Professor Clark-Decès's talk focuses on the past, present and dwindling future of Tamil preferential marriage to close-kin. She considers the ways in which Tamil intermarriage establishes kinship and social rank and argues that past scholars have improperly defined “Dravidian” kinship. Within her critique of past scholarship, Clark-Decès recasts a vided image of preferential marriage in Tamil Nadu and how those preferences and marital rules play out in lived reality.

Chai and Samosas will be served