

Conference on South Asia, Madison  
**FEMINIST PRECONFERENCE**  
Thursday, October 22, 2015

8:30-8:45

Welcome

**8:45-10:30 Trafficking Gestures**

8:45

Katherine Zubko, U North Carolina, Asheville  
*Not Just Lovesick Anymore: Gestures of Bharatanatyam*

9:00

Harris Solomon, Duke University  
*Small Movements: Gesture, Traffic and Trauma in Mumbai*

9:15-9:30

Discussion

9:30

Lauren Dean, U of Illinois, Chicago  
*Keeping Women in Their Place: Public and Private Spaces on the Mumbai Local Train*

9:45

Rashmi Sadana, George Mason University  
*In the Ladies Coach of the Delhi Metro*

10:00

Discussion

10:15-10:30

Coffee/Tea break

**10:30-12:00 Neoliberal Bodies and Identities**

10:30

Holly Donahue Singh, U Michigan  
*Bodies and Bonds in Motion: Reproductive Migrations in Contemporary India*

10:45

Rupa Pillai, U Oregon  
*Nurturing Feminisms through Bodies: Indo-Guyanese Practices of Yoga in NYC*

11:00 Suparna Chatterjee, Xavier College  
*'It's not Newtonian Science, It's just Survival:' Recasting Women at the Bottom of the Pyramid: Some Contexts and Considerations*

11:15-11:45 Discussion

**11:45-12:30 *Experiencing Moments Through Visual Media Arts***

11:45 Nirmal Raja  
*Memory, Movement, Location*

12-12:30 Discussion and morning wrap-up

**12:30-1:30 Lunch**

**1:30-3:00 *From Wives to Lovers***

1:30 Saumya Saxena, University of Cambridge  
*Cultural Identities and Social Justice: The Story of Sati in Contemporary India*

1:45 Rumya Putcha, Texas A&M  
*Performing the Modern Wife: Taste, Class and Caste in Global South India*

2:00 Discussion

2:15 Kareem Khubchandani, U Texas, Austin  
*Dancing Against the Law: Critical Moves in Bangalore's Queer Nightlife*

2:30 Sneha Annavarapu, U Chicago  
*"Behave Yourself": A Tale of Public Displays of Affection in India*

2:45 Discussion

**3:00-3:30 *The Body in Dance: Performance & Discussion***

3:00

Aparna Sindhoor  
*Courtesans' Conversation*

3:15-3:30

Discussion

**3:30-3:45**

**Coffee**

**3:45-5:30 *Nirbhaya***

3:45

Harleen Singh, Brandeis  
*December 16, 2012, Rape in India: From Street to Stage to Screen*

4:00

Krupa Shandilya, Amherst  
*Victim or Agent?: The Politics of Movement in Yael Farber's Nirbhaya*

4:15

Sharvari Sastry, U Chicago  
*The Eponymous Public: Identification and Anonymity in the Nirbhaya Movement*

**4:30-5:30**

**Discussion and afternoon wrap-up**

**5:30-7:00**

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