Nordic Conference on South Asian Studies for Young Scholars

Falsterbo, August 18–20, 2010

Organised by:
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Conference programme:

Day 1, August 18, Wednesday

12.30 – 13.00  Registration and check-in at at the reception desk of Falsterbo Conference Retreat
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
14.00 – 14.15  Welcome by Anna Lindberg, Director of SASNET, Deputy Director Lars Eklund
15.15 – 15.45  Coffee & tea
15.45 – 17.45  Thematic sessions with presentations of individual research projects:
   Group 1 – History, Religion & Culture.
   Chairpersons: Prof. Pamela Price, University of Oslo, and Dr. Peter B. Andersen, Copenhagen University
   Venue: Room Draken
   Group 2 – Society, Development & Gender
   Chairpersons: Prof. Graham Chapman, Lancaster University, and Dr. Sirpa Tenhunen, University of Helsinki
   Venue: Room Armérum 2
   Group 3 – Nature, Health & Environment
   Chairpersons: Dr. Anna Godhe, University of Gothenburg University, and Dr. Pernille Gooch, Lund University
   Venue: Room Armérum 1
   Group 4 - Politics, Economics & International Relations
   Chairperson: Dr. Stig Toft Madsen, Copenhagen University
   Venue: Room Viggen
18.00 –18.45 Lecture: “Documenting Informalities: Artistic research and grass-roots activism in collaboration”, by Maria Lantz, the Royal University College of Fine Arts, Stockholm
19.00 Dinner
After 20.00 Film screening:
“Desi girls!” (22 min) – Anthropological documentary made and presented by Johanna Sommansson. Short description of the film can be seen here.

Day 2, August 19, Thursday

09.00 –09.45   Lecture: “Doing interdisciplinary innovation research in Asia: Insights from India” by Dr. Jan Vang, Department of Production, Aalborg University, Denmark.
   Venue: Altona Conference Room
09.45 – 10.15 Coffee & tea
10.15 – 11.15  Panel: Interdisciplinary Research
   Venue: Altona Conference Room
10.15 – 10.45  Introduction and presentation by the challengers:
   – Mette Gabler, PhD Student, Indian Studies/International Development, University of Copenhagen/Lund University
   – Sujan Saha, Msc in Social Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim
   – Mohammad Mastak Al Amin, Master in Economic Demography, School of Business and Management, Lund University
10.45 – 11.15  Response from champions (Jan Vang, Pamela Price, Maria Lantz)
11.15 – 12.00 Interdisciplinary group debate. Topic for discussion: Interdisciplinary Research
   Moderator: Pamela Price
   Venue: Altona Conference Room
12.00 – 13.00 Lunch
13.00 – 13.45  Lecture: “Fieldwork and Ethics in South Asia”  
by Sirpa Tenhunen, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki, Finland  
Venue: Altona Conference Room

13.45 – 14.45  Panel: Fieldwork and Ethics  
Venue: Altona Conference Room

13.45 – 14.15  Introduction and presentation by the challengers:  
– Johanna Sommansson, MA in Anthropology, Stockholm University, Sweden  

14.15 – 14.45  Response from champions (Bo Lindblad, Pernille Gooch)

14.45 – 15.15  Open debate on Fieldwork and Ethics. Moderator: Jan Magnusson  
Venue: Altona Conference Room

15.15 – 15.45  Coffee & tea

15.45 – 16.45  Thematic sessions: Continuation of individual research projects  
Group 1 – History, Religion & Culture.  
Chairpersons: Prof. Pamela Price, University of Oslo, and Dr. Peter B. Andersen, Copenhagen University  
Venue: Room Draken

Group 2 – Society, Development & Gender  
Chairpersons: Prof. Graham Chapman, Lancaster University, and Dr. Sirpa Tenhunen, University of Helsinki  
Venue: Room Armémrum 2

Group 3 – Nature, Health & Environment  
Chairpersons: Dr. Anna Godhe, University of Gothenburg University, and Dr. Pernille Gooch, Lund University  
Venue: Room Armémrum 1

Group 4 - Politics, Economics & International Relations  
Chairperson: Dr. Catarina Kinnvall, Lund University, and Dr. Stig Toft Madsen, Copenhagen University  
Venue: Room Viggen

17.00 – 19.00  Sightseeing by bus in the neighbourhood (Falsterbo and Skanör).  
Ornithological guide – Stig Toft Madsen

19.30  Dinner and entertainment with Bollywood dance

Day 3, August 20, Friday

9.00 – 09.45  Lecture: “Essentials of Academic Writing and Speaking for Non-native Speakers of English”  
by Teddy Primack, Director of Academic Documents Associates, USA  
Venue: Altona Conference Room

The film is made and presented by Mashhood Ahmed Sheikh.  
Venue: Altona Conference Room

10.30 – 11.00  Coffee & tea

by Anna Godhe, Department of Marine Ecology, University of Gothenburg  
Venue: Altona Conference Room

11.45 – 12.45  Panel: Academic Career  
Venue: Altona Conference Room

11.45 – 12.15  Introduction and presentation by challengers:  
– Mohamed Fawas Mohamed Farook, MA in Political Science, University of Oslo/University of Colombo, Sri Lanka/Norway  
– Malin Jordal, PhD Student, International Health, Uppsala University, Sweden.
12.15 – 12.45  Response by champions (Catarina Kinnwall, Devdatt Dubhashi)
13.15 – 13.30  Summary and Conclusion
13.30 – 14.30  Lunch
14.30       Bus departure to Malmö

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Thematic group 1: History, Religion and Culture

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2. Roy, Dayabati
3. Samuelsen, Guro W.
4. Sheikh, Mashhood Ahmed
5. Suneson, Anita
6. Zabiliute, Emilija

Thematic group 2: Society, Development and Gender

1. Gabler, Mette
2. Jordal, Malin
3. Nolle, Louise
4. Nordfeldt, Cecilie
5. Schliewe, Sanna
6. Sommansson, Johanna
7. Svensson, Christian Franklin

Thematic group 3: Politics, Economics and International Relations

1. Farook, Mohamed Fawas Mohamed
2. Jensenius, Francesca Refsum
3. Mastak Al Amin, Mohammad
4. Nahar, Najmun
5. Saha, Sujan
6. Schmidt, Nanna Nisansala
7. Svere, Lodve A.
8. Westermark, Kristina

Thematic group 4: Nature, Health and Environment

1. Islam, Aminul
2. Lattiff, Ibrahim
3. Mukit, Abdul Al
4. Ubhayasekera, Wimal
5. Wilson, Kaythrine Esther