

Panel 29: Histories of Science and Technology in Twentieth Century South Asia

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Abstract: This panel will address the concerns of scholars writing the contemporary and recent history of science/ scientific practice in South Asian countries. This panel is an attempt to articulate an agenda for contemporary historians of science of/ in the sub-continent. We recognise that there are an increasing number of younger scholars working in the field of contemporary history of science, technology, medicine, and environment of the sub-continent. However, we are also convinced that the time is now ripe to call for a concerted effort to draw these scholars together. The panel will be grounded in historical questions while drawing on ideas/methods from other disciplines. The questions that we are interested include (but are not limited to) national identity, transnational processes, knowledge production, material culture and the relationship between knowledge and authority.

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