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Interdisciplinary Conference on City Lives: Spaces and Narratives

February 24 – 25, 2016

DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

INAUGURAL SESSION 10:00am – 11:30 am

Venue: Conference Hall

- 10:00 am: Lighting of the Lamp and Welcome of Guests**
- 10:05 am: Welcome address** Dr. Sunil Sondhi, Principal
- 10.10 am: Treasurer's address** Mr. Amit Mishra
- 10:20 am: Unfolding perspectives** Sangeeta Mittal, Convener
- 10:30 am: Address by the Chief Guest** Shri Satyendar Jain, Minister of Health and Industry, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
- 10: 50 am: Address by the Guest of Honour** Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Director, CSDS
Topic: 'Delhi: A Tale of Three Cities'
- 11: 10 am: Address by the Keynote Speaker** Amitabha Bagchi, Novelist and Professor, IIT Delhi
Topic: 'Writing the City: An Ongoing Journey'
- 11: 40 am: Vote of Thanks** Vinod Verma, Organising Secretary
- 11:45 am: High Tea**

Session I (12:00 Noon – 1:45 PM)

Theme: Urban Designs: Narratives and Dimensions

Venue: Conference Hall

Chair: Prem Kumari Srivastava

Invited Talk 1: Jaya Jaitly: ‘The Story of Dilli Haat: A Democratic Space in the City’

Invited Talk 2: Jacob Manohar: ‘Driving Forces for Cities’

Invited Talk 3: Sunil Sondhi: ‘Partition and Displacement: Narratives Undivided of Divided Spaces’

LUNCH: 1.45 PM

Session II (2:30pm – 3.45pm)

Theme: City Spaces: Making and Living

Venue: Conference Hall

Chair: Gitanjali Chawla

Speaker 1: Amishal Modi: ‘Sexuality and the City’

Speaker 2: Mona: ‘Delhi Metro: A Mirror of Delhi Culture’

Speaker 3: Mona Sinha and Manjari Chaturvedi: ‘The Haat and the City: Tradition as Public Culture’

Speaker 4: Sanjeev Kaushal: ‘Ducking the Narratives in Search of Alternatives in Sports’

Parallel Session II (2:30 pm – 3:45 pm)

Theme: Metropolitan Cultures

Venue: Room No. 207 Lecture Theatre (II Floor)

Chair: Shilpa Gupta

Speaker 1: Indrani Dasgupta: ‘Theorizing on Growth of a Metropolis: Fictionalizing the Colonial City of Calcutta’

Speaker 2: Rashmy C.P.: ‘Margin at the Centre: Narratives of Spatial Contestation in Mumbai’

Speaker 3: Lakshmi Priya B: ‘Istanbul: A City of Palimpsests’

Speaker 4: Tara Negi: ‘Breathing the Story of Pipe: Living in Narcopolis of India’

TEA: 3:45pm

Session III (4.00 pm – 5:15 pm)

Theme: City in Performance

Venue: Conference Hall

Chair: Charu Arya

Discussant: Subodh Kumar

Invited Talk: Kamal Sabri: ‘Sarangi and the City’

Speaker 1: Sejal Mahendroo: ‘Industry, Enterprise and the Individual: The City and the Tramp in the Films of Charlie Chaplin’

Speaker 2: Shantam Goyal: ‘Molly’s Babbling City: How Much of Joyce’s Cartography is Aural’

Speaker 3: S R Sunil Kumar: ‘Hindi Films and City: Costume Stereotypes and ‘Modernity’’

Session IV (5.20 pm onwards)

Theme: City Spaces: The Visual Gaze

Venue: Auditorium

Chair: Anupama Jaidev

Discussant: Debosmita Paul

Film Screening:

Rahee Punyashloka: ‘Auto-poesis; Or, Why Auto-Drivers Write Such Good Books’

Angshuman Choudhary: *Raahi: The Traveller*

Prashant Verma: A Chronicle of the Theft on Halt

DAY 2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Session V (9:30 am – 11:15 am)

Theme: City: Contents and Discontents

Venue: Conference Hall

Chair: Vinod Verma

Invited Talk: Shoeraj Singh Bechain: Meri Rachnaon Mein Shahar Aur Jaati

Invited Talk: Sarovar Zaidi: ‘The Field as Horizon: Some Explorations of Urban Space in Bombay’

Invited Talk: Mohammad Sayeed: ‘Anthropology of Congestion: A Navigation Guide to Cluttered Delhi’

Invited Talk: Mukesh Manas: ‘Dalit Narratives of Discrimination in the City’

Speaker 1: Anupama Jaidev: ‘City Interrupted: Reading the Metropolis in the Moment of Exception in Nirmal Verma’s *Raat ka Reporter*

TEA: 11.15 am

Session VI (11:45 am – 1:30 pm)

Theme: Mapping the City

Venue: Conference Hall

Chair: Mona Sinha

Invited Talk: Kavita Bhanot: ‘Beyond the Transnational and the Transregional: Mapping the Social and Spatial Contours of a Derra Community’

Speaker 2: Rachna Sethi: ‘Branding Delhi: Road Map to World Class City’.

Speaker 3: Vinod Verma: ‘Unconstructed space in the City: The Empty Space and the Vulture’s Eye-view in Cityhood and Tender Notices

Speaker 4: Mitia Nath: ‘Re-imaging the City: Identities, Segregation and Violence in Contemporary Delhi’

LUNCH(1:30pm – 2:15 pm)

Session VII (2:15pm – 3:45 pm)

Theme: City and Public Discourse

Venue: Conference Hall

Chair: Sangeeta Mittal

Invited Talk: Jagadishwar Chaturvedi: ‘Shahari Media: Aakhyaan ki Jatiltayein’

Speaker 2: Bibhuti Bhushan Mohapatra: ‘The Narratives of Subaltern Migrants in a Metro City’

Speaker 3: Hannah Varkey: ‘Social Segregation and City Spaces’

Speaker 4: Jayan K Cherian: ‘Gender Identity and Transgender Narratives in the City (Screening of Clips from Documentary Film *Shape of the Shapeless*)’

VALEDICTORY SESSION

(3:45 PM – 4:30 PM)

Venue: Auditorium

Chair: Dr. Sunil Sondhi

Chairman’s Address: Mr. Sidhaarth Verma

Valedictory Address: Christel Devadawson, Head, Deptt. of English, Univ. of Delhi:
Topic: ‘Visual Politics and *The City of Djinn*s’,

Deepan Sivaraman, Scenographer and Academic

Topic: ‘Politics of Performance Spaces: Spectatorship and Privileges’

Concluding Remarks: Vinod Verma

Vote of Thanks: Charu Arya, Treasurer

HIGH TEA

