

Workshop: “Life, Memory, History and Society – Life Writings from India and Nepal”

May 7–9, 2015

Venue: Seminarraum 1, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna, Hof 2.7, Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Vienna

Thursday, 7th May

- 17:00 | **Klaus-Dieter Mathes**, Head of the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, University of Vienna:
Welcome
- 17:15 | **Martin Gaenzle**, University of Vienna, Workshop Convener:
Introduction
- 17:45 | **David Gellner**, University of Oxford
Key note: Generating Activists Life Stories through Interviews, Followed by discussion
- 19:00 | *Reception*

Friday, 8th May

Morning session:

Life Writings in Anthropology (Moderation: David Gellner)

- 09:15 | **Alaka Chudal**, University of Vienna (Austria):
An Alternative Approach to Narrating the Past and Studying the Society: Hemraj Sharma and Ram Mani Acharya Dixit's Diary
- 10:00 | **Melanie Vandenhelsken**, Austrian Academy of Sciences (Austria):
Yangang Basnet Bāje's life story: Reconsidering the Past, Reconstructing Sikkimese-ness

10:45 | Coffee Break

Literature and Life Narratives (Moderation: Martin Gaenzle)

- 11:15 | **Michael Hutt**, University of London (UK):
Political and Gendered Identity in Parijat's Autobiographical Writings
- 12:00 | **Heinz Werner Wessler**, Uppsala University (Sweden):
Is Autobiography Really the Model? Some Considerations on Hindi Dalit Writing

12:45 | Lunch Break

Afternoon session (Moderation: Heinz Werner Wessler)

- 14:00 | **Alessandra Consolaro**, University of Turin (Italy)
For Her Eyes Only: Embodiment in Prabha Khetan's Autobiography
- 14:45 | **Monika Browarczky**, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poland)
The Others and the Only Ones or Hindi Autobiographies by Women

15:30 | Coffee Break

Gender Issue in Nepali and Hindi Life Narratives

(Moderation: Michael Hutt)

- 16:00 | **Sanjeev Uprety**, Tribhuvan University (Nepal)
Norms, Anxieties and Structural Dividend: Personal Stories of Nepali Men
- 16:45 | **Lisa-Marie Reuter**, University of Würzburg (Germany)
Pre-Independence Life Writings by Women – Female Perspectives on Social Transformations in North India in the Early Twentieth Century
- 17:30 | **Archana Thapa**, Akshar Creations (Nepal)
Locating Gendered Identities in the Contemporary Nepali Life Stories

19:00 | Dinner

Saturday, 9th May

(Moderation: Alessandra Consolaro)

- 09:00 | **Rama Yadav**, University of Delhi (ICCR Chair, ELTE University, Hungary)
Meerabai: Life Story through the Poetry
- 09:45 | **ICCR Guest** (to be confirmed)

10:30 | Coffee Break

- 11:00–12:00 | *Summary and final round discussion*