MARCH 4, 2017

8.30 – 9.00am
WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Karuna Mantena, Yale University

9.00 – 11:00am
CHANGING SOCIAL NORMS
Swati Vijaya, Ohio State University
Spatiality of Caste and Gender in the Neo-liberal City: Tracing Migrant Trajectories of Gounder Women in Southern India
Monika Bhagat-Kennedy, University of Mississippi
“A Grand Asiatic Empire”: Swadeshi Transnationalism in the Early Indian Anglophone Novel
Natalia Di Pietrantonio, Cornell University
Islamification and Pornification: Rāgamālā Painting Albums from Avadh
Discussant: Ravindran Sriramchandran, Ashoka University

11.15am – 1.15pm
BORDERLANDS, TESTIMONY, AND IDENTITY FORMATION
Kalyani Ramnath, Princeton University
A Tale of Two Abdul Caders: Territory, Mobility and Political Belonging in 1940s India and Sri Lanka
Lakshmi Padmanabhan, Brown University
Draupadi’s Ethics
Maryam Fatima, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Maps of South Asian Literary Histories in Intizar Husain’s Fiction
Discussant: Swargajyoti Gohain, Ashoka University

2.30 – 4.30pm
SOVEREIGNTY, STATE, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
Ankita Pandey, Oxford University
Movements and their ‘Allies’: Trajectories of Participation in Civil Rights Activism in India
Sarah Holz, Freie Universität, Berlin Graduate School of Muslim Cultures and Societies
Governing the Islamic and the Republic in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Shavari Sastry, University of Chicago
Of Interrupting Demons, Enraged Englishmen, and Wanton Women: Indian Theatre and the Spectre of Censorship
Satakshi Sinha, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Experiments with Infrastructure: Railways, Cinema and Advertising in Colonial India
Discussants: Ninad Pandit & Karuna Mantena, Yale University

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9.30 – 11.30am
CASTE VIOLENCE AND CASTE IDENTITY
Dana Kornberg, University of Michigan
Exchanging Cultural Debt for Economic Capital: Why Bengali Muslims Became Garbage Collectors
Vimal Kumar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences
Caste, Dominance, and Violence in Haryana—A Case Study of Gorakhpur Village
Gopika Jadeja, National University of Singapore and King’s College, London
“You Keep the Cow’s Tail”: The Dalit Movement and Dalit Poetry in Gujarat
Discussant: Bhawani Buswala, Yale University

11.45 – 1.00pm
LAND MARKETS: ACCUMULATION AND DISPOSSESSION
Ikuno Naka, Oxford University
Spectacular Accumulation: The Making of a Second-Tier City, Kochi
Anwesha Dutta, University of Gent
Whose Land is it Anyway? Legalizing (Il)legality through the Politics of ‘Dokhol’ in the Reserve Forests of Assam, India
Discussant: Mahesh Rangarajan, Ashoka University

2.00pm
CONCLUDING REMARKS
Karuna Mantena, Ninad Pandit, Bhawani Buswala
Yale University