

Global Networks-Indianness Abroad: The New Zealand Story



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Day One Friday 17 Feb 2017 Programme AUT City Campus WG 801		
9-9.10am	<i>Opening remarks</i>	Prof Sekhar Bandyopadhyay and Dr Jian Yang, MP, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister for Ethnic Communities
9.10-10am	Sekhar Bandyopadhyay Introduce	Keynote Professor Paul Spoonley, Pro VC Massey University An Asian Century: What Exactly Does that Mean, Especially in New Zealand
10- 10.30		Morning Tea
10.30- 11.10	Sita Venkateswar Introduce	Simon Draper Executive Director Asia New Zealand Foundation <i>India Untapped: The Importance of Growing Our Cultural Competency</i>
11.10- 11.50	Paula Ray Introduce	Dr Tracy Berno and Dr Jared Mackley-Crump <i>Chasing tinned fish curry: Diaspora, food and the case of Fiji</i>
11.40- 11.50		<i>Break</i>
11.50- 12.50	Tracy Berno Introduce	Dr Robyn Andrews <i>Invisible Indians: NZ's Anglo Indian diaspora</i> Dr Alison Booth <i>Auckland Diwali Performers: The Politics of identity</i>
12.50- 1.50		Lunch WG802
1.50- 2.10	Rahul Sen Introduce	Dame Susan Devoy, Human Rights Commissions <i>New Zealand India Relationships</i>
1.50-2.50	Sekhar Bandyopadhyay Introduce and facilitate	Emily Fabling <i>International Education</i>
2.50- 3.00		<i>Break</i>
3.00- 3.50	Robyn Andrews Introduce	Dr Rahul Sen <i>India in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement: Opportunities and Challenges for New Zealand</i> Dr Paula Ray <i>Tap an app to connect with the 'imagined diaspora'</i>
3.50- 4:10		WG 802
4:10-5:10	Alison Booth Introduce	Keynote Dr Purnima Mankekar <i>Unsettling India</i>
5.10-5.20		Dr Sita Venkateswar <i>Day Wrap Up</i>
5.20- 6.20pm		Drinks and nibbles WG802
7pm		Conference Dinner iVillage, Victoria Park

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9.30- 10.30	Graham McRae Introduce	Mayur Gandhi Comparative Leadership Styles Vikram Lakshimarayanan The Healthy Immigrant Effect
10.30- 10.45	Morning Tea	Morning Tea WG 802
10.45- 12.00	Edwina Pio Introduce	Dr Arpita Das <i>Natural Disaster Management in Cultural Perspective</i> Dr Graham McRae <i>Auckland's Hindu Temples and the globalisation of religious practice</i> Dr Sapna Samant <i>#beyond modernity</i>
12.00- 1		Lunch
1.00- 1.30	Vijay Devadas Introduce	Dr Shuchi Kothari Indian/Kiwi filmmaker, Kiwi-Indian film
1.30- 2pm	Conveners	Summing up and future publications and research
2-5pm	Excursion	Auckland and beyond- searching for India

In 2011 and again in 2013, 2014 and 2015, India has been the top source country for migrants to New Zealand, many of whom settle in the greater Auckland area. This has contributed to Auckland becoming the fourth most culturally diverse city in the world, with Statistics NZ projecting that by 2038, 51 per cent of New Zealanders will be Asian, Maori and Pasifika. Internationally there is a well-established literature on the Indian diaspora. This area of scholarship however, is in a nascent stage in New Zealand. New Zealand can draw upon the experiences of other countries in understanding the meaning of diaspora and cultural communities based on every day worlds in local perspectives. This in turn can build and sustain commercial ties between India and New Zealand including the experiences of small enterprises together with the larger government agendas. Global Networks-Indianness Abroad: The New Zealand Story presents a gathering of communities of interest from which these ideas can be explored.

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