

Forth EqUIP Symposium: Social Transformation, Cultural Expressions, Cross Cultural Connections and Dialogue



The forth EqUIP symposium was hosted by the [Arts and Humanities Research Council \(AHRC\)](#) in Gurgaon, India on 28-29th June 2016. Over 50 delegates from both Europe and India attended, exploring themes around the broader area of '*Social Transformation, Cultural Expressions, Cross Cultural Connections and Dialogue*'. The overarching aim of this symposium was to provide recommendations to EqUIP partners about priority areas for future joint India-EU research activities.

Format of the symposium:

Once introductions were completed, the delegates were invited to take part in a networking session, which allowed each academic from India the opportunity to meet and briefly discuss their work with each academic from Europe.



The afternoon consisted of presentations from both academics in India and Europe, followed by three thematic discussions, whereby academics were asked to discuss the themes in more detail, identifying research priorities under each theme. The themes that were discussed were as follows:

- Historical, economic, social, political and religious linkages between Europe and India across time and space
- Cross-cultural communication and creative expression
- Migration, diaspora and cultural diversity



On the second day of the symposium delegates were asked to reflect and discuss within their groups the opportunities and challenges associated with collaborative research. Finally, the delegates were then asked to rank the research priorities identified on the first day of the symposium.

The delegates prioritised the following research areas to be considered by the EqUIP partners;

- Multiple routes to modernity
- Governance: architecture mechanism and engagement
- Understanding alternative voices and perspectives of creative expressions
- Everyday creativity and digital culture
- Innovative approaches to heritage and communities
- Implications of migration for economic growth in Europe and India
- New cartographies of memories, cultures and heritage

A full report of the findings will soon be made available on the EqUIP website.

