The Civil Sphere In India Workshop
At Yale University

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Humanities Quadrangle ~ 320 York St, Room 107

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Saturday, October 22

8:00 ~ 8:30  Continental Breakfast

8:30 ~ 9:00  Opening Remarks
Jeffrey Alexander ~ Yale University, USA
Suryakant Waghmore ~ Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India

9:00 ~ 10:00  Hindutva and Civil Repair: Limits and Possibilities
Suryakant Waghmore ~ Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India

10:00 ~ 10:30  Coffee Break

10:30 ~ 11:30  Caste, Incivility and the Prospects of Civil Repair
Hugo Gorringe ~ University of Edinburgh, UK
Karthikeyan Damodaran ~ Göttingen University, Germany

11:30 ~ 12:30  Lunch

12:30 ~ 1:30  Civil sphere sans caste? Ambedkar, Anti-Caste Movements and Hathras Movement
Raju Chawal ~ Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India

1:30 ~ 2:00  Coffee Break

2:00 ~ 3:00  Authoritarian Civil Sphere, Populism and Secular Sectarianism
Ajay Gudavarthy ~ Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

3:00 ~ 3:30  Coffee Break

3:30 ~ 4:30  BAMCEF: As a Civil Sphere of Indian Excluded Communities
Vivek Kumar ~ Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

7:00  Dinner for participants at home of Jeffrey Alexander

Sunday, October 23

8:00 ~ 8:30  Continental Breakfast

8:30 ~ 9:30  Brahmin qua Brahmin? Rethinking the ‘Brahmin Script’ in the contemporary social
Ramesh Baiy ~ Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India

9:30 ~ 10:00  Coffee Break

10:00 ~ 11:00  Democracy and Student Activism on Indian Campuses
Gaurav J. Pathania ~ Eastern Mennonite University, Virginia, USA

11:00 ~ 11:30  Coffee Break

11:30 ~ 12:30  Financial Inclusion: Private Interventions in Public Spheres
Kartikeya Saboo ~ Wichita State University, USA

12:30 ~ 1:30  Lunch

1:30 ~ 2:30  In What Ways did Mughal and British Rule affect Conditions for Democratic Development and Civil Society in India?
Krishan Kumar ~ University of Virginia, USA

2:30 ~ 3:00  Coffee Break

3:00 ~ 4:00  Comments
Carlo Tognato, University of Minnesota, USA
Trevor Stack, University of Aberdeen, UK

4:00 ~ 4:15  Coffee Break

4:15 ~ 4:45  Closing Remarks
Jeffrey Alexander ~ Yale University, USA
Giuseppe Sciorinto ~ Trento University, Italy
Peter Kivisto ~ Augustana College, USA

6:30 ~ 9:00  Private banquet at the Omni Hotel, Harbour Room