

Subalternity and Difference trip to India for selected faculty, August 2009

Following our two very successful workshops on ‘Subaltern Citizens and their Histories: Investigations from India and the USA,’ which brought a number of prominent Indian scholars to the Emory campus, we are pleased to announce a reciprocal initiative that will take selected Emory faculty to India. This initiative is sponsored jointly by the Office of the Provost, the Institute of Critical International Studies (ICIS), and the ‘Subalternity and Difference in International Perspective’ component of the Race and Difference Strategic Initiative (RDI). We are planning a visit by a small group of faculty from Emory to engage in a continuing dialogue with Indian scholars on the theme of ‘Subalternity and Difference in International Perspective.’ The Emory contingent will likely visit four cities in India -- Delhi, Calcutta, Hyderabad, and Pune – during the first half of August 2009. We anticipate that the group will spend 3-4 days in each city, present their own papers (see below), and participate in workshops alongside Indian scholars working at various educational and research institutions in these cities: the Centre for Study of Developing Societies, and possibly Jawaharlal Nehru University, in Delhi; the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta; the University of Foreign Languages, Hyderabad; and the University of Pune, in Pune.

We hope to include up to six Emory faculty on the trip, in addition to the faculty organizers. Airfare and other transportation, and basic accommodation and food costs in India will be covered for all participants.

Emory faculty participants will commit themselves to writing an academic paper (20-25 pages) on any aspect of the theme ‘Subalternity and Difference,’ and to having the paper ready for circulation to colleagues in India as well as the U.S. by June 15, 2009. They need not be specialists working on India or the USA; the proposed dialogue will benefit from the presence of scholars looking at issues of subalternity and difference from other locations as well.

This notice is to invite applications from faculty members interested in participating in this academic visit to India in August 2009. Please provide the following materials:

- 1-2 page letter explaining your interest in this trip and the relevance of the theme of ‘Subalternity and Difference’ to your research interests and professional development.
- An abstract of 1-2 pages of the paper you propose to write and to present at the planned workshops in India
- An abridged CV of no more than 2-3 pages

- A letter from a professional referee

-An optional addendum of up to two pages of any further relevant material, based on past professional experience, courses taught, conferences, and so on.

Applications will be accepted from any tenure-track or tenured faculty member in Emory College. The deadline for submission of all materials is 12 noon on Monday, November 3, 2008. All materials should be submitted in one electronic WORD document attached to an e-mail with the subject line "India Trip Application" sent to Corina Domozi (cdomozi@emory.edu) by the deadline date and time. The professional referee letter can be sent separately. Late applications will not be considered.

Colleagues will be informed of the decision concerning their applications in January 2009.

A website copy of this Request for Proposals along with a background paper concerning "Subaltern Citizens and Their Histories" is available at www.icis.emory.edu/indiatrip/index.php.

Thank you for your interest.

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