

The Punjab Research Group

cordially invites you to the

**Thirty third International Conference of the Punjab Research
Group**

Theme: *Punjab: Past, Present and Future*

March 25, 2017

**Venue: Chakrabarti Room (JHB 208), John Henry Brookes
(JHB) Building, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford OX3 0BP**

Program Handbook

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Punjab Research Group has been hosting conferences at least twice a year since 1984, and was established as an inclusive and all- embracing forum for discussion and debate on issues pertaining to the East and West Punjab as well as the Punjabi diaspora. During the past 33 years, the PRG has provided space for academics to interact with each other regardless of territorial or disciplinary boundaries. Our first conference for 2017 will be held as a one-day event on 25 March in Oxford. The conference will provide a platform to academics, young researchers, journalists, artists, and activists for an inter-disciplinary discussion focusing on the theme of ‘Punjab: Past, Present and Future’.

My special thanks to every one of you for your valuable presence and participation.

Best regards

Prof. Pritam Singh,
Conference Director, 34th International Conference of the Punjab Research Group, March 25, 2017 Chakrabarti Room (JHB 208), John Henry Brookes (JHB) Building, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford OX3 0BP

Kindly read the instructions given below.

Registration

Upon arrival at the Conference venue, please proceed to the

Chakrabarti Room (JHB 208), John Henry Brookes (JHB) Building, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford OX3 0BP, to complete the registration. Contact the receptionist at reception in the John Henry Brookes Building (JHB building) for directions to the room. Please note that registration desk will be open from **9.00 am to 9.15 am on March 25, 2017.**

Please report either to Mrs. Nadia Singh or Ms. Geeta Sinha for completing your registration. During the breaks the speakers may also collect their reimbursement for travel to Oxford from within the UK.

Conference Fee: There is a fee of £10 towards attending the conference. The fee can be paid at the time of registration using following modes:

1. **International delegates:** CASH only
2. **UK delegates:** Cash or cheque. The cheque should be payable to 'Prof Eleanor Nesbitt Punjab Research Group Account'.

Presentation Room: On March 25, we will be using the Chakrabarti Room (JHB 208), John Henry Brookes (JHB) Building, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford OX3 0BP for the presentations.

What should you bring along for your presentation?

- Please bring the PPT of your research paper in a pen-drive.
- Each author will have 30 minutes for presentation. Kindly stick to the time limits, please.
- The meeting room has an LCD projector and a computer for you to make your presentation.
- Please ensure that you save your presentation file both in 2010/2013 versions.

Best Presenter Award

Best Presenter Award will be presented to a doctoral student whose presentation is judged to be the best from all the doctoral student presentations. A PRG committee will take a decision regarding the best presentation. The award will normally be announced at the end of the conference.

Refreshments

Refreshments will NOT be provided. Please feel free to bring along drinks/food/lunch etcetera. The following eat & drink options are available on campus:

Café Central

At the heart of the building in the Forum, it is nestled in the hub of student life on Headington campus, and self-service means you can grab and go when you want a quick drink or snack.

Food: Hot and cold snacks including filling homemade sandwiches, toasties, cakes and pastries.

Drinks: Starbucks coffee and hot drinks and a range of cold drinks, juices and smoothies.

Whom to Contact?

For any queries, please contact Mrs. Nadia Singh on +44 7557857587 or Ms. Geeta Sinha on +44 7440690376. You may also send an email to punjabresearchgroup@gmail.com.

List of Participating Countries

The 34th International PRG conference is proud to welcome participants from Pakistan, India and the United Kingdom.

Conference Team

Conference Director:

Prof. Pritam Singh, Professor of Economics, Oxford Brookes University.

Conference Organisers:

Mr. R S Mann (Raj), Oxford Brookes University, Oxford

Mrs. Nadia Singh, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford

Ms. Geeta Sinha, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford

Rapporteur: Ms Geeta Sinha, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford.

Programme Outline

Saturday, March 25, 2017

- 09.00- 09.15: Registration
- 09.15- 09.30: Inaugural Address
- 09.30-10.50: Session I *Partition and its Impacts*
- 10.50-11.20: Coffee Break
- 11.20-13.20: Session II *Art & Culture and Religion*
- 13.20-14.00: **Lunch Break**
- 14.00-14.15: **Conference Announcements** on Publications, Scholarships and Research Projects
- 14:15-15.35: Session III *Punjabi Diaspora Studies*
- 15.35-16.00: Coffee Break
- 16.00-18.00: Session IV *Gender and Children Studies*
- 18.00- 18.15: Deliberation on/Announcement of **Best Presenter Award**
- 18.15-18.30 **Note of Thanks**

DETAILED PROGRAMME

- 09.00- 09.15: Registration
- 09.15- 09.30: **Welcome Address:** Prof. Pritam Singh, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford.
- 09.30-10.50: **Session I** *Partition and its Impact*
Chair: Dr. Pritam Singh, Oxford Brookes University
- 09.30 – 10.00: **Recalling the Fading Memories of Punjab’s Partition of 1947: An Analysis of Witnesses’ Interviews, 2012-15**
Khizar Jawad, Assistant Professor, Foreman Christian College (A Chartered University), Lahore, Pakistan
- 10.00-10.30: **Contested loyalties, contingent citizenship: Dalits, partition, and negotiating nationality in Punjab, 1947-8**
Sarah Gandee, PhD Candidate, University of Leeds
- 10.30-10.50: **Discussion**
- 10.50-11.20: **Coffee Break**
- 11.20-13.20: **Session II** *Art & Culture and Religion*
Chair: Mr. Prabhsharandeep Singh, University of Oxford
- 11.20-11.50: **Sufi Saints, Peasant Struggle and the Mughal Autocracy**
Ahmad Salim, SDPI, Islamabad, Pakistan

- 11.50 -12.20: ***The Ecology of Music in Colonial-Era Patiala, 1890-1947***
Radha Kapuria, PhD Candidate, King's College London
- 12.20 -12.50: **An Account of Sant Prakash Singhji and the three Sidhis**
Amit Verma, Delhi University
- 12.50-13.20: **Discussion**
- 13.20-14.00: **Lunch Break**
- 14.00-14.15: **Conference Announcements** regarding Publications, Scholarships and Research Projects
- 14.15-15:35: **Session III *Punjabi Diaspora Studies***
Chair: Dr. Eleanor Nesbitt, Professor Emerita, University of Warwick
- 14:15-14:45: **Change, continuity, and loss: key themes in the narratives of Sikh families**
Professor Jaswinder K Dhillon and Nest Thomas, University of Worcester
- 14:45-15:15 **Sikh Masculinities in the United Kingdom in an Age of Global Uncertainty**
Shuranjeet Singh Takhar, Politics and International Relations BSc, University of Bristol
- 15.15-15.35: **Discussion**
- 15.35-16.00: **Coffee Break**
- 16.00-18.00: **Session IV *Gender and Children Studies***

Chair: Mrs. Nadia Singh, Oxford Brookes University

- 16.00-16.30: **Impact of Modernizing Agents on the Placement of Women in Punjab (Pakistan)**
Dr. Shehzadi Zamurrad Awan, Assistant Professor, Forman Christian College (A Chartered University), Lahore, Pakistan
- 16.30-17.00: **Children's understanding of subjective well-being: Preliminary findings from a study in rural Punjab, India**
Professor Ravinder Barn, Royal Holloway University of London 250 Years of Heer Waris Shah and Punjabi
- 17.00-17.30: **Jugni: On the Trail of Punjab's Roving Everywoman**
Dr. Sakoon N Singh, Assistant Professor, DAV College, Chandigarh
- 17:30-18:00: **Discussion**
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