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)