

**Preliminary Program**  
**Conference “Monsoon Feelings”**  
**25-27 June 2015**

**Thursday, 25 June**

14.00 Welcome and Introduction (Katherine Butler Schofield/ Margrit Pernau/ Imke Rajamani)

***First Panel: Literature (Chair: Kedar Kulkarni)***

14.15 Sunil Sharma  
*“The Spring of Hindustan”: Love and War during the Monsoon in Early Indo-Persian Court Poetry*

15.00 Richard Williams  
*A Theology of Feeling: the Rādhāvallabhī Monsoon in the Eighteenth Century*

15.45-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 Francesca Orsini  
*Clouds, Peacocks and an Empty Bed. Emotions in Hindi-Urdu bārahmāsās*

18.00 Vidya Rao  
*A Meeting of Earth and Sky: Songs from the Thumri and Folk Music Repertoire* (public Lecture)

20.00 Conference Dinner (Restaurant Michelangelo)

**Friday, 26 June**

***Second Panel: Music (Chair: Ricarda Kopal)***

9.00 Katherine Butler Schofield / David Lunn  
*Gauṇḍ with the Wind: Affect, Effect, & the History of a Missing Monsoon Raga*

9.45 Laura Leante  
*The Cuckoo’s Song: Imagery and Movement in Monsoon Rāgs*

10.30-10.45 Coffee Break

***Third Panel: Painting and Architecture/Garden (Chair: Claus-Peter Haase)***

10.45 Molly Aitken  
*Dark and Overwhelming yet Joyful: the Monsoon in Rajput Painting*

11.30 Catherine B. Asher

*"It is a Day for Enjoyment and Revelry": The Monsoon Garden*

12.15 Dipti Khera

*"Joys Rain Down, Pleasures Thunder like Rain Clouds": A View on Aesthetics and Spaces of Lakes and Lake Palaces from Udaipur*

13.00-13.45 Lunch

***Fourth Panel: Film (Chair: Monika Freier)***

13.45 Rachel Dwyer

*Singing in the rain: Bombay barsaat/Mumbai monsoon*

14.30 Imke Rajamani

*Making rain with love: Monsoon feelings in the Hindi film Thoda Sa Roomani Ho Jaayen*

16.00 - 17.00 *Berlin Ragamalas*

19.00 Cooking Party

**Saturday, 27 June**

***Fifth Panel: Climate and the Body (Chair: Joel Lee)***

9.30 Claudia Preckel

*"An Abundance of Yellow Bile": Monsoon in Unani Medical Literature*

10.15 Rachel Berger

*Feeling under the Weather: Affect, Ayurveda and Empire in Colonial India*

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

***Sixth Panel: Public Culture (Chair: Joel Lee)***

11.30 Margrit Pernau

*Celebrating the rains: the flower-sellers' festival in Delhi*

12.15-13.30 Lunch (Fingerfood)

***13.30-14.30 Final Discussion***