



Digital Conference

From Universalism to Ethnopathos – Religious Knowledge in the Colonial Encounter between India and Germany

16 January 2021

2:00 – 2:15 PM | Opening and Welcome Note

Isabella Schwaderer, Katharina Waldner (Erfurt)

2:15 – 3:00 PM | Religion as colonial knowledge category. Approaches to the decolonization of social thought

Heidemarie Winkel (Bielefeld)

Historical Perspectives: German Religious Views of India and Indian Reactions

Chair: Florian Wagner (Erfurt)

3:00 – 3:30 PM | “To read in an Indian way” (Johann Gottfried Herder). On whether the Germans were of Indian Origin and how this was related to the Hebrew Bible

Simon Wiesgickl (Hongkong)

3:30 – 4:00 PM | Ecumenical Tendencies of German-Catholic Missions in 19th century India: Broad themes and Ethnic Dialectics

Tirtha Prasad Mukhopadhyay (Salamanca, Mexico)

Religion and the Performing Arts: Artistic Research on Indian Fantasies in Germany and Beyond

Chair: Jessie Pons (Bochum)

4:30 – 5:00 PM | ‘Something completely different.’ Menaka, Uday Shankar and Indra Ramosay in the Dutch press (1931-1937)

Parveen Kanhai (Den Haag)

5:00 – 5:30 PM | *Death and Transfiguration*: Indian Fantasies of Redemption in the Reception of Wagner and Schopenhauer

Isabella Schwaderer (Erfurt)

5:30 – 6:00 PM | “The Indian New Testament” on the German opera stage. Aesthetic and Philosophical Syncretism in Felix Gotthelf’s opera Mahadeva (1908)

Markus Schläffke (Weimar)

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Religion, Colonialism and Politics

Panel 1 - Chair: Johannes Duschka (Leipzig)

2:00 – 2:30 PM | Conceptions of Religion: A View from Colonial India

Rinku Lamba (Delhi)

2:30 – 3:00 PM | The Search for a ‘Religion of the Future’ in Interwar Berlin

Gerdien Jonker (Erlangen-Nürnberg)

3:00-3:30 PM | Lajpat Rai’s Re-definition of Hinduism in the Colonial Encounter

Vanya Vaidehi Bhargav (Leipzig)

Panel 2 - Chair: Maria Framke (Rostock)

4:00 – 4:30 PM | *Hakenkreuz*, Swastika and Crescent: The “religious factor” in Nazi cultural politics regarding India

Baijayanti Roy (Frankfurt)

4:30 – 5:00 PM | Two Expressions of Sarva Dharma Sambhava in Indian Political Thought

Sushmita Nath (Leipzig)

5:00 – 5:20 PM | Concluding remarks

Katharina Waldner (Erfurt)

5:20 – 5:30 PM | Farewell note

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Conference Platform and Program

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