UH-Mānoa, Center for South Asian Studies
25th Annual Spring Symposium

The Body in South Asian Contexts

Symposium Program
April 10-12, 2008

Located in the Center for Korean Studies

Thursday, April 10

8:30am — 8:45am  Morning Coffee
                 Center for Korean Studies Lobby

8:45am — 9:00am  Welcoming Remarks
                 S. Shankar (UH-Mānoa)
                 Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

9:00am — 10:15am Invited Lecture — “South Asian Dancing Bodies as Sites of Innovating Tradition: Contemporary Indian Dance in India and the U.S. Diaspora”
               Ketu Katrak (UC Irvine)
               Introduction by Monisha Das Gupta (UH-Mānoa)
               Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

10:15am — 10:30am Coffee Break
              Center for Korean Studies Lobby

10:30am — 11:45am Panel 1: Representing the Body
                 Nandini Battacharya (Texas A&M University), “Violence, Law and Citizenship in Indian Cinema”
                 Jyoti Puri (Simmons College), “Defiant Bodies: Kinnar Selves, Images, and Audiences”
                 Sucheta M. Choudhuri (University of Iowa), “Ambivalence as Agency: The Queer Body in Ismat Chughtai’s Lihaaf”
                 Chairperson, Vernadette Gonzalez (UH-Mānoa)
                 Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

11:45am — 12:00pm Coffee Break
                 Center for Korean Studies Lobby

12:00pm — 1:15pm Panel 2: Transforming the Body
Srirupa Prasad (University of Missouri-Columbia), “Neo-Liberal Citizens in a Transnational Panopticon: Medical Transcription in India”
Lucinda Ramberg (University of Kentucky), “Magical Hair as Dirt: Ecstatic Bodies and Postcolonial Reform in South India”
Chairperson, Lee Siegel (UH-Mānoa)
Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

1:15pm — 2:45pm Break

2:45pm — 4:00pm Invited Lecture — “The Operable Body: Indian Decolonization and the Ethics of Organ Transplantation”
Lawrence Cohen (UC Berkeley)
Introduction by Monica Ghosh (UH-Mānoa)
Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

4:00pm — 5:30pm Break

5:30pm — 6:30pm Evening Reception
Center for Korean Studies Lobby

6:30pm — 7:45pm Special Event — “Bhaktirasgi Mangal - Khonjel : Sounds and Lights of Devotion”
A multimedia presentation in Classical Manipuri Dance
Sohini Ray (Institute of Manipuri Dance)
Introduction by Judy Van Zile (UH-Mānoa)
Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

Friday, April 11

8:45am — 9:00am Morning Coffee
Center for Korean Studies Lobby

9:00am — 10:15am Invited Lecture — “Savage Bodies, Civilised Pleasures: M.V. Portman and Andamanese”
Satadru Sen (Queen's College-CUNY)
Introduction by Ned Bertz (UH-Mānoa)
Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

10:15am — 10:30am Coffee Break
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10:30 — 11:45am Panel #3: “Figuring the Body in Culture and History”
Kazi Ashraf (UH-Mānoa), “Twin Habitations: Body and Building in Ascetic Imagination”
Rachel Berger (Concordia University), “Writing the Ayurvedic Body in Colonial North India, 1920-1940”
Mitra Sharafi (University of Wisconsin-Madison), “Of Truth and Toxicology: Medico-Legal Dialogues on Abortion and Contraception in Late Colonial Bombay”
Chairperson, Cristina Bacchilega (UH-Mānoa)
Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

11:45am — 12:00pm  Coffee Break
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12:00pm — 1:15pm  Panel #4: “Bodies in Space”
Sonja Sironen (UH-Mānoa), “You See the Dance But There is the Dancer, Too: Roles of Dance and Dancer in South Indian Bharatanatyam Arangetrams”
Devika Wasson (UH-Mānoa), “Circularity as Codified in Performance Movement”
Chairperson, Sankaran Krishna (UH-Mānoa)
Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

1:15pm — 2:45pm  Break

2:45pm — 4:00pm  Panel #5: “The Body in Law and Society”
Arindam Chakrabarti (UH-Mānoa), “Torturing Hands and Bodies in Pain: Imagining the Healer Buddha in Abu Ghraib”
S. Charusheela (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), “The Sexed and the Laboring Body”
Lucinda Joy Peach (American University), “The South Asian Prostitute Body in Cross-Cultural Perspective”
Chairperson, John Zuern (UH-Mānoa)
Center for Korean Studies Auditorium

4:00pm — 4:15pm  Coffee Break
Center for Korean Studies Lobby

4:15pm — 5:30pm  Panel #6: “Bodies in Tamil Modernity”
Rajan Krishnan (Columbia University), “The Sovereign Body of the Film Hero”
Ravi Sriramachandran (Columbia University), “The Making of the Plantation Body”
Jayashree Venkatadurai, “The De-sexualized Bodies of Women as Icons of the Nation”
Chairperson, M. Kumaran (UH-Mānoa)
Center for Korean Studies Auditorium
Saturday, April 12 *Caste in the Contemporary World*

9:15am — 9:30am  Morning Coffee  
Center for Korean Studies Lobby

9:30am — 9:45am  Welcome and Opening Remarks  
S. Shankar  
Center for Korean Studies Conference Room

9:45am — 10:35am  Invited Presentation — “Caste and Democracy: Three Paradoxes”  
M.S.S. Pandian (2008 Rama Watumull Distinguished Visiting Scholar)  
Center for Korean Studies Conference Room

10:35am — 11:25am  Invited Presentation — “Heterogeneous Histories of Gender and Caste”  
Anupama Rao (Barnard College)  
Center for Korean Studies Conference Room

11:25am — 11:35am  Coffee Break  
Center for Korean Studies Lobby

11:35am — 12:25pm  Invited Presentation — “Rethinking Histories of Untouchability: Representations of Labor and Caste in Academia”  
Ramnarayan Rawat (University of Pennsylvania)  
Center for Korean Studies Conference Room

12:25pm — 1:00pm  Wrap-up Discussion Session  
Moderator, S. Krishna  
Center for Korean Studies Conference Room

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