



5–6 November, 2026
Kaunas, Lithuania



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Day 1

9:00-12:00 **Registration**

Lobby adjacent to the Aula

9:30-10:00 **Conference opening**

Kęstutis Baltakys, Vice-Rector for Research, Kaunas University of Technology

Ainius Lašas, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Kaunas

University of Technology

Aula

10:00-11:00 Keynote

Postcolonial Studies After Fifty Years: What Did We Learn About Encounters Between Europe and India?

Martin Farek, Technical University of Liberec, Czech Republic

Aula

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

Room 203

11:15-12:30 Panel 1, Room 213

Resistance as Method: Revisiting Postcolonial Studies by *Asia as Method*

Nga Khing Lim, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan

Feminist Utopias from Colonial South Asia

Hans Harder, Heidelberg University, Germany

Rabindranath Tagore's Critique of European Modernity and Colonialism: Toward an Alternative Humanism

Santanu Dey, Jagiellonian University, Poland



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12:30-13:45 Lunch

Room 203

13:45-15:00 Panel 2, Room 106

Czech Perceptions of Yoga and Yogis in the Course of 19th Century

Anna Vrkoslavová, Technical University of Liberec, Czech Republic

**In Search of a Golden Age: Romanticized Representations of Ancient India
in Interwar Lithuanian Written Culture**

Laurynas Kudijanovas, Vilnius University Library, Lithuania

Image of India in 19th Century Estonia

Erki Lind, University of Tartu, Estonia

15:00-16:15 – Panel 3, Room 106

**Who Moves and Why? Climate Induced Migration, Social Differentiation
and Ecological Futures**

Goma Sigdel, Kathmandu University, Nepal, Vytis Čiubrinskas, Vytautas

Magnus University, Lithuania

**European Media Portrayal of Afghan Refugees after the Taliban Takeover:
A GDELT-Based Computational Analysis**

Tommaso Greppi, University of Trento, Italy



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**Encountering South Asia Through Geography Education: Serbian
Curricula and Textbook Narratives Between Non-Alignment and
Eurocentrism**

Andjelija Ivkov Džigurski & Jelena Milankovic, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

16:15-16:30 Coffee break

Room 203

16:30-17:45 Panel 4, Room 213

**Exporting Social Reproduction: South Asian Women and Europe's Care
Crisis**

Uyen Hoang Minh Ly, York University, Canada

**Moral Economy of Social Remittances and Patterns of Remigrant Identity:
NRI Return Migration to Punjab and Haryana**

Vytis Čiubrinskas, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania & Southern Illinois
University, USA

**Europe Encountering the Other Through Cultural Diplomacy: Lithuania's
Quest for Identity and Reputation in Engagement with India**

K. B. Usha, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India



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Day 2

10:00-11:00 Panel 5, Room 106

The Politics of Temporal Difference: British Colonial Knowledge and the Construction of Indigenous Alterity in Eastern India

Sanjukta Das Gupta, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

Encounters between Europe and South Asia: Victorian Morality, the *Devadasi*, and the Anti-Nautch Movement in Colonial South India

S. Jeevanandam, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

Room 203

11:15-12:30 Panel 6, Room 106

Print, Modernity and the making of Bengali *Bhadralok*: A Study of *Bangadarshan*

Shaswati Das, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, India

Reflexive Orientalism: Zia Haider Rahman's *In the Light of What We Know*

Ivan Stacy, Mahidol University International College, Thailand

Grappling with the "Discrimination Bargain": How Is It to Be a Scholar of Colour in the European Academy?

Amrita Datta, Bielefeld University, Germany

12:30-13:45 Lunch

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13:45-14:45 Keynote

**Europe's Struggle for Identity and the Translations of Early Indology:
August Wilhelm Schlegel (Latin), Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (Flower-
Religion), Karl Heinrich Marx (Jagannath)**

John Hutnyk, Ton Duc Thang University, Vietnam

Aula

14:45-16:00 Panel 7, Room 213

**The Dialogic Construction of Tamil Saivism? An Examination of the
Saivite-Christian Debates in Nineteenth-Century Ceylon**

Arvind Kaushik, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, India

**The Enlightenment Roots of the Modern Coconceptualisation of Buddhism:
Otakar Pertold on the Evolution of Religion, Atheism, and the Rise of
Science**

Vilém Skopal, Technical University of Liberec, Czech Republic

**The Five Precepts as a Shared Ethical Framework: Buddhist Moral Values
in Europe–South Asia Interactions**

Venerable Sila Rakkhit Sraman, Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University & Wat
Paknam Phasi Charoen, Thailand

16:00-16:15 Coffee break

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16:15-17:30 Session 8, Room 213

Jordan Belson's Imagination of Eastern Cosmology in Experimental Film

Kamil Lipinski, University of Warsaw, Poland

**Reclaiming the Demonized 'Other': How *Lokah Chapter 1: Chandra*
Subverts the Global Superhero**

Ilgaz Hakman, Ankara University, Turkey

**Encountering the Tantrik "Other": Understanding Ashish Avikunthak's
Cinema of *Prayoga* through Decolonial Lens**

Runa Chakraborty Paunksnis & Šarūnas Paunksnis, Kaunas University of
Technology, Lithuania

17:30 Valedictory session, Room 213

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