

**International Workshop
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 15–16
October 2009**

(Organised by Centre for Studies in Science Policy, (JNU), Department Of
History (University of Delhi) and the Department of History (Uppsala
University)

Venue: Seminar Room, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU

**Livelihoods and the Environment
Debating Interdisciplinary Perspectives**

Thursday 15th October

11:00 – 11.30 am

Registration

11.30-11.45

Introductory Remarks

Mahesh Rangarajan

(Department of History, University of Delhi)

11:45 – 12:45

Welcome and Keynote

Chair: **Amita Singh** [Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU]

Ghazala Shahabuddin,

[Ambedkar University of Delhi]

with **Madhu Rao,**

[Wildlife Conservation Society, New York]

*Do communities care?
biological perspectives on community-conserved areas.*

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch



14:00 – 15:45

SESSION 1

DEBATING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Chair: **Deepak Kumar** [Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU]

Beppe Karlsson,

[Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University]

Nuclear energy, climate change and social critique

Guro Aandahl,

[Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo]

Technocratic dreams and troublesome beneficiaries: the Sardar Sarovar project in Gujarat

Kenneth Bo Nielsen,

[Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo]

The car factory that never happened – The Singur controversy and contested development

Discussants

Manju Menon, Centre for Studies in Science Policy, JNU

Himanshu Upadhyay, Senior Researcher, Academy for Mountain Environments

Sagar Trivedi, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU

15:45 – 16:00

Tea Break



16:00 – 17:45

SESSION 2

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES AND SUSTAINABLE VISIONS

Chair: **Gunnel Cederlof** [Department of History, Uppsala University]

M. Rajshekhar

[Independent Scholar]

The law that disagreed with its' Preamble: an enquiry into the drafting of the Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers (RECOGNITION OF FOREST RIGHTS) ACT, 2006

Seema Arora Jonsson

[Department of Rural and Urban Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences]

Environmentalism with growth: the politics of climate change

Discussants

Archana Prasad, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Radhika Krishnen, Centre for Studies in Science Policy, JNU

19:00

Workshop Dinner

Friday 16th October

9.30- 10.45 am

SESSION 3

ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS, COMMUNITIES AND SOCIAL ACTION

Chair: **Pamela Price** [Department of History, Oslo University]

Katrin Uba,

[Department. of Government, Uppsala University]

Grass-root activism and renewable energy policies in India

Jasmin Kantha,

[Department of History, Patna Women's College]

In the Womb of the Ganga: Gangotas and their threatened livelihoods

Siddhartha Krishnan

[Fellow, Social Sciences, ATREE, Bangalore]

Identity and Income Predicaments of the Toda that Arise from Tiger Depredation of their Sacred and Secular Buffaloes: The Emergence of an Interdisciplinary Interface on the Nilgiri Pastures.

Discussants

Anurita Saxena, Himachal Pradesh University, Himachal Pradesh

Rohan D'Souza, Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Gunnel Cederlof, Department of History, Uppsala University

10:45 – 11:00

Tea break



11:00 – 12:45

SESSION 4

SATEMAKING AND ECOLOGIES OF PLACE

Chair: **Rohan D'Souza** [CSSP, Jawaharlal Nehru University]

Shashank Kela,

[New India Foundation Fellow]

Rulers, subjects and landscapes: the agrarian structure of tribal states

Nalini Singh,

[Aditi Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi]

Deforestation, agriculture and habitation: Awadh from Mughal to colonial times (c.1600-1900)

Arupjyoti Saikia,

[Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati]

Forestry, grazing and livelihood: agrarian practices in forested lands in colonial Assam

Charu Singh, Centre for Historical Studies (JNU)

Meena Bhargava, I.P. College University of Delhi

Nitin Sethi, Senior Correspondent, The Times of India

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch



14:00 – 15:00

Chair: **Mahesh Rangarajan** [Department of History, University of Delhi]

Keynote

E. Somanathan,

[Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi & R Prabhakar, ATREE, Bangalore & B. S. Mehta, Foundation for Ecological Security]

'Decentralization for cost-effective conservation'

15:00 – 15:30

Tea Break



15:30 – 17:15

SESSION 5

ANIMALS, WILDNESS AND TAMESNESS

Chair: Sangeeta Dasgupta [Centre for Historical Studies, JNU]

M. D. Madhusudan,

[Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysore]

Making better neighbours of endangered elephant and beleaguered farmers: A field test of interdisciplinarity

Meena Radhakrishna,

[Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi]

Perceptions, policies and practices : hunting communities as "Criminal Tribes

P. R. Nisha,

[Dept. of History, University of Delhi]

Wild Animals and Indian Circus: Notes on Wildlife, Livelihood and the State

Discussant

Mahesh Rangarajan, Department of History, University of Delhi

Vikram Dayal, Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi

Savyasaachi, Department of Sociology, Jamia Milia Islamia

17:15 – 18:00

Final Panel

Gunnel Cederlöf

[Department of History, Uppsala University]

Rohan D'Souza

[Centre for Studies in Science Policy, Jawaharlal Nehru University]

Workshop Dinner

19.30