

Friday, March 23, 2018	
12:00 -5:00 pm	Exhibition on Pakistan Art and Culture
5:00 – 8:00 pm	<p>Welcome Remarks Pickford Auditorium Reception Founder’s Room, Bauer North</p>

Saturday, March 24, 2018 Pickford Auditorium, Bauer South	
8:15 – 8:55 am	Registration

9:00 am - 10:30am – SASA Concurrent Sessions 3, Bauer South		
Panel 1A: Education in South Asia: Past Present and Future	Bauer Center Room 23	Chair: Nita Kumar, Claremont McKenna College
Susan Seymour, Pitzer College: Going Out to School: The Impact of Girls’ Education on Family and Gender System in Bhubaneswar, India.		
Carol C. Mukhopadhyay, San Jose State University: Family Matters: Understanding Educational Choices and Gendered science in India.		
Rachel C. Fleming, Colorado College: “If you have education, you have everything”: Multigenerational attitudes towards women’s education in Bangalore, India.		
Nita Kumar, Claremont McKenna College: The hidden curriculum in Indian education, 1985 to the present.		

Panel 1 B: Sankhya and Dharma: Roundtable I	Bauer Center Room 24	Moderator: Chris Chapple Loyola Marymount College
Mikel Burley, University of Leeds		
Marzenna Jakubczak, Jagellonian University		

Ana Funes, Eastern Connecticut State University

Panel 1 C: Asian Art History: Reverberations in South Asia and Beyond	Bauer Center Room 25	Chair: Ingrid Aall
Punam Madhok: Contemporary Embroidery of India: Tradition, Revival, and Globalization.		
Nalini Rao, Soka University of America: Archaeology and Community Identity: The Case of Siddhapur in Western India.		
Deepak Shinkhada, Claremont School of Theology: Womb: The Creative Genesis of Sushma Shinkhada.		
Miroj Shakya, University of the West: Arniko's Legacy and its Influence on the Buddhist Art in China.		

10:30 – 10:45 am Coffee Break, Bauer South

10:45 – 12:15 pm – SASA Concurrent Session 4 Bauer South

Panel 2A: China Pakistan Economic Corridor: Economic and Geostrategic Implications,	Bauer Center Room 23	Chair: Vandana Asthana, Eastern Washington University
Murad Ali, German Development Institute/ Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn Germany: Is China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) a form of South-South Cooperation?		
Iram Nasser Ahmed, University of Lahore, Punjab Pakistan: Pakistan Building the Nation and Regional Stability, Constructing the Infrastructure: CPEC, Benefits, Apprehensions and Future.		

Ashok Chandra Shukla, Independent Scholar, New Delhi, India: **South Asian Perspectives on China Pakistan Economic Corridor.**

Panel 2 B: Improving Outcomes through Pedagogical Innovations in United States and South Asia

Bauer Center
Room 24

Chair: Purnima Bhatt, Hood
College

Adam Pave, San Bernardino Valley College: **Teaching the Moral Issues of World Hunger.**

Mayuri Deka University of the Bahamas: **Re-visioning Stereotypes in the Multi-Ethnic Literature Classroom: Bias and the South-Asian body.**

JoAnne Pandey Cal. State. University, Northridge: **Preliminary Results from a Classroom-Based Writing Therapy Intervention to Help Students Cope with the Psychological Impact of the Gorkha Earthquake in Nepal.**

Rhea Handa, Scripps College, Claremont: **A Lesson in Learning: Improving Learning Outcomes in India via Pedagogical Innovation.**

Panel 2 C: Understanding the Glocal, Hybrid and Identity Politics in South Asia

Bauer Center Room 25

Chair: Susan Seymour
Pitzer College

Agata Joanna Lagiewka, National University of Ireland: **Wealth, Poverty and the Attraction of Beauty in India.**

Sayanti Mondal, Illinois State University: **Picturing Experience: The Performing of Transnational Identity in The London Jungle Book.**

Isha Jain, The University of British Columbia: **Dreaming of a Lost Home: Identity, Memory and Trauma amongst the Kashmiri Pandits.**

Young Hoon Oh, University of California, Riverside: **Himalayan Ambassador: The Rise of Ethnic Sherpa through Mountain Tourism.**

Anita Razin, Third Street Writers: **Lost Time: Narrative Analysis.**

Panel 2 D: Buddhism, Monasticism and Yoga	Bauer Center Room 22	Chair, Bradley Clough University of Montana
Wijitha Bandara, Salt Lake Community College: Ideals of Virtue in Monasticism.		
Khang Bao Nguyen, Claremont Graduate University: Unbounded Wholeness and Emptiness: Mahayana Buddhism and Vajrayana Buddhism.		
Leslie Roth, Claremont School of Theology: Fifty Shades of Yoga.		
Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno: Vaishnava Devotionalism and Gandhi's Ahimsa: A Method of Love and Compassion for All Beings.		

LUNCHEON 12:30 -1:30pm

Fireside Chat with Mukesh Aghi President US-India Strategic Forum
1:15-2:00 pm
McKenna Auditorium

PLENARY SESSION 1: Higher Education and Entrepreneurship/Cross Border Alliances
2:00pm - 3:15 pm
McKenna Auditorium

Coffee Break 3:15 – 3:30pm

3:30 - 5pm SASA Concurrent Session 3 Bauer South

Panel 3A: Voices of Women: Marginalization, Empowerment and Resilience	Bauer Center Room 23	Chair: Carol Mukhopadhyay, San Jose State University
Purnima Mehta Bhatt, Hood College: An Exploration of Spirit Possession in India: Marginalization or Empowerment of Women?		
Kohsheen Sharma, Scripps College, Claremont: Voices of Women: The Impact of Women's Political Reservations on Female Child Mortality in India.		
Bidyut Mohanty, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, India: Lakshmi the Rebel: Cultural Symbol of Status of Women in An Agrarian Economy.		
Kuldeep Singh, IIHS, H.P. University Shimla, India: Village Deity Tradition in the Himalayas- Case Study of Shimla Hills of Himachal Pradesh.		

Panel 3B: Roundtable 2: Sankhya and Dharma	Bauer Center Room 24	Moderator: Chris Chapple Loyola Marymount College
Geoff Ashton, University of San Francisco		
Christopher Miller, University of California, Davis		
Al Collins, Independent scholar		
Christopher Key Chapple, Loyola Marymount University		

Panel 3C: Religious Philanthropy, Intercivilizational Understandings and Challenges of Civil Society in India and South Asia	Bauer Center Room 25	Chair: Ashok Chandra Shukla, Eco Friends, India
Kuldeep Singh, Nanak Sadan Sikh Temple: Sikh Langar - A Philanthropic Model for Food Insecurity.		
Nitin Shah, Loma Linda University: Compassion in Action.		

Durgesh Kasbekar, Independent Scholar, Canada: **Agar Ab Bhi Na Jage to and Khudabaksh Oriental Public Library: Milestones in Intercivilizational Understandings in India.**

Muthusami Kumaran, University of Florida: **The Stifling of Civil Society in South Asia: Weak Governance, Rise of Special Interests, and Restrictive Regulatory Frameworks.**

Panel 3D: Caste and Social Justice

Bauer Center Room 22

Chair: David Blundell

Pradnya Garud, Independent Scholar: **Space, Caste, and Disasters.**

Ravikiran Shinde, Independent Scholar: **Lack of Diversity in South Asia's Biggest Film Industry.**

PLENARY SESSION 2: NGOs, NON-PROFITS and Philanthropy
5:00pm – 6:15 pm
Pickford Auditorium

Cocktail Reception 6:30 – 7:15 pm
McKenna Lobby

Banquet and Exemplar Awards 7:15 – 8:30 pm
McKenna Auditorium

Honorees:

Academic Achievement

Christopher Chapple

Doshi Professor of Indic & Comparative Theology

Loyola Marymount University

Business Leadership

Mukesh Aghi

President

US-India Strategic Partnership Forum USISPF

Community Service

Varun Soni

Dean of Religious Life

University of Southern California (USC)

CULTURAL PROGRAM 8:30 – 9:00 pm

Sunday, March 25, 2018

8:45 am – 9:15 am Coffee and Sweets, Bauer South

9:15- 10:45 am – SASA Concurrent Session 3 Bauer South

Panel 4A: Globalization, Nationalism and Neoliberalism in India

Bauer Center Room 23

Chair: Muthusami Kumaran
University of Florida

Amit Gupta, USAF Air War College: **Indian is the New Black? The Rise of Indian Americans on American Television.**

Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College: **Globalization, Minoritization, and the Retreat into the Local: India Moving Forward.**

Annapurna Devi Pandey, University of California, Santa Cruz: **Ethnographies of Economic Nationalism as Experienced by Young Women Garment Factory Workers in India.**

Deepa Mahadevan, University of California, Davis: **The Bharatnatyam body and Neoliberalism.**

Panel 4 B: Mahayana Buddhism

Bauer Center Room 24

Chair: Bradley Clough
University of Montana

Ralph Craig III, Loyola Marymount College: **Theologies of Awakening: Dharmegha Samadhi in the Yoga Sutra and Bodhisattva-Marga literature.**

Joseph Cadiff, Loyola Marymount College: **The Culmination of the Mahayana: Dzogchen and the Nine Vehicles of the Nyingmapa.**

Catherine Weiss, Loyola Marymount College: **Anatomy of a Yantra.**

Panel 4 C: Art in Nepal	Bauer Center Room 25	Chair: Ingrid Aall
Maureen Drdak, Independent Scholar: Eternal Visions—Contemporary Forms; A Twenty-first Century Guru-Shikshya Art Relationship Reimagined.		
Supriya Manandhar, The Record, Kathmandu, Nepal: Exploring Public Art Archetypes in Kathmandu Valley Researcher.		
Deepak Shimkhada, Claremont School of Theology: Churning of the Ocean of Milk-tension on a Cosmic Scale: What are the lessons learnt?		
Ashmina Ranjit, Visual Artist, Nepal: The Expanding Self: A Newari Artist’s Journey from the Local to the Glocal.		
10:45 – 11:00 am Coffee Break		

11:00 – 12:30pm – SASA Concurrent Session 4 Bauer South		
Panel 5A: Modernity, Nationalism and Politics	Bauer Center Room 23	Chair: Deepak Shimkhada Claremont School of Theology
Md. Mizanur Rahman, Illinois State University: Modernity in Question: Rise of Islamic Public Sphere in Bangladesh.		
Haydn Campmier, Claremont School of Theology: Padmaavat, Right-Wing Hindu Protests and Global Anti Muslim Bias.		
Naumana Kiran, University of Lahore, Pakistan: The Sufi Movement and Mysticism in Pakistan.		
Sundus Jaber, Claremont School of Theology: What Killed Muḥammad Dārā Shikūh: Syncretism, Apostasy or Politics?		
Panel 5 B: South Asian Buddhism: Ancient Roots, Contemporary Developments	Bauer Center Room 24	Chair: Adam Pave San Bernardino Community College
Bradley Clough, University of Montana: Reviving Meditation: A Modern Debate in Buddhist South Asia.		
Frank Tedesco, True Dharma International: Dharma and End-of-Life Care: Indian Spiritual Paths & Western Medicine.		

Gautama Prabhu, Foundation of His Secret Majesty, India: **The Journey of the Buddhists of South India: From Buddhist towards untouchability to Hindu untouchables to Buddhist.**

David Blundell, University of California, Los Angeles: **GIS Mapping Historical Buddhism in Southern Asia.**

Panel 5C: Religion and Embodiment

Bauer Center Room 25

Chair: Jon Paul Sydnor,
Emmanuel College

Taylor Remington, Claremont School of Theology: **The Energetic Bodies of Tomorrow: A New Look at the Philosophies of Sri Aurobindo as Applied to Bodily Resurrection in Christian Scriptures.**

Jamie Miller, Claremont School of Theology: **The Use of Tantric Alchemy and Solidified Mercury by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev in the Consecration of Linga Bhairavi.**

Angela Fiona Scott, Claremont School of Theology: **Near Death Experience in the Hindu Context.**

Princess O'Nika Auguste, Claremont School of Theology: **The Kama Sutra of Solomon.**

Panel 5 D: Understanding the Diverse needs of South Asian Americans

Bauer Center Room 22

Moderator: Purnima Bhatt
Hood College

The Importance of Data Disaggregation in Understanding the Diverse Needs of South Asian Americans and the Need for Innovative Outreach in Mainstream Programs.

Leepi Shimkhada
Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

Riti Shimkhada Relan.
UCLA Center for Health Policy Research & UCLA Center for Global and Immigrant Health

Attorney Ravi Mahalingam
Savant LLC, General Counsel and Partner

LUNCHEON 12:45-1:45 pm

McKenna Auditorium

PLENARY 3: ENTREPRENEURS AND CEOS: AN INTERACTIVE EXCHANGE
1:30 – 2:45pm
McKenna Auditorium

3:00 – 4:30 pm – SASA Concurrent Round Table Sessions 4 Bauer South

Roundtable 6A: Performance in India and Possible Global Links	Bauer Center Room 22	Moderator: Nita Kumar
William Alves, Harvey Mudd College		
Paul Livingstone, Musician and Educator, Los Angeles		
Irfana Majumdar, Founding Artistic Director, NIRMAN Theatre and Film Studio (NTS), Varanasi, India		
Gaurav Saini, theatre trainer, actor, director, and short-film maker, and Artist-in-Residence at NIRMAN, Varanasi.		
Sheetal Gandhi, Choreographer and Multi-Disciplinary Artist, California, USA		

Roundtable 6 B: Jainism and Philanthropy	Bauer Center Room 34	Moderator: Nitin Shah
Jasvant Modi, President, Jain Center of Southern California		
Mahesh Wadher, President, Anekant Community Center, First VP, Federation of Jain Association in North America.		
Prafulla Shah, Board Member, Jain Center of Southern California, Coordinator, Tender Care Community Outreach Program		
Nitin Shah, Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care, Loma Linda University		

Roundtable 6 C: Ayurveda and Alternative Medicinal Practices	Bauer Center Room 35	Moderator Dr. Habib Sadeghi
Habib Sadeghi, Independent Scholar: Of Mind and Medicine.		
Discussant: Navin Doshi, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist		
Discussant: T SS Rajan, MD Internal Medicine/Cardiology, Temple Medical Associates, CA		

Roundtable 6 D: Social Consciousness and Education in South Asia	Bauer Center Room 36	Moderator: David Blundell
Benjamin Kaila, Friends for Education International (FFEI)		
Naresh Barsagade, Independent Scholar		
David Blundell, University of California, Los Angeles		

Closing Reception: High Tea 4:30 – 5:30 pm