

## **Ritual, Art and Language: Making Indigenous Polities in India**

Schedule for the conference to be held in Fraueninsel, Germany, January 4-6, 2011

### **Monday Jan 3:** Arrival of Participants

7 p.m. Dinner together in Munich

### **Tuesday Jan 4:**

9:00 a.m. Depart for Fraueninsel

12:00 p.m. Welcome and Lunch (Frank Heidemann and Richard Wolf)

#### **Session 1: Ritual**

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Babiracki, Carol (Syracuse University, USA):

“Women at a Distance: The New ‘Others’ of the Urban Akhra”

Bird-David, Nurit (University of Haifa, Israel)

“Performing indigeneity: On colonial, post-colonial and local actors in the long-run play of Nayaka ethnic identity”

3:00-3:30 p.m. coffee break

#### **Session 2: Concept and Strategy**

3:30-5:45 p.m.

Berger, Peter (Groningen University, Netherlands):

“The constitution of indigeneity among the Gadaba of Highland Orissa”

Heidemann, Frank (University of Munich, Germany)

“Memorandums and Petitions: The Badaga Case”

Pfeffer, Georg (Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany)

“Middle Indian Communities: Who Claims What and Who Manipulates How”

6:00 p.m. Dinner

**Wednesday Jan 5:**

**Session 3: Language and Verbal Art**

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Coelho, Gail (Delhi University, India)

"Placing Indigeneity: Betta Kurumba narratives of territory and clan" structure"

Wolf, Richard (Harvard University)

"Tribal and Modern Voices in South Indian Kota Society"

10:30-11:30 a.m. Tanka Subba (North Eastern Hill University)

Open Discussion: Indigeneity in Context

12:00 Lunch

**Session 4: Music and activism**

1:30- 4:00 p.m.

Munda, Ram Dayal (Ranchi University, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India)

"Rituals of a Tribal State: Performance in the New Jharkhand"

Nayak, Mukund (Musician and activist, Jharkhand, India)

"Ghasi Musicians in the Jharkhand Movement and Its Aftermath"

Prevot, Nicolas (Nanterre University, Paris)

"With Feathers and Bison Horns: "Making it More Tribal" for Ghotul Dance Competitions in Bastar, Chhattisgarh"

4:00-4:30 p.m coffee break

4:30-6:00 Musical Demonstration and Discussion

6:00 p.m. Dinner

## **Thursday Jan 6**

### **Session 5: Ethnohistory**

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Vasamalli, P. (Toda activist, Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu, India)

“The impact of Toda media representation on their indigenous movement”

Schnepel, Burkhard (University of Halle, Germany)

“The Contact Zone: Ethnohistorical Notes on the Relationship between Kings and Tribes in Eastern India”

10.30-10:45 coffee break

### **Session 6: Wrapup**

10:45-11:45 p.m.

Tanka Subba (NE Hill University) and Philip Zehmisch (University of Munich):

Discussion and comments (on whole conference)

12:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Frank Heidemann (University of Munich) and Richard Wolf (Harvard University)

Final comments, open discussion

Structuring the conference volume

2:30 p.m. Travel to Munich