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MIGRATION, IDENTITY & TRANSLOCAL PRACTICES
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CONFERENCE PROGRAM
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WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE

09.00 – 09.15 Welcome by Kristina Myrvold, Lund University

09.15 – 10.00 **Keynote lecture: Early Sikh Migration Outside the Punjab**
Gurinder Singh Mann, University of California at Santa Barbara

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee & tea

10.30 – 12.00 **SESSION 1**
Chair: Knut A. Jacobsen, University of Bergen

*Comparative Experiences of Sikhs in Europe: Reflections on Issues of Cultural Transmission and Identity*
Shinder Thandi, Coventry University

*Critical friends:*
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University
Kristina Myrvold, Lund University
Ajit Singh Sikand, Goethe University of Frankfurt

*Transnational Sikh Families in Italy*
Barbara Bertolani, University of Molise

*Critical friends:*
Ka-kin Cheuk, Oxford University
Laura Hirvi, University of Jyväskylä
Eleanor Nesbitt, University of Warwick

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 15.15 **SESSION 2**
Chair: Kristina Myrvold, Lund University

*Narratives of ‘Return’? Pilgrimages to Punjab and the Contemporary Transnational Sikhscape*
Federica Ferraris, University of Sussex

*Critical friends:*
Knut A. Jacobsen, University of Bergen
Jasjit Singh, University of Leeds
Lill Margrethe Vramo, University of Oslo

*“Sikhizing the Sikhs”: The Role of ‘New Media’ in Historical and Contemporary Identity Construction within Global Sikhism*
Doris Jakobsh, University of Waterloo

*Critical friends:*
Barbara Bertolani, University of Molise
Kamalroop Singh, University of Birmingham
Shinder Thandi, Coventry University

*Shaping Migrant Public Spheres: A Visual Ethnographic Study of the Gurdwara in Dublin*
Satwinder Singh, Dublin Institute of Technology

*Critical friends:*
Barbora Jombikova, Slovak Academy of Sciences
Gurinder Singh Mann, University of California
Opinderjit Kaur Takhar, University of Wolverhampton
15.15 – 15.45 Coffee & tea
15.45 – 17.15 SESSION 3
Chair: Shinder Thandi, Coventry University

Between Denial and Reinvention: Representations and Practices of Caste among Sikhs in Europe
Christine Moliner, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales
Critical friends:
Federica Ferraris, University of Sussex
Zbigniew Igielski, Warsaw University
Kathryn Lum, European University Institute

Sikh-ing Beliefs: British Sikh Camps in the UK
Jasjit Singh, University of Leeds
Critical friends:
Helene Ilkjaer, University of Copenhagen
Doris Jakobsh, University of Waterloo
Satwinder Singh, Dublin Institute of Technology

17.15 – 18.00 Lecture: Software Tools for Punjabi Language Processing and Learning
Gurpreet Singh Lehal, Punjabi University Patiala

19.00 – Dinner

THURSDAY 17 JUNE

09.15 – 10.00 SESSION 4
Chair: Zbigniew Igielski, Warsaw University

Mirror Games: A Fresco of Sikh Settlements among Italian Local Societies
Barbara Bertolani, University of Molise
Federica Ferraris, University of Sussex
Fabio Perocco, University of Venice
Critical friends:
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University
Alexandra Irene Larsen, University of Agder
Shinder Thandi, Coventry University

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee & tea
10.30 – 12.00 SESSION 5
Chair: Gurinder Singh Mann, University of California at Santa Barbara

A Community at a Crossroads: A Case Study of the Ravidassia Sangat in Barcelona
Kathryn Lum, European University Institute
Critical friends:
Christine Moliner, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales
Eleanor Nesbitt, University of Warwick
Sandra Santos, University of Barcelona
The Transmission of Tradition and Self Representation amongst the Valmiki, Ravidasi and Namdhari Communities in Britain
Opinderjit Kaur Takhar, University of Wolverhampton
Critical friends:
Ka-kin Cheuk, Oxford University
Doris Jakobsh, University of Waterloo
Kathryn Lum, European University Institute

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch
13.00 – 15.15 SESSION 6
Chair: Federica Ferraris, University of Sussex

Sikh Migration to Poland and other East European Countries
Zbigniew Igielski, Warsaw University
Critical friends:
Knut A. Jacobsen, University of Bergen
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Sandra Santos, University of Barcelona

Sikhs in Germany: The Gurdwara and Its Social and Religious Importance
Ajit Singh Sikand, Goethe University of Frankfurt
Critical friends:
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Institutionalization of Sikhism in Norway
Knut A. Jacobsen, University of Bergen
Critical friends:
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Christine Moliner, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales
Lill Margrethe Vramo, University of Oslo

15.15 – 15.45 Coffee & tea
15.45 – 18.00 SESSION 7
Chair: Doris Jakobsh, University of Waterloo

Sikh Immigrants Working in Finland: Rising from Rags to Riches?
Laura Hirvi, University of Jyväskylä
Critical friends:
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The Sikh Community in Denmark: Balancing between Co-operation and Conflict
Helene Ilkjaer, University of Copenhagen
Critical friends:
Barbara Bertolani, University of Molise
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The Swedish Sikhs: Integration, Representation and Generational Change
Kristina Myrvold, Lund University

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19.00 - Dinner & showing of the film Musafer – Sikhi is Travelling by Michael Nijhawan & Khushwant Singh

FRIDAY 18 JUNE

09.00 – 12.00 SESSION 8
Presentations of Ph.D. Projects
Chair: Jasjit Singh & Sandra Santos

Participants:
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12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.45 SESSION 9
Thematic Workshop: Community Building, Identity and Transnationalism
Chair: Alexandra Irene Larsen & Laura Hirvi

13.00 – 13.15: Introduction to the Vienna incident

13.15 – 13.45: Discussion of the concept “community building”
Reading: “Religious Placemaking and Community Building in Diaspora” by Shampa Mazumdar & Sanjoy Mazumdar (2009)

13.45 – 14.15: Discussion of the concept “identity”
Reading: “Beyond Identity” by Rogers Brubaker & Frederick Cooper (2000)

14.15 – 14.45: Discussion of the concept “transnationalism”

14.45 – 15.15 Coffee & tea

15.15 – 16.30 SESSION 10
Final Discussion and Summary: Challenges in Sikh Studies
Chair: Laura Hirvi & Kristina Myrvold
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