

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON

RELIGION AND SOCIAL IDENTITY IN PUNJAB

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PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH
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FEBRUARY 18-19, 2010
Venue: ICSSR, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India

PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY 18, 2010

Inaugural Session: 10.00-11.30 AM

Note of Welcome: Prof. Sherry Sabbarwal, Chairperson Sociology,
Panjab University
Theme: Dr. Neelu Kang, Reader, Dept. of Sociology, P.U.
Seminar Premise: Dr. Navtej Purewal, University of Manchester U.K.
Keynote Address: Prof. T.N. Madan: '*Religion in Our Times*', Institute of
Economic Growth, Delhi University
Presidential Address: Prof. S.C. Vaidya, Dean University Instruction, P.U.
Guest of Honour: Prof. S.L. Sharma, Former Professor of Sociology,
Dean, Social Sciences, P.U.

Tea: 11.30-12.00 PM

Session I: 12.00 - 1.30 PM

**Sub-Theme: The Negotiation of Religious Idioms
in Medieval and Colonial Punjab**

CHAIR: Prof. Bhupinder S. Brar, Political Science, Panjab University

Anne Murphy, Chair Sikh Studies, University of British Columbia, Canada
*The management of religious sites in colonial and pre-colonial imaginaries: Insights from
the Khalsa Darbar records.*

Surinder Singh, Department of History, Panjab University
State and Society in Medieval North India : Encounters with Multiple Identities

Ishwar Gaur Dayal, Department of Evening Studies, Panjab University
Religious Identities in Hir Waris : The Study of A Literary Document

LUNCH 1.30-2.30 PM

Session II: 2.30 - 4.30 PM

Sub-Theme: Critical responses to caste and religious distinction in Punjab

CHAIR: Prof. B.S. Ghuman, Dept. of Public Administration, Panjab University

Ronki Ram, Professor, Department of Political Science, Panjab University
In conversation with Ajay Bhardwaj, Film maker. Film showing and discussion of critically acclaimed film - '*Kitte Mile Ve Mahi.*'

4:30 TEA

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Session III: 9:45 - 11.30 AM

Sub-Theme: Religious Expression and 'Community' in Comparative Social Contexts

CHAIR: Prof. H.S. Bhatti, Department of Sociology, Punjabi University, Patiala

Navtej Purewal, Sociology, University of Manchester, U.K.
Exploring the Local Dimensions of Nankana Sahib's Emblematic Significance in Contemporary West Punjab

Darshan Singh Tatla, Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar and Birmingham University, U.K.
A 'Dominant Caste' in Punjab? A Reading of Recent Sociological Writings

Rajive Paul McMullen, Dept. of History, F.C. College, Batala
Death, Desire and the Nath Yogis

Azuma Masako: PhD student, Dept of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh.
Marginality of Sikhs in Japan: A Case of Sikh Community in Tokyo

TEA 11.30-11:45 PM

Session IV: 11:45 - 1.30 PM

Sub-Theme: Sacred Spaces: Identities, Practices and Social Change

CHAIR: Prof. Manjit Singh, Dept. of Sociology, Panjab University

Yogesh Snehi, Dept. of History, DAV College, Amritsar.
Becoming 'Langurs': Religiosity, Gender and Hyper-Masculinity

Sherry Sabbarwal, Prof., Department of Sociology, Panjab University.
Experiencing the Sacred Space: Individualist Accounts vs. Expression of the Social

Santosh Kr. Singh, Dept of Sociology, G.C.G. Sec 11, Chandigarh
Globalization and Subaltern Context of the Sacred

Virinder Kalra, Dept. of Sociology, University of Manchester, U.K.
Bibi Pak Daman: Gender and Shrine Cultures of West Punjab

LUNCH 1.30-2.30 PM

Session V: 2.30 - 4.00 PM

**Sub-Theme: Cultural and Textual Representations
of Social and Religious Identity**

CHAIR: Prof. Rana Nayyar, Dept. of English, Panjab University

Ananya Bedi, M.Phil Student, Dept. of History, Delhi University.
Peasants and Artisans of sixteenth century Punjab: A Study of Adi Granth

Vivek Sachdeva, Dept of English, B.P.S. Women's University, Sonapat
Negotiating with Structures: A Study of Selected Novels by Gurdial Singh

Harleen Singh, Women and Gender Studies and Co-Chair of South Asian
Studies Program, Brandeis University, Boston, Massachusetts U.S.A.
The Memory of Massacres: Cinematic and Literary Constructions of Communal Violence

TEA 4.00 - 4.30 PM

Valedictory Session 4.30-5.30 PM

Report Reading: Dr. Neelu Kang, Sociology, P.U.

Guest of Honour: Dr. Darshan S. Tatla, Centre for Migration studies, Lyallpur Khalsa
College, Jalandhar

Valedictory Address: Dr. Anne Murphy, UBC, Vancouver Canada

Presidential Address: Ms. Helen Economo, Consul General, Consulate General of
Canada, Chandigarh

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Neelu Kang, P.U.