

Abstracts



Entangled Himalayan History: Strategies of Legitimization in the Gorkha Raj and Nepal in the 19th and 20th Centuries

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In my presentation, I will introduce my PhD project and explore the entangled history of the Himalaya. I take a closer look not only at the interconnections between the Himalaya and its neighboring regions, but also at entanglements with the rest of the world by exemplary analysis of the legitimizing strategies of elites in the Gorkha Raj and Nepal in the 19th and 20th centuries

Community Dynamics and Natural Resources. A Case Study of Sand Quarrying in A Village in Manipur

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This paper is based on my doctoral research work, which is a case study of sand quarrying in a village in the Imphal East District of Manipur, in the north-eastern part of India. It attempts to explore the facets of resource conflict and the responses to it. It also attempts to understand the multiple and overlapping inter and intra-group heterogeneity in community-based natural resources management.

Bodily Experiences of Physically Disabled Women in Pakistan

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The dissertation project focuses on the construction of disability in Pakistani society from the perspective of physically disabled women. It aims to explore what perception physically disabled women developed of their body in response to their interaction to the social world and how 'body image' and 'social experiences' interact in the process of identity formation. For the purpose of research, life narratives of 20 physically impaired females from Lahore city were collected by using biographical interview technique. The presentation will be based on the first results of analysis.

Mapping Stories and Understanding Intolerance in South Asia

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Through my presentation, I will introduce, *Intolerance Tracker*, a visual story-telling and crowd-mapping platform that seeks to report and aggregate incidents of intolerance in South Asia. My presentation will explore how we sought to conceptualise intolerance for the platform, understand the inter-sections between different categories of violence as well as trends and structures from our data and the challenges from the fragmented nature of daily news.