

# Diasporas

**8th Global Meeting of the Diasporas Research Stream  
A Culture, Traditions, Societies Project**

**Wednesday 6th July – Friday 8th July 2016  
Mansfield College, Oxford**

## **Conference Programme**

### **Wednesday 6th July 2016**

12.30

Conference Registration

13.30

Welcome and Opening Remarks

*Jonathan Rollins, Project Leader*

14.00

#### **Session 1: Diaspora and the City**

*Chair: Jonathan Rollins*

Gullah/Geechee and the City, Gullah/Geechee in the City: Reexamining the African American Lowcountry Diaspora

Kevin J. Hales

The livelihood of Senegalese diasporic communities in Paris and New York: between perceptions and realities

Medina Ina Niang

Call of the homeland. Contradictory processes of socio-religious formation among Mauritian migrants in the UK

Amenah Jahangeer-Chojoo

15.30

Coffee

16.00

#### **Session 2: Tourism and Economics**

*Chair: Caroline Plüss*

The Diaspora in the Diaspora: the Role of Heritage Networks in Diaspora Identity Formation

Kimberly Berg

A diaspora community on the move: Dutch Hindustanis spending holidays in Spain

Jaswina Elahi

Glocalisation in Indian diaspora: the case of Dutch Hindustani's  
Ruben Gowricharn

17.30

Notices and Announcements

17.40

Wine Reception

**Thursday 7th July 2016**

09.00

**Session 3: Theorizing Diasporic Simultaneity/(Dis)-embededness**

*Chair: Carlos Parra*

Accounting for Diasporic (Dis-)embededness

Caroline Plüss

Looking for Home in an Age of Global Mobility

Gracia Liu Farrer

Caste and Diasporic (Dis-) identification: Punjabi Transnationalism

Stephen Taylor

10.30

Coffee

11.00

**Session 4: Gendering and Queering Diasporas**

*Chair: Nadine Hossain*

Muslim Women in the Diaspora: Shaping their Lives and Negotiating their Marriages

Enaya Othman

Gay African refugees in Brazil: a diaspora?

Vítor Lopes Andrade

Towards (a) Corporeal Diaspora Space: Mobilizing Queercrip Diaspora

Mashrur Shahid Hossain

12.30

Lunch

14.00

**Session 5: Diaspora and the Law**

*Chair: Harjinder Singh Majhail*

The Criminal Diaspora

Talija Končar

Transmuting Violence: Testimonial Culture in the Tibetan Diaspora

Julie Fletcher

Erasure of Legitimacy and Denial of Agency: Central American Indigenous Communities in North America

Carlos Parra

15.30

Coffee

16.00

**Session 6: Who Am I?: Interrogating Diasporic Identities**

*Chair: Lobna Ben Sale*

Who am I? I belong to a mountain like you: Identities and the Māori Diaspora in New Zealand

Raema Merchant

Self-identity and Communal Identity in a Diaspora

Al-Karim Dattoo

**Friday 8th July 2016**

09.00

**Session 7: (Un)seen and (Un)heard**

*Chair: John Solomon*

The practice of nationalism in diaspora: case of Kurdish diaspora on social media

Hossein Aghapouri

Dis/Placed: Virtual Diasporas

Jennifer Leetsch

Muting Refugees, Voicing Diasporas: The case of the Palestinians

Nadine Hassouneh

10.30

Coffee

11.00

**Session 8: Literary Representations of Diaspora**

*Chair: Mashrur Shahid Hossain*

Construction of Subaltern Diasporic Sikh Identity in J. K. Rowling's The Casual Vacancy

Harjinder Singh Majhail

The Special and the General Resisters among the Diasporas in Robin Yassin-Kassab's The Road from Damascus.

Aysha Munira Rasheed

12.30  
Lunch

14.00  
**Session 9: Diaspora and Conflict**  
*Chair: Al-Karim Dattoo*

Reviving from the Ashes of the Sad Tunes of the Exiled Ancestors: Yistanbulako (The Road to Istanbul) Revisited  
Gülnur Demirci

Diasporas as autonomous political actors  
Lola Guyot

Autonomy and Relatedness of the Kurdish Immigrant Self Developed Through New Cultural Values  
Sinan Doğan

15.30  
Coffee

16.00  
**Session 10: Entanglements**  
*Chair: Gracia Liu Farrer*

'Marocains d'Ici et d'Ailleurs': Moroccan Diaspora Engagement Policies in Discourse and Practice  
Ángela Suárez-Collado

Migrant Nation: History and the Migration Debate in Singapore  
John Solomon

17.30  
Development meeting and closing remarks

18.00  
Conference Ends