

## HCRGSA Conference 2024 Schedule

### **Culture and Identity: Individuals and Societies in Conversation**

**February 29-March 2, 2024**

Department of History, Classics, and Religion

University of Alberta

The time zone for all the sessions is in MST.

#### **Conference organizing committee members**

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### **Day 1: Thursday, February 29th**

**Location: Henry Marshall Tory Building, Room 2-58 & Virtual**

09:00-10:30 am: Breakfast and Registration

10:30-10:45 am: Opening remarks by the conference committee and the Director of Graduate Programs, Dr. Dagmar Wujastyk.

#### **Session I: 10:50 am-12:30 pm**

### **Contextualizing shame, stigma, and trauma**

#### **Chair: Tulika Singh**

**Sreya Paul and Enakshi Paul**, Tripura University and The ICFAI University

“A Critique of Tuloni Biya (Practised in Assam, Northeast India): A Cross Cultural Analysis of Menstrual Customs”

**Jaishree**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

“Exploring trauma and identity through the case study of Phoolan Devi”

**P. Sankavi**, Gobi Arts & Science College

“The impact of social stigma on disability: A critical analysis of Firdaus Kanga’s Trying to Grow”

**Md Asif Khan**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

“Reclaiming the right to say 'I': Shame, Self narration and Identity in Contemporary Dalit Autobiographies”

*Lunch Break- 12:30-01:30 pm in Tory 2-79*

**Session II: 01:30-03:10 pm**

**Gender identity and sexuality**

**Chair: Dr. James White**

**Arabelle Wren Konrad**, University of Alberta

“Buddhist Didactic Tales (Setsuwa) on Cross-Species Romantic and Sexual Encounters”

**Chris Aino Pihlak**, University of Toronto

“A People’s History of Transgender: Trans Subcultural Discourses Against the Transsexual-Transvestite Binary”

**Alexandra Daria Zybinova**, University of Alberta

“Politicizing Gendered Discourse: Women’s Participation in the 2011 Tahrir Square Protests”

**Rou Li**, University of Alberta

“Female Identity in Modern China: The Dialogue Between Ling Shuhua and Literary Communities”

*Tea/Coffee Break- 03:10-03:20 pm*

**Session III: 03:20-5:00 pm**

**Displacement, diaspora, and collective memory**

**Chair: Prof. Heather Coleman**

**Jing Yang**, University of Alberta

“The Failed Conversations between Britain and China: Macartney’s Embassy at the onset of Modernity”

**Baktash Goudarzi**, University of Alberta

“Russo-Persian Cross-Border Interactions (1800-1917)”

**Nakita Valerio**, University of Alberta  
 “Remembering the Departure of Moroccan Jews”

**Rachel Schmalz**, University of Alberta  
 “Does Ethnicity Matter? Explaining the Relationship between Russia, Ukraine, and Crimea”

*06:00-08:00 pm: Dinner with participants at the Spaghetti Factory in Downtown.*

### **Day 2: Friday, March 1st**

**Location: Henry Marshall Tory Building, Room 2-58 & Virtual**

09:00-10:00 am: Breakfast

**Session IV: 10:00-11:40 am**

**Mythical, warfare, linguistic, and philosophical literature**

**Chair: Dr. Dagmar Wujastyk**

**Varun Somasekhar**, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
 “Role of identity in ancient Indian warfare practices”

**Samuel Minden**, University of Alberta  
 “Fire on the Water Beneath the Red Cliff: An Analysis of The Biography of Zhou Yu and the Battle of Red Cliff in the Sanguozhi and its Legacy”

**Deepro Chakraborty**, University of Alberta  
 “On the Varṇasīkṣāsaṅkṣepa: Exploring an Overlooked Work Attributed to the Medieval Kashmiri Author Jagaddhara”

**Ge Ge**, University of Vienna  
 “Authorship and Authoritativeness of the Vaiśeṣika Tradition”

*Tea/Coffee Break- 11:40-11:50 am*

**Session V: 11:50 am-01:30 pm**

## **Monolingualism, indigeneity, and voices of empowerment**

**Chair: Adrian Wawrejko**

**Arpan Bayan and Satyajit Pramanik**, University of Hyderabad

“Health and Healing at Bay: Unravelling a Layered Narrative of the Colonial Encounter in Eastern India”

**Wanyixiong Hua**, University of Alberta

“The Monolingual Defense: Why Chinese Writers said “No” to Second Languages”

**Robyn Marie Clarke**, University of Waterloo

“Harmonies of Empowerment: Unveiling the Dynamic Interplay of Fan Clubs, Women's Identity, and the Triumphs of Iconic Musicians in Historical Context”

*Lunch Break- 01:30-02:30 pm in Tory 2-79*

**Session VI: 02:30-04:10 pm**

### **Forms of art and shaping of identity**

**Chair: Dr. Kristen Burton**

**Michael Gillingham**, University of Alberta

“The Pastor Has No Clothes: NakedPastor and Evangelical Deconstruction”

**Tamane Takehara**, School of Art Institute of Chicago

“Love, Desire, Pleasure, and Frills: Queer Dismemberment in Mori Mariko’s Birth of a Star”

**Ronit Ghosh**, University of Chicago

“Mapping Jazz in India and India in Jazz: Improvisations and Encounters”

**Vincent Veerbeek**, University of Helsinki

“Marching to Their Own Drum: United States Government Boarding School Bands and Identity Formation among Native American Musicians, 1880-1918”

*05:00-08:00 pm: Charcuterie Extravaganza reception in Tory 2-58, organized by Dr. James White.*

**Day 3: Saturday, March 2nd**

**Location: Henry Marshall Tory Building, Room 2-58 & Virtual**

09:00-09:30 am: Breakfast

**Session VII: 09:30-11:10 am**

**Identity in Classical material and literary evidence**

**Chair: Prof. Margriet Haagsma**

**Dustin Berndt-Setter**, University of Alberta

“Challenging the Spartan ‘Mirage’ by Redefining the Greek Standard for Burials”

**Caden Hanrahan**, University of Washington

“Athena’s Epiphanies in the Odyssey: A Study of Gender and Status in Homeric Society”

**Sophie McGurk**, Trinity College Dublin

“A Certain Greek Kinship’: Ireland, Ancient Greece and Hibernian Philhellenism”

**Alex Nguyen**, University of Pennsylvania

“What’s in a Name, Telamonides?: Telamonian Teucer’s Dual Ethnicity, Bastardy, and Agency”

*Tea/Coffee Break- 11:10-11:20 am*

**Session VIII: 11:20-01:00 pm**

**Landscapes, ecosystems, and local/national identities**

**Chair: Prof. Liza Piper**

**Srishti Bhatia**, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), India

“Dynamic Paradoxes: Tribal Identity, Modernity, and Pedagogy in Assam's Tea Tribes”

**Rajashree Samal**, IIT Bhubaneswar

“Sustaining Identities: Ecotourism and Cultural Dynamics in Chilika Lagoon, India”

**Chris Chang-Yen Phillips**, University of Alberta

“The National Interest: How the Royal Ontario Museum failed (and then succeeded) to collect fossils in the Burgess Shale”

**Connor J. Thompson**, University of Alberta

“The Identity of the Pioneer: Representations of the Canadian Prairie Pioneer by Grant MacEwan”

*Lunch Break- 01:00-02:00 pm in Tory 2-79*

**Keynote Roundtable: 02:00-04:00 pm**

**Location: Business Building 1-09 & Virtual**

**Roundtable session with retiring professors from the Department of History, Classics, and Religion**

Prof. Beverly Lemire, Prof. Dominik Wujastyk, and Prof. Sarah Carter

**04:00-04:15 pm-** Closing remarks