# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**FRIDAY 10/31**

4:50 – 5:00 Welcome Address: **Dr. John Teehan**, Chair, Department of Religion  
5:00 – 5:30 Introduction: **Dr. Balbinder Singh Bhogal**, Department of Religion  

**Dr. Ashis Nandy**  
(CSDS & IPS, Delhi)  
5:30 – 6:30 **Keynote** *[Regimes of Narcissism & Regimes of Despair]*  
6:30 – 7:15 Chair: **Dr. Francesca Cassio** (Sardarni Harbans Kaur Chair in Sikh Musicology)  
Response: **Dr. Richard Mann**, **Dr. Giorgio Shani** & **Dr. Arvind Mandair**

**SATURDAY 11/1**

9:30 – 12:30 **Panel 1: Political & Historical Frames**  
Chair: **Dr. Richard Mann**

**Dr. Giorgio Shani**  
(International Christian University, Tokyo)  
Khalasa Panth or Khalistan? Re-considering the non-territorial dimensions of Sikh Nationalism

**Dr. Pritam Singh**  
(Oxford Brookes University, Oxford)  
India & the Sikhs since 1984: Mapping the Fault lines

**Dr. Balbinder S. Bhogal**  
(Hofstra University, New York)  
1984’s Slow Violence: Re-animating or Competing with Europe’s Heart of Darkness?  
Respondents: **Dr. Nelson Maldonado-Torres** & **Prabhsharanbir Singh**

2:00 – 6:00 **Panel 2: Critical & Theoretical Frames**  
Chair: **Dr. Jaspal Kaur Singh**

**Dr. Arvind-pal Singh Mandair**  
(University of Michigan, MI)  
Typologies of Violence & the Event-Nature of ‘1984’

**Dr. Prabhsharandeep Singh**  
(Oxford University, Oxford)  
Violence & the Creative Act: Language, Space, & Sikh Subjectivity during 1984 Attacks

**Dr. Prabhsharanbir Singh**  
(University of British Columbia, BC)  
The Obscene Underside of Indian Nationalism: Sikh Bodies & Hindu Desires

**Dr. Gabriele Schwab**  
(University of California, Irvine, CA)  
Ghostly Transferences: On Memory & Haunting  
Respondents: **Gil Anidjar** & **Clayton Crockett**

**SUNDAY 11/2**

9:30 – 1:30 **Panel 3: Decolonial & Neoliberal Frames**  
Chair: **Dr. Sanjib Baruah**

**Dr. Nelson Maldonado-Torres**  
(Rutgers University, NJ)  
From Sacrifice to Massacre: The Violent Foundations of the Modern/Colonial World

**Dr. Simon Springer**  
(University of Victoria, BC)  
The Violence of Neoliberalism

**Dr. Clayton Crockett**  
(Uni. of Central Arkansas, AR)  
Sketch for a Political Theology of In-debted Nations

**Dr. Gil Anidjar**  
(Columbia University, NY)  
The Vampire State & Closing Reflections  
Respondents: **Dr. Arvind Mandair** & **Prabhsharandeep Singh**

Final Remarks: **Dr. Balbinder Singh Bhogal**