

# *1725* **HISTORICAL & CONTEMPORARY LINKS** *to 2025* **BETWEEN SCOTLAND AND SOUTH ASIA**

## Symposium Schedule

14 April 2026, 9 AM - 5 PM, IASH, 2 Hope Park Square

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM: Panel 1

*300 Years of Changing Perceptions of India and Indians in Edinburgh*

Roger Jeffery, Professor Emeritus in Sociology at the School of Social and Political Science, and Associate Director of the Edinburgh India Institute, University of Edinburgh

*Rabindranath Tagore and the Scottish Interchange: A Transformative Encounter*

Bashabi Fraser, Professor Emerita of English and Creating Writing, and Director of The Scottish Centre of Tagore Studies, Edinburgh Napier University

*Edinburgh, Paris, Muzaffarpur: The Indian Revolutionary Movement in Europe, 1905-1918*

Ole Birk Laursen, Research Communicator, Astral Sciences in Trans-Regional Asia (ASTRA), Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

11:45 AM to 12:00 PM: Piano Interlude

*Resonant Legacies*

Mirra Kannan, Conservator and Piano technician, Historic Environment Scotland

12:00 PM to 1:15 PM: Documentary Film Screening and Q&A

*Across the Waters (2004), Fragments of a Love Story (2011)*

Sana Bilgrami, Programme leader - Creative Documentary Filmmaking, Edinburgh Napier University



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1:15 PM to 2:00 PM: Lunch

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM: Panel 2

*Education, Caste, and Empire: Scottish Intermediaries and Anti-Caste Mobilisation in Colonial India*

Aniruddha Mahajan, Doctoral scholar, University of Edinburgh

*A Tenement, a Warehouse, a Miners Welfare Club: Exploring Place and Architecture through Scotland's South Asian Places of Worship*

Puravi Kumar, Doctoral scholar, University of Edinburgh and Historic Environment Scotland

*The Pedagogy of the Second-Hand: Internal Colonialism, the 'Scottish Predator', and the 'Landa' Hegemony in South Asia*

Shokat Ali, Doctoral scholar, International Islamic University, Islamabad (online presentation)

*Sri Lankan Religious Architecture and the Making of Belonging in Scottish Cities*

Apala Vatsa, Associate Professor, Manav Rachna University, Faridabad (online presentation)

3:30 PM to 5 PM: Walking Tour

Walking tour of Edinburgh city centre, with a focus on 3 sites and landmarks in the city that reflect the speakers' presentations and materially reflect the longitudinal history of South Asia in Scotland.

5 PM: Drinks Reception at IASH

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