Subaltern Studies: Historical World-making Thirty Years On

3 - 5 August 2011
Sir Roland Wilson Building 120
McCoy Circuit, ANU, Canberra

Convenors
Debjani Ganguly
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College of Arts and Social Sciences
The Australian National University

Dipesh Chakrabarty
University of Chicago

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Venue: Theatrette, Sir Roland Wilson Building #120, McCoy Cct, ANU

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Wednesday 3rd August

3.00-4.00pm Registration and Coffee

4.00pm Welcome

Conference Opening by Prof Anthony Low

4.30-6.00pm **Keynote Address:**

Dipesh Chakrabarty, University of Chicago and ANU

*In Retrospect: Subaltern Studies and Futures Past*

Chair: Assa Doron
6.00-7.00pm   Drinks at Level 3, Sir Roland Wilson Building
Thursday 4th August

9.30-11.00am  **Thirty years On: Roundtable with Founding Members and Interlocutors**
Chair and Moderator: Dipesh Chakrabarty, University of Chicago and ANU
David Hardiman, University of Warwick
Kalpana Ram, Macquarie University
Sanjay Seth, Goldsmiths College, London

11.00-11.30am  Morning Coffee

11.30-12.30pm  **Temporality, Archive and Subject**
Kathleen Davis, University of Rhode Island, USA
*Timelines: Secularity, modernity and conscience*
Prathama Banerjee, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi
*The Subaltern: Political Subject or Protagonist of History?*
Chair: Debjani Ganguly

12.30-1.30pm  Lunch

1.30-3.00pm  **South Asia: genealogies and narratives**
Sanjay Seth, Goldsmith’s College, London
*Revolution and History: Maoism and Subaltern Studies*
Kama Maclean, University of New South Wales
*Revolutionaries and Subalterns: A Tale of Two Conferences*
Charu Gupta, University of Delhi
*Subaltern Sexualities: Archives of Modern India*
Chair: Assa Doron

3.00-3.30pm  Afternoon Tea

3.30-5.30pm  **Comparative frames: Indigenous and Settler Histories**
Bain Attwood, Monash University
*Subaltern Studies, Aboriginal History and the Pilbara Aboriginal Stockworkers’ Strike*
Angela Woollacott, Australian National University
*Settler Colonialism and Postcolonial History: Re-thinking Australian Settler Society 1820s-1860s*
Neil Roos, University of the Free State, South Africa
*Subaltern historiography and South African history: some ideas for a radical history of white folk*
Amrita Malhi, University of South Australia

*Muslim Subjects, Muslim World: The Universal and the Political in the Malayan Forest*

Chair: Kama Maclean

**7.30pm**

**Conference Dinner**

Teatro Vivaldi Restaurant, ANU Arts Centre
Friday 5th August

9.30-11.00am **Keynote Address:**
Simon During, University of Queensland
*Subaltern Studies and the Postcolonial Moment*

Chair: Debjani Ganguly

11.00-11.30am **Morning Coffee**

11.30-1.00pm **South Asia: critiques and new subjectivities**
Kalpana Ram, Macquarie University
*Justice Outside the Subaltern Paradigm*

Ursula Rao, University of New South Wales
*The Subject of India’s Unique Identity Number*

Assa Doron, Australian National University
*Subalterns on Call: Repair economies and global commodities in contemporary North India*

Chair: Kathleen Davis

1.00-2.00pm **Lunch**

2.00-3.00pm **Subaltern Intensities and Imaginaries**
Anand Pandian, Johns Hopkins University
*Subaltern Forces: On the Efficacy of the Inhuman in Cultural and Historical Life*

Mridula Nath Chakraborty, University of Western Sydney
*Ye Haath Mujhe Dede Gabbar! The dacoit as subaltern*

Chair: Ronit Ricci

3.00-3.30pm **Afternoon Tea**

3.30-4.30pm **Global Idioms: Asylum, Abject and the Human**
Ranjana Khanna, Duke University
*Asylum: Notes towards Alternative Subalterns*

Discussants:
Prathama Banerjee, CSDS, Delhi
Debjani Ganguly, Australian National University

4.30-5.30pm **Closing Panel**
Kathleen Davis, Simon During, Assa Doron and David Hardiman.

Moderator: Debjani Ganguly