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Anthropology of Fright. Perspectives from Asia

Aarhus University, 15-17 May, 2017

Tentative Schedule (subject to changes)

Monday, 15th of May

- 2.30pm Departure to the Conference Centre at Sandbjerg Gods
- 6pm Welcome at Sandbjerg and Introduction – followed by dinner
- 7pm **Introductory lecture:** Harald Tambs-Lyche: Of fear and fright: Reminiscences from the Bangladesh Sundarbans in Colonel Ershad's time

Tuesday, 16th of May

- 9.30 – 10.15 **Keynote:** Marine Carrin: When ghosts are married in Tulunadu
- 10.15am Tea break
- 10.30-12 Panel 1 – *Fright, fear and religion*
- Marianne Qvortrup Fibiger: How to cope with fright and fear among Hindus in Mauritius
- Lidia Guzy: Conversion as the domestication of fear – an Example of Mahima Dharma in Eastern India
- Alevtina Solovyeva: Who is scarier: 'the frightening' in Mongolian demonology
- 12 – 1pm Lunch
- 1 – 1.45pm **Keynote:** Ülo Valk: How to make sense of supernatural encounters? Notes on Assamese demonology
- 1.45- 3.15 Panel 2 - *Landscapes of fear and fright*
- Baburam Saikia: Belief and Fear: a Study on the Natural Challenges of Majuli Island
- Kikee D. Bhutia: The supernatural landscape and the fear of upsetting the deities in North Sikkim
- Margaret Lyngdoh: "Fear Death by Water": Possession and Place within the Khasi Perspective

- 3.15 – 4.45 Walk the Talk – group discussions
- 4.45 – 6.15 Panel 3 – *Ghost stories*
- Stefano Beggiora: An ontology of fear among the indigenous communities of Himalayas
- Serena Bindi: Growing up with ghosts. Healing rituals for a new adolescence
- Irene Majo Garigliano: “A very naughty place!” - Frightening visions of Assam and the Kāmākhyā Temple.
- 7pm Dinner followed by film screening “Ghora” by Irene Garigliano (38 min)

Wednesday, 17th of May

- 9.30am Panel 4: *Fear, healing and well-being*
- Tina Otten: Fear and Fright in Healing Rituals: Case Studies from the Rona in Koraput / Odisha
- Gauri Pathak: Blood, Stress, and Fears: Polycystic Ovary Syndrome and Metamedical Commentary on Globalizing India
- Uwe Skoda: Frigthening pictures? Notes on death and its photographibility in India and beyond
- 11am Tea break
- 11.15 – 12.30 The road ahead – results and future plans
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 Departure to Aarhus
- Ca. 3.30 Return to Aarhus

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