

Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), Department of History
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SPACE, CAPITAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY IN SOUTH ASIA

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DAY ONE: 24 JUNE 2010

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE (8.30-9.00)

INTRODUCTION (9.00-9.30)

Space, capital and social history in South Asia: opening a debate
Ravi Ahuja, CeMIS, Department of History, Göttingen

INDUSTRIAL SPACES I (9.30-10.50)

Railways and the production of colonial Lahore
Ahmad Azhar, CeMIS, Department of History, Göttingen

The spatial dialectics of industrialisation and segregation: South African notes on biopolitics and the materiality of space
Sharad Chari, London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Geography

COFFEE BREAK (10.50-11.00)

INDUSTRIAL SPACES II (11.00-13.00)

Bata comes to Bengal: building a Czech company town in late colonial India
Ian Petrie, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA

The emergence and decline of bureaucratic paternalism: managerial policies in an Indian public sector firm

Dilip Subramanian, CNRS/EHSS Paris

Remaking the boundaries between 'home' and the 'world': The spatial imaginary and practices of Indian factory women

Jayati Lal, University of Michigan, Institute for Research on Women and Gender

LUNCH BREAK (13.00-14.00)

CONCEIVING URBAN SPACE (14.00-16.00)

Urban imaginaries and Hindi satire in colonial India

Prabhat Kumar, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg

Describing possession: measuring, mapping and 'narrating' property in Colonial Delhi, 1860-1910

Anish Vanaik, University of Oxford, Faculty of History

Control of space and the space of control: the planner and the nation in working class areas of Lahore, 1947-1988

Anushay Malik, School of Oriental and African Studies, Department of History, London

COFFEE BREAK (16.00-16.30)

APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTROL OF URBAN SPACE I (16.30-18.00)

Towards greater Bombay: suburban space and municipal governance in Bombay, 1900-1960

Nikhil Rao, Wellesley College, Department of History, Wellesley, USA

State and 'informal' governmentalities and urban space in Ayub's Pakistan

Markus Daechsel, Royal Holloway College, Department of History, London

DAY TWO: 25 JUNE 2010

APPROPRIATIONS AND CONTROL OF URBAN SPACE II (9.00-11.00)

Conflict, appropriation, and the evolution of urban space in Calcutta since 1947

Sukanya Mitra, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Centre for Historical Studies, New Delhi

Making the global city: Citizenship at the margins of Delhi

Ursula Rao, University of New South Wales, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Sydney, Australia

Spatial freeze: the case of sealing and the traders of Delhi

Diya Mehra, University of Texas, Austin/Centre de Sciences Humaines Delhi

COFFEE BREAK (11.00-11.10)

POLITICS OF SPACE I (11.10-13.10)

Land and power: the politics of space in the Punjab Canal Colonies, 1886-1926

Hassan Javid, London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Sociology

The city, its streets, and its workers: The plague crisis in Bombay, 1896-1898'

Aditya Sarkar, CeMIS, Department of History, Göttingen

Re-visiting Girangaon: exploring the social, political, cultural and spatial boundaries

Sumeet Mhaskar, University of Oxford, Department of Sociology

LUNCH BREAK (13.10-14.10)

POLITICS OF SPACE II (14.10-15.30)

Imagining history: accounts of urban Naxalite activism in India

Henrike Donner, London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Anthropology

Gokak Agitation (1980s):

Culture industry, cultural economy and the migrant at the centre of politics

P. Radhika, Centre for the Study of Culture & Society, Bangalore

COFFEE BREAK (15.30-16.00)

INFRASTRUCTURES AND SPACE (16:00-18.00)

KEYNOTE:

Spatial Theory and Spatial Realities: railway-enabled transformations in the making/remaking of Bombay and western India, circa 1853-circa 1936

Ian J. Kerr, University of Manitoba, Department of History, Winnipeg, Canada

Palanquin bearers, travellers and the rules of the road

Chitra Joshi, Indraprastha College, University of Delhi

Simply a matter of waking up their souls? Roads, connectivity, and human life

Dhivya Janarthanan, School of Oriental and African Studies, Department of Anthropology, London

DAY THREE: 26 JUNE 2010

SPACES AND COMMODITIES I: TEA (9.00-10.20)

Searching tea, searching labour: natives, imported labour and the inauguration of plantation production of tea in Assam

Nitin Varma, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg

Commodification of tea: arrival of British capital in Assam and opening up of plantations, mid-nineteenth century

Rana Behal, Deshbandu College, University of Delhi/International Research Centre "Work and Lifecycle", Humboldt University, Berlin

COFFEE BREAK (10.20-10.40)

SPACES AND COMMODITIES II: PETROLEUM (10.40-12.00)

Petroleum in the age of imperialism: Assam in the colonial era

Arupjyoti Saikia, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India

Markets as social spaces: Capital, social history and the creation of a kerosene oil market in South Asia, c. 1900-1930s

Stefan Tetzlaff, CeMIS, Department of History, Göttingen

LUNCH BREAK (12.00-13.00)

SPACES OF CAPITAL AND THE RURAL (13.00-14.20)

Flexible spaces: social and economic relationships in *diara* lands and Gangetic India

Nitin Sinha, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin

Enclosing land, enclosing Adivasis: colonial agriculture and Adivasis in Central India, 1853-1948

Bhangya Bhukya, Osmania University, Department of History, Hyderabad (India)

COFFEE BREAK (14.20-14.40)

SPATIAL MOBILITY (14.40-16.40)

**Intercultural encounters between European and Asian sailors of the Dutch East India Company
(1600-1800)**

Matthias van Rossum, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Regulation of spatial movement of labour in colonial India 1800s-1920s

Prabhu P. Mohapatra, University of Delhi, Department of History

**Globalizing the local – localizing the global. Spatial mobility between transnational corporate
strategies and the local reproduction of labour power**

Nicole Mayer-Ahuja, Soziologisches Forschungsinstitut, Göttingen

CLOSING SESSION (16.50-18.00)

Space, capital and social history: A Brazilian perspective

Marcelo Badaró Matto, Universidad Federal Fluminense, Rio de Janeiro

Plenary discussion

Summary note

Marcel van der Linden, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam

Sunday, 27 June, 9.30-17.00

Excursion and guided tour to Duderstadt on forced labour in Nazi period Lower Saxony

(Günther Siedbürger, History Workshop Duderstadt

Lisa Grow, History Workshop Göttingen)