

DHC - Second Session, 11th - 13th February, 2025

Schedule

Day 1- 11th February 2025

Inaugural Session: 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall, Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay Complex, India International Centre, New Delhi

On the dais: Prof. Aditya Mukherjee, Prof. Dr. Judith Becker, IIC office-bearers, Dr. Swapna Liddle, Dr. Rakesh Batabyal, Dr. Megha Yadav

10.00-10.10 am - Welcome Address and introduction to THC by Dr. Rakesh Batabyal

10.10-10.25 am - Introduction to THCVA by Dr. Swapna Liddle

10.25-10.35 am - Welcome by IIC

10.35-11.25 am - Inaugural Address by Prof. Dr. Judith Becker

11.25-11.45 am - Presidential Remarks by Prof. Aditya Mukherjee

11.45-11.55 am - Release of DHC volume by dignitaries on stage and prize distribution for best and commended papers presented in DHC- First Session

11.55 am-12.00 pm - Vote of Thanks by Dr. Megha Yadav

12.00-12.30 pm - Tea Break

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Combined Seminar Halls, Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay Complex

12.30-01.10 pm - Keynote Address on Inequalities and Institutions

Chair: Prof. Shireen Moosvi, Professor (retired), Centre for Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University

Prof. Sucheta Mahajan, Professor (retired), Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

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01.10-01.50 pm - Keynote Address on Myth and Reality

Chair: Prof. Arun Gupto, Principal, IACER, Pokhara University, Kathmandu, Nepal

Prof. Smita Sahgal, Professor, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi

Decoding Myths: Intimate Conversations and Socio-Historical Reality

01.50-02.30 pm - Lunch

2.30-03.10 pm - Keynote Address on Social and the Quotidian

Chair: Dr. Rakesh Batabyal, Associate Professor, Centre for Media Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Prof. Dr. Eva Ehninger, Professor, Institute of Art and Visual History, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

The Social and/in/through/as the Quotidian. Notes on a Complex Relationship

03.10-03.50 pm - Keynote Address on Crime and Punishment

Chair: Prof. Mridula Mukherjee, Professor (retired), Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

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Dr. Swapna Liddle, Founder and Trustee, The History Collective

The Colonial Understanding of Crime and Punishment - Contestation and Continuity

03.50-4.00 pm - Tea Break

[3 parallel sessions begin]

Seminar Halls 1, 2 & 3, Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay Complex, India International Centre, New Delhi.

04.00- 05.05 pm - Session I

Seminar Hall 1 - Inequalities and Institutions (3 papers)

Chair: Prof. Queeny Pradhan, Professor, GGS Indraprastha University

- Aqsa Agha, Assistant professor, SRM University- Amaravati
Gender and State in Eighteenth Century Awadh: Harem- A Crucible for Political Transition (c.1722-1810)
- Ruchika Sharma, Assistant Professor, Mata Sundari College for Women, University of Delhi
Witnessing Gender, Testifying Race: Sexual Violence against 'Native' Women in Early Colonial Bengal
- Ankush Gupta, Independent Researcher
Berlin, dein Gesicht hat Sommersprossen: Conversations on Race, Gender and Sexuality

Seminar Hall 2 - Crime and Punishment (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Richa Raj, Associate Professor, Jesus & Mary College, University of Delhi

- Arpita Bose, Assistant Professor, Hooghly Mohsin College, West Bengal
Crimes at Chinatowns, Kolkata: A Study based on Police Reports (1900-1962)
- Twinkle Siwach, Assistant Professor, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi
"Dacoity in Bikaner State": Exploring Social Ecology of Crime in the 19th Century

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- Noyonika Bhattacharya, PhD Scholar, Department of History, University of Delhi
Prison and Politics in Contemporary India: A Social-Historical Analysis of an Activist's Prison Memoir

Seminar Hall 3 - Myth and Reality (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Lekshmi Chandran CP, SRM University, Amaravati

- Siwangini Kumar, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Gods as 'Men' in Indian Mythology: A Critical Study of Gender Dynamics in the R̥gveda
- Uthara Antharjanam, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Representations of the Divine in Kūṭiyāṭṭam: Myths and Performative Strategies
- Mani Bhargava, PhD Scholar, Banaras Hindu University
The Element of Fear in Myth: With Special Reference to Kathāsaritasāgara

Combined Seminar Halls

05.10-05.30 pm- *Inherit.heritage* in Transformation, Humboldt University, Berlin

Presentation by Prof. Dr. Eva Ehninger and Dr. Megha Yadav

05.30- 06.15 pm- Student presentations based on fieldwork

Chair: Dr. Swapna Liddle, Founder and Trustee, The History Collective

Discussant: Mirra Frances, Teaching Assistant, Ashoka University

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Schedule **Day 2- 12th February, 2025**

10.00-11.05 am - Session II

Seminar Hall 1 - Inequalities and Institutions (3 papers)

Chair: Prof. Arun Gupto, Principal, IACER, Kathmandu

- Kishori Lal Chandel, Assistant Professor, Govt. Degree College, Shimla
Deva Traditions of Kulu, Himachal Pradesh: Social and Cultural Aspects
- Priyanka Chanana Sahni, Assistant Professor, Mata Sundari College for Women, University of Delhi
Women and Sainthood: Dargahs of Two Women Sufis In Delhi
- Aashish Kochhar, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Beyond the Colonial Gaze: Unveiling the Diverse Realities of the Sansis of Punjab

Seminar Hall 2 - The Social and the Quotidian (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Saumya Varghese, Jesus & Mary College, University of Delhi

- Richa Raj, Assistant Professor, Jesus & Mary College, University of Delhi
Recasting the Socio-cultural Milieu in Northern India: The Arya Samaj and the Hindi Public Sphere, 1890-1940s
- Ishan Papreja, PhD Scholar, Department of History, University of Delhi
From 'Vulgar' to Vernacular: Trajectories of Punjabi Language under Colonial Rule
- Rachna Mehra, Assistant Professor, Ambedkar University, New Delhi
Social work, welfare measures and quotidian challenges in the aftermath of partition of India

Seminar Hall 3 - Myth and Reality (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Kavita Gaur, Assistant Professor, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College, University of Delhi

- Shatarupa Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi
Tangible Bodies and Intangible Fear: The Story of Pañcapāpa, the woman with five disabilities. Connecting Gender, Jātaka and Disability

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- Anjali Verma, Assistant Professor, Himachal Pradesh University & Manav, PhD Scholar, Himachal Pradesh University
Institutional Sacrifices: Myth and Reality of Sacrificial Women of Chamba During 10th Century
- Abhimanyu Kumar, Assistant Professor, Indraprastha University, New Delhi
Taming the Flames: Anger, Mental Health, and Religious Prescriptions in Ancient Indian Traditions

11.05- 11.20 am- Tea Break

11.20 am-12.25pm - Session III

Seminar Hall 1 - Inequalities and Institutions (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Syed Mubin Zehra, Associate Professor, Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, University of Delhi

- Alisha Parween, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Medieval Indian Madrasas: Its Politico-Cultural Dimension and Historical Evolution in North India (8th Century -15th Century CE)
- Priyadarshini S, PhD Scholar, Christ College
Caste, Education, and Reform : The Role of Mysore State and Socio-Religious Institutions in the 19th and 20th Centuries
- Shrishti Khanna, PhD Scholar, Department of History, University of Delhi
Educational initiatives for the people on margins in Delhi in the wake of Partition

Seminar Hall 2 - Inequalities and Institutions (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Tintu Joseph, Assistant Professor, K E College, Mannanam, Kerala

- Dev Kumar Jhanjh, Independent researcher
The Formation of a New Caste: A Caste Study of the Akkasaligas (Akṣaśālīka, Akṣaśālin/Akṣaśāle/Agaśālis)
- Kundan Kumar Raj, PhD Scholar, Department of History, University of Delhi
Intersecting Hierarchies: Gender, Caste, and Morality in Ancient Indian Legal Traditions

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- Trisha Jha, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
The Jaina View on Dissent: Nīṇhaya in the Āvassaya Commentaries (c. Sixth Century BCE – Ninth Century CE)

Seminar Hall 3 - Myth and Reality (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Alok Bajpai, ITM University, Gwalior

- Shashi Bhushan Gupta, Assistant Professor, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi
The Gandhis and the 70's: The emergence of popular pro-right
- Saib Bilaval, Independent researcher
The Scent of a Rumour: Saffron Myths and the Rewriting of Delhi Communal Violence in September 1947
- Om Prakash Das, MP Institute for Defence Studies & Analysis
From Message to Myth: The Transformation of Political Symbols

12.25-01.30 pm - Session IV

Seminar Hall 1 - Inequalities and Institutions (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Saurabh Bajpai, Founder and Convenor, National Movement Front

- Ranjana Das, Associate Professor, Ramjas College, University of Delhi
'Making History more accessible': Oral History as a methodology to understand the Historical Past
- Sandipan Sen, PhD Scholar, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad
Colonial Anthropology: Constructing Hierarchies and Institutionalizing Inequalities
- Christeena James, Independent Scholar, New Delhi
Construction of Colonial Societies in Early Modern Travelogues

Seminar Hall 2 - The Social and the Quotidian (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Alka Saikia, Assistant Professor, Gargi College, University of Delhi

- Priyam Barooah, Associate Professor, Department of History, ARSD College, University of Delhi
Mainmatī-Lalmai: Quotidian Experiences within Rituals

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- Purna Purnima Roy, Assistant Professor, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi
Religious Rivalries but Shared Worlds: Exploring Storytelling in Early Indian Traditions
- Megha Yadav, Assistant Professor, SRM University, Amaravati
Everyday rituals and making of the self: Case study of the Hiranya Mahavihar, Kathmandu

Seminar Hall 3 - Crime and Punishment (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Malavika Binny, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Kannur University, Kerala

- Sneha Ganguly, Assistant Professor, University of Delhi
Crime, punishment and 'Demonic other': Some glimpses from the early Vedic tradition
- Ajith Maruthaveeran, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Engraved Punishments: Decoding the Transgressions and Penalties in Cēra Inscriptions
- Praveen Kumar, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
The Political Identities, Religious Configuration and the Making of Gurjara-Pratihara State- An Inscriptional Study (8th C.E.- 11th C.E.)

01.30-02.30 pm - Lunch

02.30-03.35 pm - Session V

Seminar Hall 1 - Inequalities and Institutions (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Twinkle Siwach, Assistant Professor, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi

- Dr. Vijayant Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, Dyal Singh College, University of Delhi
'A hook for a hand/A stump for a foot': Piracy and Social Reception of Disabilities in Early Modern Indian Ocean World
- Akshita Shagun, PhD Scholar, Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University
Mental Illness as a tool of Colonial suppression
- Moni H S, NCWEB, Aditi Mahavidyalaya University of Delhi
Identity and social cognition: In respect of Disability and Media

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Seminar Hall 2 - The Social and the Quotidian (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Ranjana Das, Assistant Professor, Ramjas College, University of Delhi

- Vanshika Pandey, PhD Scholar (2025), King's College, London
From Refugee Kitchens to Restaurant Empires: The Creation of 'Punjabi' Restaurant Culture in Post-Partition Delhi, 1947-1965
- Neena Ghosh, Academic Support Executive, East Bridge University
Building A Road Through The Kitchen: Discovering the Life of a chef from Nineteenth Century Bengal
- Fathima Rajila. KV, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Feasts in Medieval Kerala temples: A Socio-Cultural History

Seminar Hall 3 - Crime and Punishment (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Amita Paliwal, Assistant Professor, Jesus & Mary College, University of Delhi

- Lubna Irfan, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University
Gendered Punishment: Femininity, unmanliness and shame in social structure of Medieval India
- Gulrukh Khan, Assistant Professor, Aligarh Muslim University
Justice and Gender Dynamics: Crime and Punishment in the Delhi Sultanate'
- Lekshmi Chandran, Assistant Professor, Department of History, SRM University- AP
Unravelling the Concept of 'Crime' and 'Punishment' in Pre-Colonial Kerala

03.35-03.50 pm - Tea Break

03.50- 04.55 pm- Session VI

Seminar Hall 1 - Inequalities and Institutions (3 papers)

Chair: Prof. Sarabjit Kaur, Punjab University, Chandigarh

- Sumisha P, Junior Research Fellow, Department of History, University of Calicut
Public Health Policies in Colonial Malabar: Disparities in Discharges

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- Preeti Maurya, Independent Researcher
Healthcare, Caste and the Loss of traditional knowledge: Reimagining the role of Dais in post-independent India, a comparative analysis (1940s to 1970s)
- Sangeeta Kumari, Associate Professor, Aryabhata College, University of Delhi
Struggle for Suffrage: Indian Women (1920-1950)

Seminar Hall 2 - The Social and the Quotidian (3 papers)

Chair: Prof. Arun Gupto, Principal, IACER, Kathmandu

- Kavita Gaur, Assistant Professor, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College, University of Delhi
Exploring the idea of the household in the śāstric tradition: Connotation, Context, and Categories
- Abhinav Bhatnagar, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Servitude in normative and subversive households in Early India (c. 300 BCE-500 CE)
- Akhil AR, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Gifts and the Everyday: Diplomacy and Social Practices in 17th Century Coromandel

Seminar Hall 3 - Crime and Punishment (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Manvender Singh, SRM University, Amaravati

- Abhishek Arya, PhD Scholar, University of Hyderabad
Death, Spectacle and Violence: Capital punishment in Colonial India
- Aneesha Dutta, Independent Scholar, New Delhi
The Lash of Empire: Corporal Punishment and the Dissonance of Colonial Rule in India
- Shivam Sharma, Assistant Professor, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi
Colonial Laws and Transforming Customary Practice: Changing Methods of Female Infanticide in Gujarat in the Nineteenth Century

05.00-05.45 pm - Combined Seminar Halls

Distinguished Lecture

Chair: Dr. Rakesh Batabyal, Centre for Media Studies, JNU

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Prof. Dr. Philipp Ther, Professor, Department of History, University of Vienna, Austria

The Great Transformation of Europe: 1989 to the Present

Book release: *The Idea of Order* by Rakesh Batabyal [ICWA, 2025]

[Kasturi Bhashyam, Mari Koves, TCA Raghavan]

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10.00-11.05 am - Session VII

Seminar Hall 1 - Inequalities and Institutions (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Chayanika Unniyal, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College, University of Delhi

- Nancy Goldsmith, PhD Scholar, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
AIWC and the mobilization of women's education in the 20th century
- Manisha Pandey, History Department, Christ Church College, Kanpur
Quest for Equality: Women Members in the Indian Constituent Assembly
- Malavika Binny, Assistant Professor, Department of history, Kannur University
The wet nurse, the helper and the physician; some Ayurvedic riddles gravid with meanings

Seminar Hall 2 - The Social and the Quotidian (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Sangeeta Kumari, Associate Professor, Aryabhata College, University of Delhi

- Deepna K., Liaison Officer, University of Calicut, Kerala
Cattle, Culture, and Colonisation: The British Negotiations with Jallikattu
- Riya Damani, Independent Researcher
Microhistory, Objects and Social Memory in the Gangaur Festival
- Prajalya Bajpai, Independent Researcher

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Material Memories and the Poetics of the Everyday: Narrating Migration through Objects and Routine in Delhi

Seminar Hall 3 - Crime and Punishment (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Ruchika Sharma, Mata Sundari College, University of Delhi

- Anshuman Srivastava, PhD Scholar, Department of History, University of Delhi
Colonial Discourse and the Representation of Prisoners (1840-1890)
- Amrita Mondal, Assistant Professor, University of North Bengal
Pleasure as Crime: Drinking and Governmentality in Nineteenth Century Bengal
- Aparna Bandopadhyaya, Associate Professor, Diamond Harbour Women's University
Sin, Crime and Punishment: Perspectives from Bengal

11.05- 11.20- Tea Break

11.20am-12.25pm - Session VIII (3 papers)

Seminar Hall 1 - Inequalities and Institutions (2 papers)

Chair: Dr. Aqsa Agha, Assistant Professor, SRM University, Amaravati

- Amita Paliwal, Assistant Professor, Jesus & Mary College, University of Delhi
The Mughal State and Ethnic Diversity in Sind: Conflict, Co-operation and Co-existence
- Hinduja Ramesh, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Irrigation Systems and Social Dynamics in Medieval Karnataka: Labour, Inequality, and Water Management

Seminar Hall 2 - Crime and Punishment (2 papers)

Chair: Dr. Priyam Barooah, Associate Professor, Department of History, ARSD College, University of Delhi

- Althaf, Department of History and Culture, and Hiba, Department of English, Jamia Milia Islamia

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An Evaluation of Punishments in Medieval India against a backdrop of the Hanafi School of Law

- Pankaj Bordoloi, Deputy Director, Rashtrapati Bhawan Museum
Company to Crown: Legal & Judicial History of Colonial Assam 1826-1947

Seminar Hall 3 - Myth and Reality (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Aparna Bandopadhyaya, Associate Professor, Diamond Harbour Women's University

- Shivangi Malviya, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU
Myths Around Influential Medieval Indian Court Eunuchs
- Trisha Gupta, PhD Scholar, University of Delhi
The Myth of the Isolated Mughal Princess: Visibility and Power in Seventeenth Century Mughal India
- Lokendra Nayak, Assistant Professor, Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore
Hura (हुरा) Pratha in the Labana community

12.25-01.30pm - Session IX (3 papers)

Seminar Hall 1 - The Social and the Quotidian (2 papers)

Chair: Dr. Amrita Mondol, Assistant Professor, North Bengal University

- Sarthak Paliwal, Independent Researcher and Psychologist
Psycho-historical walks - A Methodological approach to understand the Psyche of Cities and its inhabitants
- Alruba Sheikh, PhD Scholar, Centre for Media Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Technological Intervention in Quotidian of the City : Study of Public Spaces of Jhansi, U.P.

Seminar Hall 2 - Inequalities and Institutions (3 papers)

Chair: Dr. Kishori Lal Chandel, Assistant Professor, Govt. Degree College, Shimla

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- Dheeraj Sahani, PhD Scholar, Department of History, University of Delhi
The concept of Svaraj/Swaraj: A comparative study of Bhagawan Das and K.C. Bhattacharya
- Mileena Saju & Pranav Pandey, Independent Researcher
An Archaeology of Political Sloganeering: 1957 and After
- Kalyan Sonowal, Independent Researcher
Media, Institutional Inequalities, and Environmental Justice: The Role of Governance and Representation in Sustainable Development

Seminar Hall 3 - Myth and Reality (3 papers)

Chair: Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Principal, Govt. Degree College, Satpuli, Uttarakhand

- Kajal Gupta, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
The Conception of Paisāca: A Jaina Perspective
- Deepak Raj, PhD Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Origin and Development of Vaiṣṇavism in Early India
- Alok Bajpai, ITM University, Gwalior
Mahatma Gandhi on 'Myth and Reality'

01.30-02.30pm- Lunch

02.30-03.30 pm - Roundtable

03.30-04.30 pm - Valedictory Address

Chair: Shri KN Shrivastava, Director, IIC

Prof. R. Mahalakshmi, Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Sources and Historical Interpretation: Issues and Challenges

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Rakesh Batabyal