

Call for papers:

Turning the Page: New Directions in South Asian Book History

A two-day workshop at the University of Chicago Center in Delhi.

March 9-10, 2017

In March 2017, the University of Chicago Center in Delhi will host a two-day workshop on South Asian book history organized jointly by members of the Dept. of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, and Prof. Abhijit Gupta, Dept. of English, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. We invite early career scholars and researchers based in South Asia, as well as South Asian doctoral students currently completing their PhDs to submit proposals for the workshop. A presentation may be on any aspect of book history, from any period and in any language, as long as it pertains to the region of South Asia. Presentations that connect the book history of South Asia to other geographical and cultural regions are also encouraged.

Over the past two decades, book history and print culture studies has become established as one of the most productive and dynamic fields of research within South Asian Studies, mirroring the rise of the History of the Book as a discipline in the global academy. South Asian book history has helped shape debates about the nature of the book, manuscript and print cultures, and the histories of writing and reading not only in the Indian subcontinent but also with regard to other regions and cultures. This workshop will bring together young researchers and established scholars working in both pre-modern and modern book history to share their work, assess the state of the discipline, and plot a course for future cooperative projects.

Format:

This two-day workshop will provide an opportunity for scholars to present their work and receive feedback from other participants. Individual presentations will last 30 minutes, followed by 15 minutes for discussion. Renowned South Asian bibliographer and book historian Graham Shaw will give the keynote address on the evening of March 9th. Presenting participants will receive domestic round-trip travel and two nights of accommodation in Delhi, as well as meals for the duration of the conference.

Proposals:

Proposals should be submitted no later than **25th November 2016**, and should include:

- 1) An abstract of no more than 500 words outlining your research presentation.
- 2) A current curriculum vitae.
- 3) A completed contact information form, available at the end of this document or at: http://home.uchicago.edu/~twilliams/tww_uchicago/cfp_turning_page.pdf

Please email these materials to Ishani Palandurkar at ishanip@uchicago.edu with “Turning the Page Proposal” in the subject line.

Proposals may also be sent via mail to the following address:

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