

International Symposium on Inter-Cultural dialogue between North East India and South East Asia

at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
17 – 20 March 2010

Symposium Sessions

17th March (Wednesday), 2010 (at IGNCA)

Registration:

(2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Inaugural Session (3 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.)

Chair: Prof. B. B. Bhattacharya, Vice-Chancellor, JNU
Welcome remark: Prof. A.C. Bhagawati, Former VC, Rajiv Gandhi University
(3-3:05 p.m.)
Introduction to the Events: Prof. Lokendra Arambam
(3.05-3.15)
Introduction to the Symposium: Prof. Tiplut Nongbri, Director, NEISP,
JNU
(3:15-3:3.25 p.m.)
Address by the Guest of Honour: President, IGNCA
(3:25 - 3:35 p.m.)
Address by the Chief Guest: Dr. Kapila Vatsyan
(3:35-3:45 p.m.)

Address by the Chair: Prof. B. B. Bhattacharya
(3:45-3:55 p.m.)

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Molly Kaushal, IGNCA
(3:55-4pm)

**Inaugural Panel: Worldviews and practices: Ideational and material
links**

Chair: Prof. Himanshu Prabha Ray, CHS, JNU

Prof. Archana Baruah
(4:15-4:30pm)

*Religious pluralism and interfaith dialogue in pre-colonial
Southeast Asia: Ramayana from Assam to Indonesia*

Dr. O. Kumar Singh
(4:30-4:45)

Pre-and proto-historic pottery of Manipur

Responses from the delegates: Delegates
(4:45-4:55 p.m.)

Response by the panelists: Prof. Archana Baruah and Dr. O. Kumar
Singh

(4:55-5:05 p.m.)

Remarks by the Chair:

(5:05-5:15 p.m.)

18th March (Thursday), 2010 (at IGNCA)

First Plenary Session (10-11:30 a.m.)

Performing Arts: Tracing the Linkages

Chair:

Panelists: Prof. Md. Anis Nor

Performative concepts of music and dance of maritime South East Asia

Prof. I. Nyoman Sedana: *Indian diaspora in Balinese performing arts*

Dr. M. Heni Winahyuningsih: *Yogyakarta dance style: A dialogue process from Javanese and
Indian culture*

Academic Session 1 (11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)

Natural World: Terrains of Organic Connection

Speakers: Dr. Nanjest Thongbam

Lifeform in space of Tien-Lee-Kokton (Quaternary Manipur)

Dr. Kshetri Rajiv Singh

*Trans-boundary riverine system of Southeast Asia: Looking
through the politics of water sharing issues in Northeast India*

Dr. Ch. Priyoranjan

*Pre-colonial economy of Manipur institutional and ideological
bases: Southeast Asian parallels*

Dr. Alka Saikia

Roots of rice: Rice culture in Northeast India and Southeast Asia

1:15-2:15 p.m. (Lunch)

Academic Session 2 (2:15-3:45 p.m.)

Forms of Lived Life: Mapping the Socio-Cultural World

Speakers:

Prof. Patricia Uberoi

*Regional patterns of kinship: Northeast India in relation to
Southeast Asia and Southwest China*

Prof. Tiplut Nongbri

Beyond exchange: Trans-Himalayan and South-East Asian

paradigm of marriage

Dr. N Vijaylakshmi Brara, Manipur University

*My sister next door: Towards building a Southeast Asian
feminist paradigm*

Prof. Priyadarsi Mukherji, SLL&CS, JNU

Cultural and linguistic kinship: A Sino-Indian Interface

3:45-4:00 p.m. (Tea)

Second Plenary Session (4:00-5:30 p.m.)

Performative syncretism: Native Innovations

Panelists: San Phalla

Akaeng Khameaso

Dr. Sanchaqi Uae-silapa

Innovation from tradition: A new approach to vocal work and singing Thai classical music

Dr. Pornrat Damrhung

*Opening our choices: Local dynamics and transborder links among artistic communities
shaping Thai performance traditions*

19th March (Friday), 2010 (at JNU)

Third Plenary Session (10-11:30 a.m.)

Selfhood: Vantages of Histories

Panelists: Dr. Yasmin Saikia
Assam's past in the present: Limits and possibilities of new history

Prof. Bengt G. Karlsson
Evading the state: Lessons from James C. Scott's book 'The Art of not being governed: An anarchist history of upland Southeast Asia

Dr. A. Bimol Akoijam
Disconnected histories and fractured selves: On the legacies of colonial modernity and its caricatures

Academic Session 3 (11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.) Rituals and Politico-Cultural Landscape: Moorings of Identity

Speakers: Ms. Soibam Haripriya
Durability of signs and symbols: Divine king and sacred landscape

Dr. G. Amarjit
Ritual performance, festive public: In pursuit of ritual core of public life in Manipur

Dr. Suresh Laishram
Tai elements in ancient Meitei life cycle rituals

Ms. Dolly Kikon
Memory and landscape

Academic Session 4 (2:15-3:45 p.m.) The Trans-border Denizens: A shared world

Speakers: D. Michael Lunminthang Haokip
Trans-border tribes: Ethnographic dimensions-A case study of Kukis in Manipur
Dr. S.R. Tohring
Trans-border ethnies of Northeast India: A case study of the Nagas

Dr. Alana Golmei
Cultural and political background of the ethnic Chin of Burma and their present status in the Northeast India

Ms. Uddipana Goswami
Axamiya Identity and influences from Southeast Asia in Assam

**Fourth Plenary Session (4:00-5:30 p.m.)
Identity and Spatial Enclosures: A Dialogue**

Panelists: Debi Prasanna Pattanayak
*Inter-tribal communication and inter-community dialogue between
Northeast India and Southeast Asia*
H. Kham Khan Suan
Giving multiculturalism its due: India's Northeast and beyond

Dr. Mandy Sadan
*The India-Burma border and the historical evolution of Singpho-
Kachin identities*

20th March (Saturday), 2010 (at IGNC)

**Fifth Plenary Session (10-11:30 a.m.)
Orality and the Literary Traditions: Contemporary Literature on the
Northeast**

Panelists: Prof. Temsula Ao
Dr. Ananya Guha
Prof. Margaret Pachuah

**Academic Session 5 (11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)
Native worlds: Facets of Folk and Oral Traditions**

Speakers: Dr. Pratima Neogi & Dr. Sanghamitra
Choudhury
*Folk music as a voice of marginalized society: A comparative study
of Goalparia folk music of Assam and Phleng Phue Chiwit of
Thailand*

Dr. Takhelambam Tomba
Developmental and critical folkloristics: Manipur in Asian Context

Atom Sunil

Folk games: A cultural linkages between Cambodia and Manipur

Dr. Wajuppa Tossa

ASEAN tales: Revitalizing storytelling among ASEAN youth

Academic Session 6 (2:15-3:45 p.m.)

Embedded Order: Imprints from the Past and Future Visages

Speakers:

Dr. Sukanya Sharma

Southeast Asian elements in Archaeological evidence of Northeast India

Mr. Pradip Saikia

Socio-cultural linkages between Northeast India and Southeast Asia from the perspective of cultural diplomacy

Dr. Munmun Majumdar

The ASEAN Way

Prof. Md. Salleh Hj. Hassan

Development communication in ASEAN: A historical and conceptual discourses

Valedictory Session (4:00-5:00 p.m.)