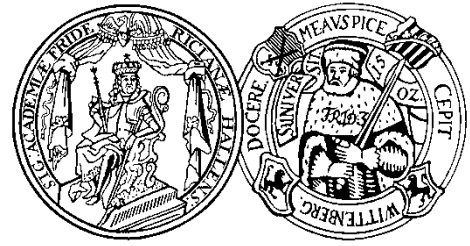


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Second Conference on Bengal Related Studies for Students and Young Scholars

October 26th – 28th 2012 in Halle (Saale), Germany

The South Asia Seminar of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg is pleased to host the Second 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 first contact the local organiser Carmen Brandt by email for a better planning.

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Friday, October 26th 2012

- 18.00 – 19.30 Welcome by the Organisers and Open Discussion on the Topic
Studying Bengal – Here and There: Prospects and Challenges
with Prof. **Rahul Peter Das** (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)
and Prof. **Ainoon Naher** (Jahangirnagar University)
- 20.00 Participants' Common Dinner

Saturday, October 27th 2012

9.00 – 10.45 Session 1

Chair: Franziska Tappe (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

**Body-Bound Bengal: Negotiating Cross-Cultural Dialectics
of Gender and Sexuality in Colonial Spaces**
Sutanuka Banerjee (University of Malaga)

Iṃlaṇḍe Baṅgamahilā: The Female Spectator's Gazing at the 'Other'
Sukla Chatterjee (Ruprecht Karls University Heidelberg)

Germany in the Perception of Bengali South Asians: A Case Study
Bhaswati Chatterjee (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.30 Session 2

Chair: Melitta Waligora (Humboldt University of Berlin)

**The Partition of Bengal (1947) in the Bengali Novel
on the Example of Taslima Nasrin's Pherā**
Magdalena Lipinska (University of Hamburg)

**Colonial Law, Post-Colonial Childhoods: Theirs or Ours?
Bangladeshi Children in the Observation Homes of West Bengal**
Chandni Basu (Albert Ludwigs University Freiburg)

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.45 Session 3

Chair: Boris Wille (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

Bengal Communism and Islam: 1920-47
Patrick Hesse (Humboldt University of Berlin)

**From Social Mobilisation to Service Delivery?
The Impact of International Support on Trade Unions and Labour Organisations
in the Ready-Made Garment Sector in Bangladesh**
Elisabeth Fink (Goethe University Frankfurt)

**Dhāndābāj or Civil Society?
An Analysis of the Discussion of the Future of Korail Neighbourhood in Dhaka**
Kirsten Hackenbroch (TU Dortmund University)

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 – 18.00 Session 4

Chair: Konrad Siegfried (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research Leipzig)

Climate Conflicts in Bangladesh:

A Case of International Environmental and Humanitarian Law

Silke Marie Christiansen (Leuphana University of Lüneburg)

Disaster, Migration and Social Change:

Empirical Evidence for Addressing Environmental Refugees in Bangladesh

Bishawjit Mallick (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology)

Stakeholder Participation for Realising a Climate Resilient Urban Future:

Experiences from an Informal Settlements Regularisation Process in Khulna City

Sujit Sikder (University of Bonn)

19.00 Informal Dinner at the Venue

Sunday, October 28th 2012

9.00 – 10.15 Session 5

Chair: Xing Zhang (Peking University)

In-Between Languages: Sermista and the Dilemma of the Early Bengali Theatre

Dhrupadi Chattopadhyay (Ruprecht Karls University Heidelberg)

Brecht Adaptations in West Bengal with Special Focus on the Threepenny Opera

Yasemin Eckert (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

10.15 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.00 Session 6

Chair: Franziska Strich (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

Bengali Boatmen's Songs: Sāri and Bhāṭiyāli

Sergey Donchenko (Saint Petersburg State University)

Prospects of Sustainable Tourism in Bangladesh:

The Case of the Sundarbans

Md Sarowar Jahan (Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus)

12.00 – 13.00 Final Discussion