

Lanka: Anthropologies, Histories, Politics

30 January 2019

10.00-10.05: Welcome given by Dr Sujit Sivasundaram (Centre of South Asian Studies, Cambridge). *All morning events will be held in the Senior Parlour, Gonville and Caius College.*

10.05-10.30: Introduction by Dr Zoltán Biedermann (University College London) of his new book, '(Dis)connected Empires: Imperial Portugal, Sri Lankan Diplomacy and the Making of a Habsburg Conquest in Asia' (2018), chaired by Dr Melissa Calaresu (Cambridge) with comments by Professor Mary Laven (Cambridge).

10.45-11.45: 'New Translocal histories of Lanka'

Tamara Fernando (Cambridge), 'Terrains of Labour: Pearl Diving in the Gulf of Mannar, 1880-1900' and James Wilson (Cambridge), 'Anti-Slavery and Empire in Lanka, 1800-1820.'

12.15-14.00: 'Anthropologies of Muslim Sri Lanka'

Dr Farzana Haniffa (Colombo and Smuts Visiting Fellow, Cambridge), 'Documenting ethno-religious violence in Sri Lanka: Lessons from the Recent Past' followed by a response from Professor Jonathan Spencer (University of Edinburgh) and Dr Sajida Ally (Queen Mary), 'Gendered morality and health among returnee transnational migrant women in Kalpitiya, Puttalam' with a response by Dr Farzana Haniffa.

Lunch break

15.30-16.30: Discussion of the political crisis of Sri Lanka with Dr Alan Keenan, Sunil Bastian and others. *Room S2, Alison Richard Building, 7 West Road. All afternoon events will take place in Alison Richard.*

17.00-18.30: Dr B.H. Farmer Seminar, by Professor Nira Wickramasinghe (University of Leiden), 'The registration of slaves and resistance in nineteenth-century Jaffna.' *Room SG1.*

18.30: Closing Drinks at the Centre of South Asian Studies, including the opportunity to see copies of Dr Biedermann's book and copies of the recently published book 'Building, owning & belonging; from assisting owner-driven housing reconstruction to co-production in Sri Lanka, India and beyond', co-edited by Dr Shailaja Fennell (Centre of South Asian Studies).

**Please note that there is no registration fee for this workshop, however, in lieu of a registration fee, if you would like to join the speakers for lunch please let us know and this will be at your own cost in a local restaurant.*