

International Conference

Emotions in South Asian and European Rituals

January 4-6, 2010, The International Centre, Goa

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Program

January 3, 2010

From 13:00 Check in Conference Centre

13:30 *Lunch*

16:00-16:15 Welcome Axel Michaels (Heidelberg) and Christoph Wulf (Berlin)

16:15 *Ritual dance performance*

18:00 *Dinner*

January 4, 2010

Chair: Axel Michaels

9:00 Welcome Adresses by Torsten Fischer (DFG) and Marla Stukenberg (MMB, Mumbai)

9:10 Alexander Henn (Phoenix): Ritual, mimesis and emotion in an age of facts

9:50 Christoph Wulf (Berlin): The mimetic creation of emotion in rituals

10:30 *Tea Break*

Chair: Birgit Röttger-Rössler

11:00 Sundar Sarukkai (Bangalore): Rituals and knowlegde: Epistemological sanskritization

11:40 Anne de Sales: Emotion and Feelings in Shamanic Rituals (Nepal)

12:20 Angelika Neuwirth (Berlin): 'The Passion Story - Islamic' - Banned emotions recovered in Shi'ite Martyrdom

13:00 *Lunch*

Chair: Heidrun Brückner

14:00 Heike Moser (Tübingen/Heidelberg): Emotions and rituals in the Sanskrit-theatre Kūṭiyāṭṭam

14:40 Gabriele Brandstetter (Berlin): Animals as figurations of emotion in modern and contemporary European dance

15:20 Fabrizia Baldissera (Florence): Emotions in traditional Indian dances and drama

16:00 *Tea break*

Chair: Alito Siqueira

16:30 William Sax (Heidelberg): Emotional display in Garhwali rituals

17:10 M.D. Muthukumaras wamy (Chennai): The trance in fire walking rituals of goddess Draupadi temples in Tamil Nadu

17:50 Christian von Scheve (Berlin): Affect in rituals: A double-edged sword

19:00 *Dinner at the International Centre*

January 5, 2010

Chair: William S. Sax

- 8:30 Birgit Röttger-Rössler (Berlin): Laughing grief: Death, ritual and emotion regulation in Indonesia
9:10 Molly Kaushal (New Delhi): Weeping turns performance into a ritual
9:50 Christiane Brosius (Heidelberg): Love in the age of Valentine and pink underwear: Negotiating romantic love in urban India

10:30 *Tea Break*

Chair: Ute Hüsken

- 11:00 Juneja, Monica (Heidelberg): Image – ritual – emotion: exploring a non-mimetic dimension of visual practice in North India
11:40 Eva Ambos (Heidelberg): Emotions and body in Sinhalese healing rituals
12:20 Anand Mishra (Heidelberg): Interplay of emotions and rituals in religious ceremonies of Puṣṭimārga

13:00 *Lunch*

14:15 *Excursion to Christian churches and Hindu temples in Old Goa*

Old Goa or Velha Goa ("Velha" means old in Portuguese) is a historical city in North Goa district in the Indian state of Goa. The city was constructed by the Bijapur Sultanate in the 15th century, and served as capital of Portuguese India from the 16th century until its abandonment in the 18th century. The remains of the city are a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

7 p.m. Dinner at the beach

January 6, 2010

Chair: Sundar Sarukkai

- 8:30 Silke Bechler (Heidelberg): Emotional imbalance in private and public sacrificial rituals?
9:10 Ute Hüsken (Oslo): Fights about rituals
9:50 Niels Gutschow (Heidelberg, Bhaktapur): Agression and obscenity. The annual annihilation of evil spirits on the occasion of new moon in August in Bhaktapur, Nepal

10:30 *Tea Break*

Chair: Christiane Brosius

- 11:00 Heidrun Brückner (Würzburg): Gods going wild? – enacting loss of control in Tulu possession rituals
11:40 S. A. Krishnaiah (Udupi): Buffalo race. A ritual and amusement in coastal Karnatak (South India)
12:20 Simon John (Mysore): Vow, offerings and rituals: Traditional emotions of the cult of goddesses in Tamil Nadu, South India

13:00 *Lunch*

Chair: Alexander Henn

- 14:00 Gunter Gebauer (Berlin): Rituals and emotions in European soccer stadiums
15:40 Jan Weinhold/Jochen Schweitzer (Heidelberg): Induction and control of emotions within family-constellation work in Germany
15:20 John Bornemann (Princeton/USA): European Rituals of Initiation and the Production of Men: The Psyche, the Emotions

1600 *Tea Break*

Chair: Christoph Wulf

- 16:30 Iris Clemens (Berlin): Monday morning school rituals: Observations in Germany and India
17:10 Ulla Haselstein (Berlin): On being cool: How to feign emotionlessness
17:50 Torsten Fischer (Neu Delhi/DFG) with Axel Michaels (Heidelberg) and Christoph Wulf (Berlin): Future Cooperations

19:15 *Dinner at the International Centre*

Representatives of our partners:

Amita Desai (DFG/Bangalore)
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Dr. Torsten Fischer (DFG/Neu Delhi)
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