



Interrogating 'South Asia': Borders, Epistemology and Relationalities

**October 10-12, 2019
University of California, Irvine**



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Schedule

Day I

**Thursday, October 10, 2019
The Little Theatre (UCI)**

7PM-8:30 PM

**Confluences and Divergences: Performance by
Shyamala Moorty (Post Natyam Collective)**

**Day II: Conference
Friday, October 11, 2019
HG 1010**

8:30 AM

Breakfast and Registration

8:50 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

9 AM-11 AM

Opening Plenary:

**R Radhakrishnan, English and Comparative Literature, UCI.
Ketu Katrak, Drama, UCI.
Vinayak Chaturvedi, History, UCI.
Aijaz Ahmad, Comparative Literature, UCI.
Kim Fortun, Anthropology, UCI.
Anneeth Kaur Hundle, Anthropology, UCI.**

11 AM-11:15 AM

Break

11:15AM-12:50 PM

**Panel I:
Visuality and Affect**

1. Aziz Sohail, UCI

Curating Queer South Asian (and Beyond): Pasts, Presents, and Futures

2. Samarth Singhal, UCR

Visual Fantasy in South Asia: Swarna Chitrakar and Haroon

Moderator:

Fatima Quraishi, UCR

3. Misha Choudhry, UCR

I Am Malala: The Affective Figuring and (Un)Intimate Publics of Pakistan's Mother Teresa.

4. Soraya Zarook, UCR

'To live in both worlds': Holding Love, Grief, and Trauma in Sonali Deraniyagala's Wave.

1PM-2PM

Lunch

2 PM-3:45 PM

**Panel II:
Dance Studies**

Moderator:

Anusha Kedhar, UCR

1. Sinjini Chatterjee, UCR

Shabda and Bandha Nritya: Reconstituting the Established Odissi

2. Preethi Ramaprasad, UCR

Can Ravana Speak? Representation and the Performance of Epics

3. Aparna Nambiar, UCB

Dancing India Asia Pacific: Indian Classical Dance in Singapore Revives Forgotten Imaginaries of the Indic in Southeast Asia

4. Pratichi Priyambada, UCI

Representations of “Nautch” dancers in Early Nineteenth-Century Bombay Presidency

3:45 PM-4 PM

Break

4 PM-6 PM

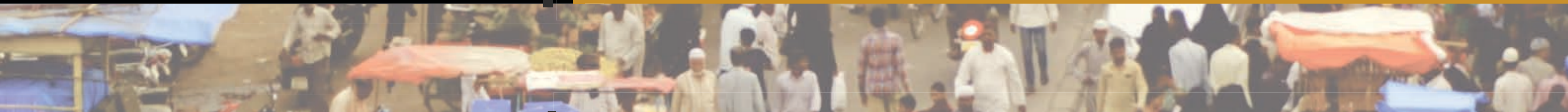
**Reception and/or Artist talk by
Discostan**



Day III
Saturday, October 13, 2019
Venue: HG1010

8:30 AM-9 AM

Breakfast and Registration



9:30 AM-10:30 AM

**Panel III: Land and
Agriculture**

Moderator

**Utathya Chattopadhyaya,
UCSB**

1. Devin Choudhury, UCB

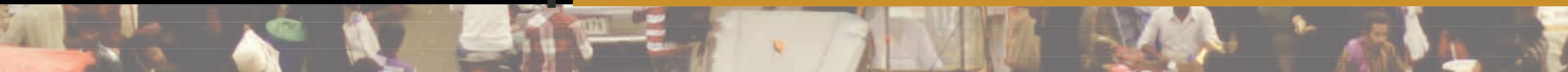
On the Cultivation of Borders

2. Gabriel Suchodolski, UCLA

*Seeing like many states: Regulating land in India in
comparative-historical perspective*

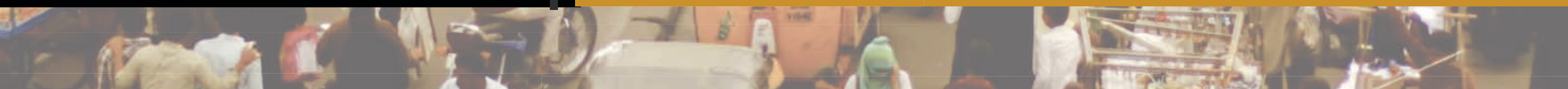
3. Rajkamal Singh, UCSB

*Who organizes Indian farmers? The emergence of new
leadership in the Indian countryside*



10:30 AM-11 AM

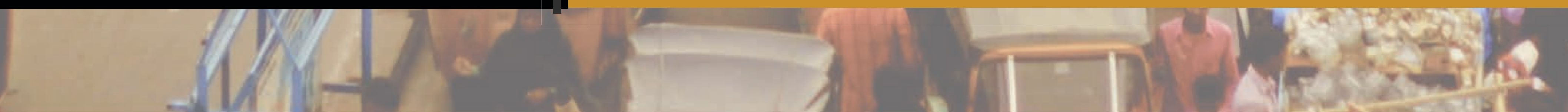
Break



11 AM-12 PM

Panel IV

**Jaideep Singh and Maari Zwick Maitreyi on the California
Textbook Controversy.**





12 PM-1 PM

Lunch

1 PM-2:45 PM

Panel V: Language
and Discourse

Moderator

Nandini Chandra,
University of Hawai, Manoa

1. Anandi Rao, UCI

Looking for Portia: Performance and Translation in colonial archives

2. Hannah Carlan, UCLA

'We eat their minds': Language Ideologies and the World of Extension in Kangra

3. Mehak Khan, UCB

"Baby please don't do it again": an aesthetics of discomfort in Pakistani social media

4. Nivedita Nath, UCLA

Caste Space and the Making of the Yoga Body in Colonial Rishikesh

2:45 PM-3 PM

Break

3 PM-5 PM

Closing
Roundtable

Utathya Chattopadhyaya, History, UCSB.
Saiba Varma, Anthropology, UCSD.
Nandini Chandra, English, University of Hawaii, Manoa.
Fatima Quraishi, Art History, UC Riverside.
Pasang Yangjee Sherpa, South Asia Center, University of Washington, Seattle.

5 PM-5:10 PM

Closing Remarks

5:15 PM-6:30 PM

Dinner Reception

Upcoming Events:

**November 19, 2019
3 PM-5 PM**

**Film Screening and
Discussion**

Venue: SBSG 1317

**Cry Out Loud: The Afterlife of a (Collaborative) film.
Gabriel Dattareyan, Goldsmiths, UK.**

**A film focused on the diasporic experience and
representational projects featuring African life in
urban India.**

May 18, 2020-June 1, 2020

Photo Exhibition

Venue: Viewpoint Gallery

Dear Ma! Along the Ganga

Florian Lang, New Delhi

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