2017 Texas Asia Conference Schedule
September 22 – 23
The Julius Glickman Conference Center (CLA 1.302B)

Day 1: Friday, September 22, 2017

Registration and Breakfast: 9:00 – 9:45 am

Inauguration and Opening Remarks: 9:45 – 10:00 am

Dr. Martha Ann Selby
Professor and Chair, Department of Asian Studies at the University of Texas at Austin

Panel I: 10:00 – 11:00 am
Representations of Women, Youth and Parenting

1. The Visualization of Woman as a Mother, The Erasure of Woman as a Subject
   Jean Young Kim, University of Texas at Austin

2. Governing Youth-Individual Freedom & the Discourses of Youth Development in Modern India
   Aviral Pathak, University of Illinois at Chicago

3. Reconstructing meaning and countering myths—the use of signs and language in Udaari
   Nabeeha Chaudhary, University of Texas at Austin

Break: 11:00 – 11:30 am

Panel II: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
The Nation and Culture

1. Taming of "Filth": An Analysis of British "Subjugation" of a Subaltern Ailment, Kala-azar
   Paromita Chaudhuri, Notre Dame

2. Killing Shambuka and Periyar Lalai Singh's Call to Action
   Aaron Sherraden, the University of Texas at Austin

3. From "Friendship First" to "Competition First": China’s Sports Diplomacy
   Kazushi Minami, University of Texas at Austin

Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30 pm
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Featured Panel: 1:30 – 2:45 pm

Dr. Jeffrey Roy

Documentarian and Postdoctoral Fellow with “Project Autoritas” at Le Centre d’études de l’Inde et de l’Asie du Sud (CEIAS) in Paris

Panel III: 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Gender over the Long Twentieth Century

1. Neoliberalism, Gendered Labor, and the Chikan Industry in Lucknow
Charlotte Giles, University of Texas at Austin

2. Gendered and Indentured: Repetition, Labor, and the Family in Jahajin and the Swinging Bride
Amrita Mishra, University of Texas at Austin

3. Naxalbari at 50: Representations of Resistance in the Writing of Arundhati Roy
Meghan Gorman-Darif, University of Texas at Austin

Panel IV: 4:15 – 5:15 pm
Spaces and (Im)mobilities

1. Riding New Mobilities: Delhi’s Metro and Aspiring Middle Class Women
Kathryn N. North, University of Texas at Austin

2. A New Way of Defining Strangers: The Taxonomy of Foreigners that Transcended Boundaries in Late Ming Maritime Guangdong
Shery Chanis, University of Texas at Austin

3. Coming Together or Drifting Apart: Mobility and Reconciliation in Postwar Jaffna
Daniel Dillon, University of Texas at Austin

Keynote Address: 5:30 – 6:45 pm

“New Silk Roads & the Emergent Socio-Economic Geographies of Mongolia & Kazakhstan”

Dr. Alexander Diener
Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Director for the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (CREEES) at the University of Kansas

Dinner Reception Hosted by Dr. Martha Selby: 7:30 – 10:00 pm
Day 2: Saturday, September 23, 2017

Breakfast: 9:00 – 9:30 am

Panel V: 9:30 – 10:30 am
Reconfiguring Sri Lanka

1. From Warrior-King to Deity: Emerging Cult of Ravana in the Post-War Sri Lanka
   Krishantha Fedricks, University of Texas at Austin

2. The Cost of Normalcy: “LGBT” NGOs in Sri Lanka and the Disciplining of the Queer Figure
   Themal Ellawala, Clark University

3. Waves in the Lake: Tamil Migrants and Nationalism in the Bay of Bengal
   Siddharth Sridhar, University of Texas at Austin

Panel VI: 10:45 am – 12:00 noon
Challenging Norms in Literature

1. Challenging Traditional Bounds of Sufi Literature Using the Urdu Ghazal and Short Story
   Sundas Amer, University of Texas at Austin

2. Sodomy Legislation in Seventeenth Century China
   Yiran Xiao, University of Pennsylvania

3. A Philosophical Interpretation of Madness in the Inner Chapters of the Zhuangzi
   Michael Schainfeld, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

Closing Remarks and Farewell Mingle