



## Invitation

Thursday, June 28th, 2012, 7.30 pm

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Book presentation

**Muslims in Indian Cities.**

**Trajectories of Marginalisation.**

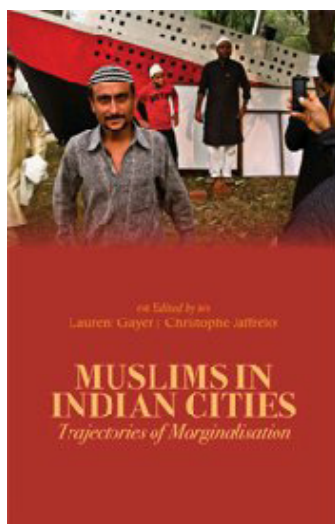
**With Christophe Jaffrelot (co-author, CNRS)**

**Discussant: Dietrich Reetz (ZMO)**

### Venue

Humboldt-University Berlin  
Hausvogteiplatz 5-7  
Room 0109 (ground floor)

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Numbering more than 150 million, Muslims constitute the largest minority in India, yet they suffer the most politically and socioeconomically. Forced to contend with severe and persistent prejudice, India's Muslims are often targets of violence and collective acts of murder.

While the quality of Muslim life may lag behind that of Hindus nationally, local and inclusive cultures have been resilient in the south and the east. Within India's cities, however, the challenges Muslims face can be harder to read. In the Hindi belt and in the north, Muslims have known less peace, especially in the riot-prone areas of Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Jaipur, and Aligarh, and in the capitals of former Muslim states—Delhi, Hyderabad, Bhopal, and Lucknow. These cities are rife with Muslim ghettos and slums. However, self-segregation has also played a part in forming Muslim enclaves, such as in Delhi and Aligarh, where traditional elites and a new Muslim middle class have regrouped for physical and cultural protection.

Combining firsthand testimony with critical analysis, this volume follows urban Muslim life in eleven Indian cities, providing uncommon insight into a little-known but highly consequential subject.

Christophe Jaffrelot will give a presentation focusing on the city of Ahmedabad and discuss the book with Dietrich Reetz.

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**Christophe Jaffrelot** is CNRS research director at CERI and teaches South Asian politics and history at Sciences Po (Paris), as well as at King's College, London. From 2000 to 2008, he served as director of CERI at Sciences Po.

**Dietrich Reetz** is senior researcher at ZMO and senior lecturer of political science at the Free University Berlin. The focus of his research is on global Muslim identities with special emphasis on South, Southeast and Central Asia, as well as Europe.