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Conference on South Asian Religions

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Professor Francis Cody; Anthropology
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The Methods of Memory

A University of Toronto Graduate Student Conference



November 1-2, 2013

Sponsors:

Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto
Department of Historical Studies, University of Toronto Mississauga
Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Toronto
University of Toronto/McMaster University Yehan Numata
Program in Buddhist Studies

Jackman Humanities Building, Room 318
170 St. George Street; Toronto, ON M5R 2M8

Friday November 1st, 2013

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Welcome and Introductory Remarks

11:00 AM – 12:40 PM Panel 1: Transmission and Interpretation

The Vicissitudes of Memory

Bryan Levman (University of Toronto)

On Philology and Tantric Studies: Meaning, Method, and Interpretation

Lydia Porter (Harvard University)

Fair Distribution in Jain Monastic Food Acquisition

Sean Hillman (University of Toronto)

Respondent: Professor Libbie Mills (University of Toronto)

Panel Chair: Nika Kuchuk (University of Toronto)

12:40 PM – 2:00 PM Lunch

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2:00 PM – 3:40 PM Panel 2: History and Historiography

Appropriation in the Guise of Tolerance: Neo-Hinduism and its Reception of the “Other”

Avishek Ray (Trent University)

Between History and Historiography: Jawhar Aftabchi’s *Tazkirat al-vaqiat*

Usman Hamid (University of Toronto)

Memory and Marginalization: Jotirao Phule, Caste, and Religious Identity in Late Colonial Maharashtra

Tejas Parasher (University of Chicago)

Respondent: Professor Francis Cody (University of Toronto)

Panel Chair: Kalpesh Bhatt (University of Toronto)

3:40 PM – 4:00 PM Coffee Break

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Plenary Address

“The Quest for the Historical Buddha and the Path to Enlightenment”

Professor Rupert Gethin,

Professor of Buddhist Studies, Director of the Centre for Buddhist Studies,
Bristol University

Saturday November 2nd, 2013

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Panel 3: Place and Community

Locating Kashmir in Lal Ded: Communicating Identity and Meaning Through Narrative

Diane Fereig (Concordia University)

Making a Homeland a Holy Land: The Pan-Indian Marwari Embrace of an Ancestor Deity

R. Jeremy Saul (University of Michigan)

Ginans: A Symphony for the Ismaili Soul

Rahim Samnani (Queen’s University)

How does the Politicization of Cultural Memory Marginalize the South Asian Muslim Diaspora in Trinidad and Guyana?

Karimah Rahman (York University)

Respondent: Professor Karen Ruffle (University of Toronto)

Panel Chair: Vishal Sharma (University of Toronto)

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM Lunch

JHB Room 317

2:00 PM – 3:40 PM

Panel 4: Canon and Controversy

A Tale of Two *Smṛtis*: Scholastic Challenges to the Sanskrit Scriptural Canon

Anand Venkatkrishnan (Columbia University)

When One Flavor has Two Tastes: Tāyumāṇavar in Late Nineteenth Century South India

Eric Steinschneider (University of Toronto)

Memory, Recognition, and “Divine Recognition”: An Examination of the Contrast between the Pratyabhijñā and Vijñānavādin Theories of Remembrance

Cornelia Wolf Wilson (University of Chicago)

Respondent: Reid Locklin (University of Toronto)

Panel Chair: Patrick Cummins (University of Toronto)

3:40 PM – 4:00 PM

Coffee Break

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Roundtable Discussion: The Methods of Memory

Discussants: Professors Ayesha Irani, Srilata Raman, Ajay Rao, and Christoph Emmrich
Roundtable Chair: Arun Brahmbhatt (University of Toronto)

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