

**International Conference on Childhood, Youth and Identity in South Asia  
January 6-7 2020**

Venue for the conference proceedings: D Block, Third Floor, Room 330, Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida  
Tea/Coffee, Lunch, and Conference Dinner will be at the C & D Atrium

**Day 1: January 6 2020**

9.00am-9.30 am- Registration

9.30am- 9.45 am- **Opening Remarks**

*Dr Divya Kannan, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Shiv Nadar University*

9.45am- 11.15 am

**Session 1: Politics of Schooling and Pedagogic Practices**

Discussant: Dr Akash Bhattacharya, School of Education, Azim Premji University

- 1. Educational Journeys of Muslim Girls in a Madrasa and Making of Islamic Womanhood**  
*Dr Hem Borker, Assistant Professor, Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Jamia Millia Islamia*
- 2. Construction of Childhood in the Government School Spaces of Delhi**  
*Shailly Kumar, PhD scholar, Women and Gender Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi*
- 3. Clean bodies in School: children's negotiations with sartorial and material discourses of hygiene, Tamil Nadu**  
*Smruthi Bala Kannan, PhD scholar, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers Camden College of Arts and Sciences*

*11.15am-11.30 am: Tea/Coffee*

11.30 am-13:00pm

**Session 2: Youth, Nation, and the Development Question**

Discussant: Dr Iman Mitra, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Shiv Nadar University

- 4. (Un)Contested temporalities: Navigating Adivasi Youth Identities in a Local Village Community in India**  
*Dr Gunjan Wadhwa, Independent Scholar, Delhi*
- 5. Generational Communities: Student Activism and the Politics of Becoming in South Asia**  
*Dr Jean-Thomas Martelli, Head Researcher at the Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH) in New Delhi.*
- 6. Serving the Post-Colonial State: Indian Youth and National Development**  
*Thomas Wilkinson, PhD scholar, Department of International History, The London School of Economics and Political Science*

13.00pm-14.00 pm – Lunch

14:00pm-15.30pm

**Session 3: Skilling and Aspirations in Contemporary India**

Discussant: Dr Anandini Dar, Assistant Professor, School of Education Studies, Ambedkar University

**7. Developmental Discourses and Psycho-educational Interventions: Producing 'Resilient' or 'Risky' Childhoods?**

*Dr R. Maithreyi, formerly at the Centre for Budget Studies, Bengaluru*

**8. Developmental Subjects or Aspirational Agents? Centering Student voices in Skills-based Education**

*Ketaki Prabha, Research Scholar, Centre for Budget Studies, Bengaluru*

**9. Youths Must Keep 'Upvaluing' Themselves": Of 'Personality Development' and Grooming in Contemporary Delhi**

*Suchismita Chattopadhyay, PhD scholar, Anthropology, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.*

15.30pm- 16.45pm

**Session 4: Histories, Emotions and Imperialism**

Discussant: Dr Divya Kannan, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Shiv Nadar University

**10. Laying the Foundation of the Native Christian Community: A Failed Experiment with Orphans and Orphanages?**

*Soni, PhD Scholar, Institute of History, ETH Zurich, Switzerland*

**11. Thinking, Feeling, and Doing: Histories of Childhood and Youth in Africa**

*Dr Sarah Emily Duff, Assistant Professor of African and World History, Colby College, USA*

**12. Feeling the Hostel in College Magazines c. 1915 – 1960**

*Dr Sneha Krishnan, Associate Professor, Human Geography, School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford*

16.45-17.00pm – Tea/Coffee

**17.00 pm- 18.30pm: Room C 021**

**Keynote Lecture:** Prof. Karen Vallgarda, Associate Professor, SAXO Institute, History, University of Copenhagen

Venue for Keynote Lecture: C Block, Ground Floor, Room 021

19.30- 20.30pm Conference Dinner (participants only)

**Day 2: January 7 2020**

9.45am -11.30 am

**Session 5: Representations of Childhood in Performance and Literature**

Discussant: Professor Rukmini Sen, Sociology, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi

**13. 'Producing' Childhood: The View from Children's Theatre in India**

Dr Hia Sen, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Presidency University, Kolkata

**14. The Child in Childhoods: Representations in Children's Literature**

Najia Zeb, Assistant Professor, Department of Elementary Education, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi

**15. The Curious Lessons of Sadhu Kalachand: Storytelling and Pedagogy in Post-colonial India**

Aryak Guha, Assistant Professor, Department of English, S.C College, Kolkata

**16. Looking back: Memories of South Indian Childhoods**

Catriona Ellis, Assistant Professor, History, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

11.30am - 11.45 am: Tea/Coffee

11.45 am-13.00 pm

**Session 6: Children, Community, and Policies of Care**

Discussant: Deepti Sachdev, Assistant Professor, School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi

**17. Contesting State's Developmental Agendas through Early Childhood Care and Education: A Case Study of Adivasi Communities from the Nilgiris**

Arun Viknesh, Research Scholar, Centre for Budget Studies, Bangalore

**18. Negotiating Place, Establishing Identity: A Qualitative Analysis of the Shaping of Educational Experiences by Disabled Children and Their Caregivers**

Kimberly Fernandes, PhD Scholar, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania

**19. Children And The 'Caring' State: A Gendered Analysis Of Labour And Welfare Capitalism In Colonial India (1880-1930)**

Shreya Kundu, PhD scholar, Department of History, Ashoka University

13.00pm -13.45 pm: Lunch

**13.45pm-15.00 pm: In Conversation: Children's Literature/Publishing in India**

Rukmini Sen, Director Centre for Publishing, Ambedkar University Delhi will be in conversation with Rinchin and Shefalee Jain

**Rinchin** writes short stories for children as well as for grown-ups and her recent collection of short stories called Ajooba, published by Eklavya is out now. She explores many layers of politics, gender, struggles of everyday lives and love in her stories. Rinchin has been part of many social movements in Chhattisgarh and Madhyapradesh since last two decades and has been working with women and queer groups. She is a member of Ektara Collective. Ektara Collective is an independent, autonomous, non-funded group of people who seek to combine creative efforts and imagination and collaborate with trained and untrained people to make films that are content-wise and aesthetically located in people's subjective, contextual realities and experiences.

**Shefalee Jain** is an artist based in New Delhi, India. She is currently teaching Visual Art as Assistant Professor at the School of Culture and Creative Expressions, Ambedkar University Delhi. She is the Co founder of BlueJackal, a platform for engaging with and creating visual narratives, comics, picture books and initiating dialogue and learning within these contexts through interactive programs. She occasionally writes and illustrates for children and adults.

**15.00pm- 16.15 pm- Roundtable: South Asia and Beyond: New Directions and Approaches**

- Dr Hia Sen, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Presidency University, Kolkata
- Dr Sarah Emily Duff, Assistant Professor of African and World History, Colby College, USA
- Dr Shivani Nag Assistant Professor, School of Education Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi
- Dr Anandini Dar Assistant Professor, School of Education Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi (Moderator)

**16.15pm-16.30 pm: Moving ahead and Vote of Thanks**

Professor Rukmini Sen, Sociology, School of Liberal Studies and Director, Centre for Publishing, Ambedkar University, Delhi

*16.30pm-16.45 pm: Tea/Coffee*