The Bhagavad Gita and Modern Indian Thought

Parker Room, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
6-7 June 2008

Programme and Participants List

Friday 6 June 2008

5:00-6:30pm  Lecture by Professor Dipesh Chakrabarty
‘The Decline and prospect of Universal History’
McCrum Theatre, Corpus Christi College

6:30 -7:30pm  Reception in honour of Professor Dipesh Chakrabarty
Ramsden Room, St Catharine’s College

Saturday 7 June 2008

9:30-9:45am  Introduction and Welcome, Shruti Kapila (Cambridge)

9:45-10:30am  Dipesh Chakrabarty & Rochona Majumdar (Chicago)
‘Krishna-Bhakti as a New Political Theology’

10:30-11:15am  Andrew Sartori (New York University)
‘The Gita and the Transfiguration of Duty’

Coffee Break

11:30-12:15  C A Bayly (Cambridge)
‘The Gita, India and the World’

Lunch

2:15-3:00pm  Shruti Kapila (Cambridge)
‘War of the Self as a History of Violence’

3:00-3:45pm  Faisal Devji (New School) & Uday S Mehta (Amherst)
‘The Death of Non-Violence’

Coffee Break

4:00-4:45pm  Aishwary Kumar (Stanford)
‘A Touch of Responsibility’
5:00-6:15pm Round-table discussion over drinks

7:00pm- Wine reception and dinner (Presenters and Discussants)

Sunday 8 June 2008

Brunch Meeting: Discussion of volume, *Politics in Action: Gita and Indian Modernity*
Future meeting agenda, New School New York

Participants and Discussants

Participants presenting:

C A Bayly (Cambridge)
Dipesh Chakrabarty (University of Chicago, USA)
Faisal Devji (New School, New York, USA)
Shruti Kapila (Cambridge)
Aishwary Kumar (Stanford University, USA)
Rochona Majumdar (University of Chicago, USA)
Uday S Mehta (U Mass, Amherst, USA)
Andrew Sartori (New York University, USA)

Discussants:

Javed Majeed (Queen Mary, London)
Eivind Kahrs (Cambridge)
Polly O’Hanlon (Oxford)

Discussants: Political Thought

Duncan S A Bell (Cambridge)
Sunil Khilnani (Johns Hopkins, USA)

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