

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Ph.D.
- M.Phil. in Liberal Studies
- Three Minor Certificate Programs
- HSS Electives – 30-40

RESEARCH AREAS

Humanities

- Literary and cultural studies
- Communication
- Philosophy
- Ecocriticism
- Dalit & Indigenous Studies
- Environmental Humanities
- Cross-cultural Communication
- Digital Humanities
- Film studies
- Gender Studies
- Tourism Studies
- Women Studies

Social Sciences

- Environmental Studies
- Psychology
- Technology in Society
- Behavioral Sciences
- Development Studies
- Urban studies
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Public Policy
- Disaster Management
- Education and Moral Cognition
- Maritime Studies & International Relations

Major National & International Funding Agencies - Rs. 5 Crore

IDDRI Paris France, ISEF, IIASA, SPARC, ISEF, ICSSR, NCERT, UGC NABARD, GSBB, ISRO, SPARC, IORA Ecological Solutions, Forest Department -Government of Jharkhand, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India

Location



Dept. HSS

Website



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Third International workshop on
the Social Life of commercial trust

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Indian-European Advanced Research Network & Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS, Pilani, Goa

8-9 November 2023

@ DLT-9, Seminar hall, BITS Pilani Goa Campus From 10:00 onwards

Writing trust into the history of capitalism(s):

An international workshop organised by the Indian-European Advanced Research and the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS Pilani, Goa

In keeping with the larger mandate of the network, the workshop brings together scholars working on the histories of capital and circulation in Eurasia, Africa and the Indian Ocean to revisit the idea of trust and its usefulness as a heuristic concept. While the first two workshops under the IEARN network focused on the discourse, practices and technologies of trust while remaining mindful of their limits, this workshop addresses the broader subject of capitalism in the plural and how societies, especially colonized underwent transition to achieve their version of commercial and industrial development wherein, law, property relations, community networks and custom worked in unexpected ways to create the necessary pre-conditions. The workshop takes a comparative perspective to deepen and expand the conversations across societies and to write Africa and Asia more substantively in the history of capitalism so as to be able to develop a genuinely connected histories approach to the problematic of capitalism, its antecedents, manifestations and after-life.

Day 1 Academic Schedule _8 November 2023

Time	Programme
10-10.15	Remarks from the Director
10.15-10.45	<i>Introducing the workshop by the convenors.</i> Lakshmi Subramanian and Yannick Lemarchand
10.45-11.45	<i>Keynote address by Pierre Gervais:</i> "Historicized trust, Eurocentric trust? The path to disentangling a situated European market imperialism from world capitalist growth" Session will be chaired by Farhat Hasan
11.45-12	Tea/Coffee
12-1.30	<i>Trust Networks: Comparative perspectives</i> Chairperson: Lewis Wade Speakers: Cisse Chikouna, 'Intercultural trade, networks and Modes of trust in the Jula merchant diaspora'. Santanu Sengupta, 'Family and beyond: Property, inheritance and Trust in the last will of Edward Raphael'.
1.30-2.30	Lunch
2.30-3.30	<i>States and Markets: Perspectives from France and Mughal India</i> Chairperson: Yannick Lemarchand Speakers: Farhat Hasan, 'Trust, Conflicts, and the Shaping of Norms in Juridical Spaces: Legal Pluralism and the State in Early Modern South Asia.' Lewis Wade, Fabricating Trust: French Woollen Cloth in Asian Markets under Louis XIV'.
2.30-3.30	<i>States and Markets: Perspectives from France and Mughal India</i> Chairperson: Yannick Lemarchand Speakers: Farhat Hasan, 'Trust, Conflicts, and the Shaping of Norms in Juridical Spaces: Legal Pluralism and the State in Early Modern South Asia.' Lewis Wade, Fabricating Trust: French Woollen Cloth in Asian Markets under Louis XIV'.
3.30-4.30	<i>Communities and Capitalist practices in western India</i> Chairperson: Pierre Gervais Speakers: Ghulam Nadiri, Capitalist practices in Early modern Gujarat Rusheed Wadia, The Parsees of Bombay
4.30-5.00	Tea/Coffee
5.00-6.00	<i>Online session - Regimes of speculation and vernacular capitalism</i> Speakers: Ritu Birla, <i>Thoughts on Codes of Trust and Regimes of Speculation: Is Crypto Vernacular?</i> Meghna Chaudhuri, Trust in Value: Cotton and the Land Market during Bombay's Share Mania.
8 P.M.	Conference Dinner, Goa International Centre

Day 2 Academic Schedule _9 November 2023

Time	Programme
10.30-11.30	<i>Hybrid session - Trade, Finance and Banking and markets in a changing global order: the dynamics of imperialism and nationalism</i> Chairperson: Ghulam Nadiri Speakers: Shweta Bannerjee, Paper Currency and Swadeshi Banking: Money and the State in Colonial India 1910 – 1930. Jerome Sgaard, 'Imperial Politics, Open Markets and Private Ordering: The Global Grain Trade (1875-1914).' 11.30-12.15 <i>Panel Discussion</i> (Sunil Khilnani, Yannick Lemarchand, Lakshmi Subramanian, Farhat Hasan and Lewis Wade) Reflections on the network
12.15-12.30	Closing comments by Professor K.Geetha
12.30- 1.30	Lunch

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Department will be hosting an international workshop in collaboration with the University of Witwatersrand on the Indian Ocean: environment and human agency. This is part of a Mellon funded project on Ocean humanities. The workshop which is scheduled for 8-9 December, 2023, will feature eminent scholars from South Africa, India and the United States as well as younger scholars to explore a range of inter-disciplinary questions in the field of Indian Ocean studies. The workshop focuses on issues of climate and environmental change and livelihood and displacement and in the process hopes to integrate environmental and social history in the understanding of the Indian Ocean. The workshop hopes to integrate ongoing initiatives in the field by working closely with the SSRC group called "Archiving Environmental Change"
<https://www.ssrc.org/programs/transregional-collaboratory-on-the-indian-ocean/thematic-working-groups/>.
 The workshop is being convened by Professors Isabel Hofmeyr, Lakshmi Subramanian and Dr. Charne Lavery.