

Asian Dynamics Initiative

Copenhagen South Asia Network Conference 18-19 June 2009

Leifsgade 33, 3rd floor, 2300 Copenhagen S

Thursday, 18 June, 9:00-17:00

9-9:30 Registration and coffee

9:30-10 Welcome

10-11 Presentation 1 & 2

1

“Elites and the New Poverty Agenda in Bangladesh: Policy formulation and practice in the shrimp industry and ready made garment industry”

by Neil Webster, Senior Researcher

DIIS - Danish Institute for International Studies

2

“When journalism makes grass grow into heaven –

A study on development journalism and grassroots media in Bangladesh”

by Signe Damkjær, MA

Roskilde University

11-11:15 Coffee

11:15-12:45 Presentation 3, 4 & 5

3

“Children and Marriage in Travancore, South India, in the 1940s”

by Anna Lindberg, Director SASNET

Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, Lund University

4

“Multifaceted Battleground. Of the Contested Danish Mission Schools for Low-Caste Tamil Children in the Late Nineteenth Century”

by Karen Vallgård, PhD fellow

Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen

5

“The Indian Emergency 1975-77: Independent India’s Darkest Hour or Defining Moment?”

by Gunjeet Aurora, Senior Research Fellow

Centre for English Studies, SLL&CS, JNU, India

12:45-13:45 Lunch

13:45-15:15 Presentation 6, 7 & 8

6

“A Step Ahead - Women and Social Change in Rural Tamil Nadu”

by Staffan Lindberg

Department of Sociology, Lund University

7

“Transnational Retailing and the Political Economy of Land

Development: The Case of Makro ‘Embedding’ in Karachi, Pakistan”

by Nausheen H. Anwar, Post-Doctoral Fellow

South Asia Initiative, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

8

“The return of Ram or the Ram Setu issue in recent Indian politics”

by Erik R. Sand, Associate Professor

Dept. of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen

15:15-15:30 Coffee

15:30-16:30 Presentation 9 & 10

9

“Slumdogs, India Shining and the disappearance of poverty from Indian national imagination”

by Maria Tonini & Geoffrey Gardella

Department of Asian Studies, University of Lund

10

“Oye 50-50!” – Delhi 6 and its Articulation of Hybrid Indian Identities in the Global Context.

by Sai Bhatawadekar. Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Hindi-Urdu

Indo-Pacific Languages and Literatures, University of Hawaii

16:30-17:15 Buzz groups

19-? Dinner at Ravelinen (we walk to the restaurant together from NIAS at about 18:30)

Friday, 19 June, 9:30-17

9:30-11 Presentation 11, 12 & 13

11

"The impurity of politics: democracy and young people's future aspirations in rural Nepal"

by Birgitte Lind Petersen, PhD fellow

DIIS/University of Copenhagen (Development Geography)

12

"See You in Tihar Jail!!" Disobedience and Patriotism in the Tibetan Youth Congress in India

by Trine Brox, PhD

Affiliated Researcher, NIAS - Nordic Institute of Asian Studies

13

"Anti-migrant political violence and securitisation of migration in Northeast India"

by Ksenia Glebova, PhD fellow

Department of Political Science, University of Helsinki

11-11:15 Coffee

11:15-12:15 Presentation 14 & 15

14

"The issue of political stability and democratization in Pakistan: Role of national institutions and political parties"

by Theseen Nisar, Research fellow

European Studies Centre, University of Karachi, Pakistan

15

"Caste, creed, class and social mobility in Tamil Nadu, South India"

by Nils Finn Munch-Petersen, Senior Expert

NIAS – Nordic Institute of Asian Studies

12:15-12:45 Buzz groups

12:45-13:45 Lunch

13:45-15:15 Presentation 16, 17 & 18

16

“Udupi Hotels: Entrepreneurship, Reform and Revival”

by Stig Toft Madsen, Geoffrey Gardella

Lund University

17

“The practice of South Indian dance drama: old scripts, new actors”

by Stine Puri Simonsen, PhD

Comparative Culture Studies, Dept. of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen

18

“Processions and Chariot Festivals in Tharamgambadi and Vellankanni as Instances of Cultural Exchange and Marking”

by Peter B. Andersen

Dept. of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen

15:15-15:45 Buzz groups with coffee

15:45-16:15 Presentation 19

19

“South Asian Diasporic Youth in Scandinavia: Changing Identities and Socio Economic Strategies”

by Rashmi Singla, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology & Educational Studies Roskilde University, Denmark

Anne Sophie Fabricius, Programme Officer, Disabled Peoples Organisations – Denmark (DPOD)

Anne Holm Section officer, Integration Department, Copenhagen City

16:15-17:00 Final buzz and summary by Birgitte Refslund Sørensen