

- Kay Genenz, Bochum: Die japanische Sprache in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
- Hans A. Dettmer, Bochum: Geschichtsbücher hüben und drüben
- Josef Kreiner, Bonn: Das Deutschland-Bild der Japaner und das deutsche Japan-Bild
- Erich Pauer, Bonn: Deutschland - Japan: Überblick über die wirtschaftlichen Beziehungen, 1900-1945
- Peter Weber-Schäfer, Bochum: Verspätete Demokratie: Parlamentarismus in Japan und Deutschland
- Ulrich Teichler, Kassel: Der Wandel der gesellschaftlichen Erwartungen an das japanische Bildungssystem
- Roger Goepper, Köln: Einfühlung oder fruchtbares Mißverständnis? Künstlerische Wechselbeziehungen zwischen Japan und dem Westen
- Walter Giesen, St. Blasien: Musik und Ongaku: Bilanz der Ignoranz
- Gerhard Dambmann, Mainz: Die japanische Presse - frei, aber anders
- Wilhelm Gössmann, Düsseldorf: Schlußwort

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The Eighth European Conference on Modern South
Asian Studies at Tällberg, Sweden

For the eighth time since 1968 European scholars working on problems of modern South Asia met to discuss results of their research. These biannual conferences have shown a remarkable vitality, as no formal organization backs this grouping. Every two years a seminar is organized by a different European university or research institute. This time the Scandinavian Institute of Asian Studies, Copenhagen, offered its hospitality (as they did in 1970) and arranged the Eighth Conference at Tällberg in Central Sweden from July 2-8, 1983. Prof. Karl Reinhold Hällquist shouldered the immense work of organizing the meeting with quiet efficiency and a warm sense of hospitality, ably assisted by his wife Inger Sondén-Hällquist.

The term European Conference is not to be taken too literally, it means, however, that the meetings do take place in Europe and are mainly attended by scholars living in Europe from the Atlantic to the Ural, no matter of which nationality.* Colleagues from other continents are welcome to attend. Thanks to a grant from SAREC about a dozen scholars from South Asia could be invited to Tällberg.

Around 90 scholars - among them 23 women - attended the Eighth Conference, slightly fewer than the two previous ones (Paris 1978 and London 1981). There were 65 Europeans (incl. eleven South Asians living and working in Europe), 13 scholars from South Asia and twelve from USA, Canada and Australia. Participants from East European countries - quite numerous at the London Conference 1981 - arrived only from Yugoslavia and East Germany.

Following the pattern set at the Paris Conference in 1978 the organization of the panels was decentralized with conveners in charge of accommodating and finding authors. Whereas at previous meetings the panels covered topics more or less of one discipline, this time without explicit effort an interdisciplinary approach emerged and subjects such as "Language, literature and politics" or "Divergence or integration of heterogenous normative traditions in South Asia" sparked off lively multidisciplinary discussions. The panel on "Foreign policy in South Asia" succeeded in assembling scholars from three continents, influenced by differing perceptions. As in 1981 there was a panel on "Women in South Asia" with enquiries into hitherto little known aspects of South Asian societies. The convener, however, felt that in future research on women should be integrated into the general panels. Developmental problems were covered in the panels "Agriculture and industry" and "Urbanisation and urban structure in South Asia". Anthropologists contributed detailed studies of tribal societies and papers on a comparatively new field: ethno-medicine. The phenomenon of regionalism received much attention in well documented studies. Again topics concentrated heavily on India with a lack of papers - and participants - from Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Successive Pakistani Governments

*Invitations to these conferences are based on the "List of Scholars resident in Europe" compiled and published by the South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University and the Centre of South Asian Studies, Cambridge University (address: Laundress Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1 SD, England).

pursued policies not conducive to international research, hence the shortage of experts.

The setting of the Conference could not have been better: The farm-house style Green Hotel at Tällberg provided the material comforts necessary, including a lot of space for informal talks. The beautiful landscape around Lake Silyan, clement weather and the thrill of nights without darkness added to the ambiance of a very congenial Conference.

The Ninth European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies will be held at the South Asian Institute, Heidelberg University in 1986.

Dagmar Gräfin Bernstorff, Heidelberg

Programme

Saturday, 2 July Participants arrive
Inaugural session

Sunday, 3 July

THE GEOPOLITICAL DIMENSION

Convenor: Prof. R.E. Frykenberg, University of Wisconsin, USA

FOREIGN POLICY IN SOUTH ASIA

Convenor: Prof. Iqbal Narain, Banares Hindu University, India

Dieter Braun: South Asia and the Arc of Crisis - Interaction of regional and external Policies, 1971-1982.

R.V.R. Chandrasekhara Rao: The Seventies and the geopolitical profile of South Asia.

V.P. Dutt: China and South Asia.

Christiane Hurtig: Indo-French relations in perspective.

Akhtar Majeed: National Security and India's defense policy options in South Asia.

S.D. Muni: South Asian Regionalism: Potentialities and impediments.

W. Howard Wriggins: United States relations with India and Pakistan. A view from Washington.

Max J. Zins: La politique extérieure de l'Inde et les grands équilibres en Asie du Sud.

MEDICAL PLURALISM IN INDIA: BETWEEN TRADITION AND MODERNITY.

Convenor: Prof. Beatrix Pfeleiderer-Lutze, University of Hamburg, W.-Germany

Detlef Kantowsky & Waltraut Ernst: Mad Tales from the Raj: Pembroke House and Ealing Lunatic Asylum 1818-1892.

Johannes Laping: Pluralism in the Ayurvedic System of Medicine.

Roger Jeffery, Patricia Jeffery, Andrew Lyon: The medicalization of female illness in North India.

Mitchell G. Weiss: History of Psychiatry in India: The encounter between indigenous and Western traditions.

Monday, 4 July

THE RÔLE OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. MODERN LARGE SCALE INDUSTRIES. THE RÔLE OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE GLOBAL PROCESS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Convenor: Prof. G Etienne, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

Khalid Aftab & Eric Rahim: Entry and Survival: A Study of the tubewell industry in Pakistan Punjab.

Heinz Ahrens: South Asia's agricultural exports to the EEC - Determinants and perspectives.

Eric Baark: Indian Electronics: The technological dilemma of a Middle Power.

Blagoje Babić: Foreign private capital and development of underdeveloped countries - Some experience of South East Asia.

Denis Blamont: Agricultural techniques in High Central Nepal: Choice and adaptation to constraints by Tibeto-Burman groups.

Unar H. Chaudhary: Comparative analysis of foreign food aid during 1970-1971 and 1979-80 for agricultural development of Pakistan.

Gilbert Etienne: A false dichotomy: Agriculture versus industry with reference to Asia.

Marc Holmström: Small-scale industrialists in India: Men with ideas and men with money.

U.K. Mukhopadhyay: Industrial development and backward regions in India.

Pierre Amado & Denis Blamont: Installation of solar pumps in remote villages of India. Socio-economical consequences.

DIVERGENCE OR INTEGRATION OF HETEROGENEOUS NORMATIVE TRADITIONS IN SOUTH ASIA.

Convenors: Prof. G.D. Sontheimer & Dr. Dieter Conrad, Heidelberg University, West-Germany

Bengt-Erik Borgström: The rôle of power in the change of normative traditions: The case of Nepal.

- Nancy Gardner Cassells: A surprising defense of Sati.
 Robert E. Frykenberg: Conflicting norms and political integration in South India. The case of the Vellore mutiny of 1806.
 Stig Toft Madsen: Sister or bride? Heterogeneous norms in the Biradari System among Jats of Western U.P.
 Werner F. Menski: Solemnization of Hindu marriage: The Law and Reality.
 Pamela G. Price: Competition and Conflict in Hindu Polity, c.1550-1750: The integration and fragmentation of Tamil and Andhra Kingdoms.
 James Walch: Aspects of Political Legitimation in India.
 Kurt Tauchmann: Political integration and divergence of normative traditions: an example from the Igorot/Philippines.
 N.K. Wagle: Śāstric injunctions and customary laws among the Non-Brahmin castes of Pune 1824-1825.

Tuesday, 5 July

WOMEN IN SOUTH ASIA

Convenor: Dr. Ursula Sharma, University of Keele, England.

Annemarie Hafner: Working women, their problems and trade unions in India.

Patricia Jeffery, Roger Jeffery, Andrew Lyon: Childbirth and collaboration among women in Bijnor District, U.P.

Joyce Pettigrew: Problems concerning tubectomy operations in the rural areas of the Punjab.

Naveed-i-Rahat: A village without men. Consequences of male emmigration.

Ursula M. Sharma: Family status and production work: What does it produce?

Wednesday, 6 July

LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND POLITICS IN SOUTH ASIA

Convenors: Prof. Iqbal Narain, Banares Hindu University, India and Dr. Lothar Lutze, Heidelberg University, West Germany

Tushar K. Barua: Symbolism and Power relationship in South Asia with special reference to Bangladesh.

Asha Kaushik & Iqbal Narain: The democratic experiment and social change in India: Some perceptions from Mulk Raj Anand.

Jayant Lele & Rajendra Singh: Language and Literature of Dalits and Saints: Some missed opportunities.

Lothar Lutze: The power and the truth. Politics and literature in post-colonial India as seen by some contemporary Hindu writers.

Mahendra Verma: Mothertongue and the South Asian children.

Arthur L. Basham: Sophia and the Brahmin. The first English novel on India (Anonym.: Hasswell House, Calcutta 1786).

R.V.R. Chandrasekhara Rao: On Sri Sri.

URBANIZATION AND URBAN STRUCTURE IN SOUTH ASIA

Convenor: Dr. R.C. Tiwari, University of Manitoba, Canada

Hans-Georg Bohle: Spatial patterns of urbanization and market development in Tamilnadu. Some recent trends.

B.G. Gokhale: The religious complex in eighteenth century Poona.

Hans Blomkvist: Spontaneous settlements - a problem or a solution? Human settlements policies in developing countries. The case of India.

Meera Kosambi: Indigenous and colonial urban development in India: a new perspective.

R.C. Tiwari: Urbanization and Urban structures: Some observations from Rajasthan, India.

Anne Vergati Stahl: The traditional structure of a Newar town (Kathmandu Valley)

SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE

Convenor: Dr. H. Tambs-Lyche, University of Bergen, Norway

Mohan K. Gautam: Language as the most powerful factor in maintaining the ethnic identity: the cultural rôle of Hindi and Sarnami among the Surinamese Hindustani cultural minority in Surinam and the Netherlands.

Reinhard Sander: Young Tibetans in Switzerland - patterns of enculturation and persistence.

Agnès Zragevsky & Alain Lefebre: The struggles of the Pakistani community in Paris (1972-1977).

Thursday, 7 July

REGIONALISM AND SUBNATIONALISM IN SOUTH ASIA

Convenor: Prof. D.N. Dhanagare, University of Poona, India

D.N. Dhanagare: Historical background of the emergence of separate identity in Vidharba.

Jayashree B. Gokhale: Ideas of region and nation in early 20th century Marathi literature.

- B.K. Jehangir: Problems of Nationalism: Bangladesh.
 Lars Kjaerholm: Regional Nationalism and changing caste ideology in Tamilnadu.
 Akhtar Majeed: Maldevelopment and subregional conflict: the case of anti-migrant movement in Assam.
 Urmila Phadnis: Politics of Language in South Asia.
 Indira Rothermund: The Ekikarana Movement in Karnataka.

ETHNIC MINORITIES AND TRIBAL GROUPINGS IN SOUTH ASIA

- Convenor: Dr. M. Gautam, Institute Kern, Leiden, Netherlands
 Aruna Bagchee: Seasonal migration of the Lamans.
 Denis Blamont: Ethnic minorities and tribal groupings in South Asia.
 Mohan K. Gautam: Itinerant Camping life to settled basti alliances: The mechanism of ethnic maintenance and social organization of the Kanjar of North India.
 P.K. Tewari: The impact of industrialization on a tribal group of Mirzapur, India.
 V.S. Upadhyay: The disappearing tribal groups of India.

Friday, 8 July

- ELITE POLITICS AND MASS POLITICS IN SOUTH ASIA
 Convenor: Dr. Dagmar Bernstorff, Heidelberg University, West Germany
 Jean Bernard: Gandhi and Tocqueville
 Suranjan Das: Examining violence from below: A comparative study of the Calcutta "Communal riots" of 1918 and 1926
 Mark Naidis: The Punjab System
 BUSINESS MEETING.

Note: As there were last minute changes of programme, there may have been one or two more papers not mentioned here.

Summer Program in Chinese Studies in Austria

From June 19 to July 16 a Summer Program in Chinese Studies took place at Frauenalpe/Steiermark and Vienna. It