



International Conference on
INDIAN DIASPORA IN ASIA

July 18-19, 2024

SEAM MUSEUM, Mahidol University, Salaya Campus, Thailand

JULY 18, 2024

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
9.00 -10.30	Opening Ceremony
10.30 -12.00	Organizers' Remark
12.00 -13.00	LUNCH

01.00 – 02.45 P.M.

East Asia (Room205)

Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
New Indian Society in Japan: Indian Involvement in Contemporary Japan as Seen in the Activities of the “Edogawa Indian Association”	Prof. Midori Horiuchi	Tenri University, Japan
Exploring the Dynamics of the Indian Diaspora in South Korea	Assoc.Prof. Dr. Sushmita Rajwar	Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
The history of the Indians in Yokohama and the life of Chandru G Advani	Ms. Mari Sekiguchi	Shukutoku University (History), Tokyo

Chair: Asst. Prof.Dr.Narondej Phanthaphoomee

Malaysia (Room206)		
Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Indian Diaspora in Southeast Asia: A Case Study of Malaysia	Prof. Tej Pratap Singh	Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University, India
Indian Immigration and Early Political Movements of The Community in Malaya	Dr. Shanthiah Rajagopal	Department of General Studies, UCSI University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Marginalisation of Indian Tamil Labour Diaspora: In the Context of Malaysia	Ms. Apoorva Dasharath Singegol	Centre for African Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Survival strategy of a minority group that does not fit into national ethnic categories: the case of Peranakan Indians in Malaysia	Ms. Miki Kashiwa	Centre for Southeast Asian Studies at Kyoto University, Japan
Chair: Asst.Prof. Dr. Athip Thumvichit		

Socio-Cultural Exchange (Room 208)		
Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Navigating Beyond Borders: The Role of Indian Diaspora in Economic, Social, and Political Transformation in Asia.	Asst.Prof. Dr. Neha Sinha	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, India
Mind, Media and Culture Indian Diaspora in Indonesia: The role and challenges of ethnic identity to cultural diplomacy	Dr. Ni Kadek Surpi	Hindu State University of I Gusti bagus Sugriwa Denpasar-Bali, Indonesia
Dynamics of Diversity: Exploring the Impact of East Asian and Indian Diasporas on the Socio-economic and Cultural Tapestry of the UAE	Dr. Aditya Anshu	Abu Dhabi University
Horizon of Cross Border Cultural Exchange of Indian Diaspora in Malaysia: A case study of selected Hindu community in Malaysia	Dr. Subhajit Choudhury; Ms. Swapna Das; Dato Kumaran Santhivaloo	C-53, IIT Guwahati, Guwahati, Assam, India
Chair: Prof. Dr. Reena Marwah		

02.45-03.00 P.M.

Coffee Break

ONLINE SESSION (ROOM 205)

Indian Diaspora in Mongolia

Prof. Sharad K Soni

Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Seriality, Gender, and Cultural Resonance: Decoding Indian Diaspora Media in Japan

Shweta Arora

National University of Singapore, Singapore.

03.00 – 04.45 P.M.

Indian Tamil Diaspora (Room205)

Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Diaspora Connect and India Tamil Diaspora in Singapore: Identity, Circulation and Perceptions	Prof. J. M. Moosa	Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi
The Story of Indian Tamils in Sri Lanka	Dr. Asantha Senevirathna	Department of Strategic Studies at General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University in Sri Lanka
Making the Invisible Diaspora Visible: An Identity Study of the Pondicherien Tamils in Malaysia and Singapore	Dr. Angela Rumina Leo; Prof. Maya Khemlani David	Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya, Malaysia
Chair: Asst. Prof.Dr.Narondej Phanthaphoomee		

Southeast Asia: Comparative perspectives (Room206)		
Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Indian Diaspora in Singapore and Malaysia: A Comparative Analysis of their roles, influences and challenges	Asst. Prof.Dr. Siddhant Mishra	Department of Political Science, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Evening College, University of Delhi, India
Indian Diaspora in Singapore and Malaysia: Perceptions, Prejudices and Participation	Dr. Renu Gupta; Dr Trisha Chowdhry	Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, India
Indian Diaspora in Southeast Asia: Alienation or Assimilation Focus on Thailand and the Philippines	Prof. Dr. Reena Marwah; Dr Anshi Goel	Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, India
Thriving Beyond Borders: The Indian Diaspora's Cultural Footprint in the Gulf States	Prof. Namita Rajput; Asst. Prof. Priyanka Marwah	Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, India
Chair: Asst.Prof. Dr. Athip Thumvichit		

Diaspora Strategy & Imaginary (Room 208)		
Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Pivotal Role of 'Indian Diaspora' in promoting peace, sustainable development and oneness in the Indo-Pacific Region	Prof. Markandey Rai	GPF-India
Children of Bharat Mata: Overseas Indians in the Hindu Nationalist Imaginary	Mr.Paras Ratna	Nationalist University of Singapore
Indian Diaspora in SE Asia: A Strategic Asset	Dr. Biren K. Pandey	Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management, India
Indian Diaspora as a Strategic Asset in the Gulf	Assoc.Prof. Dr. Bijay Ketan Pratihari	Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India
Chair: Asst. Prof. Dr.Mayuree Thawornpat		

05.30-08.00 P.M.
Dinner Talk 05:30 – 08:30 P.M.
Welcoming Dinner 06:30 – 08:00 P.M.

JULY 19, 2024

09.00 –10.15 A.M.

Women and Gender (Room 205)

Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Motherhood and diaspora: Negotiating motherhood experiences by Indian diasporic mother-followers of mom blogs in Dubai	Dr. Shruthi Thimmegowda	Christ University, Bangalore, India
Diasporic Encounters: Journeys and Conversations of Singaporean Indian and Indian Women on Identities, Memories and Personhoods	Prof. Bashabi Gupta	Department of Geography Miranda House, University of Delhi
Reimagining female identities in the Indian diaspora: Navigating selfhood in a setting of displacement and resettlement	Ms. Neha	Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies, JNU, India
Chair: Prof. Vibha S. Chauhan		

Thailand (Room206)

Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
History of South Asian migrant communities in Thailand: Diversity and interfaces	Prof. Ishizaka Shinya	Faculty of Law & Letters, Ehime University, Japan
Indian Diaspora and Soft Power: A case study of Thailand	Asst. Prof. Dr. Karmveer Singh	Department of History and Indian Culture University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India
Indian diaspora in Thailand and the popularity of Indian cuisine connecting India and Thailand	Assoc.Prof. Dr. Sophana Srichampa	Centre for Bharat Studies, Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia, Mahidol University, Thailand
Chair: Asst. Prof.Dr.Sumittra Suraratdecha		

Diaspora and Foreign Relations (Room 208)		
Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
The Indian Diasporic Community in Southeast Asia as a forte in Indian Foreign Policy: A Case Study of Malaysia	Pratibha Poonia	Centre for African Studies, SIS, JNU, India
Navigating the Experiences of the Indian Diaspora in the Gulf Region (GCC): Opportunities and Challenges for India (2001-2022)	Dr. Chandani Tiwari	Symbiosis School of Economics (SSE), Symbiosis International University (Deemed), Pune, India
Indian Diaspora in Indonesia: New Engagements and Opportunities	Dr. Sarita Nandmehar	Migration and Diaspora Institute of ODI, New Delhi, India
Chair: Professor Markandey Rai		

10.15-10.30 A.M.
Coffee Break
ONLINE SESSION (ROOM 205)
The Indian diaspora community in Vietnam-A bridge for the friendly relationship between Vietnam and India
Dr. Do Khuong Manh Linh <i>Centre for Indian Studies, Vietnam National Academy of Politics, HCMC, Vietnam</i>
Connecting Indo-Pacific and The World: Indian Business Diaspora and Networks in Singapore
Dr. Jayati Bhattacharya <i>South Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore</i>
Rethinking the Indian Diaspora: The case of the migrant Indian labourers in Bhutan
Asst. Prof. Dr. Tsheten. T. Bhutia <i>Political Science Department, Bolpur College University of Burdwan, West Bengal, India</i>

10.30 –12.15 A.M.

Diaspora and political change (Room 205)

Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Indian Leadership and Diaspora Contributions to Southeast Asian Freedom Movements	Dr.Gautam Kumar Jha	Centre for Chinese & Southeast Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, (JNU) New Delhi
Sindhi (Indian) Diaspora during the Indonesian Revolution: Initial Notes	Mrs.Hira Jhamtani	Sindhi Indonesian writer, interpreter, health food activist
Role of Indian diaspora in conflict resolution and peacebuilding in Asia	Dr. Shilpi Ghosh	Centre for African Studies, SIS, JNU, New Delhi, India
Indian Diaspora in Singapore: Historical Trajectories, Development Dynamics, and Soft Power Diplomacy	Ms. Ritika Shashwat	Center for African Studies, SIS, JNU, India
Chair: Asst. Prof. Dr.Somrak Chaisingkananont		

Diaspora Contributions (Room 206)

Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Indian Diaspora in Singapore and Mauritius: Comparative analysis of settlements, contributions & Participation in the political, socio-cultural and economic spheres of Life	Ms. Kritilata Ram	International Coordinator for Francophone Regions, GOPIO International Mauritius
The origin and roles of Indian diaspora in Singapore: A Vietnamese perspective	Dr. Phung Thi Thao	Department of Indian Studies, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH), Hanoi National University, Vietnam
India's Policy towards the Indian Diaspora in Southeast Asia	Ms. Nguyen Le Thy Thuong	Institute for Indian & Southwest Asian Studies Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences
Chair: Asst. Prof.Dr.Sumittra Suraratdecha		

Religion (Room 208)		
Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Religious Dynamics Beyond Plantations: Unravelling the Historical Trajectories of the Indian Diaspora's Spiritual Contributions in Sri Lanka	Mrs.Thilini Ramali Jayasekara DMC Ayeshmantha	Temporary Assistant Lecturer, Department of History, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo
Manipuri Diaspora and Hindu Dharma in Myanmar	Prof. Shukhdeba Sharma Hanjabam	Department of Social Work, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh, India
The Sangat and Nitnem Prayer: The Case Study of Thai Sikh Community	Mr. Aphirat Kamwang	Centre for Bharat Studies, RILCA, Mahidol University, Thailand
Chair: Professor Markandey Rai		

12.15 A.M. - 01.15 P.M.
LUNCH

01.15 – 03.00 P.M.		
Under studied Diasporas (Room 205)		
Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Indians in Kazakh Land: Review of Socio-Cultural and Economic Activities in Past and Present	Dr. Symbat Ismagulova	Department of Middle East & South Asia, Indology branch, Al Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty, Kazakhstan
The Indian Diaspora in Uzbekistan	Dr. Rakhmatov Bayot	Hindi Language (Retd), Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies, Uzbekistan
Identity and Heterogeneity of the Indian Diaspora	Ms. Ranjana Singh	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India
Chair: Dr.Pinnara Chanorn		

Diaspora in Asia (Room 206)		
Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Indian Diaspora in Asia, Indians in Asia	Dr. Sanghamitra Das	Santiniketan, India
From Colonial Crossroads to Contemporary Crisis: Tracing the Indian Diaspora in Myanmar	Mr. Prakash Kumar Jha	The Centre for African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India
Indian Diaspora in Myanmar: Historical Experiences and Issues of Identity	Dr. Aarshi Dua	Africa Review Journal, India
Chair: Asst. Prof. Dr. Mayuree Thawornpat		

Language (Room 208)		
Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
The Attrition and Survival of Minority Indian Languages in Singapore: A Case Study of the Development of Hindi Language Education	Assoc. Prof. Rajesh Rai	South Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore.
Punjabi Language Maintenance in Malaysia: Role of Punjabi Education Centers	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Manjet Kaur Mehar Singh	School of Languages, Literacies and Translation, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang
Representing Diaspora through Language: Bhojpuri and the Network of Connections	Prof. Vibha S. Chauhan	Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, India
Linguistic Diversity of the Indian diasporic communities in Sri Lanka	Dr. N. A. D. Jayasinghe	Department of Sinhala, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka
Chair: Dr. Sarawut Kraissame		

03.00-03.15 P.M.
Coffee Break
ONLINE SESSION (ROOM 205)
Diasporic Identity of The Indian Diaspora: A View from Ritual Practices at Mariamman Hindu Temple in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Ms. Thi Kieu Oanh and Ms. Vu Thi Kim Ngan <i>Culture University of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam</i>
Other Diasporas: Pathan, Trade and Identity in the Thai-Malay World of Southeast Asia
Dr. Mala Rajo Sathian <i>Department of Southeast Asian Studies University Malaya</i>

03.15 – 04.30 P.M.

Educational challenges (Room 205)

Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Educational Status & Challenges of Indian Diaspora in Malaysia	Mr. Hemant Tahiliani	Malaysia
Indian Teachers in Southeast Asia: Challenges and Triumphs of an Emerging Diaspora	Ms. Sanghati Paul	Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand
The trade of Natural dyeing in Asia- The role of Indian diaspora in spreading the knowledge of this indigenous practice	Ms. Esha Mukherjee	A textile artist and researcher, Design Department (Textile) in Visva Bharati university, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India.
Chair: Dr.Pimnara Chanorn		

Literature (Room 206)

Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
Unveiling the unexplored: Broken identities in Kamila Shamsie's novel home fire	Prof. Dr. Sandhya Tiwari	Department of English, School of Languages, CU Kashmir, India
Indian Labour Diaspora in Burma: Tracing the History of Colonial Migration through Indian Travel Writings	Dr. Pratim Das	Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature, University of Calcutta.
Revisiting Homeland: Examining the Rituals of Homecoming and Exploring the Self Perception of the Returnees in Select Indian Diasporic Texts in English	Asst. Prof. Dr. Sumit Singha	D. S. College, Katihar, Bihar, India
Chair: Asst. Prof. Dr.Mayuree Thawornpat		

Culture in urban areas (Room 208)		
Title	Presenter (s)	Affiliation
With a bang!!! Public celebration of Diwali in Metro Manila shopping malls as expression of the cultural identity of Indian diaspora in the Philippines	Mr. Gilbert Jacob Que; Dr. Kiran Shinde; Prof. Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu	Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines; La Trobe University, Australia
Overview of the history of cultural development of Indian community in Ho Chi Minh City	Mr. Nguyen Minh Giang	Asian Studies, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Burmese Brahmins with Indian Origin: Lifestyle, Social Network and Economic Opportunity in Thailand	Mr. Sittiporn Netniyom; Asst. Prof. Komkrit Uitekkeng	Centre for Bharat Studies, Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia, Mahidol University, Thailand. Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Silpakorn University, Thailand
Chair: Dr.Sarawut Kraisame		
CLOSING SESSION 04:30 – 05:30 P.M.		

Updated: July 18, 2024.