

The 31st Spalding Symposium on Indian Religions

Jesus College, the University of Oxford

March 31st - April 2nd 2006

Friday, 31 March

- 4.30pm Welcome, refreshments
- 5.00pm Louise Child (University of Leeds)
Subtle Bodies, Wrathful Deities and Men in Tantric Buddhism
- 6.15pm Dinner
- 7.30pm Keynote Speaker
Cross-Cultural Echoes: The American Counter Culture, Tantric Transgression and the Eros of Scholarship.

Saturday, 1 April

- 9.00am Eleanor Nesbitt (University of Warwick)
Issues in Writing Short 'Introductions' to 'Sikhism'
- 10.10am Refreshments
- 10.40am Catherine Robinson (Bath Spa University)
'[T]he intention of the author has been, in fulfilment of his promise to the Sikhs, to write this work from an orthodox Sikh point of view' (Max Arthur Macauliffe) : the Khalsa and Scholarship
- 11.50am Nick Allen (University of Oxford)
The Pandavas' five journeys and the structure of the Mahabharata
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm Kuan Guang (School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London)
Sahajaśrī: a 14th century Nepalese Monk's Journey to China
- 2.45pm Naomi Appleton (University of Oxford)
Why tell stories? Five Perspectives on a Buddhist Narrative
- 3.30pm Refreshments
- 4.00pm Fabrizio M. Ferrari (Warburg Institute and School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London)
"Love me two times!" From Smallpox to AIDS: Contagion and Possession in the Cult of Śītalā.
- 5.15pm Véronique Altglas (University of Warwick)
Indian Gurus and their Western Disciples: The Diffusion of Two Neo-Hindu Movements in Britain and France

6.30pm Dinner
7.30pm David Smith (University of Lancaster)
Hinduism and Orgy: A Reconsideration

Sunday, 2 April

9.00am Peter Connolly (Bath Spa University)
Some Reflections on the Psychology of Yoga: Yoga and Trance

10.10am Refreshments

10.40am Ron Geaves (University of Chester)
*The Community of the Many Names of God: Sampradaya
Construction in a Global Diaspora or New Religious Movement*

11.50am Christopher Helland (Dalhousie University)
*Virtual Sacrifice and Internet Puja: Examining the Impact and
Implications of Long Distanced Ritual Practice from the Hindu Diaspora*

1.00pm Lunch, then departure

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