

Workshop on Environmental History and Politics of South Asia Workshop Programme

May 10th 2016, Fulton 201, 9.30 AM to 5:30 PM

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Schedule

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Fulton 201, 9.30 AM to 5:30 PM

9:30 - 9:45 Opening Remarks:

Panel 1, 9:45 - 11:15

Historical Climatology and Environmental History Sources

Vinita Damodaran, Sussex University

Sources for the climate, environment and history of India and the Indian Ocean in the seventeenth and eighteenth century

Rob Allan, Met Office

ACRE (Atmospheric Circulation Reconstructions over the Earth) and the range of data sources

Penny Brook and Antonia Moon, British Library

Overview of the British Library Indian Natural History Collections and description of the India Office Records series

Discussion,

Tea Break, 11:15 - 11-30

Panel 2, 11:30 – 13:00

Aspects of Land, Migration and Culture

Ravi Raman, Teenmurti

Land, Labour and Ecology: Plantation Enclosures in south India, 1797-1947

Satyanand Samuels, Stanford

Rethinking Structure and Agency through Institutional History: Social Conflict, Environmental Change, and the Law in Modern India

Shapan Adnan,

Floods, Flood Control and Resistance in the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna Delta of Bangladesh: Brief Notes on Methods and Research Design

Fakhr Bilal, SOAS

Islam and Environment: Making of Colonial Multan and Bahawalpur

Discussion

Lunch 13.00 - 14:00

Panel 3, 14:00 – 15:45

Water, Energy and Environmental History

Daniel Haines, Bristol

Water as a Political Prism

Zahid Khalid, Sussex

Sutlej Valley Project: Headworks and Canal Building; an act of Folly or Wisdom?

Fazilda Nabeel, Sussex

Groundwater Apathy: An Optic to Explain Groundwater (Non) Governance in the Indus Basin of Pakistan

Maira Hayat, Chicago University

It's not really about the water! Irrigation water theft, markets and the state in Pakistan's Punjab

Stuart Peters, Queen Mary

Energy and Environment in India

Discussion

Tea break, 15:45 - 16:00

Panel 4, 16:00 – 17:30

Environmental Politics and Activism

Roger Moody, London

Mines, communities and Finance

Felix Padel, JNU, and Malvika Gupta, Delhi University

Ecology, Education, and the Continuity of Indigenous Knowledge Systems

Zuky Serper, CWEH

To be confirmed

Discussion and Concluding Remarks