

Friday; November 9

Program Schedule
WEAPONIZING PEOPLE
Militarization and Armed Conflict in Asia
November 9-10, 2018
BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

Binghamton University Downtown Centre
67 Washington Street, Binghamton

Breakout session 1 **9.00-10.45am**

Panel 1: Impact of Militarization on Lived Experiences and State Institutions

Chair: TBD

Caught in the crossroads: Militarization and its impact on women in India's Northeast

Parvin Sultana – P B College

Shifts in the Jordanian military since the Black September civil war

Eva Kahan – Tufts University

Militarization in Bangladesh: How it endorsed a culture of impunity and abuse of the rule of law

Justice Md. Shahinur Islam – Bangladesh Supreme Court, High Court Division/International Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh

The politics of crisis and the militarization of South Korea

George Baca – Dong-A University

Panel 2: Gendered Reconfigurations

Chair: TBD

Using motherhood as a political tool: Interplay between nationalism and gender in Kashmir conflict

Abhiruchi Ojha – Central University of Kashmir

Women's negotiations in the Afghan context of conflict: A change in gender relations?

Gaur – Independent Researcher

“Re-masculinization” processes in Kashmir and Sri Lanka violence: Excluding women, trans, and queers from war discourses

Urmi Gupta – Jawaharlal Nehru University

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Panel 3: The Dynamics of State Violence

Chair: **John W Chaffee**, Distinguished Service Professor; History and Department of Asian and Asian American Studies; Director, Institute for Asia and Asian Diasporas, Binghamton University.

The privatization of violence by the Ming-Chinese state
J. Travis Shutz – Binghamton University

From public servants to partisans: Militarizing bureaucrats in Manchukuo and South Korea
Rolf I. Silverson – University of Pennsylvania

Weaponization of Thai people
Christopher Ankersen – NYU center for Global Affairs

Panel 4: Contours of Terrorism and the “War on Terror” in Pakistan and Afghanistan

Chair: Oktay Sekercisoy

Conflict, security, and militarization in post-14 Afghan
Anup Datta – Sikkim Central University

Pakistan, War on Terror, and Transnational American Studies
Muhammed Waqar Azeem – Binghamton University

The War on Terror and disruption of tribal life and identity
Bill Topich – Pulaski Academy

Tea break 10.45-11.00am

Plenary 1 11.00am-12.00pm

Lunch break 12.00-2.30pm

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Breakout session 2

2.30-4.15pm

Panel 1: Secessionist Struggles and Armed Conflict

Chair: TBD

The demand for Khalistan and its impact on Sikhs in Punjab and in the diaspora
Vijayta Mahendru – Jawaharlal Nehru University

Arming the Moros in Mindano: The quest for autonomy and the way ahead
Mohor Chakraborty – South Calcutta Girls' College

Panel 2: Gendered Contestations

Chair: TBD

The politics of utilizing women as combatants: Interrogating Japan's military choices during World War II
Kristin Roebuck – Cornell University

The female body as a contradictory weapon: Female espionage in postcolonial East Asia
Chun-yu Lu – College of William and Mary

Queering the entanglement of the American empire in Pakistani militarism: Multi-layered representations in novels by Mohammed Hanif and Mohsin Hamid
Talib Jabbar – University of California, Santa Cruz

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Panel 3: Foreign Intervention in National/Transnational Armed Conflicts

Chair: TBD

The European Union and conflict resolution in Sri Lanka: Escalating conflict or generating peace?

Ngiplon Rachel Chohwanglim – Jawaharlal Nehru University

The role of the US and Pakistan in continued Afghan violence

Anuradha Rai – Amity University

Between Peking and Moscow: Arming Indonesians against the West

Tenny Widya Kristiana – Waseda University

Panel 4: Exploring Violence, War, and Militarization in Film and Literature

Chair: Monika Mehta, Associate Professor, Department of English,
Binghamton University.

Literary representation of Koreans in the Vietnam War

Jinim Park – Pyeong-taek University

Constructions of “comfort women” experiences: An analysis of recent films

Bora Kang – Binghamton University

Mythic reality, battlefield survival, and psychosocial conversion in Mitsuru’s *The end of battleship Yamato*

David Stahl – Binghamton University

Tea break 4.15-4.30pm

Keynote 4.30-6.00pm

Dinner 6.30pm

Holiday Inn, Downtown Binghamton

Movie ‘Thin Wall’ 8.00pm

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Plenary 2 9.00-10.15am
Tea break 10.15-10.30am

Breakout session 3 10.30am-12.45pm

Panel 1: Militarization Processes in Colonial and Post-colonial India: Resistance and Oppression

Chair: TBD

The making of Zeliangrong Movement in resisting British colonial rule
Richard Kamei – Tata Institute of Social Sciences

An examination of cultural violence in the context of policing and custodial death in Kerala, South India, 1950-2018
Vineeth Mathoor – NSS Hindu College

In the Eye of the Storm: Violence, ‘National’ Government and the Midnapore Cyclone of 1942
Sravani Biswas – Earth Observatory of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University

Panel 2: Complicating the Role of Reigning/Rising “Superpowers” and Militarization

Chair: TBD

Analysis of US-China military strategies in Taiwan
Jiangtian Xu – University of East Anglia

India and China: Conceptualizing super power politics from an Asian perspective
Leslie Keerthi Kumar Surabi Mani – Lady Shri Ram College for Women

The effects of US military presence on South Korean Society
Sang Y. Kim – George Washington University/Korea Economic Institute of America

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Panel 3: Post-conflict Memories from Multiple Perspectives

Chair: TBD

The politics of identity and intergenerational trauma of genocide: The nature of social trust in Bangladesh

Md. Shahriar Islam – Binghamton University

Sri Lankan expatriates viewpoints on the civil war

Ximeng Chen and Danushka Bandara – Binghamton University; Syracuse University

Memories in service of the Hindu nation: Compiling an oral history of partition in Modi's India

Pranav Kohli – Maynooth University

Lunch break 12.45-1.45pm

Breakout session 4 1.45-3.30pm

Panel 1: Analyses of Effects of War and Militarization on Early Twentieth Century China

Chair: TBD

Private gun ownership and militarization in the Republican period in China

Lei Duan – University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

The impact of armed conflict on nursing experiences in wartime China, 1937-1945

Shenglan Li – Wheaton College

Aviation, war, and overseas Chinese, 1909-1950

Alan Baumler – Indiana University of Pennsylvania

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Panel 2: Weaponizing Identities

Chair: TBD

‘A letter from the ... Indo-Chinese ‘Annamese’ People’’: Ho’s opportunistic framing of national identity in the spring of 1946

Ryan McMillen – New York City College of Technology

Hindutva discourses and the production of warrior communities: Representations in Patwardhan’s films

Manas Ghosh – Jadavpur University

The rise of Buddhist nationalism and the spirit of youth activism in contemporary Myanmar

Jefferson R. Mendez – University of The Philippines

Panel 3: Ethnographic Narratives on Armed Conflict and Militarization

Chair: TBD

Children’s multi-layered constructions of violence: Voices from Swat Valley, Pakistan

Lubna N. Chaudhry – Binghamton University

***Aadat* of militarized lives: Suffering and agency in the everyday in Kashmir**

Salma Farhad – University of Kashmir

The work of memory in capturing a violent past: Embedded emotions and textures of living in a conflict zone

Bhavneet Kaur – Delhi School of Economics

Tea break 3.30-3.45pm

Plenary 3 3.45-4.45pm