Keynotes, Plenaries & Invited Lectures

2023 'Vulnerability beyond Victimhood: The Migrant Experience' (hosted by Pramod Nayar), UNESCO Chair for Vulnerability Studies Series, University of Hyderabad, India, November 8. 2023 'Groundless Existence: Ethnics and Agency in Contemporary Migration' (hosted by Harshana Rambukwella), New York University Abu Dhabi, October 3-4. 2023 'At Home on the Road: The Migrant Ethics of Unbelonging', Department of Cultural Studies Seminar, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India, July 28. 2023 'Negotiating Proximity: The Migrant Experience', Roundtable (with AbdulMaliq Simone, et al.) Department of Anglophone Literatures, University of Tübingen, July 10. 2023 (Chair & Moderation) 'Parallel Genealogies', Caryl Phillips's Genealogies Symposium (hosted by Delphine Munos), University of Liège, June 15. 'The Right to Un-belong: Ethics and Aesthetics of Migrant Literature', 2023 Transculturalisms Seminar Series, Sorbonne Université, Paris, May 25. 2023 Keynote, 'Familiar Foes: Lovers, Rebels, and the Intimacy of Violence in Global Anglophone Literatures', Representations of Violence in Literature and Other Media Conference, Ghent University, Belgium, May 5. 'Vagrant Lives: The Poetics and Politics of Contemporary Migration', 2023 Research Center for Postcolonial Studies (CEREP) Seminar, The University of Liège, May 4. Plenary, 'The Belated Arrival of the Messiah' Inkarnationswochenende 2023 (hosted by Tom McCarthy) The DAAD Artists-in-Berlin Program, March 31 – April1. 2023 'Of Subalterns and Storytellers: Agency and Victimhood in Postcolonial Studies', Decolonializing Knowledge Lecture Series (hosted by Prof. Dr. Greta Olsen), University of Giessen, January 23. 2022 Plenary, 'The Conflict of Democracies' (with Harsh Mander, Priyamvada Gopal and Nandini Sunder), St. Paul's Church, Frankfurt am Main, November 10-11. Plenary, 'Opening Address: Global South and the Frankfurt School', The 2022 Postcolonial Studies Association of the Global South (PSAGS) Annual Meeting, Institute of Language Studies and Research (ILSR), Kolkata, India, December 11.

2022 Discussant, 'Narrating Terror: Boko Haram Terrorism in Literature, Film, and Media (Part I and II)', Lagos Studies Association Conference, University of Lagos, June 25. 2022 Plenary, 'The Emotional Logic of Postsecular Populism', Post-Truth Politics: Silencing, Violence and Resistance in Public Debate Symposium, University of Birmingham, September 28. 2022 Workshop Lead (with Ananya Kabir and Ari Gautier) 'Postcolonial Methods Lab', Configurations of Film, Graduiertenkolleg, Frankfurt, July 21–22. 2021 'Bonds of Terror: Orientalist Construction of India through Violence', Contemporary Indian English Writing Seminar (hosted by Prof. Dr. Jan Rupp), University of Wuppertal, June 15. 2021 'Salman Rushdie and the Performance of (Cinematic) Autobiography', Masks Lecture Series, Department of Film and Media, University of Mainz, February 12. Plenary, 'Global Humanities Curriculum Workshop' (hosted by Homi K. 2019 Bhabha), Volkswagen Foundation, Herrenhausen, Hannover, September 8– 9. 2019 Plenary, 'The Novel of Myanmar', Oxford History of The Novel, South and Southeast Asia Symposium, Anthony Burgess Foundation, Manchester, June 25. 2019 'Precarious Riches: Oil, Insurgency and Violence in Nigerian Literature', Postcolonial Precarity Conference, Auro University, Surat, India, January 27-29. 2018 'Postsecular Longings?', Department of Sociology Monthly Seminar Series, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, January 23. 2018 'Orientalism and Terrorism: Contemporary Perspectives', Postcolonial Literary Studies Seminar (hosted by Prof. Dr. Ana Sobral) University of Zurich, December 13. 2018 'Public Religiosity and Postsecularism in Indian Cinema', Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India, January 30. 2018 'Current Issues in Teaching India', Lehrerfortbildung/ Teacher Education Workshop, University of Bonn, November 13. 2017 Plenary, 'Playing God: Gurus, Yogis, and Postsecular Cults'. Performing Postcolonialisms, GAPS Summer Academy, Goethe University Frankfurt, September 4–8. 2017 Discussant, 'MSA Forward: Doctoral Students Panel', Memory Studies Association Second Conference, Copenhagen, December 14–16.

Keynote, 'Towards Post-Terrorism? From Orientalism to Divine Violence', 2016 Framing Violence: A Multidisciplinary Symposium on Theorizing Frames, John F. Kennedy Institute, Berlin, July 1-2. 2016 Discussant, New Directions and Challenges in Cultural Memory Studies: Past, Present, Future, GCSC University of Giessen, June 15. 2016 'Cultures of Death: From Biopolitics to Thanatopolitics', in Cultures of Fear Seminar (hosted by Prof. Dr. Micheal Frank), University of Düsseldorf, July 13. 2016 'Marxism, Mass Movements and Ethnic Solidarity in Sri Lanka's JVP Uprising', Youth and Socialism Transnational Perspectives Conference, University of Zurich, May 6-8. 2016 'Towards Post-Terrorism: Ecology, Insurgency and Cultures of Violence in Postcolonial Literature' DFG Network 'Environmental Crisis and the Transitional Imagination' (hosted by Prof. Dr. Timo Müller), Rachel Carson Center, Munich, February 20. 2015 'Terrorism and Political Violence: A Critical Introduction', Monthly Seminar Series, UWC Robert Bosch College, Freiburg, April 27. 2015 Summer School Lead, 'Energy Security and the War on Terror: Ecology and Insurgency in the Postcolonial World', World Border Stories: Narratives of Peace, Conflict and Communication in the 20th and 21st Centuries, GAPS Summer Academy, University of Augsburg, September 7–11. 2014 Workshop Lead, 'Towards Post-Terrorism', German National Academic Foundation/Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes Sommerakadamie, Greifswald, August 31 - September 13. 2014 'Transcultural Approaches to Teaching Terrorism in the Post-9/11 Context', Lehrerfortbildung/Teacher Education Workshop, Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, November 21–23. 2013 Margins of India: Kancha Ilaiah's Postcolonial Nationalogues', Citizenship, Narrative and Neo/colonial Histories Conference, Open University London, November 18. 2013 Plenary, India Through Orientalist Imagination, Macht_Ego_Religion Conference, Romanische Kulturwissenschaft und Die Theater Chemnitz, Chemnitz, February 2. 2013 Summer School Lead, 'Ecopower and Necropower: Narratives of Resistance and Resilience in India's Naxalite Movement', Just Politics, GNEL Summer Academy, University of Potsdam, September 2-6. 2012 Keynote, 'Labour as Life in Kancha Ilaiah's Why I am Not a Hindu', Interdisciplinary International Conference on Humanism, Democracy and Culture: Postcolonial Discourse and India, RKSD College, Kurukshetra University, India, March 20.