

ISEK – Institut für Sozialanthropologie und Empirische Kulturwissenschaft

South Asia Forum

Lecture Series Spring Semester 2022

Everyone is cordially invited to participate!



ISEK University of Zurich Andreasstrasse 15

10th May 2022, 4.15-5.45 pm (Lecture)

Bhrigupati Singh (Ashoka University & Brown University)
What is an Ethnographic Interview? Thoughts at the Intersection of Anthropology and

Psychiatry in Contemporary South Asia ISEK, AND 4.06 (for online access to lecture, please inquire with <u>lindsay.voqt@uzh.ch</u>)

Bhrigupati Singh is an Associate Professor of Anthropology and Sociology at Ashoka University and Visiting Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Brown University. His first book, Poverty and the Quest for Life: Spiritual and Material Striving in Rural India (2015) was awarded the Joseph Elder Prize in the Indian Social Sciences by the American Institute of Indian Studies, an Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion by the American Academy of Religion, and was a finalist for the Clifford Geertz Book Prize. He is a co-editor of The Ground Between: Anthropologists Engage Philosophy (2014) and co-editor of the book series, Thinking from Elsewhere (Fordham University Press). He has published articles on religion, mental health, media, and popular culture, in Cultural Anthropology, American Ethnologist, and Contributions to Indian Sociology. At present he is working on a book of essays on concepts of the psyche titled "Waxing and Waning Life: Essays at the Intersection of Anthropology and Psychiatry," and an anthropological monograph titled Life Unsettled, set in the "resettlement colony" of Trilokpuri in East Delhi. These projects emerge from research he has been conducting over the past five years, beginning with a visiting faculty position in 2015-16 at the Department of Psychiatry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (Delhi).

11th May 2022, 9.15 am-3.45 pm (Workshop)

Bhrigupati Singh (Ashoka University & Brown University) with **Megnaa Mehtta** (University of Sheffield)

Workshop: Waxing and Waning Life

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The workshop will entail discussions by Bhrigupati Singh and Megnaa Mehtta on their current book projects, sharing by several participants related to waxing and waning life, and joint reflection on the workshop theme.

As a lecture and workshop in the series **Ethnographies of Contemporary South Asia: Touchpoints Between Ethics and Politics**, funding from the UZH Graduate Campus is gratefully acknowledged for this event.