

# 39th Spalding Symposium on Indian Religions 2014

Luther King House, Manchester M14 5 JP

All sessions will be in the Vashti room. From the reception desk, turn left into the garden quadrangle. The library is on the left, and the Vashti room is opposite, on the far side of the quadrangle. All meals and refreshments will be in the dining room, near the reception desk.

## *Timetable*

### *Friday 25th April*

- 2.30 - 4.20      *Arrival, registration and tea*
- 4.20 - 4.30      Welcome
- 4.30 - 5.30      Theodore Gabriel (Gloucester):  
Concepts of violence and peace in Hinduism: *hiṃsā* and *ahiṃsā*
- 5.30 - 6.30      Anna King (Winchester):  
Peacebuilding and post-conflict recovery in Nepal: A Buddhist case study
- 6.30 - 6.45      Announcements
- 6.45 - 8.00      *Dinner*
- 8.00 - 9.00      Asaf Sharabi and Hagar Shalev (Haifa, Israel):  
From a ruler and a king to a judge and a healer: assimilation of pan-Hindu tradition, influence of technological and economical development and the different effects over the religious experience of Khas society

### *Saturday 26th April*

- 8.00 - 8.45      *Breakfast*
- 8.45 - 9.45      Naomi Appleton (Edinburgh):  
The renouncing royals of Videha across Buddhist, Jain and Hindu narratives
- 9.45 - 10.45      James Hegarty (Cardiff):  
From false teachings, failing blood-lines and toxic karma to their several opposites: the economy of religious explanation in Hindu, Buddhist and Jain narrative traditions (to c. the 6th century CE)
- 10.45 - 11.00      *Coffee*
- 11.00 - 12.00      Catherine St-Hilaire (Milan, Italy):  
A journey to Punjab: 'here and there', and Sikh identity in Birmingham

- 12.00 - 1.00 Eleanor Nesbitt (Warwick):  
‘The fool quarrels about flesh and meat’: Khalsa Sikh groups and vegetarianism
- 1.00 - 2.00 *Lunch*
- 2.00 - 3.00 Martin Wood (Bath Spa):  
Blessed food from Jalarām's kitchen: narrative, continuity and service among Jalarām Bāpā devotees in London
- 3.00 - 4.00 Catherine Robinson (Bath Spa):  
One hundred years on: Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims on the Western Front
- 4.00 - 4.30 *Tea*
- 4.30 - 5.30 Rupa Pillai (Oregon, USA):  
A village puja in the city: Caribbean Hindus in New York
- 5.30 - 6.30 Dhruvajyoti Sarkar (Kalyani, West Bengal, India):  
Prophet in the sin city: revisiting Ramakrishna’s Calcutta
- 6.30 - 7.30 *Dinner*
- 7.30 - 8.30 Valerie Roebuck (Manchester):  
Missing cat: in search of the feline in Indian traditions

### ***Sunday 27th April***

- 8.00 - 8.45 *Breakfast*
- 8.45 - 9.45 Alice Collett (York St. John):  
Monumental differences: male-female teacher-disciple relations according to Buddhist monument inscriptions
- 9.45 - 10.45 Lalan Kumar Jha (Nalanda, Bihar, India):  
A critical appraisal of *vimutti* (liberation) as depicted in Theravāda Buddhism and Hinduism
- 10.45 - 11.00 *Coffee*
- 11.00 - 12.00 Mahinda Deegalle (Bath Spa):  
Buddhist extremist confrontations with ethnic and religious minorities in contemporary Sri Lanka
- 12.00 - 1.00 Robert Leach (Zürich):  
Orthodoxy, traditionalism and the five knowledges
- 1.00 *Lunch*
- 2.00 - 3.00 Closing colloquium