

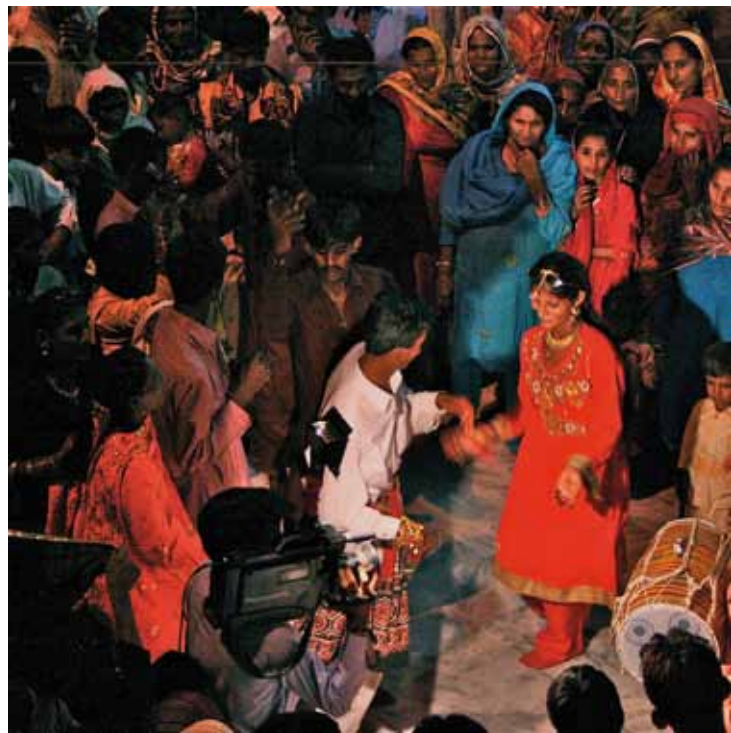
Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies

The Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies investigates the plurality, changeability, and global connectedness of Muslim cultures and societies. The area of study includes Muslim societies in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia, as well as Muslim communities in Europe and North America.

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The Graduate School's three-year doctoral programme begins in October. Up to fifteen doctoral students are admitted annually, ten of whom are awarded scholarships provided by the Graduate School.



On Reading and Writing about “Muslim Cultures” of South Asia

Friday, July 13, 2012; 9am – 6pm

Institute of Islamic Studies, Room 214

Altensteinstr. 40, 14195 Berlin

“Too Little and Too Much” has been the paradox of writings on the history of Muslims in South Asia. Ironically, these visible histories of Islam lead to disappearing of diversities of Muslim lives and histories. Much focus has remained on textual and normative aspects of Islam, often neglecting lived local experiences. The workshop ‘On Reading and Writing about Muslim Cultures of South Asia’ aims to reflect on continuity and disjuncture of colonial history and post colonial trajectories of South Asian Muslims across India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. The workshop attempts to explore new ways of reading and writing about Muslims in the region.

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Programme

9.00 - 9.30 Welcome and Introductory Remarks by
Prof. Dr. Gudrun Krämer (FU)

9.30 - 11.00 Panel I: Nation and Community
Chair: Prof. Dr. Gudrun Krämer (FU)

Sadia Bajwa (HU) - Negotiating Pakistan. Is Left equal to Left?
Early Debates on Pakistani Polity.

Maritta Schleyer (MPI) - Between "Muslim" and "Cultures":
Exploring Shared Ethos as a Mode of Belonging in the
Writings of Khwaja Hasan Nizami.

Comments: Prof. Dr. Manan Ahmed (FU)

11.00 - 11.15 Tea & Coffee

11.15 - 12.45 Panel II: Texts and Contexts
Chair: Prof. Dr. Manan Ahmed (FU)

Olly Akkerman (FU) - From Sana to Surat:
The Transmission of Ismaili Islam and the Language of Secrecy.

Muhammad Sajjad (MPI) - An Inter-textual Approach
to Emotions in South Asian Sufi Literature.

Comments: Dr. Soumen Mukherjee (ZMO)

12.45 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 Panel III: Past and Present
Chair: Dr. Heike Liebau (ZMO)

Dr. M. Ali Raza (ZMO) - The 'Divine' Cry of Communism:
Religious Idioms in Leftist Politics in South Asia ca. 1917-1950.

Bridget Kustin (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialfor-
schung) - Between Banks and Clients: Locating the Economic
and Religious Subjects of Islamic Microfinance in Bangladesh.

Comments: Prof. Dr. Irfan Habib (HU)

15.30 - 15.45 Tea & Coffee

15.45 - 16.45 Panel IV: Politics of Space and Representation
Chair: tba

Razak Khan (FU) - Minority Pasts:
The Other Histories of a Muslim Locality.

Omar Kasmani (FU) - 'Coordinates of Charisma'.
Audio Visual Presentation

Comments: Prof. Dr. Nadja-Christina Schneider (HU)

17.00- 18.00 Panel Discussion -
From Classical Indology to New
Cultural Studies of South Asia.