

PUNJAB RESEARCH GROUP
27-28 June 2014,
Coventry University, Jaguar Graduate Centre, Gosford Street, CV1 5DL

Day 1 Friday 27 June

Registration and refreshments 9:15 – 10 am (Room: JAG137)

Welcome and Introduction 10am (Room: JAG152)

Welcome address and opening remarks by Pippa Virdee (De Montfort University) and Churnjeet Mahn (University of Surrey)

Introduction to the PRG by Shinder Thandi (Coventry University), Ian Talbot (University of Southampton) and Eleanor Nesbitt (University of Warwick)

Keynote 10:30 – 11 am

Keynote by Gurmeet Rai (Director of the Cultural Resource and Conservation Initiative, India)

ALL Sessions will take place in lecture theatre JAG152.

Session One 11:00 – 1 pm

Chair [TBC]

Anne Murphy (University of British Columbia, Canada)

One Hundred Years of Remembering: The 'Komagata Maru' and Punjabi Migration to Canada, 1914-2014

Iftikhar H. Malik (Bath Spa University)

Ghadr Politics: Issues of Transterritoriality and Identity Politics

Shinder Thandi (Coventry University)

Framing Memories of 1984: Changing Political Discourses and Advocacy among Diaspora Sikhs

Darshan Tatla (Punjabi University, Patiala, India)

Some Reflections Upon the Canadian Sikh Experience: From Gurdit Singh to Inderjit Singh Reyat

Lunch in Room JAG137 1 – 2 pm

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Session Two 2 – 3:30 pm

Chair [TBC]

Rajkumar Hans (MSU Baroda, India)

Memorializing and Recoding the Past by Punjabi Dalits: Memory-History Interface in the Autobiography of Gurdas Singh Gharu

Nicola Mooney (University of the Fraser Valley, Canada)

Pind, Poetics, Politics: Rural Nostalgia, Jat Memory, and the Disconsolate Present

Anandi Ramamurthy (University of Central Lancashire)

Class, Communalism and Friendship in Memories of Partition in Potohar

Tea/Coffee in Room JAG 137 3:30 – 3.45 pm

Session Three 3:45-5:15 pm

Chair [TBC]

Muhammad Ali Jan (University of Oxford)

'Ideal' Types: Labour Relations in the Canal Colonies

Muhammad Abrar Ahmad (University of Punjab, Lahore and Visiting Royal Holloway, University of London)

A Discourse on the History of Faisalabad, 1947-1961

Muhammad Mujtaba Piracha (University of Sussex, Brighton)

The Informality of Formal Tax Collection in Pakistani Punjab

Dinner at 7 pm. Feast Junction, Hertford Place, Coventry, CV1 3JZ

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Day 2 Saturday 28 June

Session Four 10 – 11.30 am

Chair [TBC]

Tahir Kamran (University of Cambridge)
Literary Culture of Nineteenth Century British Lahore and Anjuman-i-Punjab

Virinder Kalra (University of Manchester) and Waqas Butt (Independent Scholar)
Campaigning for Punjabi in Sahiwal

Neelam Hanif (Forman Christian College)
Punjabi Students under Siege of the English Language

Tea/Coffee in Room JAG114 11:30 – 11:45 am

Session Five 11:45 – 1:15 pm

Chair [TBC]

Jasleen Kandhari (University of Oxford)
Portraying The Divine: Reflections Of Sikhi In Visual Culture

Rahat Zubair Malik (Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan)
Gurdwaras in Rawalpindi: A Historical Analysis

Kaveri Qureshi, (University of Oxford)
Family Memories, Calls and Visits: Transnational Kinship through Young People's Eyes

Lunch in Room JAG114 1:15 – 2 pm

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Session Six 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Chair [TBC]

Anita Mir (Independent Scholar)

Pakistan – Pluralistic State? An Analysis of Pakistan's Punjabi Christians

Sheba Saeed (University of Birmingham and Visiting Fellow at the LSE)

Filming “Beggars of Lahore”- A Reflexive critique

Performance by Lok Raqs Punjab.

Qaisar Abbas (Lok Raqs), Sobia Zaidi (Lok Raqs), Mahnoor Kazmi and Sara Kazmi

Closing Remarks 3:30 pm