

**Law and Life in South Asia conference**  
**Yale University, New Haven**  
**Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue**  
**May 11 & 12, 2006**

May 11 - (Thurs)	8:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
	9:00	Introduction, Thomas Blom Hansen (Yale)
	9:15-10:15	1 <sup>st</sup> Keynote Lecture Marc Galanter (University of Wisconsin) <i>"Everyday Law: the lower tier of India's two-tier legal system"</i>
	10:15-10:45	Question and Answer
	10:45	BREAK
	11:15-1PM	Session I Ranabir Samaddar (Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group) <i>"Evidence and the Hermeneutics of Law"</i> Thomas Blom Hansen (Yale), Discussant  Alexander Fischer (SOAS) <i>"Constitutional Ethnography of Modern India: The Legal Lives of the Right to Life"</i> Vrinda Grover (NYU), Discussant
	1 – 2PM	Lunch at Luce Hall (Swagat) (Rms 102 & 103)
	2:00-3:45	Session II Radhika Singha, (JNU & Yale) <i>"Desperate and dangerous: Policing bad Character in colonial India"</i> Kushanava Choudhury (Yale), discussant  Kriti Kapila (LSE) <i>"Courts, Councils and Certificates: Registers of Legal Government in North India"</i> Ajay Gandhi (Yale), Discussant
	3:45	BREAK
	4:15-6PM	Session III Laura Bear (LSE) <i>"Ethical Biographies and Extra-Legal Spaces: Tales of Justice and Life in Petitions to the Agent from Railway Workers on the East Indian Railway, 1930-1947"</i> Manu Goswami (NYU), discussant

Anupama Rao (Barnard)  
*"Commensuration and Commemoration: Two Models of Justice"*  
Karuna Mantena (Yale), Discussant

6:00 – 7:30 Reception/snacks, bar (Luce Common Room)

May 12  
(Fri)

8:30am Continental Breakfast

9:15-10:15 2<sup>nd</sup> Keynote Lecture  
Veena Das (Johns Hopkins)  
*"Intimacy, Normativity, and Regulation"*

10:15-10:45 Question and Answer

10:45 BREAK

11:15-1PM Session I

Arvind Narain (Alternative Law Forum)  
*"Sec 377, normative sexuality and its discontents"*  
Nandini Deo (Yale), discussant

Sarah Pinto (Tufts)  
*"Suitable Bodies, Legible Bodies: Vulnerability and Citizenship in Two Frames of Reproduction"*  
Nivedita Menon (NYU), discussant

1 – 2PM Lunch at SOM

2:00-3:45 Session II  
Flavia Agnes (Majlis)  
*"Sexuality, Morality and Ethics - the Case of the Bar Dancer of Mumbai"*  
Veronique Benei (Yale), Discussant

Perveez Mody (Cambridge)  
*"The moral economy of the law: Love, sexuality and marriage in Delhi"*  
Srirupa Roy (Amherst & Yale)

3:45 BREAK

4:15-6PM Session III  
Richard Whitecross (Edinburgh)  
*"In the hands of the children": in the shadow of the Convention on the Rights of the Child"*  
Rohit De (Yale), discussant

Sylvia Vatuk

*“Maintenance for Divorced Women after the Muslim Women's Act  
1986: A View from the Lower Courts”*

Aditya Nigam (JNU & Princeton), discussant

7pm

Dinner at Bentara