

SIKHS IN EUROPE

MIGRATION, IDENTITY & TRANSLOCAL PRACTICES

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Lund University

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE

09.00 – 09.15 Welcome by Kristina Myrvold, Lund University

09.15 – 10.00 **Keynote lecture: *Early Sikh Migration Outside the Punjab***
Gurinder Singh Mann, University of California at Santa Barbara

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee & tea

10.30 – 12.00 SESSION 1
Chair: Knut A. Jacobsen, University of Bergen

Comparative Experiences of Sikhs in Europe: Reflections on Issues of Cultural Transmission and Identity

Shinder Thandi, Coventry University

Critical friends:

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University

Kristina Myrvold, Lund University

Ajit Singh Sikand, Goethe University of Frankfurt

Transnational Sikh Families in Italy

Barbara Bertolani, University of Molise

Critical friends:

Ka-kin Cheuk, Oxford University

Laura Hirvi, University of Jyväskylä

Eleanor Nesbitt, University of Warwick

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 15.15 SESSION 2
Chair: Kristina Myrvold, Lund University

Narratives of 'Return'? Pilgrimages to Punjab and the Contemporary Transnational Sikhscapes

Federica Ferraris, University of Sussex

Critical friends:

Knut A. Jacobsen, University of Bergen

Jasjit Singh, University of Leeds

Lill Margrethe Vramo, University of Oslo

"Sikhizing the Sikhs": The Role of 'New Media' in Historical and Contemporary Identity Construction within Global Sikhism

Doris Jakobsh, University of Waterloo

Critical friends:

Barbara Bertolani, University of Molise

Kamalroop Singh, University of Birmingham

Shinder Thandi, Coventry University

Shaping Migrant Public Spheres: A Visual Ethnographic Study of the Gurdwara in Dublin

Satwinder Singh, Dublin Institute of Technology

Critical friends:

Barbora Jombikova, Slovak Academy of Sciences

Gurinder Singh Mann, University of California

Opinderjit Kaur Takhar, University of Wolverhampton

15.15 – 15.45 Coffee & tea
15.45 – 17.15 SESSION 3
Chair: Shinder Thandi, Coventry University

Between Denial and Reinvention: Representations and Practices of Caste among Sikhs in Europe

Christine Moliner, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales

Critical friends:

Federica Ferraris, University of Sussex

Zbigniew Igielski, Warsaw University

Kathryn Lum, European University Institute

Sikh-ing Beliefs: British Sikh Camps in the UK

Jasjit Singh, University of Leeds

Critical friends:

Helene Ilkjaer, University of Copenhagen

Doris Jakobsh, University of Waterloo

Satwinder Singh, Dublin Institute of Technology

17.15 – 18.00 **Lecture: *Software Tools for Punjabi Language Processing and Learning***
Gurpreet Singh Lehal, Punjabi University Patiala

19.00 – Dinner

THURSDAY 17 JUNE

09.15 – 10.00 SESSION 4
Chair: Zbigniew Igielski, Warsaw University

Mirror Games: A Fresco of Sikh Settlements among Italian Local Societies

Barbara Bertolani, University of Molise

Federica Ferraris, University of Sussex

Fabio Perocco, University of Venice

Critical friends:

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University

Alexandra Irene Larsen, University of Agder

Shinder Thandi, Coventry University

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee & tea

10.30 – 12.00 SESSION 5
Chair: Gurinder Singh Mann, University of California at Santa Barbara

A Community at a Crossroads: A Case Study of the Ravidassia Sangat in Barcelona

Kathryn Lum, European University Institute

Critical friends:

Christine Moliner, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales

Eleanor Nesbitt, University of Warwick

Sandra Santos, University of Barcelona

The Transmission of Tradition and Self Representation amongst the Valmiki, Ravidasi and Namdhari Communities in Britain

Opinderjit Kaur Takhar, University of Wolverhampton

Critical friends:

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Doris Jakobsh, University of Waterloo

Kathryn Lum, European University Institute

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 15.15 SESSION 6

Chair: Federica Ferraris, University of Sussex

Sikh Migration to Poland and other East European Countries

Zbigniew Igielski, Warsaw University

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Sikhs in Germany: The Gurdwara and Its Social and Religious Importance

Ajit Singh Sikand, Goethe University of Frankfurt

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Institutionalization of Sikhism in Norway

Knut A. Jacobsen, University of Bergen

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15.15 – 15.45 Coffee & tea

15.45 – 18.00 SESSION 7

Chair: Doris Jakobsh, University of Waterloo

Sikh Immigrants Working in Finland: Rising from Rags to Riches?

Laura Hirvi, University of Jyväskylä

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The Sikh Community in Denmark: Balancing between Co-operation and Conflict

Helene Ilkjaer, University of Copenhagen

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The Swedish Sikhs: Integration, Representation and Generational Change

Kristina Myrvold, Lund University

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19.00 - Dinner & showing of the film *Musafer – Sikhi is Travelling* by Michael Nijhawan & Khushwant Singh

FRIDAY 18 JUNE

09.00 – 12.00 SESSION 8

Presentations of Ph.D. Projects

Chair: Jasjit Singh & Sandra Santos

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12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.45 SESSION 9

Thematic Workshop: *Community Building, Identity and Transnationalism*

Chair: Alexandra Irene Larsen & Laura Hirvi

13.00 – 13.15: Introduction to the Vienna incident

Reading: “A Minority within A Minority: The Ravidassia Sikhs” by Kathryn Lum (2009)

13.15 – 13.45: Discussion of the concept “community building”

Reading: “Religious Placemaking and Community Building in Diaspora” by Shampa Mazumdar & Sanjoy Mazumdar (2009)

13.45 – 14.15: Discussion of the concept “identity”

Reading: “Beyond Identity” by Rogers Brubaker & Frederick Cooper (2000)

14.15 – 14.45: Discussion of the concept “transnationalism”

Reading: “Conclusion: Theoretical Convergences and Empirical Evidence in the Study of Immigrant Transnationalism” by Alejandro Portes (2003)

14.45 – 15.15 Coffee & tea

15.15 – 16.30 SESSION 10

Final Discussion and Summary: *Challenges in Sikh Studies*

Chair: Laura Hirvi & Kristina Myrvold



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