

Conference schedule

Venue: South Asia Institute (SAI), Heidelberg University

Wednesday, 17. April 2013

From 8:30	Registration	
9:00-10:30	Welcome and Introduction	
	Session: Urban Development (Chair: Juliane Dame)	
	Harjit Singh (JNU Delhi)	Evolution & Growth of Himalayan Towns with Special Reference to Leh Town
	Tashi Morup (Ladakh Arts and Media Organisation, Leh)	Cultural Spaces of Old Town Leh and its Music Tradition
	Vladimiro Pelliciardi, Federico Pulselli (University of Siena)	Anthropic dynamics and resource flows in Leh District: an eMergy evaluation
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-12:30	Session: Climate Change and Water Management (Chair: Marcus Nüsser)	
	Susanne Schmidt, Marcus Nüsser (Heidelberg University)	Changes of high altitude glaciers in the Trans-Himalaya of Ladakh over the last five decades
	Arjun Sharma (Gurgaon, India)	Contested framings of community based irrigation management in Zangskar and their impact on the Watershed Development Program
	Mohammad Hasnain (Consultant)	Climate vulnerability and adaptation – a study of rural communities in Ladakh
	Zuzana Chlumská et al. (Institute of Botany, Trebon)	Can plants grow higher?
12:30-14:00	Lunchbreak	
14:00-16:00	Session: Political Change in a Borderland Region (Chair: Martijn van Beek)	
	Mona Bhan (DePauw University, Indiana)	Intimate Labor, National Fantasies: In Search of the Aryan Seed
	Konchok Paldan (JNU Delhi)	Borderland Nationalism, Economy and Identity: A Study of Turtuk Villages on Indo-Pak Border in Ladakh
	Nawang Tsering Shakspo (Independent Researcher)	Ladakh's Intrigue Politics and Divisional Status to the Region
	Ajinath Chaudhuri (IRMA, Gujarat)	Constitutional limits to Ladakhi Autonomy: How far can Ladakh go down the Autonomy Road?
	Tsewang Rigzin (Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council)	A Study on the Post Autonomous Hill Development Council era in Ladakh
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30-18:00	Session: Livelihood Strategies and Development Perspectives (Chair: Pascale Dollfus)	
	Walter Klemm (Consultant)	The Future of the Chang-pa, the Changthang Plateau and Ladakhi Pashmina
	Stanzin Namgail (Jammu University)	Power Structure and Change: A Study of Changpa Tribe of Kargyam belt of Ladakh
	Blaise Humbert-Droz (Independent Researcher)	Tourism and environmental degradation in Ladakh: a proposed plan of action to protect critical areas for natural resources, wildlife and local livelihoods
	Andrea Butcher (University of Aberdeen)	Ceremony and Development. Can ritual protection have significance for secular development?
18:30	Keynote: Landscape Changes on a Himalayan Scale (Marcus Nüsser, Heidelberg)	
	Reception	

Thursday, 18. April 2013

09:00-10:30	Session: Buddhist Studies (Chair: Sophie Day) Verena Ziegler (University of Vienna) Sonam Wangchok (Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation) Tanushree Biswas (Norwegian University for Science and Technology) Petra Maurer (Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften)	The life of Buddha Śākyamuni in the Byams pa lha khang of Basgo, Ladakh Study of Komik Monastery and Its Religious Connection with Matho Monastery in Ladakh Everyday Lives of Tibetan Buddhist Child-Monks in Ladakh The life of the Yogi Ngawang Tshering
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-12:30	Session: Historical Perspectives (1) (Chair: Bettina Zeisler) Diana Lange (Leipzig University) Frank Seeliger (TH Wildau) Judith Neeser (University of Bern) John Bray (Independent Researcher)	Visual representation of Ladakh and Zanskar in the British Library's Wise Collection Memoirs taken from the diary of a Moravian missionary's wife of everyday life in 19th century Lahoul The Moravian Mission in the Western-Himalayas from 1898-1914: Social Identities and Intergroup Relations Heinrich August Jäschke: Pioneering Tibetologist and precursor of the IALS
12:30-14:00	Lunchbreak	
14:00-16:00	Session: Cultural Change, Identity and Belonging (Chair: Mona Bhan) Elizabeth Williams-Ørberg (Aarhus University) Sumera Shafi (JNU Delhi) Bonnie O. Richard (University of California, Los Angeles) Radhika Gupta (Max Planck Institute, Göttingen) Sophie Day (Goldsmiths London)	"Living in Two Different Worlds": Negotiation of education, culture and religion among Ladakhi student migrants in India Faith Beyond Home: The Dynamics of Identity Formation Amongst the Ladakhi Muslim Students in Delhi Childhoods at School: Negotiating Modernity, Social Change, and Identity in Ladakh Mobile love: marriage practices in contemporary Kargil Idioms of 'house society' in the Leh area
from 16:00	Field trip: Heidelberg and its surroundings Dinner	

Friday, 19. April 2013

09:00-10:30	Session: Historical Perspectives (2) (Chair: John Bray)	
	Rafal Beszterda (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun)	"Why should we be interested in going back to Himalayan trade?" Case study of Western Himalayan passes between India and Tibet (China)
	Kyle Gardner (University of Chicago)	On the Road: Environment, Trade and Empire in the Making of the Hindustan-Tibet Road
	Christian Faggionato (University of Turin)	The Dge-lugs-pa tradition in Nubra valley
	Rigzin Chodon (JNU Delhi)	'La dvags gyi agbar' (1904-1907): An assessment of the first monthly newspaper of Ladakh
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-12:30	Session: History of Art and Architecture (1) (Chair: Sonam Wangchok)	
	Claudia Wrumnig (TU Graz)	The culture of building in the Western Himalayas - Buddhist temples of the 11th to 13th centuries
	Gerald Kozicz (TU Graz)	The stupas of Matho
	Laurianne Bruneau (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris)	The rock stupa images from Ladakh: a typological and comparative study
	Heinrich Pöll (Independent Researcher)	A tree-of-life, an aquatic creature and other enigmatic motifs on early Ladakhi wood art – and what this tells us about art history
12:30-14:00	Lunchbreak	
14:00-16:00	Session: History of Art and Architecture (2) (Chair: Monisha Ahmed)	
	Reinhard Herdick (Independent Researcher)	The architectural heritage of Lamayuru: a case study of the impact of modern social development and climate change
	Quentin Devers (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris)	Fortifications of Ladakh. An Archaeological Study
	Nils Martin (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris)	Which sources for the life of the Buddha in the Lha Tho Lha Khang of Alchi?
	John Harrison (Oxford University)	Preliminary Investigations at Skurbuchan Khar
	Rosario Rizzi (Stupa Onlus)	Restoring old, holy stupa (chorten) in Ladakh
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30-18:00	Session: Ladakh and its neighbouring mountain regions (Chair: Radhika Gupta)	
	Zainab Akther (JNU Delhi)	The Kargil-Skardu Route: Implications of its Opening
	Kulbushan Warikoo (JNU Delhi)	Ladakh and Central Asia: The Buddhist Connection
	Matthias Schmidt (University of Hannover)	(Un)feasible developments and changing livelihood strategies in Baltistan
	Dieter Schuh (Tibetinstitut)	Recent and future research on Baltistan
18:00	Coffee Break	
18:30	IALS General Assembly Conference Dinner	

Saturday, 20. April 2013

09:00-10:30	Session: Cultural Change and Contemporary Society (Chair: Kim Gutschow)
	Rinchan Purig (University of Karachi) A Divided Ladakhi Community
	Pascale Dollfus (CNRS Paris) Perceiving, Naming and Using Colours in Ladakh
	Salomé Deboos (University of Strasbourg) Negotiating social peace: speeches among Padumpas
	Monisha Ahmed (Independent Researcher) Contemporary Art in Ladakh – New Directions
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	Session: Health and Society (Chair: Sandra Baernreuther)
	Jennifer Aengst (Portland State University) "Healthcare is worse now." Histories of Healthcare and Recent Politics in Ladakh
	Iqbal Ahmad (SNMH Leh) High incidences of suicide in Leh district and remedial measures
	Kim Gutschow (CEMIS, Göttingen & Williams College) & Padma Dolma (SNMH Leh) Abortion and Maternal Mortality in India and Ladakh: Policies, Practices, Semantics
	Karola Wood (Ladakh-Hilfe) Change of Awareness of Disabilities in Ladakh due to increased medical intervention in urban and rural areas over the last 10 years
12:30-13:30	Lunchbreak
13:30-15:00	Session: Language and Culture (Chair: Phuntsog Dorje)
	Kati Illmann (University Halle-Wittenberg) Imagining Ladakh: A discourse analytical approach to dynamics of constituting Ladakh in the context of an increasing tourism
	Bettina Zeisler (Tübingen University) The dialect groups of Upper and Lower Ladakh. Apparent and less apparent differences
	Rob Linrothe (Northwestern University, Illinois) An Extraordinary Illustrated Manuscript in Kumik Village, Zangskar
	Gulzar Hussain Munshi (Munshi Aziz Bhat Museum Kargil) Islamic influence and changing lingual mode of legal manuscript writing
15:00	Closing Ceremony and Farewell