



TRANSNATIONAL CONTACT ZONES

AFRICAN AND SOUTH ASIAN SEXUALITIES AND GENDERS

AN INTERNATIONAL HYBRID CONFERENCE: 26 – 28 JULY 2022

Programme

Auditorium, Future Africa
University of Pretoria

DAY 1: Tuesday, 26 July 2022

- 08h30 – 09h00 Conference Registration and Meet & Greet
- 09h00 – 09h30 Welcome and Conference Opening Messages by:
- **Prof Tawana Kupe**, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, UP
 - Representative, University of Huddersfield
 - Representative, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
 - Representative, University of Fort Hare
- 09h35 – 10h35 Keynote Talk: **Dr Keguro Macharia** (Kenya)
- 10h35 – 10h45 Break
- 10h45 – 12h00 Introductory Paper: *Imperialisms of the Global South? The NALSA judgment and the travel of 'transgender'*
B Camminga
- Panel: *Contact, Context and Comparison Scale and Connection in the Making of Knowledge about Gender and Sexualities between Africa and South Asia*
Debjyoti Ghosh, B Camminga and Paul Boyce

- 12h00 – 12h45 Break
- 12h45 – 14h00 Introductory Paper: *“We hide our sexual feelings and we don’t want to share it with anybody”*: Negotiating sexual relationships and secret intimacy amongst Nepalese young people in the UK
Rajeeb Kumar Sah
- Panel: *Intimacy and Injury in the Wake of #MeToo in South Africa and Asia*
Srila Roy
- 14h00 – 15h15 Session 1: Using Art as a Queer Voice
Chair: **Prof Ahoona Roy**
- *The Harbingers*
Christine Beatrice Dixie
 - *Bol Radha*
Dolar Vasani
 - *Implementation of LGBT inclusive curriculum: Emerging voices of Queer Ambassadors' Student Group at a Rural University in Eastern Cape Province, South Africa*
Bellita Banda Chitsamatanga and Wenzile Khumalo
- 15h15 – 15h30 Break
- 15h30 – 16h30 Documentary Film Screening & Roundtable Discussion –
Transnational Contact Zones: Africa and South Asia
- 16h30 – 17h45 Introductory Paper: *That’s What We Think of As Activism: Kinship, Care, Activism, and Solidarity in UK and US South Asian Queer Diaspora*
Maya Bhardwaj
- Panel: *Queer South Asian Diasporic Activism and Multiracial Solidarities*
Maya Bhardwaj

DAY 2: Wednesday, 27 July 2022

- 08h30 – 09h00 Conference Meet & Greet
- 09h00 – 09h15 Welcome and Programme Introduction
- 09h15 – 10h30 Keynote Talk: Anjali Gopalan (India)
- 10h30 – 10h45 Break
- 10h45 – 12h00 Session 2:
Chair: Prof Surya Monro
- *Decolonising Supposed South Asian Homophobia*
Muhammed Ali
 - *Decolonizing Intersexuality: Revisiting Biomedicine and Sexed Representation from India*
Mounika Pellur
 - *Sexualities and schooling: Reflections on sexuality education in South African schools*
Emmanuel Simo Mayeza
- 12h00 – 13h15 Session 3 –
Chair: Maya Bhardwaj
- *“Respectably Gay”: Race, Caste and Class Wars in India and South Africa*
Shannon Philip
 - *Crossing, Dwelling and Homemaking as Queer Clergy: Navigating the politics of belonging in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa*
Megan Robertson
 - *Dowry, Bride Price and Violence Against Women*
Hazel Lincy Ebenezer

- *Mapping Gender onto Language: Identity Construction and its Symbolic Significance in the Trans-Koti-Hijra Community of India*
Enakshi Nandi

DAY 3: Thursday, 28 July 2022

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| 08h30 – 09h00 | Conference Meet & Greet |
| 09h00 – 09h15 | Welcome and Programme Introduction |
| 09h15 – 10h30 | <u>Keynote Talk:</u> Dr Svati Shah (USA) |
| 10h30 – 10h45 | Break |
| 10h45 – 12h00 | <u>Session 4 –</u> Chair: Dr Debjyoti Ghosh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Crossing borders to scramble for access: Experiences of transgender immigrants in South Africa</i> Velile Nicholine Vilane ○ <i>Transnational relations between the Global North and the Global South: Globalising hegemony and reproducing the binary</i> Justin Verity ○ <i>Affective Technologies: Transnationalist Movement and the Visual Representation of Queer Refugees</i> Ernst van der Wal |
| 12h00 – 13h15 | <u>Session 5 –</u> Chair: Prof Zethu Matebeni <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Black Boy Bodies Entangled: Nakhane’s Clairvoyant and Queer African Visualities</i> Scott Lwando |

- *Don't F*ck Me Like That, F*ck Me Like This: Black Women Reclaiming Sexual pleasure in Popular Culture and Literature through Pleasure Activism*
Scott Lwando
- *The Punishable Erotic: Marrying Tragedy to the Tawa'if*
Shakeelah Ismail

13h15 – 14h00

Break

14h00 – 15h15

Introductory Paper: *Intersex movement and the law: examples from South Asia and Africa*
Nikoletta Pikramenou

Panel: *Explore the role of Intention or accident in movements, organizing or broader understanding of gender justice and sexual rights*
Swethaa Ballakrishnen

15h15 – 16h00

Conference Reflection & Closure



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