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# Global and Transregional Studies Platform

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

SSRC InterAsia Fellows' Workshop

## ***Forming Ellipses: Caste, Clientelism, Race & Religion in InterAsian Contexts***

**Wednesday 27 June**

Humboldtallee 32, Room 2.117 (for directions, click [here](#))

**RSVP Michael Dickhardt by Monday 25 June for registration ([mdickha@gwdg.de](mailto:mdickha@gwdg.de))**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

The [Inter-Asia Research Group](#) at the Global and Transregional Platform focuses on a wide range of relationships and interconnections between different parts of Asia. We explore frameworks and concepts for reconceptualizing Asia as a dynamic and interconnected formation. Funded by the US-based Social Science Research Council (SSRC), the GTS Platform is hosting four fellows for summer 2018. In this workshop we will discuss their current research using the conceptual and metaphorical movements of forming ellipses to explore the transregional, transnational and InterAsian articulations of concepts and practices central to their inquiries:

[Dr. Sanam Roohi](#), Gulf Migration and Social Mobility in Southern Andhra

[Mr. Sarthak Bagchi \(MA\)](#), Clientelism and Democratization in India & Turkey

[Dr. Sze Wei Ang](#), Concepts of Race in Asian and Asian American Literature

[Dr. William Noseworthy](#), Religion & the State in the Gulf of Thailand Zone

## Program:

Each of the fellows will have 30 minutes for their presentation, followed by a discussant's comment and a discussion. In the afternoon, a general discussion will wrap up the workshop. The fellows will circulate a paper on the topic of their presentation prior to the workshop.

09:30 – 10:00 Introduction

10:00 – 11:00 Sanam Roohi

*Between Emancipation and Exploitation: Gulf Migration and Social (Im)mobility in Southern Andhra*

11:15 – 12:15 Sarthak Bagchi

*Populists in Power: A Comparative Analysis of Trajectories of Populism and Clientelism in India and Turkey*

*Lunch*

14:00 – 15:00 Sze Wei Ang

*New Commonwealths: Rethinking Transnational Literature*

15:15 – 16:15 William Noseworthy

*Gods of the Soil: Comparative Indigenous Hinduisms in 20th Century Southeast Asia*

*Coffee break*

16:45 – 18:15 General discussion

*Get-together*

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