Center for South Asian Studies at the University of Michigan

Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference on South Asia

9:15am Welcome Remarks

9:20-11am Imperial Identities, Imperial Afterlives
Chair: REN Chao, PhD student, History

Brittany Puller, PhD student, Asian Languages and Cultures
The Making of a Masand: Sikh Agents and Political Actors in 17th Century Punjab

Rachel Hirsch, Masters degree student, South Asian Studies
The Sivalayatirth and the Formation of Imperial Identity

Matt Schissler, PhD student, Anthropology
Primordial, Postcolonial, Foretold: Historicizing Violence Against Rohingya in Myanmar

11:10-12:15pm Mediations of Mobility
Chair: Vishnupriya Das, PhD student, Communication Studies

Sriram Mohan, PhD student, Communication Studies
Transacting to Belong: Mobile Payments and the Mediation of Technological Citizenship in Digital India

Vaishnav Kameswaran, PhD student, School of Information
Accessible Transportation and Technological Mediation

1-2:15pm Innovating the Modern
Chair: TBD

Conner Singh VanderBeek, PhD student, Ethnomusicology
Whose Punjab? Bhangra, Gurdas Maan, and the Multi-temporal Sikh Framing of Indian Punjab

Swarnim Khare, PhD student, Asian Languages and Cultures
Literary Innovation in Dalit Women’s writing in Hindi: Anita Bhatti’s Intertextual Dialogue with Premchand

2:20-4pm City Dreaming
Chair: TBD

Janaki Phillips, PhD student, Anthropology
The Chill of Ghosts and the Weight of History: Engagements with Shimla’s Haunted Architectural Heritage

Amit Ittyerah, PhD student, Architecture
Commodity Architecture, the City, and Beyond: Emerging Urban Morphologies along National Highway 1

Salman Hussain, PhD student, Anthro-History
Gulfee City: Provincial Dreams

Keynote speaker:
Ajay Skaria

Department of History
University of Minnesota

4:10-6PM
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