



Center for
Global Studies

The Center for Global Studies (CGS) at George Mason University was founded to promote multidisciplinary research on globalization and international affairs.

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TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference is hosted by
George Mason University and will

be held in

Room 163,

Research I Building,

on the GMU Fairfax campus.

For a map and directions, see

www.gmu.edu

Parking passes will be

available at registration;

we recommend you park in the

Sandy Creek Parking Deck.

The conference hotel is:

Comfort Inn University Center

11180 Fairfax Blvd , Fairfax, VA, 22030

Phone: (703) 591-5900

Conference rate: \$89 plus tax.

(mention Colonial Academic Alliance

when making reservations)

For registration information,
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SHIFTING IDENTITIES AND GLOBALIZATION IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA

FEBRUARY 26, 2009

9 A.M. -- 5:30 P.M.

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

A conference organized by
The Globalization and Society
in India Working Group
at George Mason University

Sponsored by
George Mason University's
Center for Global Studies
and
The Colonial Academic Alliance

Shifting Identities and Globalization

in Contemporary India

February 26, 2009

George Mason University

This conference will foster critical analysis of the globalization discourse in India, while simultaneously developing a cross-disciplinary network of scholars interested in continuing the discussion of globalization's impact on the sub-continent. India began a period of economic deregulation and liberalization in the early 1990s. The ripple effects of these policy changes continue to be experienced in India as it becomes one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

While great attention has been paid to the "new" India with its jubilatory discourse surrounding development, progress, and economic achievement, little attention has been focused on the changing Indian identity that has accompanied this growth.

Although some scholars have acknowledged that these new economic policies have not benefited everyone equally, a sustained analysis is lacking. This conference brings to the fore discussions of the social problems and cultural conflicts that are a consequence of this success, but that are often hidden behind a veil of progress and growth. The rhetoric of "progress" in India needs to be problematized as it marginalizes the already-always marginalized.

This conference aims to examine the underbelly of "progress" and provide a space where the dominant discourse can be critically examined.

Conference Schedule

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
AND REGISTRATION

9:45 - 11:45 a.m.

PANEL 1: Slumdog or Millionaire:

The Marginalized and Globalization in Modern India

Sonalde Desai, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland

Shailaja Paik, Department of History, Union College

Lalit Khandare, Department of Social Work & Public Affairs,
Indiana University

Jeremy Rinker, ICAR, George Mason University

Suraj Jacob, Dept. of Justice Studies, James Madison University

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

LUNCHEON

WELCOME *Provost Peter Stearns, George Mason University*

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. J. P. Singh, Georgetown University

Singh is the author of *Negotiation and the Global Information Economy* (Cambridge, 2008), *Leapfrogging Development? The Political Economy of Telecommunications Restructuring* (SUNY, 1999) and co-editor (with James N. Rosenau) of *Information Technologies and Global Politics: The Changing Scope of Power and Governance*.

His current book project is titled *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization: Creating Norms in a Complex World*. He serves as the Editor-in-Chief for *Review of Policy Research*.

1:45 - 3:30 p.m.

PANEL 2: Re-working Conceptions of Work
in India's Post-liberalization Period

Bhavani Arabandi, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, GMU

Catherine Durnell Cramton, School of Management, GMU

Badrinath Rao, Department of Liberal Studies, Kettering University

3:45 - 5:30 p.m.

PANEL 3: From "Magical" to Medical:

The Medical Nexus in Contemporary India

Murphy Halliburton, Department of Anthropology,

Queens College of CUNY

Daisy Deomampo, Department of Anthropology,

CUNY Graduate Center

Nayantara (Tara) Sheoran, Cultural Studies, GMU

5:30 p.m.

CLOSING RECEPTION
AND DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA

Registration Form

Name

Title

Institution

Address

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Registration Fees
(includes meals, all panels,
keynote address, and reception)

_____ Institutional Registration (includes up to 10 student
or faculty registrants): \$100.00

_____ Individual Faculty: \$25.00

_____ Individual Student: \$10.00

Drop-in registration is permitted on-site for individual
panels free of charge (does not include meals or keynote
address).

Please return completed form and check to:

Colonial Academic Alliance
George Mason University, MSN 5A6
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Registration deadline: February 12, 2009