

THE POLITICS OF IDENTITY IN SOUTH ASIA

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND CULTURE

JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA, NEW DELHI – 110025

21-22 MARCH 2011

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE

21 MARCH 2011

INAUGURAL SESSION

(10:00am – 11:30 pm)

VENUE: Yasser Arafat Hall, JMI

Introductory Remarks	:	Prof. R. Gopinath (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)
Welcome Note	:	Dr. Farhat Nasreen (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)
Inaugural Address	:	Prof. S.M. Rashid (Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia)
Keynote Address	:	Prof. K.N. Pannikar

Tea

11:30 AM -11:45 AM

Academic Session I: (11:45 am – 01:45 pm)

VENUE: YASSER ARAFAT HALL, JMI

IDENTITY FROMATION IN PRE-COLONIAL INDIA

Chair: Prof. S.M. Azizuddin Husain (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)

1. A Note on the Reconstruction of Communal Identities in Early Medieval India
– Dr. Vishwamohan Jha (ARSD College, University of Delhi)
 2. Trade Rivalry and Religion: Europeans in India during the Mughal Period
– Dr. Nishat Manzar (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)
 3. Redefining a Community: Contesting Emotionalogies in North Indian Islam (Late 18th and early 19th)
– Mr. Shah Nadeem (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)
 4. Foreign Identities: The Armenians in Medieval times.
– Dr. Ruquiya Hussain (Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University)
 5. Invoking Islam and Defying Allah: Islamic Identity and the Sultans of Delhi.
– Dr. Farhat Nasreen (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)
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LUNCH

01:45 PM -02:45 PM

Academic Session II: (02:45 pm – 05:00pm)

VENUE: YASSER ARAFAT HALL, JMI

The Historical Play Of Identities In Colonial India

Chair: Prof. Prof. S.Inayat Ali Zaidi (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)

1. Tribal Vs. Clannish Identity of Ruling houses of North-East India
– Prof. G.S.L Devra (Ex Vice-Chancellor, Kota Open University, Rajasthan)
 2. The range of nationalist experiences in South Asia
– Prof. Salil Misra (Department of History, Ambedkar University, Delhi)
 3. Politics of Community Identity and Spread of Communal Violence in Bihar: 1917-1937
– Dr. Jawaid Alam (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)
 4. Regional Identity and Uttarakhanda Movement.
– Dr. Girija Pande (Department of History, Kumaun University, Nainital)
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TEA

05:00 PM

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DAY TWO
22 MARCH 2011

Academic Session III: (10:00 am – 12:00 am)

VENUE: YASSER ARAFAT HALL, JMI

Language, Gender, Religion and the Shaping Of Social Identities

Chair: Mukul Kesavan (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)

1. **Confronting Language Identities: The making of Sahitya Akdemi and India's experiment with language and nation**
– Mr. Iliyas Husain (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)
2. **Problematic Identities: Representation of Minorities in selected Indian Literary texts**
– Dr. Roomy Naqvi (Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia)
3. **Framing the Feminine: Gender identities in popular Hindi films-70s to 90s**
– Dr. Pankaj Jha (Department of History, LSR College, University of Delhi)
4. **Construction of 'Hindu-Jain' Identity: Some insights from Jain mythology**
– Mr. Rajneesh Kumar (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)

TEA BREAK

12:00 PM – 12:15 PM

Academic Session IV: (11:45 am – 01:45 pm)

VENUE: YASSER ARAFAT HALL, JMI

Theorizing Identity

Chair: Dr. Salil Misra (Dept. of History Ambedkar University Delhi)

1. **Stereotyping and Identity Formation: Visibilizing the 'invisible' in colonial Orissa**
– Dr. Biswamoy Pati (Department of History, University of Delhi)
2. **Triveni Sangh and the Politics of Backward Caste Identity in Bihar in the nineteen thirties**
– Prof. G.P. Sharma, (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)
3. **Identity Registration in Modern India**
– Prof. R.Gopinath (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)
4. **Nationalism and Ethnic Identity**
– Mr. Mukul Kesavan (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)
5. **One Community 'Two Nations': Indian Muslims in the 1940s**
– Dr. Rizwan Qaisar (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)

LUNCH

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM

Academic Session V: (03:00 pm – 05:00 pm)

VENUE: YASSER ARAFAT HALL, JMI

Social Institutions and Identity Formation

Chair: Prof. Akhtarul Wasey (Department of Islamic Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia)

1. **More Equal than others: Issues of caste in Tamil Sri Vaishnavism**
– Dr. Bharti Jaggannathan (Miranda House, University of Delhi)
2. **Prisoner of reform: Purdah in Aligarh Girls School**
– Dr. Shadab Bano (Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University)
3. **Identifying women through marriage and kinship: conceptualizations in early Indian textual traditions**
– Dr. Jaya Tayagi (Sri Venkateshvara College, University of Delhi)
4. **Contested Gender Identities in Medieval India**
– Prof. Sunita Zaidi (Department of History and Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia)

Tea will be served after the session.

TEA

05:00 PM