Dear Colleagues,

We are very pleased to inform you that funding for the long-term project MIDA (Modernes Indien in deutschen Archiven/Modern India in German Archives; https://www.projekt-mida.de/) has been granted for its third phase (11/2020 – 10/2023).

Among other tasks, MIDA aims at promoting young researchers as well as deepening German-Indian academic cooperation. Since the beginning of the project in 2014, a number of German and Indian PhD students as well as Postdoc scholars have been carrying out individual research projects, working together in tandems. According to our plan, we will advertise new positions for PhD students, in spring 2021. The PhD projects commence in November 2021; the scholarships will be granted for initially two years and can be extended, subject to availability of funds, by another year.

With this e-mail we would like to inform you in advance and ask to encourage young colleagues who are interested in history, archival research and in Indo-German relations to consider applying for a PhD position within MIDA. The main foci in the upcoming phase will be on histories based on mission archives as well as on economic and social history.

Since a major task of MIDA is to work with and on collections on modern India in German archives, good knowledge of German language would be required from the applicant, which can be improved subsequently. Advanced students who are interested in these scholarships should be encouraged to pursue intensive German language studies at the earliest.

With kind regards

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