

AIPS Final Report: Dissertation into Book Workshop October 2017

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This workshop was a unique opportunity for junior scholars, as it provided them with a chance to share their research and dissertation with fellow scholars from another field of humanities and receive a feedback. Group of 30 junior participating scholars was divided into three groups with three senior scholars in each tier. Each junior scholar was assigned to read the book prospectuses of the nine fellows and gave a detail presentation on one of the designated book prospectus. The rest of the fellows also gave feedback to each of the junior scholars. Additionally, the senior scholars including Dr. Iftikhar Dadi, Dr. Susan Wadely, and Dr. Anand Yang also provided valuable feedback. Our group, in particular, was lucky to have one of Christopher AHN, a senior acquisitions editor from State University of New York Press (SUNY) to attend the workshop. Ahn was able to provide details on how to contact the publication houses and what to expect. It was all very valuable feedback that most of the junior scholars were not familiar with. The workshop also provided a chance to connect with other professionals in the field.

Overall, the workshop was highly beneficial for me in terms of not only sharing my research and getting feedback from people other than my dissertation committee members, but it also re-energized me to critically look at the dissertation as a whole new project to address wider readership. I also greatly benefitted from other junior scholars research project especially the ones centered around Partition of the Indian subcontinent, which is in close proximity to my own research.

I am very thankful to AIPS for providing me with an opportunity to attend this workshop. I am confident that the feedback received during this workshop will immensely help me rearticulate my writing process.

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