

## International Workshop

# The Politics of Poverty and the Politics of the Poor in Modern South Asia

6-8 July, 2011, Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), University of Göttingen

Venue: Akademie Waldschlösschen, Reinhausen (near Göttingen)

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### *Day 1 – July 6, 2011*

#### Introduction

9:00-9:30 Aditya Sarkar (CeMIS, Göttingen University)

#### Session 1: The Dynamics of Social Policy

9:30-10:15 Ravi Ahuja (CeMIS, Göttingen University/IGK Work and Lifecycle, Berlin)  
*The age of labour in Indian politics. Contours and three elements of India's mid-twentieth-century cycle of social regulation*

10:15-11:00 Jan Breman (Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam)  
*From exploitation to protection? The impact of the social security bill for informal sector workers, report of a field study*

11:00-11:15 Coffee

11:15-12:00 Prabhu Mohapatra (Department of History, University of Delhi/IGK Work and Lifecycle, Berlin)  
*Towards a history of social regulation of labour in India*

12:00-12:45 Parimala V. Rao (Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)  
*'Promiscuous crowd of English smatterers': the 'poor' in the colonial and nationalist discourse on education in India, 1835-1935*

12:45-1:45 Lunch

#### Session 2: Cities, Claims and Contestations

1:45-2:30 Kamran Asdar Ali (Department of Anthropology, University of Texas, Austin/Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin)  
*Women, Work and Public Spaces: Conflict and Co-Existence in Karachi's Poor Neighborhoods*

2:30-3:15 Solomon Benjamin (National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore)  
*The invisibilities of cities*

3:15-4:00 Bhuvanewari Raman (French Institute of Pondicherry, Puducherry)  
*Contestations over Urban Space and the Politics of the Poor in Indian Cities*

4:00-4:15 Coffee

### Session 3: Politics of Movements

- 4:15-5:00 Santosh Suradkar (Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)  
Against 'Feudalism' and 'Brahmanism': The Anti-Khoti Movement in the Konkan, c. 1920-1949
- 5:00-5:45 Ahmad Azhar (CeMIS, Göttingen University)  
*The Rowlatt Satyagraha and the Railway Strike of 1920: Radical Developments in the Language of Plebeian Protest in Colonial Punjab*
- 5:45-6:30 Patrick Hesse (Humboldt-Universität, Berlin)  
*Shaping a Movement: Malabar 1921*
- 6:30 Dinner
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### *Day 2 – July 7, 2011*

#### Session 3: Politics of Movements (continued)

- 9:00-9:45 Anna Sailer (CeMIS, Göttingen University)  
*Movement of Labour – The Bengal Jute Mill Strike of 1929*
- 9:45-10:30 Tanika Sarkar (Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)  
*'Dirty Work, Filthy Caste': Calcutta Scavengers in the 1920s*
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee
- 10:45-11:30 Shahana Bhattacharya (Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi)  
*Rotting Hides and Runaway Labour. Labour Resistance and Labour Control in the Context of the Leather Tanning Industry in India, c. 1860 -1960*
- 11:30-12:15 Sukumar Narayana (Department of Political Science, University of Delhi)  
*Negotiating Social Space: The Dalit Perspective*

#### Session 4: Land, Livelihoods and Conflicts

- 12:15-1:00 Patrik Oskarsson (Independent researcher)  
*The Law of the Land Contested: Bauxite Mining in Tribal, Central India in an Age of Economic Reform*
- 1:00-2:00 Lunch
- 2:00-2:45 Meera Jency Moorkoth (Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore)  
*Registers of Property: Landlessness and Adivasi Politics*
- 2:45-3:30 Nitin Sinha (Centre for Modern Oriental Studies, Berlin)  
*The missing raiyats: social history of mid-Gangetic fluvial agrarian space, 1780s-1880s*
- 3:30-4:00 Coffee
- 4:00-5:00 Discussion

6:00	Dinner
7:00-7:45	Transfer to the Lumiere Cinema
8:00-10:00	Film screening "Travels with Gandhi-The Salt Stories", discussion with the director of the documentary (Lalit Vachani)
11:00	Transfer back to conference venue (Akademie Waldschlösschen)

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**Day 3 – July 8, 2011**

**Session 5: Politics of Concepts: Poverty, Labour Rights, Development**

9:00-9:45	Veena Naregal (Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi) <i>Developmentalism and the Politics of Exclusion: the Thematics of Culture in post-1947 India</i>
9:45-10:30	Sambit Rath (India Development Foundation) <i>Poverty Targeting and Multidimensionality: A Study of Delhi</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee
11:00-11:45	Shalini Randeria (University of Zurich/Lichtenberg-Kolleg Göttingen) <i>The Challenges of Public Interest Litigation as Politics of and for the Poor in a Neo-liberalising Judiciary</i>
11:45-12:30	Sanjeev Routray (Sociology Department, University of British Columbia, Canada) <i>Politics of Poverty: Participation, Negotiation, and Resistance</i>
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:15-2:00	Dhiraj Kumar Nite (University of Johannesburg) <i>Wages for Work: An examination of reproduction vs. productiveness variables, Jharia Coalfields 1895-1970</i>
2:00-2:45	William F. Stafford Jr. (Delhi School of Economics, Department of Sociology) <i>Labour and its Bare Minimum</i>
2:45-3:00	Coffee
3:00-4:00	<b><u>Concluding Plenary Session</u></b> Srirupa Roy (Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts - Amherst) Summary