

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

RESPONSE, REPAIR, TRANSFORMATION



Ai Weiwei - *Remains*, 2015 (Courtesy Neugerriemschneider and the artist)

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DECEMBER 12-14, 2022

JADUNATH BHAVAN
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Project Co-convenors

Dr. Bidisha Banerjee, International Research Centre of Cultural Studies, *The Education University of Hong Kong*
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 Dr. Judith Misrahi-Barak, *EMMA, Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3*

PROGRAMME

DECEMBER 12TH, MONDAY

14:00-14:15 **Registration**

14:15-15:15 **Welcoming Speech**

By Bidisha Banerjee, Thomas Lacroix and Judith Misrahi-Barak

Presentation of the Thanatic Ethics Project and of the Special Issue of *Interventions*

15:30-16:45 **Keynote Address by Miriam Ticktin (CUNY Graduate Center)**

Borders and Commons: The Struggle over Political Imagination

Chair: Bidisha Banerjee

16:45-17:00 **Coffee Break**

17:00-18:15 **Keynote Address by Deepak Unnikrishnan (NYU Abu Dhabi)**

There Used to be Old People: A Writer's Keynote

Chair: Judith Misrahi-Barak

DECEMBER 13TH, TUESDAY

10:00-11:30 **The Representational Crisis of Death in Migration**

Chair: Justine Feyereisen

Markus Arnold (University of Cape Town)

Uncertain spaces, floating temporalities: Deleuzian disjunction and ecopoetics in *Borders* by Jean- Michel André and Wilfried N'Sondé

Félicien de Heusche (University of Liège)

Building dialogues between ethnography and graphic novel around African migrants' death in Europe

Nandini Dhar (OP Jindal Global University)

Beyond Sentimentality: Jamlo Makdam, Covid-19 Lockdown and the Crisis of Representation of Migrant Workers' Deaths in Indian Media

11:30-11:45 **Coffee Break**

11:45-13:00 **Keynote Address by Udaya Kumar (Jawaharlal Nehru University)**

Death, History and the Destitute Present: Reflections on Recent Fiction from Kerala

Chair: Nandini Dhar

13:00-14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00-15:00 **Body Materiality and Mourning**

Chair: Markus Arnold

Sanjukta Naskar (Janki Devi Memorial College)

Marichjhapi: The Massacre Within

Songayam Zimik (University of Delhi)

The Naga Migrants' Response to Death: Nostalgia and its Role in Jim Kasom's *Homecoming* and *Short Stories*

15:00-16:00 **Migrant Hauntology**

Chair: Alexandra Délano Alonso

Paolo Boccagni (University of Trento)

Where should it be, and what should it look like? Mapping migrant imaginaries, moralities and aesthetics about their "final homes"

Gargi Dutta (University of North Bengal)

Reading Death, Transformation and Ethics in Select Kala Pani Narratives

16:00-16:15 **Coffee Break**

16:15-17:45 **Crossing the Kala Pani**

Chair: Judith Misrahi-Barak

Suparna Sengupta (University of Cambridge)

Eros and Thanatos: Bodies in Incarceration in Andaman Penal Colony

Praveen Mirdha (Government Girls' College, Ajmer)

'Whispers of Immortality' from *Kalapani* Crossing: Recovering Female Bodies from 'Zones of Indistinction'

Raj Kumar Thakur (Assam University)

Journey of the Coolie: Disease, Death and The Politics of 'Care'

DECEMBER 14TH, WEDNESDAY

10:00-11:30	Rites, Rights and Activism <i>Chair: Miriam Ticktin</i> Cédric Courtois (University of Lille) Forms of Care and Solidarity in Olumide Popoola and Annie Holmes's <i>Breach</i> (2016) Florence Laldinpuui (IIT Delhi) 'Salvage his bones': Insurgent Deaths and the Ontological Commitment to the Dead through the lens of Mizo <i>Rambuai</i> Narratives AlKhoder AlKhalifa (Jawaharlal Nehru University) Staging Activism, Writing the Precarious: Death, Migration/Refugeehood and the Dilemma of Literary Activist in Hassan Blasim's <i>Digital Hats Game</i>
11:30-11:45	Coffee Break
11:45-13:00	Keynote Address by Alexandra Délano Alonso and Benjamin Nienass (The New School and Montclair State University) Public Grief and Political Transformation <i>Chair: Thomas Lacroix</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-15:30	Care and Repair <i>Chair: Udaya Kumar</i> Alexis Tadié (Sorbonne University) Writing as Repair: Hisham Matar and the Trauma of Disappearance Justine Feyereisen (Ghent University) Migrant Deaths, Rights, Repair in Transatlantic Literature Bidisha Banerjee (Education University of Hong Kong) Spectrality and Thanatic Ethics of Care
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:00	Concluding Remarks and Looking Forward by Bidisha Banerjee, Thomas Lacroix and Judith Misrahi-Barak
18:30	Conference Dinner