



Of Mediation and Power : Intermediaries in the South Asian Societies

21st workshop of the Association Jeunes Études Indiennes

*April, from 23rd to 25th of 2019
Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH), Delhi
2, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Road, New Delhi 110011 India*

Programme

April, Tuesday 23rd of 2019. First day

10H-11H30. Opening session

10H. Venue

10H00-10h30. Welcoming address and presentation of the AJEI

10H30-11H. Introduction with Nicolas Gravel (director of CSH)

11H-11H30. *General presentation of the workshop : Intermediaries and Power, a central stake in South Asia's contemporary sciences*

- Arnaud Kaba, Post-doctoral researcher, Center for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany
- Antoine Briand, Doctoral student, Anthropology, University of Nanterre, Laboratoire d'Ethnologie et de Sociologie Comparative, France

11H30-11H45. Coffee break

11H45-13H. First panel "Intermediation and labour - part one"

From labour contractors to worker-agents: Transformations in the recruitment of migrant labourers in India

- Jayaseelan Raj, Assistant professor, Anthropology, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India and Richard Axelby Researcher associate, Department of Anthropology, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, United Kingdom

Discussion : Chitra Joshi, Associate Professor, Department of History, Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi, India

“Here there are no casts”: experiencing cosmopolitanism under a Jobber’s orders, and struggling for emancipation within the Madhya Pradesh’s classes of labour

- Arnaud Kaba, Post-doctoral researcher, Center for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany

Discussion : Chitra Joshi, Associate Professor, Department of History, Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi, India

13H-15H. Lunch break

15hH-16H30 First panel “Intermediation and labour - part two”

Mediated (Im)mobility: Analysing the Maistry system of Indian migration to Burma (c.1880-1940)

- Ritesh Kumar Jaiswal, Doctoral student, History, University of Delhi, India

Discussion : Dhiraj Nite, Assistant Professor, Ambedkar University of Delhi, India

The relation between trade unions and workers in East Bengal, c.1947-1960

- Azizul Rasel Senior Lecturer, General Education Department, University of Liberal Arts, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Discussion : Prabhu Prasad Mohapatra, Professor of Sociology, University of Delhi, India

16H30-16H45. Coffee break

16h45-18H. Roundtable “Participant observation, reflexivity and power relation in the qualitative research”

Special guest: Sumeet Maskar, Associate Professor at the Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, Sonapat, Haryana

April, Wednesday 24th of 2019. Second day

9H30. Venue.

10H-12H30. Second panel “Politics and intermediation - part one, Subaltern Voices”

Trap and trope of the Land and the painted Landscape

- Baishali Ghosh, Researcher, project coordinator, University of Hyderabad, India

Discussion : Arnika Alhdag, Doctoral Student, School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Between Sovereignty and mediation : In seeking solutions to Rohingya Crisis

- Swati Singh Parmar, Research cum Teaching Assistant, Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur, India

Discussion : Julien Levesque, Director of the Politics and Society Division, Centre des Sciences Humaines, Delhi, India

Birth, Death and Revival of Patron-Client Relationship : The Politics of National Conference in Jammu and Kashmir

- Khalid Hassan, Assistant professor, Department of Politics and Governance, Central University of Kashmir, India

Discussion : Julien Levesque, Director of the Politics and Society Division, Centre des Sciences Humaines, Delhi, India

12H30-14H. Lunch break

14H-16H30. Second panel “Politics and intermediation - part two, Making the city’s everyday politics”

Indigenous Urban Elites : Mediation, Power and Politics in Early Modern Colonial City Pondicherry

- Sandeep Kumar Verma, Doctoral student, History, Department of History, University of Delhi, India

Discussion : Arnaud Kaba, Post-doctoral researcher, Center for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany

Caste, Patronage, Land transformation : The case of Making of Gurgaon

- Suruchi Kumari, Doctoral student, Centres for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India

Discussion : Surinder S. Jodhka, Professor of Sociology, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India

Intermediary Power and Everyday Politics in Neighbourhood Drinking Water Provisioning Baruipur Municipality, West Bengal

- Suchismita Chatterjee, Doctoral student, School of Habitat Studies; Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India

Discussion : Marie-Hélène Zérah, Senior Researcher, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, Paris, France

16H30-16H45. Coffee break

16H45-17H45. Roundtable “Historical research in Contemporary India”

April, Thursday 25th of 2019. Third day

10H30. Venue

11H-13H. Third panel “From social work to microeconomics : the intermediary as an individual and as a social agent”

From social workers to proxy-creditors to bank tellers : Changes in the work of field staff of microcredit institutions in a South Indian town

- Nithya Joseph, Research Associate at IIM, Bangalore

Discussion : Nicolas Gravel, director of the CSH, Professor (Economics), Aix-Marseille Université, France.

Defining Adulteration as Theft : The Work of Experts in the Economy of Food Safety

- Diksha Narang Diksha Narang, MPhil Sociology, South Asian University, Delhi, India

Discussion : Ishita Dey, Assistant Professor Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, South Asian University

Making and Un-making old Civil Society in a time of Political Turmoil : Sri Lanka during and after the War

- Anushka Kahandagama, Mphil/Ph.D. Sociology at South Asian University, New Delhi, India

Discussion : Jean-Thomas Martelli, Head researcher, Politics and Society Division, Centre des Sciences Humaines, Delhi, India

13H00-14H30. Lunch break

14H30-16H30. Film projection

Sangharsh, le temps de la lutte

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Nicolas Jaoul, Researcher, Anthropology, Center for South Asian Studies, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique, France

16H30-17H. Final discussion and conclusion of the workshop