# VIOLENT NATIONS: 1984’s OTHERING OF SIKHS

**VENUE:** Hofstra University  
**Oct 31:** Guthart Cultural Center Theatre  
**Nov 1, 2:** Student Center Plaza West

## FULL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY 31ST, OCT

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<td>Welcome Dr. John Teehan, Hofstra University, Chair of Dept. of Religion</td>
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<td>5:00</td>
<td>Introduction Dr. Balbinder Singh Bhogal, Hofstra University, Dept. of Religion</td>
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<td>5:30 – 7:30</td>
<td>Chair: Dr. Francesca Cassio, Harbans Kaur Chair in Sikh Musicology</td>
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**Keynote**

Dr. Ashis Nandy *Forgetting the Unforgettable: The Voices of Silence and Memory Outside History*

_Respondents: Dr. Richard Mann, Dr. Giorgio Shani & Dr. Arvind S. Mandair_

### SATURDAY 1ST, NOV

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| 9:30 – 12:30 | Panel 1: Political & Historical Frames  
Chair: Dr. Richard Mann |
| 2:00 – 5:30 | Panel 2: Critical & Theoretical Frames  
Chair: Dr. Jaspal K Singh |
| 9:30 – 1:30 | Panel 3: Decolonial & Neoliberal Frames  
Chair: Dr. Sanjib Baruah |

### Panel 1: Political & Historical Frames

**Dr. Giorgio Shani** Khalsa Panth or Khalistan? Re-considering the non-territorial dimensions of Sikh Nationalism

**Dr. Pritam Singh** India & the Sikhs since 1984: Mapping the Fault lines

**Dr. Balbinder S. Bhogal** 1984’s Slow Violence: Re-animating or Competing with Europe’s Heart of Darkness?

11:00 Tea/Coffee break

11:15 Respondents: Dr. Maldonado-Torres & Prabhsharanbir Singh

11:45 Discussion

12:30 Lunch break

### Panel 2: Critical & Theoretical Frames

**Dr. Arvind-pal S. Mandair** Typologies of Violence & the Event-Nature of ’1984’

**Prabhsharandeep Singh** Violence & the Creative Act: Language, Space, & Sikh Subjectivity during 1984 Attacks

3:00 Tea/Coffee break

**Prabhsharanbir Singh** The Obscene Underside of Indian Nationalism: Sikh Bodies & Hindu Desires

**Dr. Gabriele Schwab** Ghostly Transferences: On Memory & Haunting

4:15 Respondents: Dr. Gil Anidjar & Dr. Clayton Crockett

4:45 Discussion

### Panel 3: Decolonial & Neoliberal Frames

**Dr. Maldonado-Torres** From Sacrifice to Massacre: The Violent Foundations of the Modern/Colonial World

**Dr. Simon Springer** The Violence of Neoliberalism

**Dr. Clayton Crockett** Sketch for a Political Theology of In-debted Nations

11:00 Tea/Coffee break

**Dr. Gil Anidjar** The Vampire State & Closing Reflections

12:15 Respondents: Dr. Arvind-pal S. Mandair & Prabhsharandeep Singh

12:35 Discussion

1:00 Final Remarks: Dr. Balbinder S. Bhogal