



# South Asia Forum Newsletter 07/2018

## 1. Events

### *ISEK - Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies*

- Clémence Jullien and Roger Jeffery. *Transformations of childbirth in South Asia: Ethical, legal and social implications*. ISEK- Ethnologie, Institut für Ethnologie. Room tba, 24th-26th of October, 8.30- 5pm. To attend this event, kindly sign up in advance: [clemence.jullien@uzh.ch](mailto:clemence.jullien@uzh.ch)
- Clémence Jullien, Nicolas Martin and Johannes Quack. *South Asia Forum. Lecture Series. Class, caste and race*. ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies & IAOS – Department of Indian Studies. AND 3.46, 28th of November 13h30-18h and 29th of November 9h-12h30
  - Rupa Viswanath. *The Consolation of the People: Governing Caste Violence in Postcolonial South India, c. 1970s*.
  - Nicolas Jaoul. *Sangharsh. Strife*. Hindi documentary with English or french Subtitles, 2018, 105 minutes.
  - David Picherit. *Connecting Migration Brokerage with Criminal Politics: A Dalit Fabric of Labour Circulation in South India*.
  - Supurna Banerjee. *Nationalism of Exclusion: Gaumata and her unholy sons*.

### *Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies*

- *Schreiben und Denken in Asien und Europa: Kurzvorträge*. Wochenende über Schrift im Rahmen des Wissenschaftsfestivals „100 Ways of Thinking. Universität Zürich in der Kunsthalle.“ Kunsthalle Zürich, Limmatstrasse 270, 28.10.2018, 12.00-13.30 pm.
  - Annemarie Mertens. *Im Herzen und auf Birkenrinde: Mündlichkeit und Schriftlichkeit in Indien*.
  - Bharatanatyam Performance und ein Schreib Parcours „Stationen des Denkens“, unter anderem mit einem Memory zu „Mündlichkeit und Schriftlichkeit in Indien“, 13.30-17.00 pm.
- *Konnichi wa! Namaste! Ni hao! Marhaban! Sprechen und Schreiben in Asien*. Workshop für Kinder am Nationalen Zukunftstag. Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Rämistrasse 59 (Lichthof), 08.11.2018, 14.00-16.00 pm.



## 2. Courses

### *ISEK - Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies*

- Clémence Jullien, *Anthropology of South Asia*, BA and MA Seminar, ISEK-Ethnologie, Institut für Ethnologie, Room AND 2.02., Wednesday 12h15-13h45.

### *City of Zurich, Museum Rietberg*

- Johannes Beltz, *Einführung in den Hinduismus*, Theologische Fakultät, Religionswissenschaftliches Seminar, Room RK 430, Kirchgasse 10, 14-16.

### *Department of Political Science & Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies*

- Nicolas Martin and Katharina Michaelowa, *Growth, Inequality and Governance in a Booming India*, BA/MA-Seminar/Übung, Department of Indian Studies and Institute of Political Science and Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room KOL H309, Monday, 12.15-13.45

### *Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies*

- Mirella Lingorska, *Indische Literatur: Geschichte und Gattungen der klassischen indischen Literatur*, Vorlesung, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room RAA-G-15, Wednesday 12.15-13.45 pm.
- Annemarie Mertens, *Texte zur indischen Literatur*, BA/MA-Seminar, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room RAA-E-21, Thursday 14.15-15.45 pm.
- Nicolas Martin, *Caste, Class and Race in India*, BA/MA-Seminar, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room RAA-E-21, Tuesday 10.15-12.00 am.
- Friederike Grenner, *Hindi-Sprachkurs I*, Übung, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room RAA-E-21, Monday and Thursday 10.15-11.45 am.
- Friederike Grenner, *Hindi: Vertiefende Übung I*, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room RAA-E-29, Thursday 2-3 pm.
- Divyaraj Amiya, *Hindi-Konversation I*, Übung, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room RAA-E-21, Friday 12.15-13.45 pm.
- Friederike Grenner, *Yaśpāl und die progressivistische Hindi-Literatur*, Lektüre-Übung, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room RAA-E-21, Monday 14.15-15.45 pm.
- Mirella Lingorska, *Vinod Kumār Śukla*, MA-Seminar/Übung, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room RAA-E-21, Wednesday 14.15-15.45 pm.



- Annemarie Mertens, *Sanskrit-Sprachkurs I, Übung*, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room RAA-E-21, Monday and Thursday 16.15-17.45 pm.
- Annemarie Mertens, *Sanskrit-Lektüre: Texte aus dem Epos: Nala und Damayanti*, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room RAA-E-21, Tuesday 12.15-13.45 pm.
- Elisa Ganser, *Poetry in Prose: Readings from the Daśakumāracarita*, MA-Seminar/Übung, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room RAA-E-21, Tuesday 14.15-15.45 pm.
- Olga Serbaeva Saraogi, *Digital Text Analysis: Selected methods and tools applicable to non-European languages*, PhD/MA-Seminar, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, Room RAA-E-21, Wednesday 10.15-11.45 am (every 2 weeks).

*Studies ETH Zurich, D-GESS, Institute of History, History of the Modern World*

- Harald Fischer-Tiné, *The Age of Empire – British Imperialism and the Making of the Modern World (1780-1914)*, GESCHICHTE DER MODERNEN WELT, Institut für Geschichte, D-GESS, ETHZ, LFO C 13, Mo. 15-17 hrs.
- Harald Fischer-Tiné, *Geschichte I: Europa (Modernisierung im „Alten Kontinent“ 1815-1992)*, GESCHICHTE DER MODERNEN WELT, Institut für Geschichte, D-GESS, ETHZ, ETZ F 91, Mi. 15-17 hrs.

### 3. Publications

*Department of Political Science*

- Asri, Viola, (forthcoming), “Targeting of social transfers: Are India’s elderly poor left behind?”, *World Development*.

*Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies*

- Ganser, Elisa and Ewa Debicka-Borek, eds., 2017, *Theatrical and Ritual Boundaries in South Asia: Part I: Vol XIX: No. 1*, Krakow, Księgarnia Akademicka.
- Ganser, Elisa and Ewa Debicka-Borek, eds., 2017, *Theatrical and Ritual Boundaries in South Asia: Part I: Vol XIX: No. 2*, Krakow, Księgarnia Akademicka.
- Ganser, Elisa, 2017, “Theatrical and Ritual Boundaries in South Asia: An Introductory Essay”. In: Ganser, Elisa; Debicka-Borek, Ewa. *Theatrical and Ritual Boundaries in South Asia: Part I*. Krakow: Księgarnia Akademicka, vii-xxiv.
- Kempe-Weber, Susanne, 2018, “Hell as “Eternal” Punishment? On the Depiction of Hell in Vilhojī’s Kathā Gyāncarī”, *Asiatische Studien - Études Asiatiques* 72 (2), pp. 339–362.
- Martin, Nicolas, 2018. “Corruption and Factionalism in Contemporary Punjab: An ethnographic account from rural Malwa”. *Modern Asian Studies*, 52(3), pp.942-970.



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- Brunner, Michael, „Teaching Development: Debates on ‘Scientific Agriculture’ and ‘Rural Reconstruction’ at Khalsa College, Amritsar, c. 1915-1947“, in *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, Volume 55, Issue 1, 2018, S. 77-132.
- Brunner, Michael, Mark Condos, „The Insecurity State: Punjab and the Making of Colonial Power in British India“ (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2017), in *Reviews in History*, März 2018
- Fischer-Tiné, Harald, „Fitness for Modernity: the YMCA and physical education schemes in latecolonial South Asia (c. 1900–1940)“, *Modern Asian Studies*, 52, 2018 [forthcoming in November 2018]
- Fischer-Tiné, Harald, „Unparalleled Opportunities: The Indian Y.M.C.A.’s Army Work Schemes for Imperial Troops during the Great War (1914-1920)“, *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, 46 (5) 2018, pp. 814-862.
- Fischer-Tiné, Harald, „The YMCA and Lowmodernist rural Development In South Asia, c. 1922-1957“, *Past & Present*, (240), 2018, pp. 193-231
- Fischer-Tiné, Harald, „Dekolonisierung heute: Wie geht das?“, Interview mit Prof. Dr. Harald Fischer-Tiné, *Schweizer Radio DRS, Kontext*, 20.6.2018.

#### 4. News

*ISEK - Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies*

- Sandra Bärnreuther was awarded an SNSF Ambizione Grant for her research project “Visions of the Social: The Transformation of State Planning in Post-colonial India.” From August 2019 until July 2023, the project is going to be based at the Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies.

*City of Zurich, Museum Rietberg*

- Friendship Ambassador: On 10.08.2018, the Head of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Federal Councillor Dr. Ignazio Cassis honoured Dr. Johannes Beltz as Friendship Ambassador for having contributed towards strengthening Swiss-Indian relations through their innovative ideas in the field of culture.

*Department of Political Science*

- Viola Asri and Katharina Michaelowa (Department of Political Science) are currently involved in a research project on social pensions in Bangladesh. In collaboration with researchers from the University of Dhaka and the University of Konstanz, they completed in May 2018 a primary data collection which involved surveying 1219 elderly individuals and 96 local government officials who are in charge of selecting beneficiaries for the social pension scheme. The overall objective of this project is to understand the causes for



mistargeting of social pensions and to design effective remedies that can achieve that those who need the benefits the most are selected as beneficiaries.

- Viola Asri and Katharina Michaelowa organized a project planning workshop entitled “Mistargeting of social pensions in Bangladesh: Understanding causes and designing effective remedies” at the Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich, 3-4 July 2018. Collaborators from the Universities of Dhaka and Konstanz as well as representatives of the NGO RDRS Bangladesh and IPA Bangladesh participated in the workshop. The workshop was funded by the Scientific Exchange Grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation.
- Together with their Delhi project partners Purnamita Dasgupta (IEG) and Ishita Sachdeva (DU), Martina Zahno and Katharina Michaelowa (Department of Political Science) organized a dissemination workshop of the results of their project “From Traditional Fuels to LPG and LED Use: Policy Instruments for a Sustainable Transition of Household Cooking and Lighting Habits in India” hosted by the Swiss Embassy in Delhi on 6th August, 2018.

#### *Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies*

- During Fall semester 2018 Angelika Malinar, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Department of Indian Studies, will be a visiting research fellow at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg of the Center for Religious Studies (CERES), Ruhr-Universität Bochum and conduct research within the framework of the project “Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe”

#### *Department of Geography*

- *BioOne Award*: Sarah Speck (PhD Candidate, Human Geography, UZH) as been awarded a BioOne Ambassador Award for excellently communicating the importance and impact of her research beyond her discipline.
- *Summer School*: The International Graduate School North-South has brought together Northern and Southern PhD candidates at the IGS Summer School in Pokhara from August 28 to September 7 to exchange on “Social Change and Sustainable Development”
- *Obituary Notice*: Professor Shahul H. Hasbullah (3 September 1950 - 25 August 2018): We have to announce the sad news that Shahul Hasbullah, Professor emeritus, Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, has passed away on 25 August 2018.
- *Bernstein & Byres Prize* We are pleased to announce that R. Ramakumar, School of Development: Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, has been awarded the 2017 Bernstein & Byres Prize for his article „Jats, Khaps and Riots: Communal Politics and the Bharatiya Kisan Union in Northern India“.