Culture, Politics, and Performativity: Cinemas of the Middle East and South Asia

May 15 & 16, 2009

Technocultural Studies Building (Art Annex)

Friday, May 15th

9:00 - 9:30
Coffee/Tea and Welcome
Speakers: Suad Joseph, Director, Middle East/South Asia Studies, UC Davis
George R. Mangun, Dean, Division of Social Sciences, UC Davis

9:30 - 11:00
“Technologies of Unbelonging”
Speaker: Ranjana Khanna, Duke University
Film Screening: “Measures of Distance” (1988)
Moderator: Liz Constable, Director, Film Studies, UC Davis

11:00 - 1:30
“Transgressing the Nation”
Speaker: Viola Shafik, Freelance Film Scholar and Filmmaker
Film Screening: “Salata Baladi” (2007)
Moderator: Joshua Clover, English, UC Davis

2:30 - 4:30
“Women in Islamic Republic Cinema”
Speaker: Hamid Naficy, Northwestern University
Film Screening: “20 Fingers” (2004)
Moderator: Suad Joseph, Director, Middle East/South Asia Studies, UC Davis

Saturday, May 16th

8:45 - 9:00
Coffee/Tea

9:00 - 12:30
“Experiments with Truth: Confronting Colonial History in Popular Hindi Cinema”
Speaker: Corey Creekmur, University of Iowa
Film Screening: “Rang de Basanti” (The Color of Sacrifice, 2006)
Moderator: Parama Roy, English, UC Davis

1:15 - 3:15
“Veiling and Unveiling Palestine/Israel: Yuli Cohen-Gerstl’s My Land Zion”
Speaker: Yosela Loshitzky, University of East London
Film Screening: “My Land Zion” (2004)
Moderator: Alon Raab, Religious Studies, UC Davis

3:30 - 5:30
“Local Stakes and Global Circulation in World Cinema”
Speaker: Deniz Göktürk, UC Berkeley
Film Screening: “Auf der anderen Seite” (At Heaven’s Edge, 2007)
Moderator: Jaimey Fisher, German, UC Davis

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