

SACRED COWS & FALSE PROPHETS

TRAVERSING HISTORY AND RELIGION IN SOUTH ASIA

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This conference to honor the scholarship and mentorship of Ronald B. Inden, emeritus Professor of History at the University of Chicago, revolves around some of his central concerns and themes in history and religion of India: imperial formations and agency in Indian history, production and consumption of texts in their environments, historical constructions and representations in Orientalist and post-Orientalist scholarship, historiography and the ideas of history.



1:30 - 7:00	IDA NOYES HALL . UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
1:30	Welcome
1:45 - 2:15	Introduction by Daud Ali (SOAS)
2:15 - 2:30	Break
2:30 - 4:45	<p style="text-align: center;">On History</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Richard H. Davis (Bard) [Discussant]</p> <p>Charles Hallisey (UW-Madison), <i>An Agent in Time: Buddhist Historiography as an Ethical Genre</i></p> <p>Jon Walters (Whitman), <i>Buddhist Historians after the World-wish: Rājāvaliya Reappraised</i></p> <p>Bronwen Bledsoe (Cornell), <i>One fierce stava: Buddhist knowledge repurposed in Saiva Kathmandu</i></p>
4:45 - 5:00	Break
5:00 - 6:00	Informal Festschrift Meeting
6:00 - 7:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote: Vinay Lal (UCLA)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Intolerance for 'Hindu Tolerance': Hinduism, Religious Violence in Pre-modern India, and the Contours of Public Discourse</i></p>
7:30	Dinner

9:30 - 5:00	IDA NOYES HALL . UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
9:30 - 12:15	<p style="text-align: center;">On Memory</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Faisal Devji (New School) [Discussant] Pedram Partovi (Chicago), <i>Martyrdom in the Iranian Cinema of Sacred Defense</i> Gautam Ghosh (Penn), <i>The Privileges of Citizenship in Transnational Time</i> Sudipta Sen (UC-Davis), <i>The Historian's Dream: The Past as Oneiric Inspiration in Nineteenth Century Bengal</i></p>
12:15 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:45	Ron's Presentation
2:45 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 5:00	<p style="text-align: center;">On Site</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parimal Patil (Harvard) [Discussant] Ajay K. Rao (Harvard), <i>Śrīvaiṣṇavas and the Royal Rama Cult at Vijayanagara.</i> Prithvi Datta Chandra Shobhi (Chicago), <i>When Theologians do not follow rules of Historicism!</i> Michael Rabe (Xavier), <i>Contextualizing the Portrait Bronzes of Krishnadeva Rāya and his Wives</i></p>
5:00	Break
5:15 - 5:30	Concluding Remarks



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