

“Voices of Their Own: South Asian Women’s Writing” Postgraduate Conference



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Programme

Wednesday 03 June 2015

20.00 Reception/Warming Up
La Bouchè

Thursday 04 June 2015

9.00 - 10.00 Welcoming
Room N/001/Reichenhainer Straße 90

10.00 - 10.30 **Official Opening**
Prof. Dr. Bernadette Malinowski,
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities
Prof. Dr. Cecile Sandten,
Chair of English Literatures
Room N/001/Reichenhainer Straße 90

10.30 - 12.00 **Workshop I: 19th and Early 20th Centuries:
South Asian Women's Writings and the
Dialectic of Tradition and Modernity**
Chair: Eike Kronshage

Franziska Tauber, Technische Universität
Chemnitz
“Clash of Utopia and Reality at the edge of
19th Century-India: negotiation of
Womanhood and Life Realities”

Arti Minocha, University of Delhi
“Subjecthood in Print: A Voice from
Colonial Punjab”
Room N/001/Reichenhainer Straße 90

13.30 -
15.00

**Workshop II: South Asian Women's
Writings and Nationhood**
Chair: Mandy Beck

Indrani Karmakar, University of York
“Mothers’ Voice: Representation of
Motherhood in Mahasweta Devi’s ‘Bayen’
and ‘Ma, from Dusk to Dawn’”

Poonkulaly Gunaseelan, University of
London
“Splitting/Violating the ‘New Indian
Woman’: gender, representation and
sexual violence in Shashi Deshpande’s *The
Dark Holds No Terrors* (1980) and Manju
Kapur’s *Difficult Daughters* (1998)”
Room N/001/Reichenhainer Straße 90

Refreshments

15.30 -
17.00

**Workshop III: Contemporary / Diasporic
South Asian Women's Writings**
Chair: Tobias Schlosser

Amrei Sander, Technische Universität
Chemnitz
“Can the Subaltern Speak? A female
revolt against tradition in Attia Hosain’s
Sunlight on a Broken Column (1961) and
Kamila Shamsie’s *Salt and Saffron* (2000)”

Neele Meyer, LMU München
“Women in Post-Millennial Indian Crime
Fiction in English: Challenging Gender and
Genre?”
Room N/001/Reichenhainer Straße 90

18.00

**Author’s Reading & Wine Reception &
Networking Buffet**
Author: Prof. Dr. Ranu Uniyal
Chair: Annika Bauer

Lese- und Kulturcafé KaffeeSatz/Zietenstraße
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Friday 05 June 2015

9.00 - Welcoming
9.30 Altes Heizhaus/Straße der Nationen

9.30 - **Workshop: Teaching South Asian Women’s Writing**
11.00 *Chair: Cecile Sandten*
“South Asian Women's Writing in the EFL- and Seminar-Classroom: The Dialectic of Tradition and Modernity and the Female Perspective”
Altes Heizhaus/Straße der Nationen

Refreshments

11.30 - **Workshop I**
13.00 *Chair: Maria Kotzur*

Danielle Hall, University of Leeds
““What an inauspicious moment it turned out to be when she began to write!”: The Presentation and Position of the South Asian Woman Writer in Colonial Bengal”

Sanchayita Paul, University of North Bengal, and Dhritiman Chakraborty, Jadavpur University
“Bengali Women’s Writings in the Colonial Period: Critique of Nation, Narration and Patriarchy”
Altes Heizhaus/Straße der Nationen

14.30 -
16.00

Lunch
individually

Workshop II
Chair: Mandy Beck

Prof. Dr. Ranu Uniyal, Lucknow University
“Women in Indian Writing: From Difference to Diversity”

Tanvir Sachdev
“Voices from the Threshold in Attia Hosain’s *Sunlight on a Broken Column*”
Altes Heizhaus/Straße der Nationen

Refreshments

16.30 -
18.00

Workshop III
Chair: Tobias Schlosser

Johannes Schlegel, Universität Potsdam
““I moved here for Love’: Love, Identity, and the Diasporic Experience in Jhumpa Lahiri’s *The Namesake* and *The Interpreter of Maladies*”

Sayma Khan, Goethe University Frankfurt
“Negotiating (Gendered) Family Memories in Clear Light of Day”
Altes Heizhaus/Straße der Nationen

19.00

Conference Dinner
Janssen – Café, Bistro, Restaurant

Saturday 06 June 2015

9.00 - **Keynote Lecture:** Prof. Dr. Nikita
10.30 Dhawan, University of Innsbruck
“The Dilemma of Representation: Voice, Agency and Gender”
Chair: Cecile Sandten
Altes Heizhaus/Straße der Nationen

Refreshments

11.00 - **Final Roundtable Discussion**
12.30 *Chair: Cecile Sandten & Eike Kronshage*
Altes Heizhaus/Straße der Nationen

Lunch
individually

14.00 - City Tour: A Literary Walk through
17.00 Chemnitz
Guided by Cecile Sandten
Start: Opernplatz

19.00 **Film Screening & Get Together & Farewell Bollywood Party**
Kulturhaus Weltecho/Annaberger Straße 24