

International Conference

The City in South Asia

**The Centre for Contemporary India Area Studies
at the National Museum of Ethnology (Minpaku)**

**in collaboration with
the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Edinburgh**

18-20 July 2010

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Sunday, 18th July 2010

9.30 am – Registration

10.15 am to 10.45 am Opening Session

Keynote Speech:

MIO Minoru (National Museum of Ethnology)

Crispin BATES (University of Edinburgh; National Museum of Ethnology)

THEME 1: CITY STRUCTURE AND PLANNING

This involves a discussion of the physical layout of Indian cities, how cities are imagined, the differences between the stereotypical European city (if it exists) and Indian classical, colonial, and contemporary cities, and the history of town planning.

10.45 am to 12.45 pm

Panel 1A The Formation of the Indian City

Presenters: FUKAO Junichi (Graduate School of Film Producing)

- Cities in India: an archaeological perspective'

YANAGISAWA Kiwamu (Q-Architecture Labo)

- How Mohallas Were Formed: a typology of mohallas in Varanasi from the viewpoint of spatial formation and the urbanisation process

OTA Nobuhiro (Tokyo University for Foreign Studies)

- Who Built 'the City of Victory'? representation of a 'Hindu' capital in an 'Islamicate' world

YAMANE Shu (The University of Shiga Prefecture)

- Urban Formation of the Port Cities of Kutch and Malabar

1.00 pm to 2.00 pm: LUNCH BREAK

2.00pm to 3.00 pm

Panel 1B Town Planning: Early Colonial Planning

Presenters: Partho DATTA (University of Delhi)

- Patrick Geddes and the Colonial Metropolis

Markus DAECHSEL (Royal Holloway College)

- Sovereignty, Governmentality and Development in Ayub's Pakistan: the case of Korangi township

3.00 pm to 3.30 pm Coffee Break

THEME 2: URBAN IDENTITY & RELIGIOUS TRANSFORMATION

This panel questions 'what is urbanity?' and will involve a discussion of the ways in which religion has been used to make sense of living within the urban environment, changing religious practices in urban spaces, new lifestyles and the commercialisation of religion.

3.30 pm to 5.00 pm

Panel 2A Perception of the City

Presenters: KOISO Chihiro (Hyogo University of Health Sciences)

- Pune City Identity: a place where the past meets the present

TAKADA Mineo (Hiroshima Shudo University)

- City and Life: life stories of people of the lower strata in Chittagong,
Bangladesh

Sandeep BANERJEE (Syracuse University)

- The City as Nation: Victorian Bengali travellers and the imagining of
Delhi's past (1856-1914)

5.00 pm to 6.00 pm: Film Session 1

'Cosmopolis: Two Tales of a City' presented by Paromita VOHRA

6.30 pm: Reception the Restaurant of the National Museum of Ethnology

Day 2: Monday, 19th July 2010

THEME 2: URBAN IDENTITY & RELIGIOUS TRANSFORMATION (CONT.)

10.00 am to 11.00 am

Panel 2B: The Sacred and the Civic

Presenters: TOGAWA Masahiko (Hiroshima University)

- Encountering Development in a Tourist Centre in Bangladesh:
participant observation and local society

Parvis GHASSEM-FACHANDI (Rutgers University)

- Split City Body

Smriti SRINIVAS (University of California-nonattendance, paper only)

- The Sacrality of Urban Sprawl in Contemporary India

11.00 am to 11.30 am Coffee Break

11.30am to 12.30 pm

Panel 2C: Changing Religious Practices in the City

Presenters: MIO Minoru (Minpaku)

- Community of Retrospect: spirit cults in an old city of Rajasthan and the reconstruction of locality

MATSUO Mizuho (Nigata University of International and Information Studies)

- Solving 'Family' Issues: the role of religious practices amongst Indian middle classes

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm LUNCH BREAK

THEME 3: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF SPACE

This will involve a discussion of the political economy of space in the modern South Asian city. Questions to be answered include where does a city begin and where does it end, and are there Indian conurbations? The panel will also assess the impact of telecommunications, marginality, encroachment, and the manipulation of the urban environment by subaltern and elite groups.

1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

Panel 3A: The Politics of Language

Presenters: ISAKA Riho (University of Tokyo)

- The Multilingual City of Bombay and the Formation of Linguistic States, 1947-1960

MATSUKAWA Kyoko (Nara University)

- Transformation of Local Language Politics: church involvement in Konkani publications in roman script in Goa

2.30 pm to 3.00 pm Coffee Break

3.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Panel 3B: Subaltern Spaces (Part One)

Presenters: Anindita GHOSH (University of Manchester, nonattendance, paper only)

- Singing in a New World: street songs and the changing nature of the public sphere in colonial Calcutta

Lotte HOEK (University of Edinburgh)

- Dhaka: the city that wouldn't be filmed

Gopalan RAVINDRAN (University of Madras)

- Spatial Transformations and Social Subjects: the political economy of space in Chennai (Madras)

Ajay GANDHI (Yale University, nonattendance, paper only)

- The Pleasures of the Flesh: leisure and enjoyment among Delhi's underclass

4.30 pm to 5.30 pm: Film Session 2

'Q2P' Presented by Paromita VOHRA

Day 3: Tuesday, 20th July 2010

THEME 3: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF SPACE (CONT.)

10.00 am to 11.00 am

Panel 3B: Subaltern Spaces (Part Two)

Presenter: Roma CHATTERJI (University of Delhi)

- Slums and the Global City: housing plans in Dharavi, Mumbai
- Solomon BENJAMIN (National Institute of Advance Studies)
- Cities within and beyond the Plan: reading Bangalore's multiple contesting terrains

11.00 am to 11.30 am Coffee Break

THEME 4: NETWORKS, CONSUMPTION AND POPULAR CULTURE

This will involve a discussion of subaltern networks within and connecting urban areas, the social life of the City, and the ways in which traditional occupations have been transformed through living and working in an urban environment.

11.30 am to 12.30 pm

Panel 4A: Mobilising the Neighbourhood

Presenters: NAKATANI Tetsuya (Nara Prefectural University)

- Neighbourhood and Urbanisation in Delhi: Durga puja in a Bengali displaced persons' colony

Anthony SAGAYARAJ (Nanzan University)

- Social Networks and Development: self-help group and women empowerment

12.30 pm to 1.30 pm LUNCH BREAK

1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Panel 4B: Consumer Culture

Presenters: KANETANI Miwa (Minpaku)

- Urban Fashion Made in Rural India: textile production in Gujarat

MORIMOTO Izumi (Meiji Gakuin University)

- Consuming Places: the case of the Thamel tourist area in Kathmandu

YAGI Yuko (Miyagi Gakuin Women's University)

- The Revival of Festivals and Social Transformation in Varanasi

IKEGAME Aya & Crispin BATES (Minpaku & University of Edinburgh)

- Time Gentlemen': Bangalore and its drinking cultures

3.30 pm to 4.00 pm: Concluding Discussion