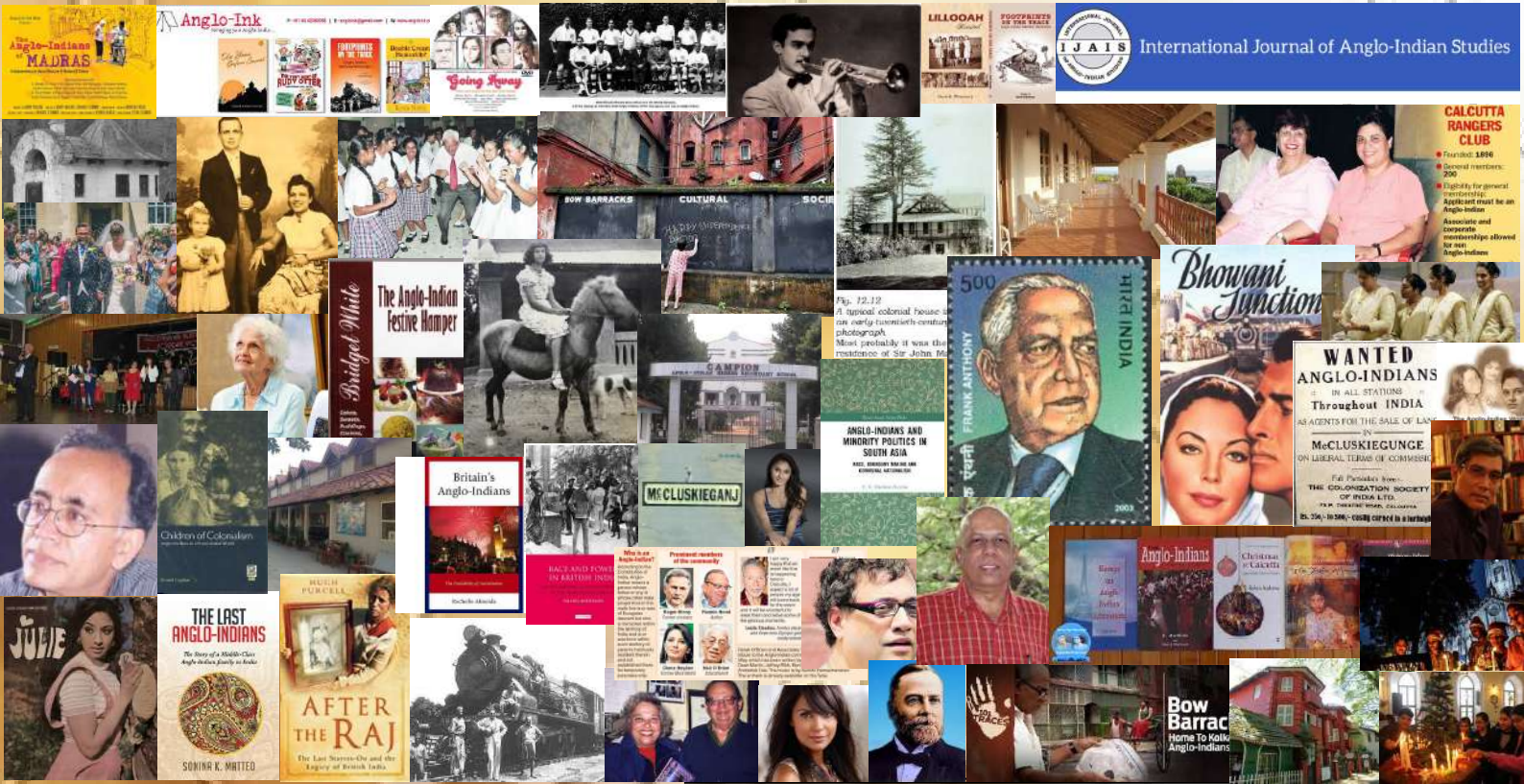


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# "Researching Anglo-Indians in India and the Diaspora"



In connection with  
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Major themes:

- \* Methodological challenges
- \* Archival research
- \* Accessing AI histories/narratives/lives
- \* Migration and diasporic experience
- \* Transnational identities
- \* Research experience as an outsider, insider or somewhere in between

Key Speakers & Resource Persons:

- Dr. Robyn Andrews, Massey Univ., New Zealand
- Dr.Uther Charlton-Stevens, Volgograd State Univ.
- Dr. Dolores Chew, Marianopolis, Canada
- Mr.Harry MacLure, AngloInk, Chennai, India

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before 25 May 2018

Registration Fee: Rs.2000

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**Concept Note and Call for Papers**

The Anglo-Indian community in India and the diaspora began to be identified as potential ‘sites’ for research and academic enquiry from mid-twentieth century onwards. Since then, the knowledge produced about this community has received attention of varying degrees from a wide range of disciplines such as anthropology, sociology, history, literature, culture studies, cultural geography, film studies, migration and diaspora studies, etc.

Within the discourses of colonial modernity, nationalist politics and contested histories, the articulations from and by the AI community acquired a political character, especially in the decades closer to the event of Independence. Hence, despite the five-hundred-year-old presence in the subcontinent, the AI community were officially recognized as a distinct category only by the twentieth century. Arguably, the anxieties about the changing circumstances of the community in independent India, followed by the sporadic but increasing migrations to the UK, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the USA, further complicated the already problematic nuanced identity of the AI community. For the same reason, AI studies have been mostly configured within and around questions of postcoloniality, diasporic experiences and perceived ‘crises’ of fragmented identities. It is from such a context that this conference proposes to provide a forum for discussing the challenges and possibilities of ‘doing research’ in the field of Anglo-Indian Studies.



Over the last two decades there has been an unprecedented rise in the research activity in this field of study. A number of the researchers carrying out this research are from within the community, others from outside the community – both in India and abroad. While there is a growing number of articles, chapters and books presenting the findings of such research, and some well researched novels, at this point there is little work exploring the research experience. In this conference we aim to bring together scholars to share research experiences as well as the original findings of such research.

We are looking primarily but not exclusively for papers which:

- **Explore reflexively the experience of researching with the community, for example, in terms of positionality as an insider, an outsider, or somewhere between.**
- **Present accounts of methodological or ethical challenges, and solutions. Those leading to insights about aspects of the community are especially relevant.**
- **Discuss difficulties and solutions in accessing archival and secondary material.**
- **Actively engage with different ways of approaching Anglo-Indian histories, narratives and lives**

We will also consider papers which present new insights based on scholarly research and include a significant section on the research methodology.

#### **Sessions, venues and timings:**

**2 August**, 4.30 – 6.00 pm  
ICSR Auditorium, IIT Madras.

**3 August**, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm  
Hall 2, ICSR Building, IIT Madras

**4 August**, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm  
Hall 3, ICSR Building, Madras.

**Important Dates:**

The deadline for sending your abstracts (350 words) to [aiconferenceiitm@gmail.com](mailto:aiconferenceiitm@gmail.com) is 25 May 2018.

The selected abstracts will be notified by 1 June 2018.

The deadline for sending the full paper is 30 June 2018.

**Accommodation:**

**Paper presenters** will be provided free accommodation (with complementary breakfast) in Taramani Guest House, IIT Madras for two nights. This option is limited in number and should be availed before 15 July 2018 to help us make the necessary arrangements.

**Registration:**

Kindly register before 10 July 2018 by sending your interest to [aiconferenceiitm@gmail.com](mailto:aiconferenceiitm@gmail.com) mentioning your **Name** and **Institutional Affiliation**.

**Registration fee: Rs.2000 INR** (includes conference kit, two conference lunches, one conference dinner and refreshments)

The fee could be paid at the venue.

**Conference Convenors:**

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