

**33RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE PRG
(PUNJAB RESEARCH GROUP)**

Theme: *Punjab: Past, Present and Future*

Saturday, October 29, 2016, Haldane Room, Wolfson College, Linton Road, University of Oxford

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

- 09.00- 09.30: Registration
- 09.30- 09.45: **Welcome Address:** Prof. Pritam Singh, Oxford
Brookes University, Oxford.
- 09.45 -11.15: **Session I *Colonial Punjab: Multiple Facets***
Chair: Prof. Iftikhar Malik, Bath Spa University
- 09.45 – 10.05: **The Martial Race Theory & The Self-Identification of Sikh Soldiers in World War One**
Amrit Kaur Lohia, Musician and MA History, SOAS, University of London
- 10.05-10.25: **Mule-breeding in the colonial Punjab: A Frustrated Enterprise**
Prof. William G. Clarence-Smith, SOAS, University of London
- 10.25-10.45: ***Charhdee Kala: Akali Morchas, Indian Nationalism, and the Politics of Selfhood***
Avinash Singh, Independent Researcher, USA
- 10.45-11.15: **Discussion**

- 11.15-11.30: **Coffee Break**
- 11.30-13.00: **Session II *Cultures: Material and Literary***
- Chair: Prof. Eleanor Nesbitt, Professor Emerita,
University of Warwick*
- 11.30-11.50: **Sikh Interpretations of the Mughal Shalamar
Garden in Lahore**
*Dr. Nadhra Shahbaz Naeem Khan, Assistant
Professor, Lahore University of Management
Sciences*
- 11.50 -12.10: **250 Years of Heer Waris Shah and Punjabi
Identity**
Mahmood Awan, Independent Researcher, Dublin
- 12.10 -12.30: **Political Consciousness of Punjabi Poetry of the
post-1990s**
*Amandeep Kaur, PhD Candidate, Panjab University,
Chandigarh*
- 12.30 -13.00: **Discussion**
- 13.00-13.45: **Lunch Break**
- 13.45-14.00: **Conference Announcements** regarding Publications,
Scholarships and Research Projects
- 14.00-15.30: **Session III *Postcolonial Punjab: Economic
Trajectories***
- Chair: Dr. Navtej Purewal, Deputy Director,
SOAS South Asia Institute*
- 14:00-14:20: **Landlord Prerogative and Refugee-Rehabilitation:
Mudie, Mamdot and the Ministerial Mess**
*Dr. Newal Osman, Assistant Professor, Institute of
Business Administration, Karachi*

- 14:20-14:40 **Punjab: The Long Road to Social Protection**
Nadia Singh, PhD Candidate, Oxford Brookes University
- 14:40-15:00: **Merchant's Capital in Punjab's Agriculture: Reflections on Farmer-Arhtia Relations**
Shreya Sinha, PhD Candidate, SOAS, University of London
- 15:00-15:30: **Discussion**
- 15:30-15:45: **Coffee Break**
- 15:45-17:10: **Session IV *Postcolonial Punjab: Political Trajectories***
- Chair: Dr. Meena Dhanda, Reader, University of Wolverhampton*
- 15:45-16:05: **The Migrant, Migrant-in-Waiting and the Non-Migrant: Diverse Trajectories of Social Mobility**
Sugandha Nagpal, PhD Candidate, University of East Anglia
- 16:05-16:20: **Pakistan and the Christians: Creating a Sense of Belonging**
Dr. Yaqoob Bangash, IT University of the Punjab, Lahore
- 16:20-16:40 **Authority, Apparatus and Gurudwara Administration in Postcolonial West Punjab**
Khola Cheema, PhD Candidate, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad
- 16:40-17:10: **Discussion**
- 17:10-17:30: Deliberation on/Announcement of **Best Presenter**

Award

17.30-18.00:

Note of Thanks

18.30-21.30:

**Conference Dinner and Networking, Qumin's
Indian Cuisine (Address: 86, St Clement's Street,
Oxford OX4 1AR)**