## **Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies**

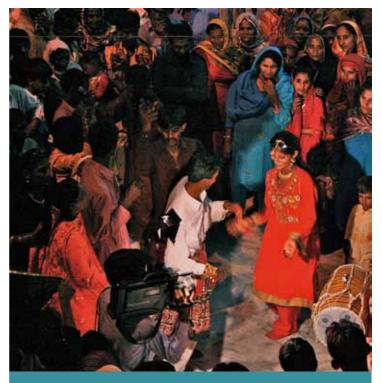
The Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies investigates the plurality, changeability, and global connectedness of Muslim cultures and societies. The area of study includes Muslim societies in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia, as well as Muslim communities in Europe and North America.

In a systematic and comparative way, the Graduate School examines concepts, practices, and institutions variously understood as Islamic. Special attention is given to relations between Muslims and non-Muslims, as well as forms of interand intracultural communication.

In close cooperation with its partner institutions in Germany and abroad, the Graduate School offers doctoral candidates a broad educational programme of exceptional quality combined with intensive mentoring for individual dissertation projects, training that qualifies graduates to hold leading positions in academia, the media, and politics.

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 – 6om

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"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 Sozialforschung) - 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