

Program 20th IALS Conference, 5th-8th October, 2023 Leh, Ladakh & Heidelberg University, Germany

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Thursday

2–3 p.m. Registration
3–6 p.m. Heidelberg City Tour
6:30 p.m. Registration & Ice Breaker

Friday

8:30–9 a.m. (CET) Tea 9–9:20 a.m. (CET) Opening

12:30–12:50 p.m. (IST)

9:20–9:50 a.m. (CET) **KEYNOTE LECTURE** 12:50–1:20 p.m. (IST) **John Bray**

Indian Independence, 'New Kashmir' and Ladakhi Christianity in the Early 1950s

9:50—11:10 a.m. (CET) 1:20—2:40 p.m. (IST) CLIMATE CHANGE Sonam Wangchok

Climate Rituals: Traditional Response for Climate Change Adaptations in Ladakh Tsering Dolma, Kunzes Dolma, Amita Rawa, O.P. Chaurasia & Tsering Stobdan

Passive Solar Ladakh Greenhouse: Addressing the Challenge of Hidden Hunger in Ladakh

Palden Dhondup

Sustainable Development the only future for Ladakh :Effects and possible strategies Disket Angmo, Dechen Dolkar, Puntsok Namgyal, Padma Rigzin, Stanzin Mingur, Kausar Haider & Nancy Chin

Climate Change and Resilience in Ladakh: A Photovoice Project

11:10–11:40 a.m. (CET)

Tea Break/Lunch Break

2:40–3:10 p.m. (IST) 11:40–1:40 p.m. (CET)

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3:10–5:10 p.m. (IST)

HEALTH, GENDER & HUMAN SECURITY

Rinchen Angmo & Farhana Yasmeen

Impact of COVID-19 in Ladakh

Kacho Akbar Khan

Examining the robustness of the immune system of the people of Ladakh

Barbara Gerke

"Our loved-ones are being burnt alive!" — Buddhism, Medicine, Pandemic Deaths and new Hospice Movements in Ladakh, India

Calum Blaikie

Sowa Rigpa from the margins to the mainstream

Adina Ara

Impact of Higher Degree of Market Integration on Economic Security and Social Capital: Empirical Evidence from Pastoral-Nomadic Community of Changthang, Ladakh

Farana Salam

Construction of gender through folktales: a study of Ladakh

1:40-2:10 p.m. (CET)

Lunch Break/Tea Break

5:10–5:40 p.m. (IST) 2:10–3:50 p.m. (CET)

CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN URBAN SPACES AND WATER Altaf Hussain, Susanne Schmidt & Marcus Nüsser

5:40-7:20 p.m. (IST)

Urban Dynamics in the Mountain Town of Kargil, Ladakh in the Indian Trans-Himalaya

Judith Müller, Juliane Dame, Susanne Schmidt & Marcus Nüsser

The urban mountain waterscape of Leh

Kunzang Angmo

Concepts of Water in Ladakh Himalaya: A Case Study of Socio-Environmental Challenges and Adaptation Strategies

Mohd Soheb, Peter Bastian, Marcus Nüsser & Susanne Schmidt

Visible and invisible water resources of Ladakh – A case study from Stok valley

Dagmar Brombierstäudl, Susanne Schmidt & Marcus Nüsser

Aufeis in the Upper Indus Basin – Compilation of the first inventory based on satellite imagery

3:50–10 p.m. (CET) Soci

Social Program & Dinner

Saturday

8:30–9 a.m. Coffee

9:00—11:00 a.m. (CET)

HISTORY & HERITAGE

12:30-2:30 p.m. (IST)

Quentin Devers, Tashi Ldawa Thsangspa, Viraf Mehta & Sonam Choldan Gasha

The petroglyphs of Ladakh: revival of a beautifully rich history

Stanzin Tsetan

A Study to Unearth the Ancient Iconography and Significance of a 2500-Year-Old Monastery;

Phugthar Galdan Zangpoling

Mohd Sadiq Hardassi

The influence of Bonism in Ladakh

Lobzang Samdup

Heritage sites in Nubra Valley

John Harrison

Conservation of Architectural Heritage in Ladakh

Phunstog Angmo

Dogra Subjugation and Colonial Intervention: Ladakh in the 19th Century: An Epochal Phase

11:00–11:40 a.m. (CET) 2:30–3:10 p.m. (IST) Tea Break/Lunch

2:30–3:10 p.m. (IST) 11:40–1:20 p.m. (CET)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

3:10–4:50 p.m. (IST) Blaise Humbert-Droz

Sustainability of Ladakh's Ecosystems and Livelihoods: Challenges and New Opportunities

Deachan Chuskit, Nazia Parveen, Swati & O P Chaurasia

Poultry Rearing: A Challenge and an opportunity in High-Altitude of Leh-Ladakh region

Mohammad Asim

Exploring the intersection of traditional knowledge systems and sustainable development goals in Ladakh's high mountain Balti community: An analysis of interdisciplinary dialogue and its potential for promoting sustainable development.

Sophie Day

Rendering futures

Kunzes Dolma

Gender and Energy in the future of Ladakh

1:20-2:00 p.m. (CET)

4:50-5:30 p.m. (IST)

2:00-3:20 p.m. (CET)

Lunch Break/Tea Break

NEGOTIATING IDENTITY AND CHANGE I

5:30–7:10 p.m. (IST) Martijn van Beek

Tulku, Soldier, Spy? The Curious Case of the Tibetan Tulku of Thikse

Abhimanyu Pandey

Spiti as a 'tribal area': interrogating local control and apprehensions around development in Ladakh's Himachali neighbour

Kesang Thakur

'We need unity like the Ladakhis': The Desires to be alive in Lahaul

Sara Geyskens

Buddhist Nunneries Around Leh: Created and Destroyed by Modernity?

Estelle Atlan

Dynamics of cultural innovation in the Buddhist Monasteries of Ladakh

3:20-3:40 p.m. (CET)

7:10-7:30 p.m. (IST)

3:40–5:20 p.m. (CET) 7:30–9:10 p.m. (IST)

Tea Break

NEGOTIATING IDENTITY AND CHANGE II

Proletina Robova & Aleksandar Bogdanov

Purity in the Age of Pollution: Perceptions of Change among the Brogpa of Ladakh

Mukhtar Ahmad Zahid

Migration and Ancient belief of Shin Dard People of Karkit-Drass Ladakh

DECREE LETTERS & PHOTOGRAPHY AS HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

Michaela Appel

Two German Perspectives on Ladakh from the Early 20th Century

Marcus Nüsser

Ladakh revisited: Using Repeat photography to assess environmental change

Lobsang Chuki

The Research Status and Significance of Decree Letters in Ladakh

Oral roots to Digital Branches: The Evolution of Ladakhi Musical Tradition

7:00 p.m.

Conference Dinner

Sunday

9:00–11:00 a.m.

12:30-2:30 p.m. (IST)

General Meeting of IALS

Elections Executive and Advisory Committee

11:00 a.m.

Optional: Visit of the BUGA