**Notre Dame South Asia Group Conference**

**on**

**Religion, Public Policy & Development**

**May 14**

8:15-9:00am   Light Breakfast

9.00-10.00am Ebrahim Moosa & Mahan Mirza (ND) - Islam, Identity Politics, and Strategies for Madrasa Engagement

Discussant: Tara Beteille (World Bank)

10:00-11:00am Amit Ahuja (UCSB) - Gods of Small Things: Religious Practice in the Indian Army

Discussant: Josh White (SAIS/Brookings)

11.00-11.15am Coffee Break

11:15am-12.15pm Nikhil Menon (ND) - Holy Men, Worldly Job: Hindu Ascetics and Five Year Plans in Nehruvian India.

Discussant: Jean Duff (Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities)

12.15-1.30pm Lunch

1.30-2.30pm Farzana Shaikh (Chatham House) - National Identity and the Politics of Sufism in Pakistan

Discussant: Christine Fair (Georgetown University)

2.30-3.30pm Gilles Verniers (Ashoka University) - The Dwindling Presence of Religious and Other Minorities in India’s Public Sphere.

Discussant: Nilesh Fernando (ND)

3.30-4.00pm Coffee Break

4.00-5.00pm Lakshmi Iyer (ND) - Hindu-Muslim Violence in India 1980-2010: Trends and Determinants

Discussant:  Jane Menon (State Department)

8.00pm Dinner (Zaytinya)