



# Culture, Politics and Economics of South Asian Migration

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This interdisciplinary conference seeks to promote discussion of South Asian migration. Four perspectives inform this call for papers. These are that existing studies largely:

- 1.** Downplay how different social structures compel different communities to migrate, with systemic consequences that cannot be evaluated at the level of individuals;
- 2.** Have linear understandings of migration and history, downplaying the discontinuity that exists amongst migrant practices, and formally similar practices/paths in different epochs;
- 3.** Lack an appreciation of how migration impacts community work calendars as well as the community cultural calendar, both of which are required to adapt;
- 4.** Fail to comprehend the paradoxes of identity politics, wherein some migrants receive patronage, and other communities face pressure to settle/are denied rights. Such contradictions, it would seem, require assessment in terms of the nature of different South Asian state formations.

In establishing these reference points, for discussion, the organisers seek theoretical interventions in migration studies that help inform pro-people organising. The conference aims to initiate a progressive, constructive and long-term research dialogue. Further details are at [www.indianinformationresearch.org](http://www.indianinformationresearch.org)

Interested scholars should submit their work address, provisional paper title and one-page abstract to the organising committee via [indian.formation@gmail.com](mailto:indian.formation@gmail.com)

The abstract deadline is 1st September 2010.

