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# Friday, October 29th 2010

| 17.00-18.30 | Discussion with Ambassador H.E. Mosud Mannan, |
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|             | Bangladesh Embassy, Berlin                    |

**19.00** Informal Dinner at Strieses Biertunnel

#### Saturday, October 30th 2010

9.00 Welcome by the organisers

#### 09.15-10.45 Session 1 - Chair: Carmen Brandt

Of Myths and temporal multiplicities: A study of Toru Dutt's The Legends and Ballads of Hindustan (1882) Dhrupadi Chattopadhyay, Ruprecht Karls University Heidelberg

#### *The "Poet's Religion", as conceived by Rabindranath Tagore in the context of the Bengali Renaissance* Nandadulal Nandi, University of Zurich

10.45 Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 Session 2 - Chair: Franziska Tappe

Panchu Thakur: Indranath Bandyopadhyay's (1949-1911) response to the colonial encounter in late 19<sup>th</sup> century Bengal Chaiti Basu, Ruprecht Karls University, Heidelberg

Being Heavy Metal in Dhaka: How does Dhaka's youth hear, see and live Heavy Metal? David Micken, University of Cologne

12.30 Lunch Break

14.00-16.00 Session 3 - Chair: Melitta Waligora

*Bengali cultural nodes in the context of changing urban landscape* Sourodip Lahiri, Jadavpur University, Calcutta

# *From Doraemon to Dance Lessons: Modernization of Childhoods in Calcutta* Hia Sen, Albert Ludwigs University Freiburg

The naturalisation of the idea of working: Among child labourers of West Bengal in the Tasar Silk weaving village of Singhbajar and the Beedi rolling village of Jhalda Dakhina Mitra, Albert Ludwigs University Freiburg

- 16.00 Tea Break
- 16.30-18.00 Session 4 Chair: Kirsten Hackenbroch

Educating out-of-school children: Lessons from NGOs in Bangladesh

Magdalena Falkowska, University of Siegen

Women's coping strategies in everyday slum life: Being full and being happy

Annika Salingré, University of Cologne

19.00 Informal Dinner at Venue

# Sunday, October 31st 2010

9.00-10.30 Session 5 – Chair: Franziska Strich

Muhammad Yunus and his Grameen Bank in Bangladeshi newspapers after the announcement of the Nobel Peace Prize Lisa Zander, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

> Reconstructing Home and Self: Unwritten Histories of Refugee Women of Bengal Suranjana Gangopadhyay, Asiatic Society, Calcutta

- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.45-12.15 Session 6 Chair: Boris Wille

Mapping the "Other": The category of 'primitive'/ 'aboriginal'/ 'adivasi' from colony to post-colony in Bangladesh Mahmudul Sumon, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka

> *Of vamps and cheats: The stereotyping of itinerants in Bengali literature* Carmen Brandt, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg