

South Asian Media & Cultural Studies Conference

January 22-23, 2015
Center for Global Engagement
@ Florida State University

South Asian Media and Cultural Studies Conference

Student Papers, Friday, January 23

10:30 – 11:45: Panel One - GME Room 2500

Chair: Stephen D. McDowell, College of Communication and Information, FSU.

A Media Framing Analysis: The Coverage of Rape in Indian and Western News Sources.
Shauna N. Gillooly, School of Communication, FSU.

Bharat Mata: Goddess Future Perfect.
Deborah J. Collins, Dept. of History, FSU.

Women at the Bottom in India: Women Workers in Informal Economy.
Sheeva Y. Dubey, School of Communication, U of Miami.

10:30 – 11:45: Panel Two, GME Room 2600

Chair, John Mayo, College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, FSU.

Building for the Future in Myanmar, Muslim Leadership Center.
Zhiwei Wang, and Onur Yuksel, Nova Southeastern U.

Waste Management and Youth Empowerment in Nepal.
Catherine Annis, School of Public Policy, FSU.

Public Diplomacy and Propaganda: A Case of Voice of America Deewa for the Tribal region of Pakistan.
Mehnaz Gul, School of Communication, FSU.

12:00-1:30: Luncheon Keynote, Auditorium GME

“The U.S. Pivot to Asia”

Former Ambassador Michael Thurston

(Please register online to attend the lunch, see link below.)

Mr. Thurston is currently the Diplomat in Residence at Florida A&M University. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Thurston served in Afghanistan as the political advisor and senior civilian to the Special Operations Joint Task Force/ NATO Special Operations Command and as the Charge d'Affaires (acting ambassador) in Burma. His previous posts include Australia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Mexico, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Africa (Durban) and Sri Lanka.

1:30-3:00 Panel Three, GME Room 2300

Chair: Kathleen Erndl, Department of Religion, FSU.

A Critique of Orientalism in a Modern Research Study: Indian Films and Gender Representation.
Rebecca Peters, Dept. of Religion, FSU.

Triumph of the Outcaste Goddess: Pollution and Power in MIA's 'Matangi'.
Logan Beitmen, Dept. of Religion, FSU.

Travel Warnings and Alerts for South Asia! Variations among U.S.-based Media in Risk Reporting.
Mariam Shaikh, School of Communication, FSU.

1:30-3:00 Panel IV, GME Room 2600

Chair: Evan Hoffman, Dept. of Conflict Analysis & Resolution (DCAR), Nova Southeastern U.

Kamaiya: The Cultural and Social Practice of Bonded Labor in Nepal.
Rebekka Flam, College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, FSU.

Darsan in Bollywood Film.
Ian Reed, Dept. of Religion, FSU.

Security Development Nexus: Voices from Tribal Regions and Swat Valley of Pakistan.
Zia Obaid, Askew School of Public Administration, FSU.

Decision Support System in Behavioral Change Interventions with Smallholder Farmers in Southwest and Central Bangladesh.
Omar Ismail, School of Communication, FSU.

3:00- 3:15 Break

3:15- 4:45: Panel Five, GME Room 2300

Chair, Aleks Nestic, Center for Global Engagement, FSU.

Commercial Media Depiction of Mahabharata: Failure to Portray the Complexity and the Philosophical Intensity of the Epic.

Shilpa DasGupta, School of Communication, FSU.

Tagore's Chandalika: Hindu Social Reform in Twentieth Century Bengal.

Roland Mullins, Dept. of Religion, FSU.

Feasibility Study: Building for the Future in Myanmar Peace Center.

Zhiwei Wang, Dept. of Conflict Analysis & Resolution (DCAR), Nova Southeastern U.

Divided by Politics: Tied Together by Peace.

Awais Saleem, School of Communication, FSU.

3:15- 4:45: Panel Six, GME Room 2600

Chair: Ayesha Khurshid, College of Education, FSU.

Nutritional Assessment of Harijan Females in Jodhpur, India.

Taylor Newman, College of Human Sciences, FSU.

Establishing Rapport in Pamohi Village: Photographs of India.

Katrina Crankshaw, Dept. of Anthropology, FSU, and Lee Anne Steers, Dept. of Art, FSU.

Intercultural Roleplay Training Techniques for Adults Visiting Afghanistan.

James Trotta, Dept. of Instructional Systems and Learning Technologies, FSU.

5:00 - 6:00: International Coffee Hour, Lounge, GME

6:00: Screening of Somnath Sen film, Auditorium, GME.

Organizing Committee:

The conference is an interdisciplinary project sponsored by several groups at Florida State University, including the Center for Global Engagement, the South Asian Media Studies research area in the School of Communication, the Department of Religion, the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, and the College of Education.

The faculty organizing committee includes Kathleen Erndl, Dept. of Religion, FSU; Ayesha Khurshid, College of Education, FSU; John Mayo, College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, FSU; Aleks Nestic, Center for Global Engagement, FSU, and; Stephen McDowell, College of Communication and Information, FSU. Student assistants include Roy Samuelson, Mariam Shaikh, and Gabriela Timis. Thanks to Kate Mullin in CCI for her assistance in producing conference materials.

The conference webpage, including the registration form, can be found at:

<http://comm.cci.fsu.edu/research/south-asian-media-and-cultural-studies-conference/>

Other Details:

Coffee and tea breaks will be provided on Friday, January 23, as well as lunch. Attendees are asked to register at the conference webpage so we have a sense of numbers.

There are several hotels in Tallahassee near FSU:

<http://www.universityintallahassee.com/>

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tlhdt-residence-inn-tallahassee-universities-at-the-capitol/>

<http://www.fourpointstallahasseedowntown.com/>

Presenters are asked to send any powerpoints to samcsc2015@gmail.com before January 22 so we can upload these to computers in the presentation rooms.