



# Subaltern Studies: Historical World-making Thirty Years On

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Sir Roland Wilson Building 120

McCoy Circuit, ANU, Canberra

## Convenors

**Debjani Ganguly**

Humanities Research Centre  
College of Arts and Social Sciences  
The Australian National University

**Dipesh Chakrabarty**

University of Chicago

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**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

3.00-4.00pm Registration and Coffee

4.00pm Welcome

Conference Opening by Prof Anthony Low

4.30-6.00pm

**Keynote Address:**

Dipesh Chakrabarty, University of Chicago and ANU

***In Retrospect: Subaltern Studies and Futures Past***

Chair: Assa Doron

6.00-7.00pm      Drinks at Level 3, Sir Roland Wilson Building

## **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

9.30-11.00am **Thirty years On: Roundtable with Founding Members and Interlocutors**  
Chair and Moderator: Dipesh Chakrabarty, University of Chicago and ANU

David Hardiman, University of Warwick  
Kalpana Ram, Macquarie University  
Sanjay Seth, Goldsmiths College, London

11.00-11.30am Morning Coffee

11.30-12.30pm **Temporality, Archive and Subject**  
Kathleen Davis, University of Rhode Island, USA  
*Timelines: Secularity, modernity and conscience*  
Prathama Banerjee, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi  
*The Subaltern: Political Subject or Protagonist of History?*  
Chair: Debjani Ganguly

12.30-1.30pm Lunch

1.30-3.00pm **South Asia: genealogies and narratives**  
Sanjay Seth, Goldsmith's College, London  
*Revolution and History: Maoism and Subaltern Studies*  
Kama Maclean, University of New South Wales  
*Revolutionaries and Subalterns: A Tale of Two Conferences*  
Charu Gupta, University of Delhi  
*Subaltern Sexualities: Archives of Modern India*  
Chair: Assa Doron

3.00-3.30pm Afternoon Tea

3.30-5.30pm **Comparative frames: Indigenous and Settler Histories**  
Bain Attwood, Monash University  
*Subaltern Studies, Aboriginal History and the Pilbara Aboriginal Stockworkers' Strike*  
Angela Woollacott, Australian National University  
*Settler Colonialism and Postcolonial History: Re-thinking Australian Settler Society 1820s-1860s*  
Neil Roos, University of the Free State, South Africa  
*Subaltern historiography and South African history: some ideas for a radical history of white folk*

Amrita Malhi, University of South Australia

***Muslim Subjects, Muslim World: The Universal and the Political in the Malayan Forest***

Chair: Kama Maclean

7.30pm

**Conference Dinner**

Teatro Vivaldi Restaurant, ANU Arts Centre

## **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

9.30-11.00am

### **Keynote Address:**

Simon During, University of Queensland  
***Subaltern Studies and the Postcolonial Moment***

Chair: Debjani Ganguly

11.00-11.30am

Morning Coffee

11.30-1.00pm

### **South Asia: critiques and new subjectivities**

Kalpana Ram, Macquarie University  
***Justice Outside the Subaltern Paradigm***

Ursula Rao, University of New South Wales  
***The Subject of India's Unique Identity Number***

Assa Doron, Australian National University  
***Subalterns on Call: Repair economies and global commodities in contemporary North India***

Chair: Kathleen Davis

1.00-2.00pm

Lunch

2.00-3.00pm

### **Subaltern Intensities and Imaginaries**

Anand Pandian, Johns Hopkins University  
***Subaltern Forces: On the Efficacy of the Inhuman in Cultural and Historical Life***

Mridula Nath Chakraborty, University of Western Sydney  
***Ye Haath Mujhe Dede Gabbar! The dacoit as subaltern***

Chair: Ronit Ricci

3.00-3.30pm

Afternoon Tea

3.30-4.30pm

### **Global Idioms: Asylum, Abject and the Human**

Ranjana Khanna, Duke University  
***Asylum: Notes towards Alternative Subalternities***

Discussants:

Prathama Banerjee, CSDS, Delhi

Debjani Ganguly, Australian National University

4.30-5.30pm

Closing Panel

Kathleen Davis, Simon During, Assa Doron and David Hardiman.

Moderator: Debjani Ganguly