

MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY AND FAMILY

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
14.01.2016 - 15.01.2016

CHANGING CONCEPTS AND PRACTICES OF RELATEDNESS IN INDIA

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Due to a multitude of social and technological developments over the last four decades or so, the concepts and structures of family as well as the practices of relatedness are currently subject to profound transformation processes. What are, for instance, the repercussions of new assisted reproductive technologies on the structures and concepts of family and gender relations? How do digital media practices interact with the changing notion of family as something which is not a given, but rather something you 'do', especially in the context of labour migration and geographically dispersed families? And what exactly changes when the 'doing' of family and relatedness involves 'new' instead of 'old' communication media - i.e. Skype and Facebook instead of letters, home videos or the landline? These are just three questions which may serve to illustrate the complex interlocking of communication media and new technologies with the disaggregation of sexuality and reproduction on the one hand, and with the increasing dissociation of work/place and family on the other. The workshop is thus interested in the intersections of Gender and Media Studies, Science and Technology Studies as well as Indian (and South Asian) Family Studies and shall serve as a platform for discussion on this emerging research area.

THURSDAY, 14. JANUARY 2016

4PM – 7PM

WELCOME ADDRESS

KEYNOTE LECTURE

RAVINDER KAUR

(Department of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi)

*Querying the "Iconic" Indian Family in the Age of
Media and Technology*

RECEPTION

FRIDAY, 15. JANUARY 2016

PANEL 1 (10AM-12:30PM)
**MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES,
PERFORMATIVITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS**

SIRPA TENHUNEN

(Department of History and Ethnology, University
of Jyväskylä)

*Mobile Phones, Gender and Kinship in Rural
West Bengal*

SHILPA PHADKE

(Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai)

*Isolated Bubbles: The Sociality of New
Motherhood*

FRITZI-MARIE TITZMANN

(Institute of Indology and Central Asian Studies,
University of Leipzig)

*To Tie or Not to Tie the Knot? Social Media
Discourses on Live-In Relationships in India*

LUNCH BREAK (12:30PM - 2PM)

PANEL 2 (2PM-4:30PM)
**VISUAL REGIMES AND THE INTERPLAY OF
PRO- AND ANTI-NATAL TECHNOLOGIES**

MARY E. JOHN

(Center for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi)

*Family Planning, Sex Selection and the Visual Family in
the 21st Century*

NADJA-CHRISTINA SCHNEIDER

(Institute of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt
University Berlin)

*The Visualization of Change: Filming (and
Viewing) Disaggregated Motherhood and
Reproductive Tourism in India*

IRA SARMA

(Institute of Indology and Central Asian Studies,
University of Leipzig)

*Graphic Relations: Representations of Family in
21st Century Visual Narratives*

COFFEE / TEA BREAK (4:30PM-5PM)

PANEL 3 (5PM-6:30PM)
**SENIORS IN THE CITY: TWO CASE STUDIES
FROM URBAN INDIA AND NEPAL**

ANNIKA MAYER

(Cluster of Excellence Asia and Europe in a Global
Context, University of Heidelberg)

*Family Matters: Family, Migration and
Intergenerational Ties*

ROBERTA MANDOKI

(Cluster of Excellence Asia and Europe in a Global
Context, University of Heidelberg)

*Hazurama (Grandmother) is Online: A
Transgenerational Perspective on Changing
Ways of 'Doing Family' in Urban Nepal*

