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Friday, April 21

8:45 - 9:00 **Introductory Remarks**

9:00 - 10:30 **Rethinking Sovereignty**

Devika Shankar (Princeton), Shifting Sands and Fluid Frontiers: Cochin State and the Development of British Cochin 1850-1920
Madihah Akhter (Stanford), Sovereignty and Starvation: Zenana Hospitals in princely Bhopal
Abhilash Mehdi (Brown), Infrastructural Contingencies and Contingent Sovereignties on the Indo-Afghan Frontier

10:45 - 12:15 **The Region, Decentralization, and Authority**

Shayan Rajani (Tufts), Of Approbation and Imprecation: The Growing Stakes of Regional Affiliation in Eighteenth Century South Asia
Neelam Khoja (Harvard), Reconsidering the "Invading Other": Afghans in 18th Century Punjab
Elizabeth Thelen (University of California, Berkeley), Where Will the Water Buffalo Drink? The Limits of Shared Space in Eighteenth-Century Marwar

12:30 - 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 - 3:30 **Circuits of Capital**

Nethra Samarawickrema (Stanford), Ties across the ocean: Trust and Secrecy in the Transnational Trade of Sri Lankan Gems
Misha Mintz-Roth (Johns Hopkins), Accounting for Inequality: Business partnerships and Religious Community among Indian Merchants in Interwar Nairobi, 1920-38
Shatam Ray (Emory), Laboring the Frontier: Opium Cultivation and the Limits to Border-Control in Nineteenth Century Malwa
Sukhalata Sen (Jawaharlal Nehru University), The Sovereignty of the Rupee: Spaces of Circulation or Contestation

3:45 - 5:15 **Violence and the Geobody**

Samreen Mushtaq (Jamia Millia University), Home as the Frontier: Everyday Realities and Gendered Constructs of Militarized Violence in Indian held Kashmir
Mahendran Thiruvarangan (City University of New York), Postcolonial Cosmopolitics: Rethinking Sovereignty in the North and East of Sri Lanka
Aditya Kakati (Graduate Institute of Geneva), Of Guns, Gifts and Guerrillas: objects, knowledge and state-making in imperial frontiers during the Second World War on the India-Burma borderlands

Saturday, April 22

9:30 - 11:00 **Place and Political Belonging**

Swati Chawla (University of Virginia), Tibetan Buddhist Monastics and the Problem of Itinerancy in Indian Citizenship Laws, 1940s-1960s
Sahana Ghosh (Yale), Changing Residence, Changing Residents: Aligning Place, Identity, and Citizenship Across the India-East Pakistan/Bangladesh Border
Carola Lorea (International Institute for Asian Studies), Migrating Repertoires in the Middle of the Ocean - Oral Traditions of East Bengal Refugees Resettled in the Andaman Islands

11:15 - 1:15 **Fashioning State Spaces**

Samina Sirajjudowla (City University of New York), Sedition, Equality, and Love: Anticolonialism in the Literary Corpus of Kazi Nazrul Islam 1900-1930
Chris Moffat (Queen Mary University of London), Archaeological Space and the Politics of Heritage in Contemporary Pakistan
Michelle Grise (Yale), Science, State, and Secrecy: The Development of Nuclear Weapons and the Transformation of Scientific Culture in Pakistan
Brandon Williams (University of California, Berkeley), The International Labor Organization's Webs of Labor and Sovereignty Development in Postcolonial India and South Asia

Friday, April 21 5:30 - 6:30 **Space, Sovereignty and Climate on South Asia's Coastal Frontiers**

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