

CHALLENGING PERSPECTIVES ON THE
INDIAN DIASPORA



PROGRAMME

5 - 7 OCTOBER 2017

THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, 5 October 2017

08.30-09.15 hrs
GROUND FLOOR

REGISTRATION, COFFEE and TEA

EACH SPEAKER: 5-10 MINUTES

09.30-11.00 hrs
AULA B (BIG AULA)
GROUND FLOOR

OPENING by Rajendre Khargi, Stichting Lalla Rookh
Inge Hutter, Rector, International Institute of Social Studies
Vinod Subramaniam, Rector, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Venu Rajamony, Indian Ambassador
Rabin Baldewsingh, Deputy Mayor of The Hague

11.00-11.15 hrs
1st FLOOR: ATRIUM

COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – 11.35 hrs
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Sharmini Bisessar, ISS, Administration Information

11.35-12.20 hrs
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KEYNOTE SPEECH: BRIJ LAL
Australian National University
The inheritance of indenture and vice versa

12.30-13.45 hrs
1st FLOOR: ATRIUM

LUNCH

14.00-16.15 hrs
ROOM 3.14, 3rd FLOOR

PANEL 1: INDENTURE STUDIES
Chair: Susan Legene

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

14.00-14.10 hrs

Crispin Bates and Linajyoti Medhi
Worker's resistance and the end of indenture in Assam

14.15-14.25 hrs

Crispin Bates, Marina Carter and V. Govinden
The abolition of Indian indentured migration in Mauritius

14.30-14.40 hrs

Rana P. Behal
Labour resistance in indentured plantations in Assam valley

14.45-14.55 hrs

Rachel Kurian and Kumari Jayawardena
Ethnicity and class division in Sri Lankan politics: gains and losses for plantation workers in the post-indenture period

15.00-15.10 hrs

Maurits S. Hassankhan
From Bharatvanshi to Hindustani. The end of Indian indenture and its impact on Indians in Suriname

15.15-16.15 hrs

PLENARY DISCUSSION

14.00-16.15 hrs
ROOM 4.14, 4th FLOOR

PANEL 2: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES
Chair: Vineeta Sinha

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

- 14.00-14.10 hrs Kapil Kumar and Sandili Maharaj Ramdial
Challenging the myths and distortions of indenture history: the suppressed realities
- 14.15-14.25 hrs Ashutosh Kumar
Indians against the indenture system
- 14.30-14.40 hrs Kalpana Hiralal
Indentured women in South Africa. Labour, survival, resistance and abolition 1860-1918
- 14.45-14.55 hrs Goolam Vahed
Gokhale, Polak and the end of Indian indenture in Natal, South Africa
- 15.00-15.10 hrs Clelia Clini
Representing partition: a British Asian perspective

15.15-16.15 hrs PLENARY DISCUSSION

14.00-16.15 hrs
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PANEL 3: SOCIAL ISSUES
Chair: Marinus Penninx

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

- 14.00-14.10 hrs Anita C. Nanhoë, Danielle J.F.D. Kretz, Hemadrie D. Mathura-Dewkinandan and Sherita Thakoerdath
When marriage becomes a prison. The role of honor based mechanisms in cases of partner violence among Surinamese Hindustani in the Netherlands
- 14.15-14.25 hrs Anita C. Nanhoë, Anita Chedi, Hemadrie D. Mathura-Dewkinandan and Sherita Thakoerdath
Acceptance of homosexuality among Hindustani in the Netherlands
- 14.30-14.40 hrs Ayfara S. Leenderste-Herbonnet
Attitudes of Hindustani mothers towards child labour – The case of Nickerie Suriname 2017
- 14.45-14.55 hrs Indra Boedjarath
Cultural scripts of suicide in the Indian diaspora
- 15.00-15.10 hrs Saikat Ghosh
Is the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) in India able to address its targeted audience?

15.15-16.15 hrs PLENARY DISCUSSION

16.15-16.30 hrs
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COFFEE BREAK

16.45-17.30 hrs
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KEYNOTE SPEECH: NARAYANAN JAYARAM
Professor at National Law School of India University, Bengaluru
Theorising the Indian diaspora: beyond persistence and change

Friday, 6 October 2017

08.30 – 09.15 hrs
GROUND FLOOR

RECEPTION: COFFEE and TEA

09.30-10.15 hrs
AULA B (BIG AULA)
GROUND FLOOR

KEYNOTE SPEECH: VINEETA SINHA
National University of Singapore
Moving beyond a diasporic lens: narrating mobilities

10.15-10.30 hrs
1st FLOOR: ATRIUM

COFFEE BREAK

10.45-12.30 hrs
ROOM 3.14, 3rd FLOOR

PANEL 4a: NATIONAL IDENTITY
Chair: Brij Maharaj

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

- 10.45-10.55 hrs Johann Salazar
The gift of diasporic citizenship: the overseas citizenship of India scheme as a tool for nation-building
- 11.00-11.10 hrs Susan J. Chand and David T. Chand
Practicing Indian culture in a foreign land: a case of national identity and bonding
- 11.15-11.25 hrs Rita Cachado and Inês Lourenço
Hindu-Gujarati diaspora in Portugal: the case of Our Lady of Fatima devotion
- 11.30-11.40 hrs Nalini Moodley-Diar
Post-Mandela; Post-Apartheid; Post-Colour Bar; Post-Coolie! Challenging POSTS through institutionalised self-realisation of Indians in South Africa: a case study
- 11.45-11.55 hrs Vidya Ramachandran
Privileged Hybrids: examining 'our own' in the Indian-Australian diaspora

12.00-12.30 hrs

PLENARY DISCUSSION

10.45-12.30 hrs
ROOM 4.14, 4th FLOOR

PANEL 5: ETHNIC IDENTITY
Chair: Brij Lal

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

- 10.45-10.55 hrs Sarojini Lewis
Traces of Bhojpuri female migrants in Surinam, interpretations & explorations of archival photographs
- 11.00-11.10 hrs Kamini Maraj Grahame and Peter R. Grahame
Reconfiguring identity in a transnational world: Indo-Trinidadians and the construction of Indianness
- 11.15-11.25 hrs Jaswina Elahi
Little informal institutions: traditional dances of the Surinamese Hindustani community
- 11.30-11.40 hrs Purvi Mehta
Anti-caste activism by the Dalit diaspora in the United States, 1970-2000

11.45-12.30 hrs

PLENARY DISCUSSION

10.45-12.30 hrs **PANEL 6a: ECONOMICS OF INDIAN DIASPORA**
ROOM 4.26, 4th FLOOR **Chair: Susan Legene**

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

10.45-10.55 hrs Mohammad A. Kalam
Indian diaspora entrepreneurship in Silicon Valley and IT hubs and startups in South India

11.00-11.10 hrs Satya Bhan Yadav
Diaspora, dedication and development (3D): Indian perspective

11.15-11.25 hrs Ka-Kin Cheuk
Diasporic formation, sustained transience, and indifferent survival: Indian Sindhi traders in a local Chinese market

11.30-11.40 hrs Sadish Dhakal
F1 race (the other kind): how the industry of international education provides a pathway to permanent migration

11.45-12.30 hrs PLENARY DISCUSSION

12.30-13.45 hrs **LUNCH**

1st FLOOR: ATRIUM

14.00-16.15 hrs **PANEL 4b: NATIONAL IDENTITY**

ROOM 3.14, 3rd FLOOR **Chair: Nalini Moodley**

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

14.00-14.10 hrs Brij Maharaj
Go home! Go home to Mumbai! The anti-Indian discourse in the post-apartheid era

14.15-14.25 hrs Nare Galstyan
Engaging stateless and state-linked diasporas: what role does the homeland play?

14.30-14.40 hrs Sherry-Ann Singh
Cultural nationalism and Hindusim in Trinidad

14.45-14.55 hrs Koushiki Dasgupta
Reconciling boundaries and identities: the world of Bengali intellectualism in early 20th century America

15.00-15.10 hrs Vladmir Ferreira, Clementina Furtado, André Corsino Tolentino, Arlindo Fortes, António da Graça
Cape Verde - a nation born in the XV century: trajectories and trends of a migrated people

15.10-16.15 hrs PLENARY DISCUSSION

14.00-16.15 hrs **PANEL 4c: NATIONAL IDENTITY**

ROOM 4.26, 4th FLOOR **Chair: Narayanan Jayaram**

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

14.00-14.10 hrs Des Bobby Luthra Sinha
Of Ubuntu and the rainbow: how Indian South Africans create social institutions in the New South Africa

14.15-14.25 hrs Rewa Singh
Indo-Fijians in Fiji: their acceptance to Pacific way of life and retention of their cultural heritage

14.30-14.40 hrs Sudheesh Bhasi

- 14.45-14.55 hrs *'Rough and tough' pilgrims and 'decent' pilgrims: class and aspiration in a growing Hindu pilgrimage sect in Malaysia*
Triloki Nath Pandey
The impact of Indian diaspora on American society
- 15.00-15.10 hrs Amrita Sen
Traditional livelihoods and survival crisis: the politics of biodiversity conservation in Sundarban, West Bengal
- 15.10-16.15 hrs PLENARY DISCUSSION

14.00-16.15 hrs

ROOM 4.14, 4th FLOOR

PANEL 7: POLITICS AND LEADERSHIP

Chair: Mohammad Kalam

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

- 14.00-14.10 hrs Chan E. S. Choenni
Indians and political marginalization; the case of Fiji, Guyana and Suriname
- 14.15-14.25 hrs Joy Prakash Chowdhuri
Social inequalities, governance and social justice in India
- 14.30-14.40 hrs Heena Mistry
Settler citizenship and indigeneity: Indians overseas and the claim to British imperial citizenship, 1918-1940
- 14.45-14.55 hrs Margriet Fokken
To be considered foreigners no longer? Hindustani claims to citizenship in Suriname 1873-1921
- 15.00-15.10 hrs Eviane Cheng Leidig
From Cyber-Hindutva to Ab Ki Baar Trump Sarkar: A Twitter analysis of Hindu diaspora support for the populist radical right
- 15.15-16.15 hrs PLENARY DISCUSSION

16.15-16.30 hrs

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COFFEE BREAK

16.45-17.30 hrs

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KEYNOTE SPEECH: SHAKUNTALA RAO

State University of New York

The face of India's mediated global modernity

Saturday, 7 October 2017

08.30 – 09.15 hrs
GROUND FLOOR

RECEPTION: COFFEE and TEA

09.30-10.15 hrs
AULA B (BIG AULA)
GROUND FLOOR

KEYNOTE SPEECH: RUBEN GOWRICHARN
VU University Amsterdam
Economic aspects of the Indian diaspora

10.15-10.30 hrs
1st FLOOR: ATRIUM

COFFEE BREAK

10.45-12.30 hrs
ROOM 4.26, 4th FLOOR

PANEL 6b: ECONOMICS OF INDIAN DIASPORA
Chair: Rachel Kurian

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

10.45-10.55 hrs

Manoranjan Mohanty
Transnational Indian diaspora engagement and development: the transilient Fiji-Indian diaspora engagement and assimilation in transnational space

11.00-11.10 hrs

Megha Wadhwa
Tales of business entrepreneurs and professionals: exploring the working experiences of Indian immigrants in Japan

11.15-11.25 hrs

Tina W. Dulam and Philip Hans Frances
How to gain brain for Suriname

11.30-11.40 hrs

Jwala Rambarran
Migration, diaspora, bonds and Suriname's economic development. Tapping into the wealth of the Hindustani diaspora

11.45-12.30 hrs

PLENARY DISCUSSION

10.45-12.30 hrs
ROOM 4.14, 4th FLOOR

PANEL 8a: ART AND MEDIA
Chair: Shakuntala Rao

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

10.45-10.55 hrs

Divya Balan
Re-reading the Banyan tree analogy: the everyday life of Indian diaspora in Europe

11.00-11.10 hrs

Arundhati Sethi
Bleeding boundaries: mapping the destabilization of territorial regimes in Anup Singh's partition film: Qissa: a tale of a Lonely Ghost

11.15-11.25 hrs

Madhuri Prabhakar
Poetry as resistance: hybridity and the 'third space' of Indian diaspora

11.30-11.40 hrs

Sandip Mondal
Double-exposure of authoriality in The Guru

11.45-12.30 hrs

PLENARY DISCUSSION

10.45-12.30 hrs
ROOM 4.25, 4th FLOOR

PANEL 8b: ART AND MEDIA
Chair: Annapurna Pandey

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

10.45-10.55 hrs

Narender Mokhamsing

Lalbibari's "Phagvā delight from Demerara": a reconstruction of a broken world

11.00-11.10 hrs

Roshni Sengupta

From karva chauth to active Hindutva: Bollywood and the makings of a Hindu 'designer' diaspora

11.15-11.25 hrs

Apoorva Nanjangud

The known unknown: The 'Bollywoodized' imaginary of India among twice migrant communities in the Netherlands

11.30-12.30 hrs

PLENARY DISCUSSION

12.30-13.45 hrs
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LUNCH

14.00-16.15 hrs
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PANEL 9: DIASPORA IDENTITY
Chair: Frank Bovenkerk

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

14.00-14.10 hrs

Kamni Kumari

Diaspora as soft power: a case study of Indian Diaspora in the US

14.15-14.25 hrs

Manidipa Mistri

Understanding Indian diaspora: lifting the veil of diasporic crisis of dual identity

14.30-14.40 hrs

Anushyama Mukherjee

Understanding homeland/s and identities: a study of Barkas in Hyderabad

14.45-14.55 hrs

Anjana Sukumary

How Thai-Sikh diaspora students' identity affects their participation in extracurricular activities at the university

15.00-15.10 hrs

Prinisha Badassy

A tissue of lies: crimes of unlawful carnal knowledge and indecent assault by Indian domestic servants, colonial Natal

15.15-16.15 hrs

PLENARY DISCUSSION

14.00-16.15 hrs
ROOM 4.14, 4th FLOOR

PANEL 10: GENDER ISSUES
Chair: Kalpana Hiralal

10 mins: presentation, 5 mins: responses

14.00-14.10 hrs

Sheetal Bhoola and Anand Singh

Gujerati women expatriates from the United Kingdom in contemporary South Africa, Durban

14.15-14.25 hrs

Atinder Pal Kaur

Male migration and challenges to gender equality? A study of Doaba Region of Punjab

14.30-14.40 hrs

Romina Rossi

Thinking the "maternal": a psycho-anthropological perspective on motherhood among Hindu migrants settled in Rome

14.45-14.55 hrs

Praveen Singh

15.00-15.10 hrs	<i>Floriculture as an emerging tool for women empowerment: a case study of Himalchal Pradesh</i> Simant Shankar Bharti
15.15-15.25 hrs	<i>Violence against women in India: an intersectional approach to human rights</i> Annapurna Pandey <i>Gender and religion in everyday life: renegotiated religious identity of Indian women in the diaspora</i>
15.30-16.15 hrs	PLENARY DISCUSSION
16.15-16.30 hrs 1 st FLOOR: ATRIUM	COFFEE BREAK
16.45-17.30 hrs AULA B (BIG AULA) GROUND FLOOR	KEYNOTE SPEECH: PETER VAN DER VEER Max Planck Institute for Religious Studies <i>Comparing the Indian and Chinese diasporas</i>
17.30 hrs AULA B (BIG AULA) GROUND FLOOR	CLOSING SESSION