Challenges In Experimental Scientific Research	10 <sup>th</sup> April, 2013
5.	Prof. Sasheej Hegde	University Of Hyderabad	Speaking Of Critical Pedagogy: The Textbook Cartoon Controversy Revisited	12 <sup>th</sup> April, 2013
6.	Dr. Santosh Kumar Singh	Dr. Ambedkar University, Delhi	Train To Bengumpura: Understanding Of The Dynamics Of Ravidassia Articulation In Punjab	15 <sup>th</sup> April, 2013
7.	Mythri Prasad-Aleyamma	Researcher, French Institute Of Pondicherry,	Qualifying Quantities : The Culture Of Wages In	25 <sup>th</sup> April , 2013

		Puducherry	Kochi,Kerala	
8.	Dr. James Staples	Brunel University, Anthropology,UK	Philanthropy And Disability In South India: Nuancing The 'Charity Model'	29 <sup>th</sup> July, 2013
9.	Dr. Nida Kirmani	Sociologist, Lahore University Of Management Science, Lahore	Questioning The Muslim Woman Space, Identity And Insecurity In An Urban Indian Locality	1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2013
10.	Prof. Gopal Guru, Prof.Maitrayee Chaudhuri and Prof. Edward A. Rodrigues	Professors From CPS & CSSS	Critical Pedagogy And Practice Of Sociology : A Tribute To Sharmila Rege	8 <sup>th</sup> August, 2013
11.	K. Satyanarayana	EFL University, Hyderabad	Marx,Lohia And Ambedkar: The Varied Ideological Legacies Of Dalit Activism In South India	29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2013
12.	Dr. Mohita Bhatia	CSDE/SSS/JNU	Politics Of Conflict And Marginalisation: Dalits In Jammu And Kashmir	19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2013
13.	Prof. Janaki Nair	CHS/SSS/JNU	The Life Of The Law : Matha Courts In Karnataka	3 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2013
14.	Prof. R. Indira	Chairperson, Department Of Studies In Sociology, University Of Mysore	Eco-Tourism In Western Ghats: Who Gains And Who Loses?	4 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013
15.	Dr. Arshad Alam	CSSS/SSS/JNU	Understanding Madrasas	10 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013
16.	Dr. Gurnam Singh	Principal Lecturer In Social Work Coventry University, Conventry ,UK	Cultural Pluralism And Universalism : Dilemmas Of Developing Public Policy In Multi-Ethnic Societies	13 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013
17.	Dr. Milind Wakankar	Ambedkar University, Delhi	Caste As Character: Modes Of Individuation In The Indo-Islamic Millennium	17 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013
18.	Prof. D. N. Dhanagare	National Fellow,Indian Institute Of Advance Studies,Shimla	Debates And Discourses In Indian Sociology :The Lacking Tradition	24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013
19.	Dr. Ananya Vajpeyi		B.R.Ambedkar : Writing The Life	31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2013
20.	Prof. Anthony F. Heath,FBA CBE	Professor Emeritus Nuffield College, Oxford University	Social Stratification In The Indian Diaspora	19 <sup>th</sup> November, 2013
21.	Prof. Sheena Jain	Department Of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia	From Words To The World: Reading Bourdieu Today	21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2013
22.	Prof. Sanjay K. Roy	University Of North Bengal,	Identity Movement Of The	6 <sup>th</sup> February,

		Darjeeling	Adivasis In Dooars And Terai Regions Of North Bengal : The SAGA Of Alienation ,Autonomy And Integration	2014
23.	Prof. Frederic Vandenberghe	Institute Of Social And Political Studies (IESP)	What's Critical About Critical Realism?	7 <sup>th</sup> February, 2014
24.	Dr. Devesh Vijay	Zakir Husain Delhi College & Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum And Library	Livelihoods In Transition : Long Term Comparisons From A Village And A Slum In The National Capital Region	13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2014
25.	Prof. Christoph Wulf	Anthropologist , Freie University Berlin	Anthropology Of Globalised Human Being	20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2014
26.	Dr. Subha Ranganathan	Indian Institute Of Technology Hyderabad	Credibility Discourses In Temple Healing : Some Questions From Mahanubhav Shrines In Maharashtra, India	6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2014
27.	Prof. Sujata Patel	Hyderabad Central University	Theorizing Modernity : Critical Reflections From The History Of Indian Sociology	13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2014
28.	Dr. Michele Friedner	MIT, USA	An Open Discussion On The RPD Bill : Activism And Contentious Politics	20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2014
29.	Dr. Michele Friedner	MIT, USA	New Disability Mobilities And Accessibilities In Urban India	21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2014

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1.	K.V. Cybil	ICSSR Fellow, CSSS, SSS, JNU	Ethnography of Anti-Caste Writing: What is Dalit Literature?	16th August 2012
2.	Vivek Kumar	Associate Prof. CSSS, SSS, JNU	The New Dalit Diaspora	20th September 2012
3.	A. Bimol Akoijam	Associate Prof. CSSS, SSS, JNU	Contemporary Life and Search for a Congruent Self Reflections on Alienation	27th September 2012
4.	Vivek Kumar	Associate Prof. CSSS, SSS, JNU	Elections In America: A Sociological Analysis	4th October

				2012
5.	Akhlaq Ahan	Asst. Prof., Centre of Persian & Central Asian Studies, JNU	Social Concerns in Poetry of MD. Iqbal and Faiz Ahmad Faiz	11th October 2012
6.	Ajay Kumar	Asst. Prof. Group of Adult Education, JNU	Literacy Studies: Expanding Multidisciplinary Horizons	18th October 2012
7.	Ven. Geshl Damdul Dorji	Director, Tibet House, New Delhi	Relevance of Buddhist Thought Today	25th October 2012
8.	Maitrayee Chaudhuri	Professor, CSSS	Sociology at JNU : Mapping 40 years of CSSS	
9.	Parimala Rao	Asst. Prof. Zakir Hussain Centre for Education Studies SSS, JNU, New Delhi	Debates On Mass and Compulsory Education in India 1840-1920	8th November 2012
10.	Sofia Triliva	Assoc. Prof. Deptt. of Psychology, University of Crete, Greece	Anti-Racism Pedagogy and Praxis in Schools	17th January 2013
11.	Vandana Chaudhry	Asst. Prof. of Social Work at The City University of New York-College of Staten Island	Neoliberal Indian State and Disability: Paradox of Participatory Development	21st January 2013
12.	(Des) Christos Varvantakis	Faculty, Frie University, Berlin, Germany	Visual Anthropology: Ethics and Aesthetics of the Anthropological Image	22nd January 2013
13.	Biswajit Das, Debal Singha Roy, (Des) Christos Varvantakis	Prof. Jamia Millia, Prof. IGNOU, Faculty Frie University, Berlin, respectively	Exploring Digital Media Worlds in Delhi and Beyond	24th January 2013
14.	Patrick Heller	Prof. of Social and International Studies at Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University	Binding the State: State Capacity and the Democratic Deficit in India	24th January 2013
15.	Michael Burawoy	Prof. University of California - Berkeley	Can the Subaltern Speak? Bourdieu vs. Gramsci	29th January 2013
16.	Ari Sitas	Prof. University of Cape Town, South Africa	Narrative, Allegory and Sociological Dialogue in a Globalizing World	31st January 2013
17.	Mridula Koshy	Writer	Images, Imagination and Narratives	7th February 2013
18.	Edward A Rodrigues, Vivek Kumar, A. Bimol Akoijam, G. Srinivas	Faculty CSSS/SSS, JNU	Intellectuals' Sensitivity and Knowledge Production	21 <sup>st</sup> February 2013
19.	Rudolf C. Heredia	Director Department of Research, Author	Taking Sides: Reservation Quotas and Minorities Rights in India	21th February 2013

20.	Achyut Chetan	Faculty SKM University, Dumka, Jharkhand	Women at the Founding: The Mothers' of the Indian Constitution	28th February 2013
21.	Akhlaque Ahmad 'Ahan'	Faculty Centre of Persian and Central Asian Studies, JNU	Persian Tradition and Modernity in India	7th March 2013
22.	Ajay Bhardwaj	Director,, Documentary Film Maker	The Punjab Trilogy	9th to 10th March 2013
23.	Akos Ostor	Emeritus Prof. of Anthropology and Film Studies, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut	Esthetics and Ethnography in Collaborative Docu-mentary Film Making	21st March 2013
24.	(Des) Christos Varvantakis	Faculty, Frie University, Berlin, Germany	Visual Anthropology: Ethics and Aesthetics of the Anthropological Image	22nd January 2013
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