

CONCEPT

Environmental activism entered the political domain in the 1980s. The demand for rights and justice pitched activists against their adversaries: the state, business corporations, corporate media and the judiciary. Over the next 20 years, however, these mainstream actors slowly colonised the environmental agenda. It is important therefore, to understand the effectivity and nature of mainstream concern around environment as well as the renegotiated charter for the fringe activists who have assumed a new dimension in a globalised world.

The continuous push of globalisation brings with it other changes. Emerging transnational networks, the entry of Northern NGOs into South and their collaborations with local partners and the corporatisation of the green agenda are changing the scope and nature of environmental politics. New financial arrangements are emerging with increased transnational funding giving rise to flows of ideas and knowledge that transcend national boundaries and change the relationship between both state and non-state actors. The contested terrains of control over natural resources are “glocally” renegotiated between various agents.

It is to map the changes within the sphere of environmental activism and shifting transnational engagements that research project C 13 in the Cluster of Excellence 'Asia

and Europe', Heidelberg University, is organising a two day conference. The conference is being held in collaboration with the Centre for Culture, Media and Governance (CCMG), Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), Delhi.

The conference lays a strong emphasis on practitioner experience and case studies and aims to facilitate a conversation between both activists and academics.

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, December 9, 2010

9.30 am	Registration w./ coffee and tea	3.30 – 3.45	Coffee break	11.45 – 12.45	<i>Hanna Werner</i> (Heidelberg University, Germany) The struggle for modernity: Re-negotiating grassroots' activism and visionary critique	
10.00	<i>Prof. Biswajit Das</i> (Director, CCMG) Introductory remarks	3.45 – 4.45	<i>Hemant Jain</i> (Activist, India) Visions of a dystopian future			
10.15	<i>Vice Chancellor Najib Jung</i> Welcome note	4.45 – 5.45	<i>Tiago Rodrigues</i> (Griffith University, Australia) The Environmental Collective of Goiás Youth (CJMA-GO), Brazil	12.45 – 1.45	Lunch	
10.30 – 11.30	<i>Matti Pohjonen</i> (SOAS, London) Chasing the long tail of climate change	5.45 – 6.15	Coffee and tea	1.45 – 2.45	<i>Laurence Hugues</i> (Green Party, France) Doing politics differently – on a different scale	
11.30 – 12.30	<i>Smita Maitra</i> (Journalist, India) Greenathon: Organising the social-conscience of post-liberalisation urban India	7.00 – 10.00	Movie screening: "Don't cut my head off" w./ dinner (Note: only for participants)	2.45 – 3.45	<i>Kartikeya Singh</i> (Yale University, New Haven) Something new, something bold: Youth environmental movements	
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch	Friday, December 10, 2010			3.45 – 4.00	Coffee break
1.30 – 2.30	<i>Pradip Saha</i> (Formerly editor DTE, India) Strategic moves: The environmental magazine Down to Earth (DTE) and political discourses in mainstream media (working title)	9.00 am	Coffee and tea	4.00 – 5.00	<i>Arati Davis</i> (SIDA, India) The business of climate change; the changing nature of aid for environment	
2.30 – 3.30	<i>Shalini Sharma</i> (SOAS, London) Politics of body spectacle: Old movements creating new(s) stories	9.30 – 10.30	<i>Bharati Chaturvedi</i> (Chintan, New Delhi) A coming out party for the informal recycling sector (working title)	5.00 – 5.30	High tea Discussion for book publication	
3.30 – 3.45	Coffee break	10.30 – 11.30	<i>Kiran Prasad</i> (Padmavati University, Tirupati) Transforming eco-religion to political ecology in development: Feminist environmental activism in India			
		11.30 – 11.45	Coffee break			