

South Asia Forum

South Asia Day 2023

Everyone is cordially invited to participate!



Workshop: Intimate Politics in South Asia

5 June 2023, 09.00 – 16.00 Erkezimmer, Karl der Grosse, Kirchgasse 14, 8001 Zürich

We cordially invite everyone to join us for Intimate Politics in South Asia. In this workshop, we will discuss the politics of intimacy in South Asia from a feminist and postcolonial angle with two leading scholars in the field: Professor Sara Smith (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Prof Sneha Krishnan (University of Oxford). The workshop aims to provide participants with an insight into the everyday practice of ethnographic work and theorizing intimate politics as well as providing a platform for researchers to discuss their own writing projects among peers.

Program

09.00 - 09.30 Coffee and chat

09.30 – 10.45 «Researching intimacy»: a look inside the "black box" of research practice with Prof Sara Smith (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Discussion of selected texts

- "Killing us slowly: pre-empting suicide at a women's hostel in Chennai" (Krishnan 2019)
- A chapter from *Intimate Geopolitics: Love, Territory, and the Future on India's Northern Threshold* (Smith 2021)

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 «Writing intimacy»: intimacy and the politics of our writing practices with Prof Sneha Krishnan (University of Oxford)

15.00 - 15.15 Coffee break

15.15 – 16.00 Final discussion

We welcome researchers and graduate students who want to provide 5-10 minute sharing of their writing practices. Kindly contact Shona Loong at shona.loong@geo.uzh.ch if you are interested in doing so. Please also contact Shona to register and for a copy of the texts.