



Gujarat Studies Association

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3rd Biennial Conference

Cosmopolitan Connections: Encountering Gujaratis in Multiple Contexts

9th – 10th April 2010 • SOAS, University of London

Draft Programme – Friday 9 April 2010

- 9:30 – 10:30 Registration
- 10:30 – 10:40 Introductory Remarks by Dr. Anjoom Mukadam, GSA President
- 10:40 – 10:50 Welcome Address by Professor Itesh Sachdev, Director, CETL, SOAS-UCL
- 10:50 – 11:00 Principal's Address by Professor Nirmala Rao, Vice-Principal, SOAS
- 11:00 – 11:30 Keynote Address by Professor Angela Creese (University of Birmingham)
- 11:30 – 11:45 Question and Answer Session for Keynote Address
- 11:45 – 11:55 Comfort Break

Session A

	Religion and the Arts <i>Chair: TBC</i>	Politics and Leadership <i>Chair: TBC</i>
Room	TBC	TBC
12:00 – 12:20	Monica Reis (University of Algarve) <i>Christian Religion, Portuguese Missionaries and Gujarati Artists: Intercultural Relations in the Retable Art</i>	Mona Mehta (University of Chicago) <i>Partisan Dreams, Fractured Homeland: Gujarati Diaspora Politics in America</i>
12:20 – 12:40	Alice Tilche (SOAS, University of London) <i>Debating Gods and Making Art: Pithora Paintings and the Question of Adivasi Identity</i>	Ramnik Shah (Journal of Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Law) <i>Gandhi and Jinnah: A Study in Commonality and Contrast</i>
12:40 – 13:00	Hannelore Roos (Kuleuven University) <i>Cultural Reproduction among the Transnational Gujarati Jain Community in Antwerp, Belgium</i>	Warris Vianni (Independent Researcher) <i>Will nobody rid me of this turbulent diplomat? The Curious Case of Apa Pant, Nehru's Man in Africa</i>
13:00 – 13:30	Question and Answer Session	Question and Answer Session

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

Session B

	Religion in the Diaspora <i>Chair: TBC</i>	Issues of Social Integration <i>Chair: TBC</i>
Room	TBC	TBC
14:40 – 15:00	Julia Koch (University of Münster) <i>Muslims on the Move: Sunni Vohras in Gujarat and South Africa</i>	Mukesh Bhatt (Birkbeck College, University of London) <i>Caste to Cosmopolitan: Integrating the Gujarati Diaspora</i>
15:00 – 15:20	Dr. Martin Wood (University of Bristol) <i>Jalaram Bapa: The Public Expression of Regional, Vernacular Traditions Among Gujarati Hindus in the UK</i>	Prof. Mario Rutten and Sanderien Verstappen (University of Amsterdam) <i>'Middling' Transnationals: Gujarati Youngsters Coming of Age in East London</i>
15:20 – 15:40	Dinyar Patel (Harvard University) <i>The Iran League of Bombay: Parsis, Iran, and the Appeal of Iranian Nationalism, 1922-1942</i>	Dr. Farhana Ibrahim (Indian Institute of Technology) <i>The Gift of Life: Organ Transplants, Shared Lives and the Cosmopolitan Self in Modern Gujarat</i>
15:40 – 16:10	Question and Answer Session	Question and Answer Session

19:30 Conference Dinner



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Draft Programme – Saturday 10 April 2010

- 9:30 – 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 – 10:30 Keynote Address by M.G. Vassanji
- 10:30 – 10:45 Question and Answer Session for Keynote Address
- 10:45 – 10:55 Comfort Break

Session C

	Migration and Transnationalism <i>Chair: TBC</i>	Religion: Historical and Contemporary Issues <i>Chair: TBC</i>
Room	TBC	TBC
11:00 – 11:20	Dr. Nila Thaker (Saurashtra University) <i>Mr. Nanji Kalidas Mehta - A Gujarati Entrepreneur</i>	Imran Mogra (Birmingham City University) <i>A Communitarian Necessity: Muslim Women and Maktab Education</i>
11:20 – 11:40	Milly Sil (Tata Institute of Social Sciences) <i>Diasporas, Remittances and Development: A Case Study Dharmaj Gram Panchayat in Gujarat</i>	Zawahir Moir, Martin Moir and Prof. Christopher Shackle (Independent Researcher) <i>Poetry as History: Sayyid Nur Muhammad Shah's Account of Pir Sadr al-Din</i>
11:40 – 12:00	Sameer Noorani (Aga Khan University) <i>Shifting Identities: Investigating the Self Perception of Identity in Sidis - Indians of African Descent in Gujarat</i>	Prof. Françoise Mallison (Sorbonne) <i>The 'Delami Aradh' of Devayat Pandit: A Ritual Text of the Satpanthi Ismailis still in Use Among the Present Mahamargi of Gujarat</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Question and Answer Session	Question and Answer Session

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch

- 13:50 – 14:30 *Film: Home Away from Home: The Return of Ismaili Muslims to Uganda*
Aleem Karmali (Independent Researcher)
- 14:30 – 14:40 Vote of Thanks by Dr. Sharmina Mawani, GSA Vice-President
- 14:40 – 14:50 Comfort Break

Session D

	Language, Literature and Identity <i>Chair: TBC</i>	Perspectives on Gujarati Women <i>Chair: TBC</i>
Room	TBC	TBC
15:00 – 15:20	Dr. Asma Sayed (University of Alberta) <i>Balancing Languages: Linguistic Hybridity in the Works of M.G. Vassanji</i>	Aarti Bhalodia (University of Texas) <i>Nanji Kalidas Mehta and the Arya Kanya Gurukul</i>
15:20 – 15:40	Shveta Vyas (University of South Australia) <i>Writing Fiction, Living History: Kanhaiyalal Munshi's Historical Trilogy</i>	Bhadra Vadgama (Gujarati Literary Academy) <i>Achievements of Gujarati Women in Britain</i>
15:40 – 16:00	Daniel Sheffield (Harvard University) <i>Between Masnavi and Kavita: The Zartosnamum of Mobed Rustam Pesotan Hormazyar and the Rise of Parsi Gujarati Literature</i>	Sushma Sanghvi (Gujarati Literary Academy) <i>Gujarati Women in Britain: Their Sensitivities and Progress</i>
16:00 – 16:20	Prof. Kamal Sridhar (State University of New York, Stony Brook) <i>Languages in Diaspora: The Case of Gujarati Language in the US</i>	Dr. Kalpana Hiralal (University Kwazulu/Natal) <i>'Daughters of Gujarat in the Diaspora' - A South African Perspective</i>
16:20 – 16:50	Question and Answer Session	Question and Answer Session