KHÔJĀ 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 KSIMC**
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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09:15-10:45 **Vernacular Hinduism**
**Chair: Kumail Rajani, University of Exeter & The World Federation of KSIMC**
Minakshi Rajdev, *Mirasi and an existence from anonymous to pseudonymous*
Premeela Gurumurthy, *Ramanuja the reformer and his essence of Vaishnavism*
Urvashi Pandya, *Varkari Sampradaya: 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
CHAIR: Kumail Rajani, University of Exeter & The World Federation of KSIMC
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: Iqbāl 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