Programme of the 4th Young South Asia Scholars Meet

Rethinking inequality in South Asia

Zurich, 21.-22. July 2014

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Venue information: F 46, CHN, ETH Zurich

All sessions of the workshop will take place in room 46, floor F, of the CHN building of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. The address of the building is Universitätstrasse 16, 8092 Zürich (see map below). The nearest tram stop is Haldenbach, where trams 6, 9 and 10 are available.

Additional useful information could be retrieved at the following webpages:

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology: www.ethz.ch/en

GMW’s homepage: http://www.gmw.ethz.ch/index_EN


Zurich airport: http://www.zurich-airport.com/

Swiss railways: http://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html

Zurich public transport: http://www.zvv.ch/en/

The workshop is organized jointly by the chair for the History of the Modern World (GMW) at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology and the Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), University of Göttingen.

09:00 – 09:30: Opening

09:30 – 11:45: Panel “Gender issues of inequality”

Raphael Susewind (University of Bielefeld):
Middle class moralities and masculine aspirations: anti-poor rhetoric in Lucknow’s contemporary Muslim landscape

Subhasree Ghosh (Asutosh College, University of Calcutta):
Countering gender inequality in 19th century colonial India: Some rethinkings

Jana Tschurenev (Göttingen University):
Mothers, Wives, Teachers: Agendas of female education in colonial India

Commentator: Charu Gupta (University of Delhi)

11:45 – 12:45: Lunch Break

12:45 – 14:15: Panel “Empowerment/Disempowerment”

Anna-Lena Wolf (University Bern):
The claim to equality and the right to development in India

Sabrina Regmi (Ochanomizu University / University of Basel):
Unequal development: micro-business creation and gendered outcomes in rural Nepal

Commentator: Shalini Randeria
(The Graduate Institute Geneva)

14:15 – 14:45: Coffee Break

14:45 – 17:00: Panel “State and Power”

David Devadas (Humboldt University Berlin):
Hierarchy as State Strategy: Feudatories in the Politics and Economics of Jammu & Kashmir

Andrea Hagn (ETH Zurich):
Of “old bastis” and “new slums”: Persistent and emerging inequalities in the socio-spatial fabric of the temple town Puri in the context of government programmes for slum improvement

Tuesday, 22. July 2014

09:30 – 11:45: Panel “Health/Medicine”

Dominik Merdes (Technical University Braunschweig):
The Emergence of Chemotherapy in Colonial India: Modern Medicine and Inequality

Sudip Saha (North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong):
Tropical Medicine and colonial enclave: issues of inequality in Assam Valley tea plantation

Emilija Zabiliute (University of Copenhagen):
Making the body of the urban poor: governmental health care interventions in an illegal settlement

Commentator: Aparna Nair (Göttingen University)

11:45 – 12:45: Lunch Break

12:45 – 15:00: Panel “Education”

Sumeet Mhaskar (Göttingen University):
Schooling in the times of industrial decline: A study of Mumbai’s Mill Workers’ household decisions on children schooling

Arun Kumar (Göttingen University):
Histories of miscalculation and the politics of the possible: The reproduction and production of subjects in colonial industrial schools

Commentator: Patrick Eisenlohr (Göttingen University)

17:45 - 18:15: Concluding Remarks
(Vasudha Bharadwaj, Nikolay Kamenov and Jana Tschurenev)

19:30 Conference Dinner

Simone Holzwarth (Humboldt-University Berlin):
A Postcolonial Social Order through Teaching Rural Crafts? The Debates about Basic Education between 1937 and 1949

Commentator: Sylvie Guichard (University of Geneva)

15:00 – 15:30: Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:45: Panel “Knowledge Production”

Kalyan Shankar (University of Pune):

Francesca Fuoli (SOAS, London):
The role of ethnography and the study of Pashto in the construction of the Pashtun race in nineteenth century British colonial discourses on Afghanistan

Camille Frazier (University of California):
Agriculture as Risky Business: Agricultural Crisis, Inequality, and Resistance in India

Commentator: Patrick Eisenlohr (Göttingen University)

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