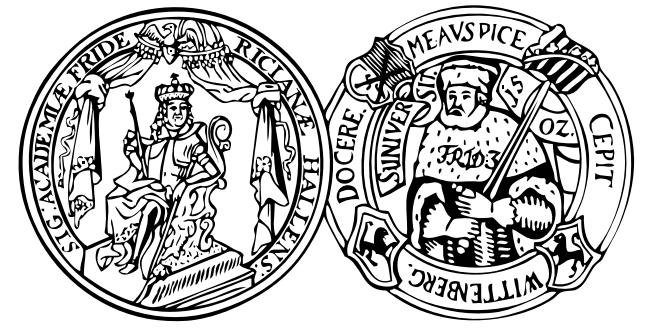


# Third Conference on Bengal Related Studies for Students and Young Scholars

24 – 26 October 2014, Halle (Germany)

The South Asia Seminar of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg is pleased to host the Third 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 organisers by email for a better planning.



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Heinrich-und-Thomas-Mann-Straße 26,  
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**Conference Committee**  
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Maria Schubert, Franziska Strich,  
Franziska Utomo, Boris Wille & Lisa Zander

## Friday, 24 October 2014

18.00 – 19.30

Welcome by the Organisers and Introduction of Conference Participants

20.00 Participants' Common Dinner

## Saturday, 25 October 2014

9.00 – 10.45

**Session 1: Urban Culture and Identity**

Chair: Franziska Utomo (Martin Luther University, Halle)

The Bazaar and the Bāri: Calcutta, Marwaris, and the World of Hindi Letters

Rahul Parson (University of Erfurt)

Sports Culture in Urban India: Community, Identity and Football in Calcutta

Robert Kehler (Martin Luther University, Halle)

Early Indian Cinema in Calcutta: An Analysis of the Contribution of Bengal and Bengalis in the Earliest Phase of the Medium (1898 – 1928)

Sadiq Rahman (University of Hamburg)

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.30

**Session 2: Gendered Perspectives**

Chair: Fritzi Titzmann (Leipzig University)

Infertility: A Curse for Bengali Women As Reflected in the Vernacular Literature of the Colonial Period

Tinni Bhattacharya (University of Calcutta)

Fantatising the 'Other' in Toru Dutt's Novels

Sukla Chatterjee (Ruprecht Karls University, Heidelberg)

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.45

**Session 3: Interethnic Representations and Conflicts**

Chair: Boris Wille (Martin Luther University, Halle)

Tracing the 'Integral History': Towards a Critique of the Literary Representation of the Indigenous Communities of Sundarbans

Samiran Mandal (University of Gour Banga, Malda)

The Ecology of Violence and Self-Surveillance in the CHT of Bangladesh: Everyday Forms of Violence, Resistance and Women's Negotiation on Peace Building and Conflict Management

Zobaida Nasreen (Durham University)

"We Slept Like Rats in Holes to Establish the Government in this Country": Insecurity, Cultural Encounters and (Dis)Accord About Citizenship in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), Bangladesh

Nasrin Siraj (Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka)

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 – 18.00

**Session 4: Economy and Labour in Bangladesh**

Chair: Kirsten Hackenbroch (University of Freiburg)

Social Relationships of International Labour Migrants from Bangladesh and their Relatives

Iris Schultz (Free University of Berlin)

Improving Standards of Leather Industries Through Formal and Informal Education: A Case Study on the Tanneries Located in Hazaribagh, Bangladesh

Nahreen Islam Khan (University of Marburg)

Perception of Nuclear Energy in Bangladesh: Reflections on the Ruppur Power Plant in Selected Newspapers

Franziska Strich (Martin Luther University, Halle)

19.00 Informal Dinner at the Venue

## Sunday, 26 October 2014

9.00 – 10.30

**Session 5: Religious Encounters**

Chair: Xing Zhang (Peking University, Beijing)

"Being Active in a Buddhist Way": Connections Between Buddhist Administrated NGOs in Bangladesh and International Active Buddhist Networks of Engaged Buddhists

Lisa Wevelsiep (Ruhr University, Bochum)

Between 'Intuition' and 'Bhakti': Linkage of Western Liberal Theologies with Regional Traditions of Bengal in the Bhārat'barsīya Brāhma Samāj

Vera Höke (University of Erfurt)

From Noble to Niveditā: Sister Niveditā and her Passages Through Bengal

Somak Biswas (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.00

**Session 6: Visualisations**

Chair: Bhaswati Chatterjee (Martin Luther University, Halle)

Pictures of Power: Envisaging Early British Presence in Bengal, 1756-1793

Apurba Chatterjee (Uppsala University)

Text-Image Relations in Citralipi: A Collection of Rabindranath Tagore's Poems and Paintings

Elizaveta Ilves (Ruprecht Karls University, Heidelberg)

12.00 – 13.00 Final Discussion

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