



Schedule of Second European PhD Seminar on South Asia Studies

19-20 September, Ghent

Venue: 't Schoon Verdiep, Korte Meer 5-11

Preliminary Program:

Friday, 19 September, 9:30 - 17:30

Tea & Coffee – **Opening Speech by the Dean:** 9:30 – 10:00

Session 1: 10:00 – 11:30, Chair: Nel Vandekerckhove

1. *“Political Economy of Agrarian Change in the Nepali lowlands”*, Fraser Sugden, University of Edinburgh
Discussant: Prof. Koen Vlassenroot, Ugent/CRG
2. *“From war to peace: The Nepalese Maoists strategic and ideological thinking”*, Winne Gobyn, Ugent/CRG
Discussant: Prof. Andrea Nightingale, University of Edinburgh

Tea & Coffee: 11:30 – 11:45

Session 2: 11:45 – 12:30, Chair:

3. *“Planning for everything: the Sardar Sarovar Project Plan”*, Guro Aandahl, University of Oslo
Discussant: Prof. William Sax, University of Heidelberg

Lunch: 12:30 – 13:15

Session 3: 13:15 – 14:45, Chair:

4. *“Hindu Nationalist Conceptions of History: Constructing a Hindu-Muslim dichotomy”*, Lars Tore Flaten, University of Oslo
Discussant: Prof. Mario Rutten, Uva/ASSR
5. *“Why do riots happen here and not there? Communal Violence, Patronage and Civil Society in Gujarat, India”*, Ward Berenschot, Uva/ASSR
Discussant: Prof. Koen Vlassenroot, Ugent/CRG

Tea & Coffee: 14:45 – 15:00

Session 4: 15:00 – 16:30, Chair:

6. *“The Impact of the BJP on the Political Dimension of Indian Security”*, Chris Ogden, University of Edinburgh
Discussant: Prof. William Sax, University of Heidelberg



7. *"Disease Goddesses, Kings and Society in Western Maharashtra"*, Deepra Dandekar, University of Heidelberg
Discussant: Dr. Stig Toft Madsen, Senior Researcher NIAS

Tea & Coffee: 16:30 – 16:45

Session 5: 16:45 – 17:30, Chair:

8. *"Twilight Authority in the Beedi Commodity Chain: Naxilite and State Governance in Tribal Telangana"*, Bert Suykens, Ugent/CRG
Discussant: Prof. Mario Rutten, UvA/ASSR

17:30: drinks

18:00: evening event + dinner

Saturday, 20 September, 9:00 – 15:30

Opening of day two, Tea & Coffee: 9:00 – 9:30

Session 6: 9:30 – 11:00, Chair:

9. *"MANS in Action: Promoting Scientific Temper and Eradicating Superstition"*, Johannes Quack, University of Heidelberg
Discussant: Dr. Stig Toft Madsen, Senior Researcher NIAS
10. *"State, Ethnicity and Social Mobility: The Indian Middle Class in Malaysia"*, Athi Sivan, UvA/ASSR
Discussant: Prof. Koen Vlassenroot, Ugent/CRG

Tea & Coffee: 11:00 – 11:15

Session 7: 11:15 – 12:45, Chair:

11. *"The state, the chief and the rebel': Public authority and land dispute in rural Assam"*, Nel Vandekerckhove, Ugent/CRG
Discussant: Prof. Andrea Nightingale, University of Edinburgh
12. *"The adaptation of societies to environmental change: vulnerability, ecological knowledge and resilience: The case of the Mishing Tribe in the Brahmaputra River floodplain, Assam"*, Emilie Cremin, CNRS/Paris
Discussant: Prof. Koen Vlassenroot, Ugent/CRG

Lunch: 12:45 – 13:30

Session 8: 13:30 – 15:00

13. *"Understanding the world view of Pariayar Christians and its Impact on their visible life in Tamil Nadu"*, Anderson H M Jeremiah, University of Edinburgh
Discussant: Prof. William Sax, University of Heidelberg
14. *"Reproductive health behaviour of Muslim women in New Delhi"*, Constanze Weigl, University of Heidelberg
Discussant: Prof. Andrea Nightingale, University of Edinburgh

15:00 – 15:45: Discussion on future plans by the senior staff

Tea & Coffee: 15:45 – 16:00 + Conclusion

