

# 2016

# Hutton Lectures



## ‘indigenous knowledge’

Day 1 (Dec. 8th, 4pm-6pm)

Keynote: Prof Siv Ellen Kraft

UiT The Arctic University of Norway

*Open to the public*

Day 2 (Dec. 9th, 9am-6pm)

All-day Symposium (AUD/KI)

8:30am Registration: Rs. 500

Locations: De Oriental Grand Hotel,  
Kohima, Nagaland

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The Kohima Institute

in partnership with

North East Forum (NEF) and

Centre for Community Knowledge (CCK)

at Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD), and

The South Asianist Journal, University of  
Edinburgh

This symposium will provide a platform for debate on discourses of indigeneity and indigenous (or indeed ‘local’ or ‘traditional’) knowledge and skills. Presentations will recognise both the fraught historical, ideological, and discursive genealogies of ‘indigenous’ and its epistemological status in relation to western

science, as well as important contemporary uses of the term (particularly by activists) in political debates, and in relation to developmental aid, and environmental conservation. The emphasis of the symposium will be on the cross-fertilisation of indigenous knowledge and new forms of transmission, encouraging different perspectives on ways of knowing and of disseminating knowledge, including experiential knowledge. Presentations will vary in form and style, but generally critique the hegemonic nature of scientificity and universalism in western academic discourse, striving to give equal voice and validity to local beliefs and practices, meaning structures, aesthetic values, and points of view. Presenters will thus present papers, video and photographic exhibitions, as well as narrate memories, observations and experience in the practice of locally embedded knowledge and beliefs. The sharing of ideas and forms of presenting, will contribute to understanding transformations and contemporary challenges in creating coeval, and grounded ‘ways of knowing’. Presentations, papers, and exhibitions will be edited and published in *The South Asianist Journal* at Edinburgh University, and appear in book form in 2017.



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