



# KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION, ETHICS, AND REFLEXIVITY IN SOUTH ASIA

IISER CAMPUS - BHOPAL  
5<sup>th</sup> TO 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

PROGRAMME OF THE WORKSHOP

# SCHEDULE

# 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**9:30 AM**

WELCOME TEA & INAUGURATION OF THE WORKSHOP - VH SEMINAR HALL

**11 AM - 1 PM**  
**SESSION 1**

**Ethical Concerns in Fieldwork**  
WITH **DR. FABIEN PROVOST** (RESEARCHER, CNRS-PARIS)

**11 AM**

**Wafa Razak** (CSSS, Jawaharlal Nehru University)  
*Ethnography, Ethics and Hospitals: 'Studying Up' in South Asia.*

**11:40 AM**

**Anuj Ghanekar** (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai)  
*Researcher's Positionality in Urban Contexts: A Reflexive Account of Qualitative Fieldwork in Low-Income Settlements of Surat, India.*

**12:20 PM**

**Medhavi Gupta** (Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics)  
*Authorship Abuse in Research and Academics in the Digital Age.*

**- 1:20 PM : LUNCH -**

**2:30 - 5:15 PM**  
**SESSION 2**

**On Studying Religious Practices and Rituals**  
WITH **PROF. MATHIEU BOISVERT** (DÉPARTEMENT DE SCIENCES DES RELIGIONS, UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC, MONTRÉAL)

**2:30 PM**

**Navaneeth H** (Department of HSS, IIT Madras)  
*Researching Inter-Religious Practices in South Asia: Methodological Reflections from the Field.*

**3:10 PM**

**Trisha Lalchandani** (CESAH - EHESS Paris)  
*Who is a Hindu Sindhi: Asking the Right Questions in the Field.*

**- 3:50 PM - TEA BREAK**

**4:10 PM**

**Muhammed Anees Ta** (Department of HSS, IIT Gandhinagar)  
*Concealing Interlocutor and Revealing Anthropology: Evaluation as a Perquisite for Studying Occult Practices in Islam.*

# SCHEDULE

# 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH

9 AM - 12:30 PM

## Insider-Outsider: Dealing with Identity in the Field

### SESSION 3

WITH **DR LAURENCE GAUTIER** (RESEARCHER, CSH-DELHI)

9 AM

**EP SARFRAS** (DEPARTMENT OF HSS, IIT GANDHINAGAR)

*DO I REALLY BELONG THERE?*

*NOTES ON THE INSIDER, OUTSIDER EXPERIENCE OF A MUSLIM RESEARCHER.*

9:40 AM

**AFEEF AHMED** (INDEPENDENT RESEARCHER)

*PARTICIPANT OBSERVER OR OBSERVING PARTICIPANT?*

*ETHICAL DILEMMAS OF A MUSLIM DOING THE ETHNOGRAPHY OF MUSLIMS*

- 10:30 AM : TEA BREAK -

11 AM

**NOOR AMEENA** (NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD)

*METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES IN RESEARCHING COMMUNITIES: AN EXPERIENTIAL ACCOUNT OF RESEARCH AMONG MAHAL COMMITTEES AND QAZI OFFICES IN KERALA, INDIA*

11:40 AM

**MUHAMMAD ALI JAUHAR** (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY, DELHI-NCR)

*ETHNOGRAPHY: A FIELD MEDIATED BY MEMORY*

- 12:30 PM : LUNCH -

1:30 - 4 PM

## Critical Perspectives on Heritage and Cultural Memory

### SESSION 4

WITH **DR SWARGAJYOTI GOHAIN** (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY, ASHOKA UNIVERSITY)

1:30 PM

**DR SUSHMITA BANERJEE** (DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, MIRANDA HOUSE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)

*SPIRITUAL GENEALOGIES AND ROLE OF MEMORY IN SUFISM: RELIGION AND DISCOURSE IN FOURTEENTH CENTURY NORTH INDIA*

2:10 PM

**RAHUL DUTT GAUTAM** (DEPARTMENT OF HSS, IISER BHOPAL)

*VICTIMS OF FILM AND FILM THEORY: A DUALYSIS OF ĀKĀLER SANDHĀNE*

2:50 PM

**ADARSH SHAHI** (DEPARTMENT OF HSS, IIT GANDHINAGAR)

*KOL ADIVASÍ'S EVERYDAY INHABITATION BETWEEN CONFLICT AND DEPRIVATION*

- 4 PM : TEA BREAK -

**4:15 AM - 6:15 PM**

**SESSION 5**

**Part 1 - On Sacred, Ecology, Subalternity, and Urban Sites: Methodological Challenges and Questions**

WITH **DR AMBIKA AIYADURAI** (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF HSS, IIT GANDHINAGAR)

**4:15 PM**

**ÉMERAUDE LAPOINTE-PROVOST** (UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC, MONTRÉAL )

*WHEN KALI TAKES A DIP IN THE GANGES: AN EXPLORATION OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF HINDU RITUAL MATERIALISM ON THE ENVIRONMENT*

**4:55 PM**

**LALITHA M** (DEPARTMENT OF HSS, IIT MADRAS)

*INTERSECTIONAL APPROACH IN STUDYING URBAN SITES: ALTERNATIVE METHODOLOGIES AND ETHICAL CONCERNS*

**6:30 PM**

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

*DISCIPLINES, METHODS, AND IDENTITIES: REFLECTIONS AND PERSPECTIVES*

# SCHEDULE

# 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH

9 AM - 11 AM

## SESSION 5

### Part 2 - On Sacred, Ecology, Subalternity, and Urban Sites: Methodological Challenges and Questions

WITH **DR AMBIKA AIYADURAI** (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF HSS, IIT GANDHINAGAR)

9 AM

**JURI BARUAH** (TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, GUWAHATI)

*DESIGNING FIELDWORK AND PRACTICING RESISTANCE: URBANISATION, CONSERVATION AND EVICTION IN SILSAKO WETLAND, GUWAHATI, ASSAM*

9:40 AM

**ANTONY ARUL VALAN** (ASHOKA UNIVERSITY)

*NOTES UPON RESEARCHING AND TEACHING CASTE BY LOOKING AT 'CASTELESSNESS'*

10:20 AM - 1:30 PM

## SESSION 6

### Knowledge Production & Reflexivity

WITH **PROF. VEENA NAREGAL** (PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, DELHI)

10:20 AM

**AMRUTHRAJ VG** (HSS, IIT MADRAS)

*KNOWING THE AFFECTIVE-SENSORIAL REPRODUCTION OF CASTE: EMPLOYING EMBODIED METHODOLOGY*

- 11 AM : TEA BREAK -

11:20 AM

**DEEPU PRATHEEP** (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD)

*HOW DOES THE EMOTIONAL STATE OF MIND AFFECT KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION: REFLECTIONS OF A RESEARCHER*

12 PM

**RAHUL BISHNOI** (DEPARTMENT OF HSS, IIT GANDHINAGAR)

*AN ANTHROPOLOGY OF THE WALLS: NAVIGATING ETHICAL COMPLEXITIES OF VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY IN NON-NATIVE SPACES*

12:40 PM

**DHRITI SONOWAL** (JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY)

*ACCESS TO POWER: STUDYING PARLIAMENTARIANS IN INDIA*

- 1:20 PM : LUNCH -

*IN ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE BHOPAL - SHAHPURA*

4:30 - 6 PM

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FOR « LA NUIT DES IDÉES » (NIGHT OF IDEAS)**

*PUBLIC USE OF ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE: CURRENT PRACTICES AND CHALLENGES*

6:30 PM

**OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ART EXHIBITION « CONFLUENCE »**

*PRESENTING EIGHT ARTISTS FROM MADHYA PRADESH AT THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY*



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