

SIKHS IN EUROPE

MIGRATION, IDENTITY AND TRANSLOCAL PRACTICES

16-18 June 2010

Lund University, Sweden

The Centre for Theology and Religious Studies at Lund University is organizing a conference on the Sikhs in Europe. The aim is to gather leading scholars in the multi-disciplinary field of Sikh studies and discuss current research projects focusing on patterns of migration, identity formations, self-representations, transmission of traditions and translocal practices among Sikhs in different parts of Europe. While two conference days are dedicated to presentation and peer-review of papers by the members of the academic network *Sikhs-in-Europe*, the third conference day will be a workshop for Ph.D. students affiliated to European universities. The conference is public and open to students and researchers in all disciplines.

Participants include (tentative):

Barbara Bertolani, Sociology, University of Molise
Federica Ferraris, Anthropology, University of Sussex
Michael Hawley, Religious Studies, Mount Royal University
Zbigniew Igielski, South Asian Studies, Warsaw University
Knut A. Jacobsen, Religious Studies, University of Bergen
Gurinder S. Mann, Sikh Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara
Michael Nijhawan, Sociology, York University
Shinder Thandi, Economics, Coventry University

PhD students (tentative):

Laura Hirvi, Cultural Anthropology, University of Jyväskylä
Kathryn Lum, Social and Political Science, European University Institute
Christine Moliner, Anthropology, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales
Jasjit Singh, Religious Studies, University of Leeds
Satwinder Singh, Media Practice, Dublin Institute of Technology

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Conference program

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Venue: Room 118, Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University

JUNE 16	
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome by Kristina Myrvold
09.15– 10.00	<i>Early Sikh Migration Outside the Punjab</i> Gurinder Singh Mann, University of California Santa Barbara
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee & tea
10.30 – 11.15	<i>Comparative Experiences of Sikhs in Europe: Reflections on Issues of Cultural Transmission and Identity</i> Shinder Thandi, Coventry University Critical friends: (later)
11.15 – 12.00	<i>Transnational Sikh Families: A Case Study in Italy</i> Barbara Bertolani, University of Molise Critical friends: (later)
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch

13.00 – 13.45	<p><i>Narratives of 'Return'? Pilgrimages to Punjab and the Contemporary Transnational SIKHScape</i> Federica Ferraris, University of Sussex</p> <p>Critical friends: (later)</p>
13.45 – 14.30	<p><i>"Sikhibizing the Sikhs": The role of 'New Media' in Historical and Contemporary Identity Construction within Global Sikhism</i> Doris Jakobsh, University of Waterloo</p> <p>Critical friends: (later)</p>
14.30 – 15.15	<p><i>Shaping Migrant Public Spheres: A Visual Ethnographic Study of the Gurdwara in Dublin</i> Satwinder Singh, Dublin Institute of Technology</p> <p>Critical friends: (later)</p>
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee & tea
15.45 – 16.30	<p><i>Between Denial and Reinvention: Representations and Practices of Caste among Sikhs in Europe</i> Christine Moliner, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales</p> <p>Critical friends: (later)</p>
16.30 – 17.15	<p><i>Sikh-ing Beliefs: Authority and Tradition among Young British Sikhs</i> Jasjit Singh, University of Leeds</p> <p>Critical friends: (later)</p>
19.00 –	Dinner & film

JUNE 17

09.15– 10.00	<p><i>Sikhs in Italy</i> Barbara Bertolani, University of Molise Federica Ferraris, University of Sussex Fabio Perocco, University of Venice</p> <p>Critical friends: (later)</p>
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee & tea
10.30– 11.15	<p><i>A Community at a Crossroads: A Case Study of the Ravidassia Sangat in Barcelona</i> Kathryn Lum, European University Institute</p> <p>Critical friends: (later)</p>
11.15 – 12.00	<p><i>The Transmission of Tradition and Self Representation amongst the Valmiki, Ravidasi and Namdhari Communities in Britain</i> Opinderjit Kaur Takhar, University of Wolverhampton</p> <p>Critical friends: (later)</p>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 13.45	<p><i>Sikh Migration to Poland and other East European Countries</i> Zbigniew Igielski, Warsaw University</p> <p>Critical friends: (later)</p>
13.45 – 14.30	<p><i>Sikh Traditions and Identities in Norway</i> Knut A. Jacobsen, University of Bergen</p> <p>Critical friends: (later)</p>
14.30 – 15.15	<p><i>Sikh Immigrants Working in Finland: Rising from Rags to Riches?</i> Laura Hirvi, University of Jyväskylä</p>

	Critical friends: (later)
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee & tea
15.45 16.30	<i>The Sikh Community in Denmark: Balancing between Co-operation and Conflict</i> Helene Ilkjaer, University of Copenhagen Critical friends: (later)
16.30 – 17.15	<i>The Sikhs in Sweden: Representations, Identities and Practices</i> Kristina Myrvold, Lund University Critical friends: (later)
19.00 –	Dinner & sitar performance by Shri Harvinder Singh

JUNE 18

<p>09.00 – 12.00</p>	<p>SESSION I: PRESENTATION OF PH.D. PROJECTS</p> <p>Chairperson: Kristina Myrvold, Lund University</p> <p>Participants:</p> <p>Laura Hirvi, University of Jyväskylä Helene Ilkjaer, Copenhagen University Barbora Jombikova, Slovak Academy of Sciences Alexandra Larsen, University of Agder Kathryn Lum, European University Institute Silva Sai, University of Bologna Sandra Santos, University of Barcelona Jasjit Singh, University of Leeds Kamalroop Singh, University of Birmingham Satwinder Singh, Dublin Institute of Technology Lill Margrethe Vramo, University of Oslo</p>
<p>12.00 – 13.00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>13.00 – 14.45</p>	<p>SESSION II: THEMATIC WORKSHOP Community Building, Identity and Transnationalism</p> <p>13.00 – 13.15: Introduction to the Vienna incident Reading: “A Minority within A Minority: The Ravidassia Sikhs” by Kathryn Lum (2009)</p> <p>13.15 – 13.45: Discussion of the concept “community building” Reading: “Religious Placemaking and Community Building in Diaspora” by Shampa Mazumdar & Sanjoy Mazumdar (2009)</p> <p>13.45 – 14.15: Discussion of the concept “identity” Reading: “Beyond Identity” by Rogers Brubaker & Frederick Cooper (2000)</p> <p>14.15 – 14.45: Discussion of the concept “transnationalism” Reading: “Conclusion: Theoretical Convergences and Empirical Evidence in the Study of Immigrant Transnationalism” by Alejandro Portes (2003)</p>
<p>14.45 – 15.15</p>	<p>Coffee & tea</p>
<p>15.15 –</p>	<p>SESSION III: FINAL DISCUSSION</p>

16.00	Challenges in Sikh Studies: Discussion round with senior scholars Chairperson: Laura Hirvi, University of Jyväskylä
16.00 – 16.30	Summary and conclusion