



# **Globalization and Inequality: An India-Canada Comparison**

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## ***Globalization and Inequality: An India-Canada Comparison***

### **DAY 1 – Monday, June 8, 2015**

Assembly Hall, Room 152, Founders College

Book display managed by the Sociology Undergraduate Student Association, York University

8:15 to 8:45

Registration, Tea/Coffee

8:45 to 9:30

#### **Symposium Welcomes**

Chair: Nancy Mandell (York University)

Martin Singer, Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University

Biswajit Das, Professor and founding Director of Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia University

Philip Walsh, Chair, Department of Sociology, York University

9:30 to 10:30

#### **WORKSHOP 1: Understanding Inequality and Globalization**

Chair: S.M. Sajid (Jamia Millia Islamia University)

Sharit Bhowmik (Tata Institute for Social Sciences) '*Globalization, Liberalization and the Growth*'

Hira Singh (York University) '*Globalization, Inequality, Ideology: Eclipse of the Language of Class*'

Daniel Drache (York University) '*Global Change, Sovereignty and Magnetic Power of Interdependency: The Paradox of our Time*'

10:30 to 11:00

Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 to 12:30

#### **WORKSHOP 2: Gender and Class**

Chair: Tulsi Patel (University of Delhi)

Mohammed Abdul Kalam (Tezpur University) '*Facets of Globalization and Inequality in India: Caste, Class and Poverty*'

Margaret Beare (York University) '*An International Examination of the Policing of Women through the Criminal Justice System*'

Shareena Banu (Jamia Millia Islamia University) '*Resettlement of Indian Transnational Labour Migrant Families: Questions of Income, Neo-Liberal Subjectivity, and Oikonomia*'

Sylvia Bawa (York University) '*Strategic Transnational Women's Rights Advocacy in Postcolonial Societies*'

12:30 to 1:30

Lunch

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1:30 to 3:15

### **WORKSHOP 3: Land, Labour and Migration**

Chair: Alan Simmons (York University)

Ravi Srivastava (JNU) *'Informal Labour, Migration and Rising Inequality in India: An Overview'*

G. Krishna Reddy (Osmania University) *'Abolition of Scavenging and the Plight of Scavengers in India: The Dilemmas in the Policy Realm'*

Manoj Kumar Jena (Jamia Millia Islamia University) *'Indian IT Industry, Work and Labour: Understanding Inequality'*

Mark Thomas (York University) *Critical Comments on Labour and Inequality in Canada*

3:15 to 3:30

Tea/Coffee Break

3:30 to 5:00

### **WORKSHOP 4: Emerging Technologies, Communication and Social Media**

Chair: Michael Nijhawan (York University)

Binod Agrawal (Taleem Research Foundation) *'Social Inequality in the Wake of Communication Globalization: Poor Becoming Poorer in South Asia'*

Smarika Kumar (Alternative Law Forum) *'Hurdles to Inclusive Media Access in India: An Analysis of the Law Concerning Democratic Use of the Media'*

Saima Saeed (Jamia Millia Islamia University) *'Minorities and the Indian Media: Mapping Marginalization, Interrogating Representation'*

5:15 to 6:30

### **Reception**

Welcoming Remarks by Akhilesh Mishra, Consul General of India in Toronto and Marilyn Lambert-Drache, Associate Vice-President International, York University

York International (200 York Lanes)

## *Globalization and Inequality: An India-Canada Comparison*

### **DAY 2 - Tuesday June 9, 2015**

*Assembly Hall, Room 152, Founders College*

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8:30 to 9:00

Tea/Coffee

9:00 to 11:00

#### **WORKSHOP 5: Understanding the South Asian Diaspora in Canada: Community Responses to Inequality**

Chair: Rina Cohen (York University)

Noor Din (CEO, Human Endeavour)

Baldev Mutta (Executive Director, Punjabi Community Health Services)

Gurpreet Malhotra (Executive Director, India Rainbow Community Services of Peel)

Screening of *Journey to Find Myself Again*

With filmmakers Tania Das Gupta and Srabani Maitra (York University)

Moderated by: Guida Man (York University)

11:00 to 11:30

Tea/Coffee Break

11:30 to 1:00

#### **WORKSHOP 6: Age, Gender and Families**

Chair: Saima Saeed (Jamia Millia Islamia University)

Tulsi Patel (University of Delhi) *'Globalization and Ageing Indians: Discourse on the Family and Care'*

Qamar Zaidi (York University) *'Poverty and Health in Canada: A Political Economy Approach'*

Manisha Tripathy Pandey (Jamia Millia Islamia University) *'Spaces of Consumption: Exclusion and Segregation of Public Places in Delhi'*

1:00 to 2:00

Lunch

2:00 to 3:30

#### **WORKSHOP 7: Media, Activism and the State**

Chair: Carmela Murdocca (York University)

Biswajit Das (Jamia Millia Islamia University) *'Passion, Populism & Protest: Emerging Forms of Resistance in a Neoliberal Order'*

Lesley J. Wood (York University) *'Waves of Protest, State Response and Inequality'*

Vibodh Parthasarathi (Jamia Millia Islamia University) *'From Disparity to Diversity: Enumerating Risk amidst Media Abundance in an age of Globalisation'*

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3:30 to 3:45

Tea/Coffee Break

3:45 to 4:45

### **Critical Reflections and Next Steps**

Chair: Larry Lam (York University)

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