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3rd Annual Meeting

June 15-17, 2024

Congress 2024

McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Day 1: June 15 Saturday

Panel 1.1A (McIntyre 1034)—9:00–11:00

Foregrounding Women

- Jobeth Ann Warjri (Vidyashilp University): *Climate Justice, Gender and “Quiet” Work: The Washerwomen of Laitkor, Meghalaya* (Virtual)
- Shamika Shabnam (McMaster University): *Narrating the Self: The Multifaceted Stories of Women Wartime Survivors of Sexual Violence during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War*
- Parboti Roy (University of British Columbia): *Understanding the Decolonial Approaches of Grassroots Level Indigenous Women Leaders in Addressing Violence Against Women: The Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Context, Bangladesh*

Panel 1.1B (McIntyre 1027)—9:00–11:00

Environment and South Asia

- Vineet Rathee (McGill University): *Burning of Crop Residue: Entanglements of Air Pollution with Agrarian Life*
- Khadiatou Sarr (Université de Montréal): *Les droits forestiers des communautés Adivasis vs les législations de conservation des forêts en Inde*
- Nolwen Vouiller (EHESS-Paris/France & ULiège/Belgique): *Pression mondiale, gouvernementale, sociale et familiale: l'impossible soulèvement d'une population au bord de l'implosion (Parc national de Bardiya, Népal)*
- Jagtेशwar Singh Sohi (University of Toronto): *Are there Shared Futures? – A Comment on Goa's Iron-Ore Permanent Fund*

Break: 11:00-11:30 (Macintyre 1027)

Panel 1.2A (McIntyre 1034)—11:30–13:30

Gender

- Twisha Singh (McGill University): *Re-defining Performative Radicalism within Socio-Political Theatre in Colonial Bengal, 1870-1950*
- Laurah Klepinger (Utica University): *Is Gay Guy to Kothi as Intersex is to Tritya Prakriti? Global Human Rights and the Protection of Indigenous Gender Categories in South India*
- Ari Para (York University): *The Stories of Us: Queer Tamils Reclaiming their Cultural Identity*
- Amrita Kumar-Ratta (University of Toronto): *Re-Imagining Sexual & Reproductive Life in 'Punjabi Canada' through Critical Ethnography and Creative Storytelling*

Panel 1.2B (McIntyre 1027)—11:30–13:30

Practices of the Body, Health, and Physical Culture

- Milda Graham (McGill University): *The Entangled Development of Modern Postural Yoga at the Mysore Palace McGill*
- Thomas Seibel (Concordia University): *The Inconvenient Ghost: Conjurings and Exorcisms in the Rise and Stall of BHU's 'Bhoot Vidya' Ayurveda Certificate Program.*
- Andrea Farran (McGill University): *Serving Karah Parshad at Montreal Gurdwaras*
- Bonita Das (York University): *Looking and Sounding Right: Is Globalization Furthering Employment Discrimination within the Indian Labor Market?*

Lunch: 13:30–14:30 (McIntyre 1027)

Panel 1.3A (McIntyre 1034)—14:30–16:30

Roundtable: Teaching South Asia Today

- Gillian McCann (Nipissing University)
- Nicola Mooney (University of the Fraser Valley)

- Arafaat Valiani (University of Calgary)

Day 2: June 16 Sunday

Panel 2.1A (McIntyre 1034)—9:00–11:00

(Post) Colonial Texts and the Literary

- Sunjay Mathuria (Concordia University): *Conceptualizing Urban Heritage and Memorialization of Partition in Lahore* (Virtual)
- Ruchini Abayakoon (McMaster University): *Felt on the Skin: Unveiling the Tapestry of Slow Grief in Postcolonial Sri Lankan Literature*
- Arastu Lenin Khan (University of British Columbia): *Imagining a Bengali Muslim Literary Archive: The Puthi Sahitya Discourse, 1930s-1950s*
- Sarwat Viqar (John Abbott College): *Alternate Geographies and Imaginaries in Colonial Karachi, 1920s-1940s*

Panel 2.1B (McIntyre 1027)—9:00–11:00

Canadian Stories

- Chandrima Chakraborty (McMaster University): *Remembering as Rupture: Canadian History and Public Memory of the 1985 Air India Bombing*
- Rishma Johal (McGill University): *Transcending the Nation-State: Early South Asian Men in Canada and Family Formation*
- Anne-Sophie Bentz (Université Paris Cité): *Memory in Exile, Memory of Exile. The Tibetans' Chyssem Project*
- Ornella Puschiasis: *Sherpa Diaspora in North America: Unraveling Networks, Identity, and Trans-Himalayan Connectivity*

Break: 11:00-11:30 (Macintyre 1027)

Panel 2.2A (McIntyre 1034)—11:30–13:30

Business Meeting—Andrea Farran, Anne Murphy, Arafaat Valiani, Julie Vig

Lunch: 13:30–14:30 (McIntyre 1027)

Panel 2.3A (McIntyre 1034)—14:30–16:30

Texts and Images

- Maria Casadei (Jagiellonian University, Poland): Social reform in Telugu plays: Gurajada Apparao's *Kanyasulkam* (Virtual)
- Christopher Austin (Dalhousie University): The *Kālanemivadhā* in the *Harivaṃśa* and *Bhāratamañjarī* of Kṣemendra
- Seyed Abbas Zahabi (University of Toronto): *Buddhist Influence on Islamic Concepts of Reincarnation*
- Amber Elisabeth Peters (Ca'Foscari University of Venice and Heidelberg University): *Re-stitching Text and Image in the Study of South Asian Illustrated Manuscripts*

Panel 2.3B (McIntyre 1027)—14:30–16:30

Re-Reading Political Imaginaries

- Manimugdha Sharma (University of British Columbia): *Subhas Chandra Bose, the South Asian Press, and the Second World War*
- Subho Basu (McGill University): *Global Sixties and the Changing Political Landscapes of Two Bengals*
- Pushpa Acharya (Kwantlen Polytechnic University): *Democracy and Norms in B.P. Koirala's Writings*
- Nipesh Palat Narayanan (Institut national de la recherche scientifique, Montréal): *Towards a Pluriversal Politics of Knowledge Production: Reading Street-Food Vending in Colombo and Delhi*

Day 3: June 17 Monday

Panel 3.1A (McIntyre 1034)—9:00 am-11:00 am

New Work in the Textual Studies of Punjab

- Jvala Singh (University of California at Berkeley): *The All-Metal Text (Sarbloh Granth), A Sikh Retelling of a Jain Text?*
- Fatima Afzal (University of British Columbia): *Punjabis Against Punjabi: Muslim Nationalism in the Punjabi-Urdu Debate*
- Anne Murphy (University of British Columbia): *A Magazine for Change: Pīṭlaṛī and the Vision of a New India in Late Colonial India*

Respondents:

- Robin Rinehart (Lafayette College) (Virtual)
- Guriqbal Singh Sahota (University of California Santa Cruz)

Break: 11:00-11:30 (Macintyre 1027)

Panel 3.2A (McIntyre 1034)—11:30-1:30

Thinking through Kashmir: Experiments in Theology, Philosophy, and Aesthetics

- Sloane Geddes (University of Toronto): *In Praise of Śiva: Śaiva Descriptions of King Kapphiṇa in Śivasvāmin's Rise of Kapphiṇa* (Virtual)
- Aditya Guntoori (McGill University): *Abhinavagupta and the Ontology of Artworks*
- Swati Chauhan (McGill University): *Mapping Pañcastavī Manuscripts Across Linguistic Thresholds*

Respondent:

- Hamsa Stainton (McGill University)

Panel 3.2B (McIntyre 1027)—11:30-1:30

Panel: Technologies of Governance

- Arafaat Valiani (University of Calgary): *Technological Innovation and Performing Transparency: Secrecy, Data Design and Postcolonial India's Electronic Voting Machines*
- Chiara Letizia (Université de Québec à Montréal): *Religion at the Supreme Court in Secular Nepal: a Reflection on Selected Cases*
- Jay Ramasubramanyam (York University): *From Brussels to Bandung: Foregrounding India's Role in Anti-Colonial Solidarity*
- Aarushie Sharma (York University): *The Contractual City: Nature of Work and the Infrastructure of Urban Sanitation in Delhi-NCR*

Lunch: 13:30–14:30 (McIntyre 1027)

Panel 3.3 (McIntyre 1034)—14:30–16:30

Roundtable: Transnational Dimensions of Hindutva–Hinduphobia Discourse and Politics in India and Canada

Moderators:

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