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WORKSHOP

CEREAL CULTURES IN SOUTH AND
CENTRAL ASIA

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DESCRIPTION

Cereal Cultures is an international and interdisciplinary collaborative research project studying human engagements with rice, millets and wheat in South Asia (Odisha) and Kazakhstan. It combines three projects that are separately funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Dutch Research Council (NWO). Two of these projects explicitly focus on the changing roles of millets in local communities of Odisha, combining anthropological and archaeobotanical perspectives. One of these projects is *Salvage Crops, "Savage" People: A comparative anthropological and archaeobotanical investigation of Millet Assemblages in India* (NWO) and is led by Peter Berger and René Cappers. Roland Hardenberg is the project leader of the second, complementary, project, which bears the title *From "poor man's food" to "nutri-cereals". On the Emergence of a New Millet Assemblage in Odisha, India* (DFG). The third project — *ResourceCultures of Rice and Wheat in South and Central Asia. Religious and (agro-) economic dimensions of cereals* — is also led by Roland Hardenberg and part of the larger Collaborative Research Center on Resource Cultures (SFB 1070). It has been devised by Roland Hardenberg, Peter Berger and Jeanine Dageyeli. All three projects have been jointly designed and therefore have a strong conceptual and methodological consistency.

This workshop aims at discussing preliminary results of the research done so far and will address various other topics that are crucial for the further execution of the project (collaboration, International Year of Millets 2023, publications, knowledge dissemination, societal impact, among other things).

PROGRAM

FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

09.00-09.15

Introduction - Academy Building, Zernike Room

09.15-11.15

Session I: Jeanine Dageyeli (chair) - Zernike Room

09.15-10.00

Sonja Filatova & René Cappers - Modeling crop assemblages and collecting relevant material during fieldwork

10.00-10.45

Togzhan Utetileuova - Not far from the Soviet Union: the pursuit of perfect (hybrid)seeds and reindustrialization in North Kazakhstan's wheat fields

10.45-11.15

Coffee break

11.15-14.00

Session II: Sonja Filatova (chair) - Zernike Room

11.15-12.00

Suneet Kumar - Usage of rice in rituals and meaning-making of the 'socio-cosmic' world of Jodia-Poraja

12.00-12.45

Indhubala Kesavan - A preliminary account on the socio-historic aspects in the making of the 'rice bowl' of Odisha

12.45-14.00

Lunch

14.00-15.30

Session III: Roland Hardenberg (chair) - Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, room 123

14.00-14.30

Discussion

14.30-15.15

Tom Spits - Open Online Course (MOOC)

15.15-15.30

Coffee break

15.30-17.30

Session IV: Peter Berger (chair) - room 123

15.30-17.00

Business meeting - see agenda

17.00-17.15

Roland Hardenberg - Recent work in the Cora DuBois Archives

17.15-17.30

Sabita Acharya - Social science research at Utkal University

18.30

Dinner

PROGRAM

SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER

09.00-11.00

Session I: Sabita Acharya (chair) - Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, court room

09.00-09.45

Shilanjani Bhattacharyya - Musing the mundane: Mediations of millet-'making' among Kondhs of Highland Odisha

09.45-10.30

Ashutosh Kumar - An Overview of Didayi Shifting Cultivators and their Lifeworld

10.30-11.00

Coffee break

11.00-13.30

Session II: René Cappers (chair) - court room

11.00-11.45

Bijayini Mohanty - The Socio-Cultural bonding of Millets with the Sauras of Gajapati District

11.45-12.30

Nidhi Trivedi - Locating the Parenga in their Everyday

12.30-13.30

Lunch

13.30-16.00

Session III: Peter Berger (chair) - court room

13.30-14.30

Discussion preliminary results

14.30-15.30

Business meeting - continued

15.30-16.00

Break

16.00-18.00

Session IV: Roland Hardenberg (chair) - court room

16.00-17.30

Ethnographic film by Tara Purnima: *The Wancho Animation Workshop and the Story of the Gourd* - discussion on film and future plans for the project documentary

17.30-18.00

Conclusion of workshop/looking ahead

19.00

Dinner

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