



## South Asian Intersections: Identity, Difference and Postcolonial Trajectories Program

Held online (Zoom)  
June 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**Time Zone: Sri Lanka**

Join Zoom Meeting

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### South Asian Intersections, Opening

Day 1 – Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- 9-11                    **Sharika Thiranagama** (Stanford University)  
*Opening Lecture & Discussion: Between Sri Lanka and India: Cross Region Research*
- 11:30-13:30        **Katyayani Dalmia, Alexios Tsigkas, and Lindsay Vogt** (University of Zurich)  
*Welcome & Introductory Discussions<sup>1</sup>: South Asian Intersections: Identity, Difference and Postcolonial Trajectories* (Closed session with students)

Afternoon and evening: no session, scheduled time for reading texts

### Caste & Identity

Day 2 – Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022,

- 10-12                    **John Rogers** (American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies)  
*Lecture & Discussion: Caste in Colonial Sri Lanka and India*
- 12:30-13:30        *Student Workshop & Discussion: Manifestations of Caste*  
(Closed session with students)

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<sup>1</sup> Workshops will run as seminar-style discussions with participants, sometimes based on the common review of key literature. These sessions will provide interactive spaces to reflect on theory, topics, or methodologies of central importance to the workshop theme.



13:30-16:30 Afternoon Break

16:30-18 **Kalinga Tudor Silva** (University of Peradeniya)  
*Lecture & Discussion: Ethnicity, Caste and Identity Issues*

### Nation & Memory

Day 3 – Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

9:30-11 **Rabia Mehmood** (Multimedia journalist/Documentary filmmaker)  
*Lecture & Discussion: Religious Minorities and Identities in Pakistan*

11:30-13:30 **Hasini Haputhanthri** (Columbia University & ICES)  
*Lecture & Discussion: Polonnaruwa: Politics of Discovery, Interpretation and Representation*

13:30-16 Afternoon Break

16-18 **Harshana Rambukwella** (Open University of Sri Lanka)  
*Lecture & Discussion: Sinbala Nationalism, Indigeneity and Authenticity in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sri Lanka: A Brief Introduction*

### Cities on the Move: South Asian Urbanisms

Day 4 – Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

9-10:30 *Student Workshop & Discussion: Post-lecture reflections: comparing nationalisms*  
(Closed session with students)

11-13 **Amen Jaffer** (Lahore University of Management Sciences)  
*Lecture & Discussion: Urban Religiosity in South Asian Worlds*

13-16 Afternoon Break

16-18 **Abdul Halik Azeez** (Colombo-based artist)  
*Presentation & Discussion: This City is Full of [Amazing] Crap: Ephemera as Evidence*



## **Global South Feminisms, Gender and Queer Studies**

Day 5 – Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- 10-12            *Student Workshop & Discussion: South Asian Feminisms*  
(Closed session with students)
- 12-15:30        Afternoon Break
- 15:30-17:30    **Kumud Rana** (University of Zurich), **Akhil Kang** (Cornell University),  
**Stefan Binder** (University of Zurich)  
*Individual Presentations & Discussion: Troubles in the Field: Notes on Research and  
Queer-Feminist Methodologies* (Closed session with students)

### **Closing Session**

- 18-19:30        **Sudipta Kaviraj** (Columbia University)  
*Closing Lecture & Discussion: The History and Counter-history of Bengali Identity*

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