

Exposure Slideshow Presentation

The 2009 Institute for Global Leadership's EXPOSURE/Aftermath Project Workshop was held in Ajmer, India and was jointly run under the expert mentorship of Sara Terry, founder and director of The Aftermath Project, and photographer Asim Rafiqui, the recipient of the 2009 Aftermath Grant award for his work on tolerance in India. The ten participating students spent two weeks on the ground examining the political, socio-economic, ethnic, and religious complexities of India through both photography and the written word.

Tonight, we present selected projects from that workshop that focused on the culture and religion of Ajmer. Shannon Carol examines a Christian village; Elena Chien spent two weeks documenting the syncretic practices shared by Hindus and Muslims in the Sufi shrines of Ajmer; Brittany Sloan follows the pink rose through town, a symbol of peace and renewal for both Hindus and Muslims; Dwijo Goswami tells the story of Sufi musicians; Saloni Bhogwani looks inside the region's education system, with its contrasting currents of religious extremities; and Erika O'Connor spends time with women trying to change their village.

EXPOSURE is the Institute's photojournalism, documentary studies, and human rights program.

Join the rest of the participants in the 2009 EXPOSURE/Aftermath workshop at tomorrow night's panel, "Burden of Memory, Quest for Identity" to see student work relating to the aftermath of the 1947 partition of South Asia.

Performing Groups

Pushpanjali...Taarika C. Sridhar will be performing an invocation to Lord Ganesh, followed by a dance in praise of Lord Devi, both in the traditional style of Bharatnatyam, a classical dance form of India.

Shabad...Nethra Madurai and Abha Gallewale will be performing a short prayer written by Guru Nanak, founder of Sikhism. This prayer was set to music by A.R. Rahman, the celebrated contemporary Bollywood composer.

Nritya...Pooja Bhargava, Anita Geervarghese, Neha Kumar, Keerthana Gnanapradeepa, Shreya Ishita, and Avani Patel will be performing a semi-classical piece that showcases three types of Indian dance: Bharatnatyam, Kuchipudi, and Odissi.

Bhangra...The Tufts Bhangra Team will be performing one of their award-winning routines, showcasing the high energy North Indian dance style.

Garba...Coming from the Dandia Dhamaka competition in Michigan and Garbafest in Boston, the Tufts University Garba team will be dancing the traditional Gujarati dances of Garba and Raas.

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SCHEDULE

5:00pm		NGO Fair opens
6:30pm		Exposure Slideshow Presentation
7:00pm		Cultural Show

Note: The Institute for Global Leadership cosponsored exhibition "Questions Without Answers: A Photographic Prism of World Events, 1985-2010" will be open in the Tufts University Art Gallery until 8 p.m.

NGO Fair

ATask

ATASK serves Asian families and individuals in Massachusetts and New England who suffer from or are at risk of suffering from domestic violence. atask.org

Arghand

Arghand's purpose is to contribute to the economic development of southern Afghanistan by producing high quality, all natural skin care products. Arghand guarantees the livelihoods of its members who participate in all aspects of production and management regardless of gender, ethnicity or tribal affiliation. arghand.org

Amnesty International

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights for all. amnesty.org

Asha for Education

Asha for Education is a secular organization dedicated to change in India by focusing on basic education, in the belief that education is a critical requisite for socioeconomic change. ashanet.org

Art Works Project

Art Works Projects mission is to use design and the arts to raise awareness of and educate the public about significant human rights and environmental issues. artworksprojects.org

Association for India's Development

Association for India's Development is a volunteer movement promoting sustainable, equitable and just development. AID supports grassroots organizations in India and initiates efforts in various interconnected spheres such as education, livelihoods, natural resources including land, water and energy, agriculture, health, women's empowerment and social justice. aidindia.org

Barakat

Barakat exists to strengthen the fundamental right to education in South and Central Asia by providing exemplary basic education, increasing access to higher education and advancing literacy, particularly for women and children. barakatworld.org

Boston Coalition for Justice in Bhopal

The International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal is a coalition of survivors' groups and allies around the world. The Campaign works for justice and a life of dignity for the survivors of the world's worst industrial disaster, and for a toxic free future for all. boston4bhopal.org

Child Rights and You (CRY) Boston

Along with partner NGOs, CRY works towards ensuring basic rights are available to all categories of underprivileged children, including street children, bonded in labor, children of commercial sex workers, physically and mentally challenged children and children in juvenile institutions. america.cry.org

Community Organizations International

Over last two years ACORN India [now Community Organizations International] has built a coalition with community organizations, trade unions, people's movements and NGOs, in support of poverty alleviation and urban development. communityorganizationsinternational.org

Empower

Empower is a program for Tufts University undergraduate and graduate students to engage in practical, experiential learning for social entrepreneurship. tuftsgloballeadership.org/programs/empower

Eric Sullivan

Empower student who conducted field research on financial sustainability, social impact, and cause marketing at NGOs in India and Nepal.

Indian American Forum for Political Education

The Indian American Forum's mission is to empower Indian Americans politically by raising civic consciousness and increasing participation in community affairs and the mainstream political process. iafpe.org

Nanhi Kali

Nanhi Kali is a national girl child sponsorship program in India, which supports the education of girl children by providing not only academic support but also direct material support in the form of uniforms, clothes, notebooks, etc. to help girl children achieve their dreams. nanhikali.org

Oxfam

Oxfam International is a confederation of 14 like-minded organizations working together and with partners and allies around the world to end poverty and injustice. oxfam.org

Physicians for Human Rights

Physicians for Human Rights mobilizes health professionals to advance health, dignity and justice, and promotes the right to health for all. Harnessing the specialized skills, rigor, and passion of doctors, nurses, public health specialists and scientists, PHR investigates human rights abuses and works to stop them. physiciansforhumanrights.org

Saheli

Saheli, Friendship for South Asian Women, is a group dedicated to helping South Asian women in the areas of career and economic empowerment, physical and mental health, legal and immigration issues, support for families, and social and cultural volunteer opportunities. saheliboston.org

Tony Blair Faith Foundation

The Tony Blair Faith Foundation works to promote respect, friendship and understanding between the major religious faiths; and to make the case for faith itself as relevant, and a force for good in the world. tonyblairfaithfoundation.org