

About the Symposium

The legacy of India's connections with Africa is receiving exponential attention. African-Indians (Siddis) have received increasing media and academic attention as they gradually rediscover their African links. New memoirs written by Indian-Africans capture transregional imaginaries and memories. Revisions of Mahatma Gandhi's legacy are evolving in South Africa and Ghana as both countries struggle with revisionist discourses regarding commemorating Gandhi's legacy. In East Africa, especially due to initiatives emanating in Kenya, the legacy of East African-Asians is on the spotlight. In India, social relations amongst Indians and Africans have been threatened by misunderstanding that has resulted in violent confrontations. In the symposium organized, we intend to grapple with the role of transregional Afrasian entanglements in understanding the current dynamics and future perspectives of India-Africa relations. We invite contributions relating to the foregoing summary and beyond in fields such as political science, anthropology, history, memory studies as well as cultural and literary studies.

Eminent Speakers

Prof. Dan Ojwang

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Kenyatta University, Literature Department, Kenya

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Mr. Pheroze Nowrojee

Nairobi, Kenya

Rev. Edwin Lawrence Demla

Retired Reverend of St. Paul's Church, Rabai, Kenya

Kanya Padayachee

Educationist, Gandhi Development Trust, PhD candidate &
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Documentary Filmmaker, Photojournalist, Kenya

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Associate Professor, Centre for African Studies,
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Public intellectual, Radio broadcaster, Kenya

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Wednesday 27th June, 2018

Venue: ICSSR Conference Hall,
University of Mumbai, Kalina



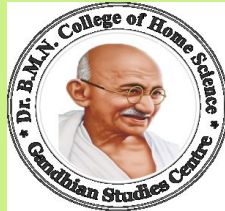
About the Organisers

Gandhian Studies Centre, Dr. B.M.N. College of Home Science



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In June 2013, the college instituted a Gandhian Studies Centre with a grant sanctioned by the University Grants Commission, Delhi. The Centre conducts multiple sensitization programs to create an understanding and appreciation of Gandhian philosophy in all walks of life. It has also undertaken research projects related to the life and teachings of the Mahatma. The Centre has instituted the Late Shri Mohanlal Pathak annual endowment lecture series from 2018.



AFRASO



AFRASO (Africa's Asian Options) is an inter-centre transdisciplinary project on new African-Asian interactions based at the Goethe University Frankfurt. It is supported by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). For a period of six years, 2013-2019, AFRASO is organized by two area studies centers: ZIAF (Center for Interdisciplinary African Studies) and IZO (Interdisciplinary Center for East Asian Studies). AFRASO is set up as a major research project with national and international scope focusing on the complexity of African-Asian interactions. It is generating new knowledge on contents, forms, and implications of interactions between African and Asian protagonists on both continents and contributes to an innovative reconceptualization of Area Studies through its transregional focus on Afrasian spaces.



CoHaB IDC, University of Mumbai

The CoHaB IDC is the second phase of the Diasporic Construction of Home and Belonging (CoHaB) programme at the University of Mumbai. CoHaB was initiated in 2012 as a Multidisciplinary International research programme under the auspices of the European Union's Marie Curie Innovative Training Networks. The CoHaB project also has three associate partners the Centre for Advanced Studies in India (CASII), India, The Migration Policy Group, Belgium and the Cabinet d'Avocats, France.

CoHaB IDC functions as a Resource Centre and also regularly invites research scholars from across the nation and the globe for workshops, talks and seminars. Its objective is to promote studies on the Indian Diaspora. Research scholars from around the world are welcomed to the centre and their projects are facilitated through contacts with scholars, writers and activists in diverse fields of Diaspora Studies.

