ONLINE CONFERENCE

TEMPLE CULTURES & PREMODERN WORLDS
across South Asia and the Indian Ocean

SEPTEMBER 1–3, 2021 | SEPTEMBER 15–17, 2021

Please note: the times indicated refer to EST (Eastern Standard Time)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:30–11:00 AM
Roundtable and Book Forum
Daud Ali (U-Penn), Nachiket Chanchani (U-Michigan), and Sugata Ray (UC Berkeley) in conversation with Vidya Dehejia (Columbia) on Temple Cultures in Premodern Worlds.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:30 AM
Welcome and Introduction
Subhashini Kaligotla (Yale) and Hannah Baader (Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz – Max-Planck-Institut)

10:00 AM
James McHugh (USC-Dornsife) | Alcohol Culture and Indian Temples

Break

11:00 AM
Pushkar Sohoni (IISER Pune) | Yadava Temples, Before and After

11:45 AM
Madhuri Desai (Penn State) | The Mughal Temple in Banaras

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 AM
Andrea Acri (EPHE) | A Buddhist Bhairava? Kṛṣṇanagara’s Icons against the Backdrop of Pan-Asian Late Tantric Buddhism (13th–14th Centuries CE)

9:45 AM
Naman Ahuja (JNU Delhi) | Self-Reflecting & Reflecting the Self in the Other: Mirrors in Hindu Iconography and Rituals

Break

10:45 AM
Katherine Kasdorf (DIA) | Temples and Urban Experience in Premodern South Asia: Monuments for the City

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00–10:30 AM
Indian Textiles for Island Taste – Cloth in early Indian Ocean Trade
Ruth Barnes, Thomas Jaffe Curator of Indo-Pacific Art
Yale University Art Gallery
**Break**

10:45 AM–12:15 PM

**Digital Approaches to Temple Environments**
Divya Kumar-Dumas (ISAW), Mohit Manohar (Yale), Pushkar Sohoni (IISER-Pune)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

9:00 AM
Emma Flatt (UNC) | Commensurable Cosmologies and Cosmographies in Sultanate Deccan

9:45 AM
Whitney Cox (U-Chicago) | Seeing Double: The Tantrāloka, the Brhadiśvara Temple and the History of Medieval Śaivism

**Break**

10:45 AM
Anna Seastrand (U-Minnesota) | Heaven is a Gopura

11:30 AM
Julie Hanlon (U-Chicago) | Written in Stone: Negotiating Space and Religious Identity

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

9:00 AM
Pia Brancaccio (Drexel) | The Stupa at Sopara: Looking Beyond the Buddhist Remains

9:45 AM
Kathleen Morrison (U-Penn) | Landscape as Temple: Ideologies of Food, Water, and Irrigation in Middle Period Southern India

**Break**

10:45 AM
Tamara Sears (Rutgers) | Remaking Konark in the 20th Century: Postcolonial Revivalism and the Troubling Persistence of India’s Plastic Past

11:30 AM
**Concluding Remarks and Discussion**
Richard Davis (Bard)