

The Association for the Advancement of the ZMO e. V. invites you to the colloquium "Indian agrarian and peasant history – a challenge to current research"

23 September 2010
ZMO Berlin, Kirchweg 33, 14129 Berlin

In honour of our former colleague Petra Heidrich
(13 Nov. 1940-31 Jan. 2006)

Petra Heidrich was born 1940 in Berlin. She studied Indology and Social Anthropology at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. In 1965 Petra Heidrich joined the Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences of the GDR. During the 1970s she spent several years in India with her family. In 1983 she obtained her Ph.D. from the Academy of Sciences of the GDR and was a staff member of the Institute of History. In 1992 she joined the ZMO in Berlin and continued her research on social history of modern and contemporary India. Her publications include contributions on rural development programmes, on peasant movement and its role in the struggle for national independence, on agricultural labour, on social and religious reform movements and on caste activities in colonial and independent India. Finally she worked on a comparative biography of the two peasant leaders Swami Sahajanand Saraswati and N.G. Ranga.



Programme

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Moderation: Heike Liebau (ZMO, Berlin)

- 9.30 – 10.30 **Welcome**
Annemarie Hafner (Berlin)
Die Forschungen Petra Heidrichs im Kontext der Entwicklung der Südasienswissenschaften am ZMO (1992-2000)
- 10.30-10.45 **Break**
10.45-13.00 **Ravi Ahuja** (Universität Göttingen)
Petra Heidrich's „Agricultural Labour in India“ (1988): A present day reading
- Sumit Sarkar** (New Delhi)
Peasant Studies as part of South Asian studies during the last four decades until today. Tendencies; developments, shortcomings
- Michael Mann** (HU Berlin)
Why returning the peasant to South Asian history?
- 13.00-14.00 **Lunch**
14.00-16.15 **Nitin Sinha** (ZMO, Berlin)
The role of Sadhus for the mobilization of peasants
- Aditya Sarkar** (Universität Göttingen)
Attacks on peasant land and the resistance from below in contemporary India
- Adapa Satyanarayana** (University of Hyderabad / Jacobs University Bremen)
"Kulak Pettandars": The rise of dominant caste peasantry in Andhra Pradesh
- 16.15-16.45 **Break**
16.45-18.15 **Corinna Unger** (Jacobs University Bremen)
Industrialization or agrarian Reform? West German modernization policies in India in the 1950s and 1960s
- Ujjaini Halim** (Kolkata)
Questions of food security in India