

The 38th Spalding Symposium on Indian Religions
5-7th April 2013,
Merton College, the University of Oxford

Peacebuilding, Conflict and Non-Violence in Indian Religious Traditions

Friday, 5 April

1.30-2.30 pm. Registration

- 2.30p.m. **Christophe Jaffrelot**, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France
The Uneven Resilience of Secularism in India
- 3.30 p.m. **Trey Palmisano**, The Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University, USA
Shaping the World Behind Bars: Two Continental Perspectives Through Prison Writing
- 4.15 p.m. Refreshments**
- 4.45 p.m. **RonieParciack**, Tel Aviv University, Israel
Brahmanic Codes and Transculturality in the Political Language of Islamic Preaching in Contemporary India
- 5.45 p.m. **Kieko Obuse**, College of Religious Studies Mahidol University, Thailand
What does Bamiyan Tell us About Muslim Attitudes to Buddhism? Towards Understanding 'Buddhist-Muslim Conflicts' in Contemporary Asia
- 7.00 p.m. Dinner**
- 8.00 p.m. **Mark Owen**, University of Winchester, UK
Religious Peacebuilding in Nepal: Problems and Potentials

Saturday, 6 April

8.00 a.m. Breakfast

- 9.00 a.m. **Elizabeth J Harris**, Liverpool Hope University, UK
Religion, Space and Conflict in Post-War Sri Lanka
- 10.00a.m. **Bindi Shah**, University of Southampton, UK
Community, Compassion and Conservation: Political Values, Civic Engagement and Citizenship among Second-generation Jains in Britain and USA
- 11.00 a.m. Refreshments**
- 12.00 p.m. **Juan Wu**, University of Tokyo, Japan
Violence, Virtue and Spiritual Liberation: Differences between Buddhist and Jaina Soteriologies as Seen in the Stories of SreṇikaBimbisāra and KuṇikaAjātaśatru
- 1.00p.m. Lunch**

- 2.00 p.m. **Arvind-Pal S. Mandair**, University of Michigan, USA
Virtual Sovereignty: Finitude and Sacred Violence in the Khalsa Narrative
- 2.45 p.m. **Navdeep S. Mandair**, SOAS, UK
Violent Religion: Revisioning the Martial Signature of Sikhism
- 3.30p.m. **Balbinder S. Bhogal**, Hofstra University, USA
To Be or Not to Be Violent: Modernity and Sikh Reticence
Respondent:
Jasdev Singh Rai, British-Sikh Foundation and UNESCO
- 4.15p.m. Refreshments**
- 4.45 p.m. **A.Kishore Kumar Reddy**, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India
The Ascetic Ideal: Understanding of Gandhi's Observances
- 5.45 p.m. **Tony Milligan, University of Aberdeen, Scotland**
Civility and Politicized Love in Gandhi
- 7.00 p.m. Dinner**
- 8.00 p.m. **Anantanand Rambachan**, Saint Olaf College, Minnesota, US
The Axe and the Sandal Tree: Hindu (Advaita) Resources for Peacebuilding and Reconciliation.

Sunday, 7 April

- 8.00 a.m. Breakfast**
- 9.00 a.m. **Peter Friedlander**, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
Buddhism beyond borders: negotiating Buddhism
- 10.00 a.m. **Sunera Thobani**, University of British Columbia, Canada
Performing Religion, Depicting Violence: Indian Cinematic Representations of Religious Identity and Gender Relations
- 11.00 a.m. Refreshments**
- 11.30 a.m. **Unni Krishnan K.**, Maryland Institute College of Art, USA, and Manipal University, Bangalore Campus, India.
Mother Goddess of the Nation and Her Beloved Daughters
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch**

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