

WHAT IS SOUTH ASIA? LOCATING THE REGION IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Venue: Haldane Room, Wolfson College, Linton Road, OX2 6UD

To register, please email: oxfordsouthasia2016@gmail.com OR visit: <https://understandingsouthasia.wordpress.com>

9.00: Welcome – Matthew McCartney

9.10: Introduction – Uma Pradhan

9.15 – 10.45: SESSION I – THE IDEA OF SOUTH ASIA

Discussant – Faisal Devji

- *Saddling South Asia and South East Asia: Burma/Myanmar & Her Concentric Fictions*, Maung Zarni (Sleuk Rith Institute)
- *The 'Rogue State' in South Asia: Afghanistan after 9/11*, Nematullah Bizhan (BSG, Oxford) and William Maley (Australian National University)
- *'Cartographic Anxieties' of Akhand Bharat*, Amogh Dhar Sharma (Oxford)

10.45 – 11.00: BREAK

11.00 – 12.30: SESSION II – SOUTH ASIA AS PRACTICE

Discussant – David Gellner

- *A Region by Association? SAARC and the Institutional Practice of 'South Asia'*, Kate Sullivan (SIAS, Oxford)
- *Discourses about Rights in South Asia: Law, politics and social history*, Rosalind O'Hanlon (Oriental Institute, Oxford)
- *'Intermediate classes'/provincial capital in South Asia*, Mohammad Ali Jan (QEH, Oxford)
- *National regimes and local realities across South Asia*, Maya Tudor (BSG, Oxford)

12.30 – 1.30: BREAK

1.30 – 3.00: SESSION III – SOUTH ASIA AS A LENS

Discussant – Nandini Gooptu

- *Studying the State in South Asia*, Lipika Kamra (QEH, Oxford)
- *Neoliberalism and Nationalist Revival in South Asia*, Feyzi Ismail (SOAS)
- *Democracy: Liberalism Plus/Minus*, Indrajit Roy (QEH, Oxford)

3.00 – 3.15: BREAK

3.15 – 4.00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS – PROFESSOR DAVID WASHBROOK

'SOUTH ASIA IN THEORY AND PRACTICE'

4.00 – 4.30: Q&A Session. Chair – Nandini Gooptu

4.30: Closing & Thanks– Sneha Krishnan