

ANNUAL WORK-IN-PROGRESS SEMINAR

Centre for South Asian Studies
School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh

2nd and 3rd May 2023, George Square Campus, Edinburgh

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Day 1 – 2nd May, Tuesday

Venue – Seminar Room 5, Chrystal Macmillan Building

Lunch & Social (12 – 1 pm)
Panel 1 – Arts and Artistic Representation (1 – 2.30 pm) Shreya Ramnath, Visiting PhD Candidate, School of Social and Political Science 'Sounding Authenticity in Virtual Carnatic Music: How a New Generation of Artists Repurposes the Classical' Sukaina Husain, PhD Candidate, History of Art, Edinburgh College of Art 'Vanguards of 'Aql (Reason): Painting, Power and the Politics of Knowledge in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century Mughal Workshop' Moderator – Dr Koonal Duggal, Visiting Research Fellow in Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh
Break (2.30 – 2.45 pm)
Panel 2 – Caste, Religion, and Marginalisation (2.45 to 4.15 pm) Anisha George, PhD Candidate, School of Social and Political Science 'Caste and Development: Competing Visions and Tensions in Village Politics' Ishita Mahajan, PhD Candidate, School of Divinity 'Hindutva in the Mountains: how Hindu nationalism reaches the temples in Kullu, India' Moderator – Dr Sneha Roy, British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh
Refreshments Break (4.15 – 5 pm)
Annual Ambedkar Lecture (5 – 6.30 pm, Violet Laidlaw Room, Chrystal Macmillan Building) Prof Meena Dhanda, Professor of Philosophy and Cultural Politics, University of Wolverhampton Title – The Enigmatic Pursuit of Social Justice
Reception (6.30 pm onwards, Foyer, Chrystal Macmillan Building)

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Panel 3 – Identities and Narratives (9.15 – 10.45 am)

Kanak Rajadhyaksha, PhD Candidate, School of Social and Political Science

‘Documents and identities: narratives of paid work of Afghan refugee women in Delhi, India’

Sambhavi Ganesh, PhD Candidate, School of Social and Political Science

‘What makes a good Brahmin girl? A Study of Intergenerational Narratives’

Moderator – Dr Awanish Kumar, Newton International Fellow, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh

Break (10.45 – 11 am)

Book Release – [Capturing Caste in Law](#) (11 am – 12.15 pm)

- Introduction to the book and author Prof Annapurna Waughray (Professor of Human Rights Law at Manchester Metropolitan University, UK) by Prof Meena Dhanda.

- Brief presentation by Prof Waughray, followed by comments from Dr Hugo Gorringer, Senior Lecturer of Sociology, University of Edinburgh.

Lunch (12.15 – 1 pm)

Edinburgh walk led by Hauke Wiebe (1 – 2.30 pm). [Link to register](#)

Theme – Variety of East Indies Colonial Footprints in Edinburgh's cemeteries, including a practical session on Greyfriars Kirkyard.