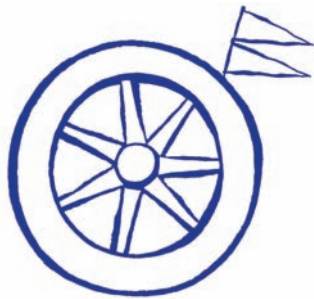


Third Nordic Conference on South Asian Studies for Young Scholars

Falsterbo, August 16–18, 2011



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Organised by:

- SASNET** – Swedish South Asian Studies Network, Lund University
- NIAS** – Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Copenhagen



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

After successful conferences in 2009 and 2010, we are happy to meet for the third time at the scenic Falsterbo Conference Retreat (Falsterbo kursgård in Höllviken).

The objective of the Third Nordic Conference on South Asian Studies for Young Scholars is to gather masters students, Ph.D. candidates, and post-doctoral researchers, along with other junior scholars with affiliations to universities in the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden) who focus on South Asia in their work. This is also the first year we have included some participants from non-Nordic countries.

The conference will provide an opportunity for young scholars to present their current and projected research, establish contact with colleagues in other countries, and discuss the opportunities and challenges of planning careers and conducting research in South Asian Studies.

The conference will also provide young scholars with an opportunity to learn about ongoing Nordic network activities in South Asian Studies; discuss issues with senior colleagues related to gender, climate, and mapping the human landscape of EurAsia in the context of research on the South Asian region; and exchange information on alternative career paths.

The working language of the conference will be English.

Full information may be found on the conference web page:
<http://www.sasnet.lu.se/falsterbo2011>

Keynote Speaker

Patricia Jeffery

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Professor Jeffery's research interests are in gender and development (especially childbearing, women's reproductive rights, social demography in South Asia), Indian society, gender and communal politics, education and the reproduction of inequality, race, and ethnicity.



Conference programme:

Day 1, August 16, Tuesday

- 11.00 Bus departs from Malmö Central Station
- 12.00 – 13.00 Registration and lunch
- 13.00 – 13.30 Introduction and welcome speeches:
Dr. Anna Lindberg, Director, SASNET
Dr. Geir Helgesen, Director, NIAS
Venue: Altona Conference Room
- 13.30 – 14.30 Keynote lecture:
"Daughter Aversion, Dowry, and Demographic Change"
by Professor Patricia Jeffery, University of Edinburgh
Venue: Altona Conference Room
- 14.30 – 15.00 Tea and coffee break
- 15.00 – 15.45 **Panel: Gender**
Venue: Altona Conference Room
- 15.00 – 15.10 Introduction and presentation by the challengers
– Malin Jordal, Ph.D. Candidate, IMCH, Department of Women's
and Children's Health, Uppsala University (Sweden)
– Sanaya Singh, B.S., Social Work,
University of Gävle (Sweden)
- 15.10 – 15.45 Response by champions and discussion
– Patricia Jeffery, Professor, University of Edinburgh (UK)
– Helle Rydström, Professor, Lund University (Sweden)
- 15.45 – 16.15 Presentation on Nordic Centre in India (NCI) 2011
by Professor Jussi Kauhanen, Chairman of the NCI Board
Venue: Altona Conference Room
- 16.15 – 19.00 Thematic sessions with presentations of individual research projects
- Group 1. Cultural meetings and social change*
Group leaders: Per Ståhlberg, Stockholm University (Sweden);
Pamela Price, University of Oslo (Norway);
Staffan Lindberg, Lund University (Sweden);
Stig Toft Madsen, University of Copenhagen (Denmark)
Venue: Room Draken and/or Altona
- Group 2. An interdisciplinary look at gender*
Group leaders: Patricia Jeffery, University of Edinburgh (UK);
Ummu Salma Bava, Jawaharlal Nehru University (India)
Venue: Room Falken
- Group 3. An interdisciplinary look at climate and environment*
Group leaders: Abul Mandal, Skövde University (Sweden);
Anna Jonsson, Linköping University (Sweden)
Venue: Room Viggen

19.30 – 20.30 Dinner

20.30 – 21.30 Dayabati Roy, University of Copenhagen (Denmark), presents her film "Hundred Days".

The documentary tries to capture the rural politics emerging in the course of implementing poverty alleviation programmes, here the MGNREGA, in West Bengal, a state of India. It deals with how the MGNREGA is implemented at the grassroots level and interpreted by the rural people and the representatives of various governmental and non-governmental organizations. It examines how rural people interpret various development initiatives of the state and other agencies. Do they think that the state or other organizations are more active in recent times compared to earlier periods in dealing with their welfare issues? Does it result in any new kind of politics emerging at the grassroots mobilization?

Day 2, August 17, Wednesday

09.00 – 09.45 Lecture:
"Molecular Strategies for Protection of Water-based Arsenic Contamination of the Major Food Chain in South Asia"
by Abul Mandal, Professor, Skövde University (Sweden)
Venue: Altona Conference Room

09.45 – 10.30 **Panel: Climate Changes and Water Issues**

Venue: Altona Conference Room

09.45 – 9.55 Introduction and presentation by the challengers
– Arifin Sandhi, Masters student in Ecology, Stockholm University (Sweden)
– Noor Nahar, M.Sc., Molecular Biology, University of Skövde (Sweden)

9.55 – 10.30 Response by champions and discussion
– Abul Mandal, Professor, University of Skövde (Sweden)
– Anna Jonsson, Researcher, Linköping University (Sweden)

10.30 - 11.00 Tea and coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Thematic sessions, individual research projects (continuation)
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- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 14.15 Lecture:
"Mapping the Human Landscape of EurAsia"
 by Ummu Salma Bava, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (India)
 Venue: Altona Conference Room
- 14.15 – 15.00 **Panel: Mapping the Human Landscape of EurAsia**
 Venue: Altona Conference Room
- 14.15 – 14.30 Introduction and presentation by challengers
 – Nicol Foulkes, Ph.D. candidate, University of Tampere (Finland)
 – Jagriti Tanwar, Ph.D. candidate, Georg-August-Universität,
 Göttingen (Germany)
- 14.30 – 15.00 Response by champions and discussion
 – Ummu Salma Bava, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (India)
 – Anthony D'Costa, Professor, Copenhagen Business School (Denmark)
 – Geir Helgesen, Director, NIAS (Denmark)

- 15.00 – 15.30 Tea and coffee break
- 15.30 – 17.00 Thematic sessions, individual research projects (continuation)

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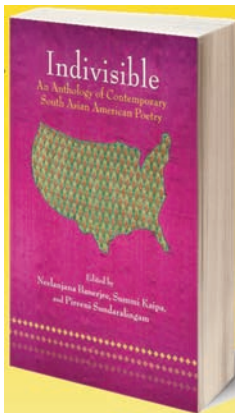
- 17.00 – 19.00 Free time
- 19.00 – 20.30 Dinner and cultural programme

20.30 Poetic reading by Pireeni Sundaralingam.
 Excerpts from the recently published volume
*Indivisible: An Anthology of Contemporary South
 Asian American Poetry*, co-edited by Pireeni.
 Born in Sri Lanka and raised there and in
 the UK, Pireeni currently lives in San
 Francisco, California.
 Her poems have appeared in literary and
 political journals worldwide, also in Sweden.
 After the programme, she will be doing a
 book-signing for the *Indivisible* volume.



Day 3, August 18, Thursday

- 09.00 – 09.45 Lecture:
"From Academics to Humanitarian Aid"
by Kyrre Lind, President, Doctors Without Borders in Norway
Venue: Altona Conference Room
- 09.45 – 10.15 Lecture:
"Defending Indigenous Peoples' Rights for a Living"
by Christina Nilsson, International Workgroup for Indigenous Affairs
(IWGIA), Copenhagen
Venue: Altona Conference Room
- 10.15 – 10.45 Tea and Coffee break
- 10.45 – 11.30 **Panel: Alternative Career**
Venue: Altona Conference Room
- 10.45 – 10.55 Introduction and presentation by challengers
– Tania Porqueddu, Ph.D. candidate, University of Edinburgh (UK)
– Mohamed Farook Fawas, Masters in Political Science,
University of Oslo (Norway)
- 10.55 – 11.30 Response by champions and discussion
– Kyrre Lind, Doctors Without Borders (Norway)
– Christina Nilsson, IWGIA (Denmark)
- 11.30 – 12.00 Concluding remarks
Dr. Anna Lindberg, Director, SASNET
Dr. Geir Helgesen, Director, NIAS
Venue: Altona Conference Room
- 12.00 – 13.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Bus departs for Malmö Central Station



Indivisible is the first anthology of its kind. It brings together forty-nine American poets who trace their roots to Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Featuring award-winning poets who include Meena Alexander, Agha Shahid Ali, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, and Vijay Seshadri, here are poets who share a long history of grappling with a multiplicity of languages, cultures, and faiths. The poems gathered take us from basketball courts to Bollywood, from the Grand Canyon to sugar plantations, and from Hindu-Muslim riots in India to anti-immigrant attacks on the streets of post 9/11 America.

Reviews of *Indivisible: An Anthology Of South Asian American Poetry*

"*Indivisible* is seamless passion, held together by the will to cross borders and embrace that which is sacred in the individual."

(Yusef Komunyakaa, Chancellor of the American Academy of Poets)

"No-one can speak for 'America' or 'Humanity,' but these poems give us a glimpse of both. Scattered among them are treasures and heartbreaks, mercurial descriptions of life and languid backward glances at what is left behind, what cannot be recovered. This is a language map of South Asian America."

(Vijay Prashad, author of *The Karma of Brown Folk*)

The anthology was awarded the 2011 California Book Award and is currently short-listed for the 2011 PEN Book Award and the 2011 Before Columbus Prize.

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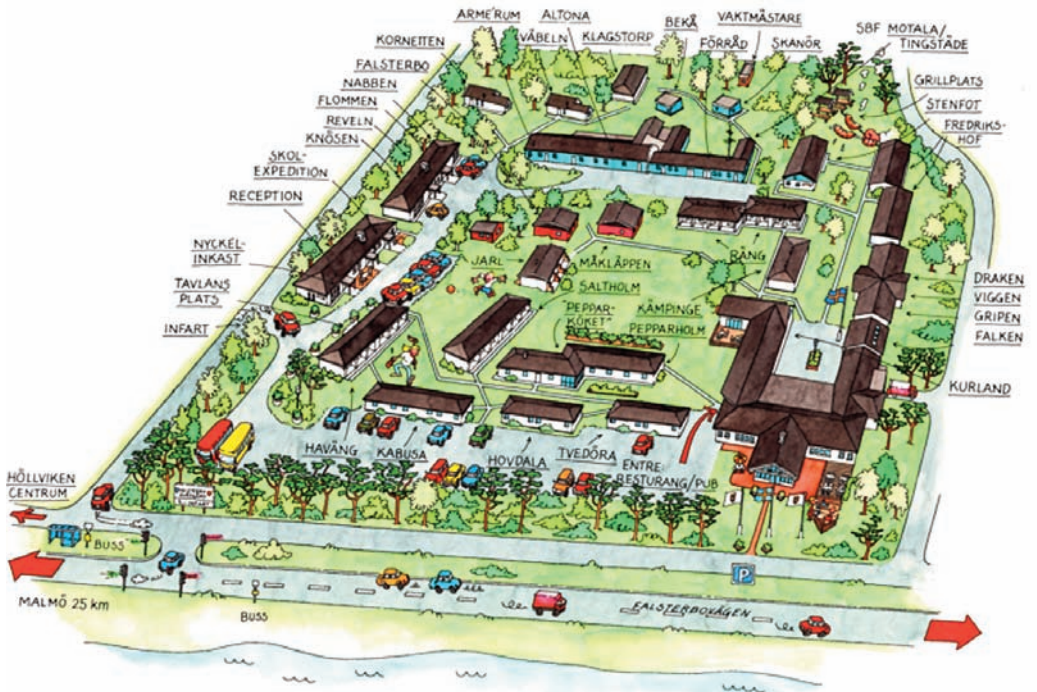
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5. Jensen, Kathrine, Lund University (Sweden)
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9. Singh, Sanaya, Höskolan i Gävle (Sweden)

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Md. Raknuzzaman, from the Department of Arts and Sciences, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (Bangladesh) participates as observer.



Map of Falsterbo kursgård in Höllviken, the conference venue

Please note that there is an indoor swimming pool, so bring your bathing suits!

Welcome to Falsterbo!

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