

The Punjab Research Group
cordially invites you to the
**Thirty fifth International Conference of the Punjab Research
Group**
Theme: *Past, Present and Future*
October 27, 2018
Venue: The Pavilion, Gateway Building, St Antony's College,
62 Woodstock Road Oxford OX2 6JF

Program Handbook

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Punjab Research Group has been hosting conferences at least twice a year since 1984, and was established as an inclusive and all- embracing forum for discussion and debate on issues pertaining to the East and West Punjab as well as the Punjabi diaspora. During the past 34 years, the PRG has provided space for academics to interact with each other regardless of territorial or disciplinary boundaries. Our second conference for 2018 will be held as a one-day event on 27 October in Oxford. The conference will provide a platform to academics, young researchers, journalists, artists, and activists for an inter-disciplinary discussion focusing on the theme of ‘Past, Present and Future’.

My special thanks to every one of you for your valuable presence and participation.

Best regards

Prof. Pritam Singh,
Conference Director, 35th International Conference of the Punjab Research Group, October 27, 2018 The Pavilion, Gateway Building, St Antony's College, 62 Woodstock Road Oxford OX2 6JF

Kindly read the instructions given below.

Registration

Upon arrival at the Conference venue, please proceed to the Pavilion (Pavilion is located in the Gateway Building), St Antony's College, 62 Woodstock Road Oxford OX2 6JF, to complete the registration. Contact the receptionist at reception in the porter's lodge (it's at the entrance of the College) for directions to the Pavilion. Please note that registration desk will be open from **9.00 am October 27, 2018**.

Please report to Raj (RS Mann, the convenor of PRG) for completing your registration. During the breaks the speakers may also collect their reimbursement for travel to Oxford from within the UK.

Conference Fee: There is a fee of £10 towards attending the conference. The fee can be paid at the time of registration in 'cash'.

Presentation Room: On October 27, we will be using The Pavilion, Gateway Building, St Antony's College, 62 Woodstock Road Oxford OX2 6JF for the presentations (see map attached for directions for the venue, look for Gateway Building for conference venue). You may ask for directions to The Pavilion at the main reception located in the porter's lodge (it's at the entrance of the College).

What should you bring along for your presentation? (this applies to presenters only)

- Please bring the PPT of your research paper in a pen-drive.
- To avoid any inconvenience please save your presentation in your email and google drive as well.
- Please ensure that you save your presentation file MS Office 2016 versions.

- The meeting room has an LCD projector and a computer for you to make your presentation.
- Each author will have 25 minutes for presentation. Kindly stick to the time limits.

Best Presenter Award

Best Presenter Award will be presented to a full time doctoral student whose presentation is judged to be the best from all the doctoral student presentations. A PRG committee will take a decision regarding the best presentation. The award will normally be announced at the end of the conference. The student must be a full-time doctoral student on the date of the conference.

Refreshments

Refreshments will NOT be provided. Please feel free to bring along drinks/food/lunch etcetera. However, it is possible for attendees to eat in the College Hall. The cost is about £10 per person, which can be paid by you in advance or by credit card only on the day. Alternatively, there are some decent sandwich places 5 to 10 minutes away. Also there is a corner shop approximately five minutes' walk from the Pavilion. If there is any change or alternative arrangement, that is more likely to be announced on the day of the conference.

How to reach

From the train station

Taxis are recommended from the station, but if you are happy with a 30 minute walk, turn left as you leave the station area. The Royal Oxford Hotel is directly in front of you; keep left and walk along Hythe Bridge Street. At the end walk straight across into George

Street. At the end of George Street the department store Debenhams is on the left. Turn left onto Magdalen Street and walk northwards towards St Giles and Woodstock Road and then follow the instructions given below.

The 14 and 4A bus connecting the railway station to the John Radcliffe (or JR) hospital has a stop very close to the College by Bevington Road. For timetable information, see <http://www.stagecoachbus.com/> and search for Oxford in the Location drop-down and 14 and 14A as the Route No./Name (Source: <https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/about-st-antonys/directions-college>).

From the city centre

Taxis are recommended from the bus station if you have luggage. To walk from the city centre to St Antony's will take 15-20 minutes. Many local bus stops are located on Magdalen Street (outside the Odeon cinema), and national buses arrive at Gloucester Green Bus Station on George Street. From there you should make your way to Magdalen Street and from there you will reach St Giles'. Keep to the left-hand side of St Giles' and follow the road north. This becomes Woodstock Road eventually when you have passed St Giles' church (on the right) and Brown's Café (on the left). Walk straight up the road, passing the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter and Green Templeton College on the left, until you reach a small group of shops (on the left). The entrance to St Antony's is about 50 metres further up on the right-hand side of the road (Source: <https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/about-st-antonys/directions-college>).

You can also get the bus 14 and 14A from Magdalen Street Stop C4 which will drop you at stop named Bevington Road, from where the venue is about 4 minutes by walk.

Parking at venue of the conference

The college parking lot can be accessed from Bevington Road. There is no charge but you should let the lodge know you're parked there.

Whom to Contact?

For any queries, please contact Raj (R.S. Mann) at +44 7776815206. You may also send an email to punjabresearchgroup@gmail.com.

List of Participating Countries

The 35rd International PRG conference is proud to welcome participants from Pakistan, India and the United Kingdom.

Supporters

Thanks to the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies and St Antony's College for their contributions to meeting the conference expenses.

Conference Team

Prof. Pritam Singh, Visiting Professor, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford

Dr. Muhammad Jan, Wolfson College, University of Oxford

R S Mann (Raj), Oxford Brookes University, Oxford (Convenor)

Programme Outline

Saturday, October 27, 2018

- 09.00- 09.15: Registration
- 09.15- 09.30: Welcome address
- 09.30-11.15: **Session I *Religion and Punjab studies***
- 11.15-11.45: Tea/Coffee Break
- 11.45-13.30: **Session II *Land reforms, rural economy, politics and governance***
- 13.30-14.15: **Lunch Break**
- 14.15-14.30: **Conference Announcements** on Publications, Scholarships and Research Projects
- 14:30-16:15: **Session III *Gender studies***
- 16.15-16.45: Tea/Coffee Break
- 16.45-17.55: **Session IV *History and art studies***
- 17.55-18.15: Deliberation on/Announcement of **Best Presenter Award**
- 18.15-18.30: Vote of thanks

DETAILED PROGRAMME

- 09.00- 09.15: Registration
- 09.15- 09.30: Welcome address: Pritam Singh, Visiting Professor, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford
- 09.30-11.15: **Session I Religion and Punjab studies**
Chair: Jaskiran Bhogal, PhD Candidate, London School of Economics, United Kingdom
- 09.30-09.55: **Punjab and Sind Bank and the Creation of Sikh Heritage**
Kanika Singh, Director, Centre for Writing & Communication, Ashoka University
- 09.55-10.20: **Referendum 2020: A view from Punjab**
Kiranpreet Kaur, PhD Student, Department of African Studies and Anthropology, University of Birmingham
- 10.20-10.45: **The jama'at of Allah's Friends: Maulana Allahyar's reformist Movement and sacralising the space of the Armed Forces of Pakistan**
Saadia Sumbal, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Forman Christian College University Lahore
- 10.45-11.15: **Discussion**
- 11.15-11.45: **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 11.45-01.30: **Session II Land reforms, rural economy, politics and governance**

Chair: Pritam Singh, Visiting Professor, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford

11.45-12.10: **Killing the two birds with one stone? Land Reforms as Power Sustenance and Peasants' Suppression Tool in the West Punjab**

Mazhar Abbas, PhD Candidate¹ and Lecturer²

1. World History, Shanghai University, China and

2. History and Pakistan Studies, Government College University, Faisalabad, Pakistan

12.10-12.35: **The Quality of Employment in Rural Non-Farm Sector of Punjab**

Anupama Uppal, Professor, Economics Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab - India

12.35-13.00: **Governing (In-) Security Practices in the Punjab Borderland**

Raphaella Kormoll, PhD Candidate, School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University

13.00-13.30: **Discussion**

13.30-14.15: **Lunch Break**

14.15-14.30: **Conference Announcements** regarding Publications, Scholarships and Research Projects

14.30-16:15: **Session III Gender studies**

Chair: Dr. Pippa Virdee, Senior Lecturer, De Montfort University, Leicester

14:30-14:55: **The role of East Punjabi women in textiles manufacturing – Sewing for success**

Harminder Kaur Bhogal, Project Director of Community Education Academy of Leadership (CEAL), West Midlands, England

- 14:55-15:20: **Christian lenses, Christian goals? Two centuries of western women's reporting of Sikhs**
Eleanor Nesbitt, Professor Emeritus, Warwick Religions and Education Research Unit, Centre for Education Studies, University of Warwick
- 15:20-15:45: **Women freedom in Bahawalpur State and the Colonial Punjab**
Samia Khalid, Assistant Professor at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Punjab, Pakistan
- 15.45- 16.15: **Discussion**
- 16.15-16.45: **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 16.45-17.55: **Session IV History and art studies**
Chair: Professor Iftikhar H. Malik, Bath Spa University
- 16.45-17.10: **Social Transformation of Sikh Identity in Colonial Punjab: Portraits of Guru Nanak, the Founder of Sikhism**
Mr. Atsushi Ikeda, PhD Candidate, Department of the History of Art and Archaeology, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
- 17.10-17.35: **Heer Waris Shah: A Meme of Punjabin**
Simple Kochar, PhD Candidate, Dept. of English, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
- 17.35-17.55: **Discussion**
- 17.55-18.15: Deliberation on/Announcement of **Best Presenter Award**
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