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Global South Graduate Student Conference

Theme: Global South Possibilities: Exploring Linkages, Building Solidarity

Organized by the Global South Research Hub

May 5, 2022 and May 6, 2022

10 Panel Discussions and Presentations

Best Student Paper Award

Keynote Address: "Global South Solidarities: Then and Now"

By Anne Garland Mahler

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Global South has come to represent those spaces and people, cartographically and epistemologically that are on the periphery of the world social order, through the history of post-16th-century global capitalism, colonialism, empire, and contemporary neoliberalism. Global south solidarity networks such as the Bandung Conference served as the meeting point for nations and people to reflect on and imagine their position in the world. These networks created political spaces for anticolonial and anti-apartheid resistance, and imagined a collective future imbued with postcolonial camaraderie. These emancipatory visions never materialized. Through this graduate student conference, we hope to regenerate some of those old visions of solidarity, while global capitalism and its perspectives continue to shape the world unequally. Beyond a place of critique, we want to envisage a world where the South-South dialogues will create unexpected connections and possibilities of solidarity. There is a dignity and importance in the ‘global south’ – it carries with it the weight of most of the world but also a sense of possibility.
Panel Discussions
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DAY 1: MAY 5, 2022
THURSDAY

8:30 AM -8:45 AM EDT
Opening Remarks by Manjusha Nair

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Identities and Imaginaries

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Environmental Justice

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Keynote Address By Anne Garland Mahler

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May 5, Thursday 2022

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM EDT
Opening Remarks by Manjusha Nair, Director of the Global South Research Hub

8:45 AM -10:00 AM EDT
Panel 1: Conversations about Knowledge:
Discussants: Lester Kurtz and Karthik Balaji Ramanujam

- Ivan Kislenko, HSE University. "Between North and South: Indigenous Sociology in Russia?"
- Hugo Parra Munoz, University of Bristol. "Decolonising the curriculum is not enough: other epistemologies for educating other-teachers"
- Nithila Kanagasabai, Tata Institute of Social Science. "A View From Afar: Reimagining Feminist Research from the Global South"

10:00 AM- 11:30 AM EDT
Panel 2: Life on the Margins
Discussants: Cortney Rinker and Aleezay Khaliq

- Srimoyee Biswas, Jamia Millia Islamia. "Matua Namasudra: A community’s history in Bengal through the lens of caste, partition, and the Citizenship Act"
- Monica Verma, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University. "Refugee livelihood and Covid-19: The case study of Rohingyas in India"
- Sana Ahrar, Penn State. "Urban Residential Segregation: A case of Delhi"
- Aishani Khurana, University of Illinois Chicago. "Networks of power: Exclusion, Discrimination and Marginalization of Muslims in Housing Market in Delhi"

11:30 AM- 1:00 PM EDT
Panel 3: Identities and Imaginaries
Discussants: Anu Aneja and Kevin Nazar

- Aparna Shastri, George Mason University. "Televisual Homogeneity: A Case Study of Netflix’s Sacred Games and The Gift"
- Navdeep Kaur, New York University. "Chai and the Immigrant: Memory, Nostalgia and Authenticity"
- Juanita Vivas Bastidas, Loyola University, Chicago. "Identity Under Construction: Migration, Gender, and Ethno-Racial Self-Identification"
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Panel 4: Politics and Resistance
Discussants: Yasemin Ipek and Eric W Ross

- Omer Pacal, George Mason University. "The Dilemma of Political Movements in the Middle East: Revolution vs. Recognition"
- Prashkandan Sengupta, University of Calcutta. "Resistance against Accumulation of Capital in the India: Community as Class and Beyond"
- Soumodip Sinha, Delhi School of Economics. "Transnational collective action via digital activism: Using student political activism as a frame of reference to facilitate South-South interactions"

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

Panel 5: Labor in question
Discussants: Manjusha Nair and Deepika Hooda

- Rianka Roy, University of Connecticut. "Local Networks, Global Reflections: Solidarity in Indian Tech Unions"
- Abhishek Dwivedi, South Asian University. "(Un)packing Precarity: A study of casual workers in Leather industry, India"
- Jialing Chen, University of Oxford. "Internet workers’ ‘hidden’ resistance practices against overtime work culture"

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM EDT

Panel 6: On Human Rights
Discussants: Niklas Hultin and Kevin Nazar

- Eliana Fonsah, University of California, Merced. "The Role of Colonial Legacies and Fundamental Human Rights in Shaping Worker Rights’ Struggles: The case of the Cameroon Anglophone Lawyers and Teacher’s Union"
- Hugo Goery, CUNY. "Punishment in Latin America: It's (still) the economy, stupid"
- Chibuzor Azubuike, Kansas State University. "Aid as Instigation for Conflict among the Bakassi Refugees and their Hosts in Ikang, Cross River State, Nigeria"
May 6, Friday 2022

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM EDT

Panel 7: Environmental Justice
Discussants: Christopher Morris and Mariam Kurtz

- Sampurna Das, Delhi School of Economics. "Floods are more than just inundation: Notes from the riverine island (chars) of Assam, India"
- Sabrina Kirschner, UniBW, Munich, Germany. "The Brazilian Position prior to the Stockholm Conference"
- Suravee Nayak, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. "Dispossession, Entanglements and Inequalities in Coal Economies: A Quest for Just Future"

10:00 AM -11:30 AM EDT

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TOPIC: "Global South Solidarities: Then and Now"

*Announcement of 'Best Student Paper Award'

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Panel 8: Debates on Development
Discussants: Iccha Basnyat and Severin Mueller

- Yutong Su, Teachers College, Columbia University. "Youth Empowerment in The Global South case analysis through Human Capital Theory and Capabilities Approach"
- Devika Misra, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. "Populism, Pandemic and Payments: Analysing Policies of Aid and Cash Transfers in Brazil and India"
- Judith Mane, George Mason University. "Development-induced displacement and resettlement: encounter of realities, histories, and cultures"
- Makhosazane Sithole, University of Zululand. "Urban informality and overcoming marginality: Female street traders and the COVID-19 pandemic in uMhlathuze city, South Africa"
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Panel 9: Contested Mobilities
Discussants: Rashmi Sadana and Eirini Giannaraki

- Shruti Gupta, National University of Singapore. "The Dynamics of (Im)mobilities within the Global South: Understanding gendered migration between India and UAE"
- Abla Triki, George Mason University. "Morocco’s Border Regime and Policymaking"
- Margaret Zeddies, George Mason University. "Reimagining Study Abroad Through Political Economy"

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM EDT

Panel 10: Global Solidarity Movements
Discussants: Johanna Bockman and Sevil Suleymani

- Poorvi Bellur, Princeton University. "Revolution in the East as ‘World Revolution’: Theorizing anti-colonial solidarity at the 2nd congress of the Communist International"
- Kevin Ng, Yale University. "Itineraries of Self-Respect: Urban Sociality and Tamil Reform across the Indian Ocean, 1929–1940"
- Hee Eun Kwon, UC San Diego. "Tolerance and Cosmopolitanism: A Case Study of Al Fahidi District, UAE"
- Sunidhi Pacharne, University of Hyderabad, India. "Rewriting Gender Norms Together: The Unspoken Conversations of Dalit Women with African American Women"
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