



Newsletter des South Asia Forum 04/2017

1. Veranstaltungen

Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie

- 07./08.03. Thomas Oberlies (Seminar für Indologie und Tibetologie, Universität Göttingen). «Die Religion des Rgveda.» Erasmus-Lehrveranstaltung. Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie, Rämistrasse 59, Raum RAA-E-21; 07.03.: 12.15-13.45 und 14.00-15.30 Uhr, 08.03.: 08.30-10.00 sowie 14.00 bis 15.30 Uhr.
- 05.04. Aditya Malik (School of Historical Studies, Nalanda University). «*Petitioning the God of Justice: Language, Truth and Ritual in the Central Himalayas.*» Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie, Rämistrasse 74, Raum RAI-G-041; 12.15-14.00 Uhr.

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- 15.03. Helene Basu (Universität Münster): «*Transcendental Decision-Making: Narratives of Recovery from Possession Illness*»; ISEK-Ethnologie, Andreasstrasse 15; Raum AND 2.02; 16.15-17.45.
- 26.04. Roman Sieler (Universität Heidelberg): «*Jallikkattu: Cosmopolitics in an Un-Common World*»; ISEK-Ethnologie, Andreasstrasse 15; Raum AND 2.02; 16.15-17.45.
- 10.05. Pallabi Roy (Universität Tübingen): «*'Reproductive Loss' and Involuntary Childlessness: The Socio-Medical Journey(s) of Middle-Class Married Couples in Kolkata, India*»; ISEK-Ethnologie, Andreasstrasse 15; Raum AND 2.02; 16.15-17.45.
- 24.05. Burton Cleetus (JNU, New Delhi): «*Vaidyan's Kaipunyam at Stake: State Intervention in Indigenous Medical Traditions in Princely, South India; 1889-1947*»; ISEK-Ethnologie, Andreasstrasse 15; Raum AND 2.02; 16.15-17.45.



2. Lehrveranstaltungen

Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie

- *Religion und Gesellschaft im modernen Indien*, Angelika Malinar. Vorlesung. Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie. Raum RAI-G-041. Mittwoch, 12.15-14.00.
- *Moderner Hinduismus*, Annemarie Mertens. BA-/MA-Seminar. Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie. Raum RAA-E-21. Donnerstag, 14.00-15.45.
- *Kinship, Gender and Social Transformation in Contemporary South Asia*, Nicolas Martin. BA-/MA-Seminar. Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie, Raum RAA-E-21, Dienstag, 10.15-12.00.
- *Constructions of Gender in Indian Religious Traditions*, Olga Serbaeva. PhD/MA-Seminar. Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie. Raum RAA-E-21. Mittwoch, 10.15-12.00; *alle zwei Wochen*.
- *Forschungsseminar*, Angelika Malinar. MA-Seminar. Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie. Raum RAA-E-21. Mittwoch, 14:00-15:45.
- *Hindi-Sprachkurs II*, Friederike Grenner. Übung. Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie. Raum RAA-E-21. Montag, 10.15-11.45 und Donnerstag, 10.15-11.45.
- *Hindi-Konversation II*, Divyaraj Amiya. Übung. Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie. Raum RAA-E-21. Freitag, 12.15-13.45.
- *Yāśpāl und die «progressivistische» Hindi-Literatur*, Friederike Grenner. Lektüre-Übung. Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie. Raum RAA-E-12. Montag, 14.00-15.45.
- *«āsādh kā ek din» von Mohan Rakesh*, Mirella Lingorska. MA-Seminar/Übung. Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie. Raum RAA-E-21. Freitag, 14:00-15:45.
- *Sanskrit-Sprachkurs II*, Annemarie Mertens. Übung. Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie. Raum RAA-E-21. Montag, 16.15-17.45 und Donnerstag, 16.15-17.45.
- *Texte aus dem Dharmaśāstra*, Annemarie Mertens. Lektüre-Übung. Asien-Orient-Institut, Indologie. Raum RAA-E-21. Dienstag, 12.15-13.45.
- *Die Bhagavadgītā*, Angelika Malinar. MA-Seminar/Übung. Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie. Raum RAA-E-21. Dienstag, 14.00-15.45.



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Institut für Geschichte, Professur Geschichte der modernen Welt (ETH)

- *Drugs and Empires. Historical Perspectives on the Trade, Consumption and Control of Intoxicants (c. 1700-2000)*, Harald Fischer-Tiné. Seminar. Institut für Geschichte ETHZ, Raum IFW-C-33, Montag, 15.15-16.45.
- *Research Colloquium in Extra-European and Global History*, Harald Fischer-Tiné, Martin Dusinberre. Institut für Geschichte ETHZ, Historisches Seminar UZH, Rämistrasse 101, Raum KOL-G-203, Donnerstag, 18-20 Uhr. (Termine siehe Programm: www.gmw.ethz.ch unter «Lehrveranstaltungen»).

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- *Lehrforschung Nordindien: Exkursionsnachbereitung*. Sandra Bärnreuther. ISEK-Ethnologie; Institut für Ethnologie, Raum AND 5.03; Dienstag, 14.00-15.45.

3. Publikationen

Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie

- Ganser, Elisa (2016). «Elements of Ritual Speculation in the Abhinavabharati: Abhinavagupta on the Visible and Invisible Purposes of the Purvaranga». In: Franco, Eli; Ratié, Isabelle. *Around Abhinavagupta: Aspects of the Intellectual History of Kashmir from the Ninth to the Eleventh Century*. Berlin: Litverlag, 189-230.
- Malinar, Angelika (2016). «Konfigurationen von Mystik zwischen Indien und Europa», in: *Meister-Eckhart-Jahrbuch* 10: 103-120.

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- Harald Fischer-Tiné (Hg.), *Anxieties, Fear and Panic in Colonial Settings. Empires on the Verge of Nervous Breakdown*. Houndsmills & New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.
- Harald Fischer-Tiné (Hg.), «Introduction», in: *Anxieties, Fear and Panic in Colonial Settings. Empires on the Verge of Nervous Breakdown*. Houndsmills & New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.



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- Harald Fischer-Tiné (Hg.), «Mass-mediated Panic in the British Empire», in: *Anxieties, Fear and Panic in Colonial Settings. Empires on the Verge of Nervous Breakdown*. Houndsmills & New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.
- Harald Fischer-Tiné, Dekolonisation im 20. Jahrhundert, *Dossier (Post)kolonialismus und Globalgeschichte*, Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung Berlin (20.5.16). Link: <http://www.bpb.de/internationales/weltweit/219133/postkolonialismus-und-globalgeschichte>.
- Harald Fischer-Tiné, «Kolonialismus und Migration 1800-1960», *Dossier (Post)kolonialismus und Globalgeschichte*, Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung Berlin (20.5.16). Link: <http://www.bpb.de/internationales/weltweit/219133/postkolonialismus-und-globalgeschichte>.
- Harald Fischer-Tiné, «Antikolonialismus und kulturelle Selbstbehauptung», *Dossier (Post)kolonialismus und Globalgeschichte*, Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung Berlin (20.5.2016). Link: <http://www.bpb.de/internationales/weltweit/219133/postkolonialismus-und-globalgeschichte>.
- Michael Brunner, «Transcending Boundaries. The Religious, the Secular, and Negotiations of Cultural Hierarchies in Turn-of-the Century Counter-Cultural Contexts between Europe, Asia, and Africa», Sektion auf dem 51. Deutschen Historikertag, Universität Hamburg, 20.-23. September 2016, in: *H-Soz-Kult*, 21. Oktober 2016. Link: <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/tagungsberichte/id=6766>.
- Souvik Naha, «With or without Cricket? The Two Lives of the English Game in a Decolonizing India», *Sport in Society* (2016), 1-19.

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- Quack, Johannes. 2016. «Possession and the Antisuperstition Law in Maharashtra: An Actors' Perspective on Modernization and Disenchantment». In: *The Law of Possession: Ritual, Healing, and the Secular State*, edited by William S. Sax and Helene Basu, New York: Oxford University Press.
- Quack Johannes. 2017. «Leading and Misleading Religious Boundaries: Lessons from (Mental) Health Seeking Practices in India», in: *Mental Health at the Intersection of Religion & Psychiatry*, edited by Helen Basu, Roland Littlewood, and Arne Steinforth. Berlin, London: LIT, 141-166.



4. Neuigkeiten

Asien-Orient-Institut, Abteilung Indologie

- Der Schweizerische Nationalfonds bewilligt die Online-Edition der Paippalada-Rezension des Atharvaveda. Das Editionsprojekt wird von Prof. Dr. Angelika Malinar (Indologie, Asien-Orient-Institut) und Prof. Dr. Paul Widmer (Vergleichende Indogermanistische Sprachwissenschaft, Institut für Sprachwissenschaft - Indogermanistik) in Kooperation geleitet.

Geographisches Institut

- From the 12th to the 27th of June, Prof. Swatahsiddah Sarkar, Babika Khawas, and Viveka Gurung from North Bengal University (West Bengal, India) will visit the Department of Geography as part of the Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme titled «A Moral Economy of Labour? - Tea Cooperatives in the Eastern Himalayan Bengal Tea Zone».
- Annabelle Jaggi hat den diesjährigen Forschungspreis «Geographien Südasiens» des Geographischen Arbeitskreises Südasiens für ihre Masterarbeit am Geographischen Institut erhalten. Annabelle Jaggi untersuchte am Fallbeispiel eines Schweizer Entwicklungsprojekts in Nepal, inwiefern Akteure der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit die Lebensumstände von Dalits in Nepal in ihrer Zielgruppendefinition durch Strategien der positiven Diskriminierung berücksichtigen.

Institut für Politikwissenschaft

- The Institute of Political Science and the Department of Indology/Modern Indian Studies will be holding an interdisciplinary conference on the 19th and 20th of June, 2017. The topic is: «*Welfare Schemes, the State, and Corruption South Asia: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches*». In recent years, scholars from within a broad range of social science disciplines have drawn their attention to the issue of public service delivery in India. Partly as a result of deepening electoral competition both provincial and national governments have been providing citizens with a growing range of welfare schemes – ranging from pensions, housing plots, free midday meals and employment guarantees through the NREGA-scheme to subsidised rations. However, the extent to which these entitlements have reached their



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intended beneficiaries has varied across states, and across regions within states. Scholars have identified corruption and insufficient state capacity as major causes behind failures in implementation. Some studies suggest that the successful implementation of government programmes is contingent upon societal factors such as the presence or absence of stark social inequalities and of an active civil society – in the form of rights based social movements for example. In this view, severe class- and caste-based social inequalities allow powerful individuals and groups to appropriate people's entitlements and work to prevent subordinate individuals and communities from claiming them. Other scholars have tended to emphasise how the state is under-staffed, under-resourced, and paralysed by bureaucratic red tape, and therefore unable to respond to the huge demands placed upon it. Yet others have emphasised on particular forms of political leadership and how it can make the state either more or less responsive to popular demands.

None of these explanations are mutually exclusive, but scholars have tended to emphasise one or the other depending on their theoretical perspective and on their research methods and research focus. In this conference we will gather scholars who are researching the implementation of particular government schemes in different localities and/or at different scales (e.g. at national, provincial or village level). We want to bring different disciplines and approaches together in order to see what we can learn from each other, and to explore ways in which we might collaborate either in the form of research and/or publications. We are particularly interested in examining the ways in which qualitative and quantitative research methods might further inform each other, and we wish to encourage participants to discuss how alternative conceptual and methodological approaches might help inform their own work.

Participants are invited to make 30-minute presentations in which they dedicate at least five minutes to discussing how alternative data and research methods might challenge or confirm their findings. Presentations will be followed by thirty-minute discussion sessions with questions and comments from a discussant and from the floor. Panels will be organized thematically according to particular welfare schemes (including among others the PDS, NREGA, Pensions, and Indra Awas Yojna schemes). The intention is to promote joint work across disciplines, possibly resulting in further work towards a special edition of a journal like World Development or the Journal of Development Studies (if there is sufficient interest and commonalities found between participants).



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- Abgeschlossene Doktorarbeiten: Luzia Savary, M.A., «Evolution, Eugenics and Race Theories in Colonial India, 1860-1930», ETH Zürich, 2016.
- Neue Doktorarbeiten: Anja Suter, M.A., «Chemie zwischen Basel und Bombay. Eine transnationale Geschichte der Schweizer Chemieindustrie, 1907-1987» (Erstgutachterin: Prof. Dr. Caroline Erni, Universität Basel).

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- Prof. Harish Naraindas (JNU, Centre for the Study of Social Systems) und Dr. Burton Cleetus (JNU, Centre for Historical Studies) werden sich im Mai und Juni 2017 im Rahmen des Forschungsprojekts «Dynamics of Well-Being» (Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme in the Social Sciences) am ISEK-Ethnologie aufhalten. Ihre Forschungsprojekte beschäftigen sich inhaltlich mit dem Konzept «Well-Being» sowie dessen kultureller und historischer Diversität. Der zweite Fokus des Projekts bildet ein innovativer methodologischer Ansatz zum Thema «Team-Research».
- Call for Paper: Y-SASM Conference on «Claims-Making», 15.-17.6.2018, Zurich. The Institute of Anthropology (ISEK-Ethnologie) will host the Young South Asia Scholars Meet (Y-SASM) in 2018. We seek to provide an interdisciplinary forum to explore issues around claims-making in South Asia and facilitate conversation among young scholars. The full call for paper will be circulated soon and published via: <http://y-sasm.blogspot.ch>. Scholars from Zurich working on these issues are encouraged to submit an application. Members of the organizing committee are: Joanna Simonow (History of the Modern World, ETH Zurich) Mascha Schulz (Anthropology, University of Zurich), Soni (History of the Modern World, ETH Zurich)

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