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**