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## Fourth Conference on Bengal Related Studies for Students and Young Scholars

October 28 – 30 2016, Halle (Saale), Germany

The South Asia Seminar of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg is pleased to host the Fourth Conference on Bengal Related Studies for Students and Young Scholars. The aim of the conference is to provide an interdisciplinary venue for students and young scholars who focus on the Bengal regions in their studies.

Guests are very welcome. There will be no conference fee, but those interested in participating as guests are requested to contact the local organisers by email first.

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**Conference Venue:** Ludwig-Wucherer-Str. 2 (2nd floor, SR 20), 06108 Halle (Saale), Germany

### Conference Committee:

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## Friday, 28 October 2016

18.00 – 19.30 Welcome by the Organisers and Introduction of Conference Participants

20.00 Participants' Common Dinner

## Saturday, 29 October 2016

**9.00 – 10.45 Session 1: Analysing National Identities in Pre- and Post-Partition Bengal**  
*Chair: Ludwig Merker (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)*

**The Idea of Inclusion in Selected Periodicals for Children in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Bengal**  
*Devjani Ray (Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi)*

**Incipient Bengali Nationalism and Muhajirs in East Pakistan: 1948-1955**  
*Isha Dubey (Aarhus Universitet)*

**The Indian Bengali: Exploring Identity through a Critical Discourse Analytical Approach to Narayan Debanath's "Bāṭul the Great"**  
*Tiyasha Sengupta (Syddansk Universitet, Odense)*

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

**11.15 – 12.30 Session 2: Colonial and Post-Colonial Gender Identity Formations**  
*Chair: Fritzi-Marie Titzmann (Universität Leipzig)*

**The Cult of Manliness: Football, Nationalism and Bhadrakol Masculinity in Colonial Bengal**  
*Abhinava Goswami (Ambedkar University, New Delhi)*

**"Āmi āchi to": A Study of Lesbian, Bisexual and FTM Identity in Contemporary Kolkata**  
*Anita Datta (School of Oriental and African Studies, London)*

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

**14.00 – 15.15 Session 3: Literature and Art Movements in West Bengal**  
*Chair: Sukla Chatterjee (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg)*

**Subverting Genre: Bulletins, Poetry and Manifestos in the Hungry Generation Movement**  
*Daniela Cappello (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg)*

**Women Patuas (Scroll Painters) of Naya, West Bengal, India: New Voices from the Margin**  
*Rajasri Mukhopadhyay (Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Calcutta)*

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee Break

**15.30 – 16.45 Session 4: New Perspectives on Religious Practices**  
*Chair: Carmen Brandt (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)*

**As Dharmathakur Makes Religion Defunct: The Modern Dharma – The Modernity Within**  
*Nirmita Roychowdhury (Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi)*

**Purity and yet Auspiciousness: Embodiment of the Female Body in Bengali Vaishnava Renunciation**  
*Amnuaypond Kidpromma (Lancaster University)*

16.45 – 17.00 Coffee Break

**17.00 – 18.15 Session 5: Stories of Societal Change from Bangladesh**

*Chair: Boris Wille (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)*

**The Child with the Cigarette — the Child with the Book:  
School Education and Future Aspirations of Slum Children in Dhaka**

*Franziska Gaube (Universität Hamburg)*

**Stories of Returned Migrants — Renegotiating the Sense of Belonging:  
Migration from Bangladesh to the Gulf**

*Maruf Lutfur (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)*

19.00 Informal Dinner at the Venue

**Sunday, 30 October 2016**

**9.00 – 10.45 Session 6: Mobilising Muslims in Both Bengals Then and Now**

*Chair: Mascha Schulz (Universität Zürich)*

**Regionalisation of Secular Modernity:  
Muzaffar Ahmad's Journey from Pan-Islamism to Marxism**

*Shahnawaz Ali Raihan (University of Oxford)*

**Sachar Committee Report and Changing Nature  
of Political Mobilisations of Muslims in Contemporary West Bengal**

*Abdul Matin (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)*

**Ideological Conflicts, Mobilisation Targets, and Strategies  
of International Terrorist Organisations in Bangladesh**

*Haseeb Mahmud (Hochschule Heilbronn & Technische Universität Dresden)*

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

**11.15 – 13.00 Session 7: Exploring Relations Between State(s) and Citizens**

*Chair: Kirsten Hackenbroch (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg)*

**Understanding Local State and Capturing State-Society Encounters:  
An Empirical Study of Everyday State in a Bengal Village**

*Monika Banerjee (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)*

**Phulbari: Where Grassroots Gathered Against Global Capital**

*Farhat Jahan (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)*

**The Teesta Water Sharing Treaty and the Relations  
between Bangladesh, India and West Bengal in Bengali Newspapers**

*Franziska Strich (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)*

**Final Discussion**

**15.00 – 16.30 Optional: Guided City Tour of Halle with Ludwig Merker**