

Workshop

Language, Region, Knowledge: Colonial Disciplines to Indian Social Sciences

Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), Delhi
4 and 5 May 2017

Thursday, 4 May 2017

- 10.00 – 10.15 On ICAS-IEG collaboration
Introduction to TM1 – *Neeladri Bhattacharya*
Opening remarks on the workshop
- 10.15 – 11.45 Session 1: Polyglot Polities, Unilingual Regions (Chair: [TBC])

The compulsions of co-existence and the requirements of democracy: On India's language problems
Madhava Prasad, EFLU, Hyderabad

Renegade Bilingualism
Rakesh Pandey, CSDS, Delhi
- 11.45 – 12.00 Tea/coffee break
- 12.00 - 13.30 Session 2: 'Vernacular' to 'Regional': Early Disciplinary Junctures (Chair: *Elvira Graner*)

Rajputana, Rajasthan, Rajasthani: the Making of a History/Region/Archive
Tanuja Kothiyal, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Where/What is the Northeast of India? Lineages of a region from pre-colonial to post-national'
Yengkhom Jilangamba, TISS, Guwahati
- 13.30 - 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 16.00 Session 3: Vernacular Publics and Regional Pasts (Chair: *Rajan Krishnan*)

Language, Publicness and the Texture of Literature: Kerala in the Early Twentieth Century
Uday Kumar, JNU, New Delhi

Intellectual Consciousness and Contending Narratives of Identity and Region in Tamil Nadu
V. Rajesh, IISER, Mohali
- 16.00 – 16.15 Tea/coffee break
- 16.15 – 17.15 Nomadic Languages/Bounded Frameworks (Chair: *Tanuja Kothiyal*)
The Language of Nomads and the Politics of Secrecy
Narayan Bhosale, University of Mumbai

Friday, 5 May 2017

- 10.00 – 11.30 Session 4: 'Academic' vs. 'Vernacular': Higher Education Debates, post-1947 (Chair: *S. Irfan Habib*)
- Maulana Azad and Higher Education Debates
Rizwan Qaiser, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi
- Translation and the Indian Social Sciences
Veena Naregal, IEG, Delhi
- 11.30 – 11.45 Tea/coffee break
- 11.45 – 13.00 Session 5: Economics in the Vernacular: Disciplinary Agendas before 1947 (Chair: *Neeladri Bhattacharya*)
- Between Historicity and Contextuality: Bangiya Dhanabijnan Parishad and "Vernacular Economics" in Early Twentieth Century Bengal
Iman Mitra, Independent scholar/ CSSSC, Kolkata
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.30 – 15.45 Session 6: Between Region and the National: Recuperating the Local (Chair: *Shail Mayaram*)
- Iterations of a Local Anthropology: Knowing of the 'Refugee' in Post-Partition Eastern India
Himadri Chatterjee, JNU, New Delhi
- Locating Sylhet Nagri: Region, Language and the Politics of Accommodating a 'Local' Script
Debarati Bagchi, Independent Researcher, Mohali
- 15.45 – 16.00 Tea/coffee break
- 16.00 – 17.00 Closing discussion (Chair: [TBC])
Uday Kumar
Prathama Banerjee