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Workshop

REVISITING INDIA'S SILENT REVOLUTION

20th - 22rd of
June 2024

Organized by:

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Guests:

Jayaseelan Raj
Katyayani Dalmia
Aparna Aggarwal
Rupa Viswanath
Mukesh Kumar
Jeffrey Witsoe
Joel Lee
Julien Levesque
Mohsin Alam Bhat
Muzaffar Asadi
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Program

Thursday, June 20

Room: RAA-E-30, Rämistrasse 59, 8001 Zürich

08:30 - 09:00 Intro - Rajat Roy, Nicolas Martin, Johannes Quack

Session 1: Dalits and 'Rights' Activism

09:00 - 10:00 **Satendra Kumar**, University of Zürich
The Struggle for Land: Limits of Dalit Assertion in Punjab, North India

10:00 - 11:00 **Jeffrey Witsoe**, Union College
The Politics of Caste Empowerment and Rights Activism in rural Bihar

11:00 - 11:30 BREAK

11:30 - 12:30 **Nicolas Martin**, University of Zürich
The Boundaries of Dalit Assertion in Punjab

12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH at ETH

Session 2: Dalits and Electoral Politics

14:00 - 15:00 **Rupa Viswanath**, University of Göttingen
Neither Silent nor Revolutionary: The Rule of Caste in Postcolonial Tamil Nadu

15:00 - 16:00 **Aparna Aggarwal**, O.P. Jindal Global University
Cast(e)ing off Materials: Understanding the Changing Nature of Social Hierarchies and Relations Among Sanitation Workers and Waste Pickers in Delhi

16:00 - 16:30 BREAK

16:30 - 17:30 **Jayaseelan Raj**, Kings College London
Caste violence, electoral politics, and local democracy in Tamil Nadu

18:30 DINNER

Program

Friday, June 21

Room: KO2-F-152, Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zürich

Session 3: Dalit Assertion and Religion

- 09:00 - 10:00 **Rajat Roy**, Presidency University/University of Zürich
Matua Sampradāya and the Shaping of a Dalit Religion in Post-colonial West Bengal
- 10:00 - 11:00 **Christian Lee Novetzke**, University of Washington
The Unsilent Revolution: Literary Production, Violence, and Knowledge Apartheid in a Long History of Caste-Gender Oppression.
- 11:00 - 11:30 BREAK
- 11:30 - 12:30 **Mukesh Kumar**, ETH
Breaking the Barriers: Religion, Caste and Empowerment among the Billavas
- 12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH

Session 4: Muslims, Caste and Politics

- 14:00 - 15:00 **Julien Levesque and Mohsin Alam Bhat**, University of Zürich and Queen Mary University of London
Preferential quotas, legal battles, and Muslim minority politics in India
- 15:00 - 16:00 **Shireen Azam**, University of Oxford
Other Backward 'Class' or 'Caste'? Lower-caste Muslim politics in Maharashtra in the Mandal Age
- 16:00 - 16:30 BREAK
- 16:30 - 17:30 **Muzaffar Asadi**, University of Mysore
The Interface between Identity Politics, Caste, and Reservation: A Silent Revolution for Muslims in Karnataka?
- 18:30 DINNER

Program

Saturday, June 22

Room: KO2-F-152, Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zürich

Session 5: Kinship and the Reproduction of Caste

- 09:00 - 10:00 **Clémence Jullien**, CESAH-CNRS/EHESS, Paris, France
Reifying caste while transgressing caste endogamy. Cross-regional marriages in Punjab
- 10:00 - 11:00 **Lucinda Ramberg**, Cornell University
Caste Betrayal, Sexual Politics, and Dalit Reproductive Futures Otherwise
- 11:00 - 11:30 **BREAK**
- 11:30 - 12:30 **Nidhin Donald**, ESKAS Fellow, University of Lucerne
Christianity and Endogamy in South India: Tracing a Legal Conundrum
- 12:30 - 14:00 **LUNCH**

Session 6: Lived Experiences and Discrimination

- 14:00 - 15:00 **Joel Lee**, Williams College
The Implied Rajput
- 15:00 - 16:00 **Johannes Quack**, University of Zürich
A Realistic Rebel: Retooling the Masters' Tools
- 16:00 - 16:30 **BREAK**
- 16:30 - 17:30 **Katyayani Dalmia**, University of Zürich
Intimate Exclusions: Examining Lucknavi Etiquette
- 18:30 **DINNER**