

KHŪJĀ STUDIES CONFERENCE (II)

University of Mumbai

Wednesday, 30 January 2019

- 09:15-09:30 Registration
- 09:30-10:00 **Keynote address by Edward Simpson, SOAS**
- 10:00-11:20 **Defining Satpanth**
CHAIR: MICHEL BOIVIN, LE CENTRE D'ÉTUDES DE L'INDE ET DE L'ASIE DU
SUD
Karim H. Karim, *The quest for truth in Satpanth*
Ali S. Samji, *The conversion of ascetics in Bengāl and Bhoṭ*
Zahida Rahemtulla, *Shifting sources, inventing identities*
- 11:20-11:35 Coffee break
- 11:35-12:30 **Digital preservation and online communities**
CHAIR: HASNAIN WALJI, THE WORLD FEDERATION OF KSMC
Pyarali Jiwa *Ginans, granths and related literature*
Iqbal Dewji, *Crowdsourcing and wiki approaches to historical
preservation*
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-15:30 **Sacred literature of the Ginans**
CHAIR: BALVANT JANI, DR. HARISHINH GAUR CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
Karim Gillani, *Satpanth Khoja ginans from South Asia*
Nisha Keshwani *Approaches to teaching ginans and Satpanth
histories*

Parin Somani *What is the difference between Ismaili ginans and Hindu bhajans?*

Alijan Damani, *Ginans*

15:30-15:45

Coffee break

15:45-17:30

Oceanic encounters

CHAIR: EDWARD SIMPSON, SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES

Chayya Goswami, *Mercantile communities of the Gulf of Kachchh*

Abdul Hussainmiya, *Arabu-Tamil and Malay manuscript traditions in Sri Lanka*

Afsar Mohammad, *Vernacular aesthetics of Sufi poetry*

Philipp Bruckmayr *Vernacular Islam and Indic scripts in Southeast Asia*

17:30-18:00

Bombay Khōjā Artefacts Exhibition- Sadiq Uttanwala & Nasreen Fazalbhoy

18:00-20:00

Dinner

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Vernacular Hinduism

CHAIR: KUMAIL RAJANI, UNIVERSITY OF EXETER & THE WORLD
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Minakshi Rajdev, *Mirasi and an existence from anonymous to pseudonymous*

Premeela Gurumurthy, *Ramanuja the reformer and his essence of Vaishnavism*

Urvashi Pandya, *Varkari Sampradya: Freedom of devotion*
Trisha Lalchandani, *The Persistence of Liminality: The Case of the Hindu Sindhis*

10:45-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:30

The Khōjā Diaspora

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Sibtain Panjwani, *The British experience*

Hasnain Walji, *Francophone Indian Ocean communities*

Liyakat Takim, *The American experience*

Paul Anderson, *The Negotiation and Revising of Ismā‘īlī Khōjā
Identity, Past and Present*

12:30-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:15

Interreligious exchange

CHAIR: AFSAR MOHAMMAD, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Armeen Kaur Ahuja & Charulika Dhawan, *Diachronic analysis of
Guru Granth Saheb*

Venu Mehta, *‘Gujaratization’ of Parsi Literatures*

Michel Boivin, *Devotion, community and society: introducing
Daryalal, the Kutchi god*

15:15-15:30

Coffee break

15:30-17:00

Interfaith connections

CHAIR: IQBAL AKHTAR, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Amit Ranjan, *Sarmad and Sufism in 17th century India*

Yudit Kornberg Greenberg, *Gita Govinda and the Biblical Song of Songs*

Pavel Basharin, *Manuscripts of Sayyids of Zong*

Jonathan Varghese, *Syriac Christianity and Indigenous Kerala*

17:00-17:15

Coffee break

17:15-18:15

Khōjā film screening and discussion with the producer

18:15-18:30

Concluding remarks and future planning

18:30-20:30

Dinner