The format of this workshop will include papers presented by upper-level graduate students in various disciplines about ongoing doctoral research, with deep engagement of material by Stanford South Asia faculty and students and one faculty discussant of honor. The conference will feature a theme within South Asian studies in which the guest scholar holds specific interest and expertise. Students and participants should be prepared for detailed and lively discussion and constructive critique of their work for their scholarly benefit. This is a rare opportunity to have close guidance from an esteemed scholar of South Asia outside of Stanford, and for the participants within the Center for South Asia to use graduate material to articulate debates and discussions in our field. The social events surrounding the workshop will emphasize mentorship to pursue a scholarly career in the study of South Asia. The event will conclude with a keynote speech by the visiting scholar on a topic of their choice related to the workshop theme.

Date: May 17, 2018

Theme: Subjectivity

Keynote: Veena Das (Professor, Johns Hopkins)

**Agenda**

9.30 AM—10:00 AM Breakfast; Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Workshop Panel #1: Power, Subjectivity, and Sovereignty

*Madidah Akhtar, Ashveer Pal Singh, Samil Can, and Nethra Samarawickrema.*

12:00 PM—12.30 PM Screening of Iram Ghufran’s film *There is Something in the Air*

12.30 PM—1.30 PM Lunch and walking break

1.30 PM—3:00 PM Workshop Panel #2: Violence, Care, and Subjectivity

*Amrapali Maitra, Vivek Narayan, and Anubha Anushree*

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Walking break

3: 30 PM---4:00 PM Tea Service (Foyer or Boardroom depending on SHC)

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Keynote Speech, Stanford Humanities Center

Veena Das, *Ordinary Realism, Skepticism, and the Making of Legal Subjects*

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM Keynote Q&A

5:45 PM – 8:00 PM Post-Workshop Dinner at the Faculty Club (by RSVP only)