

MODERN SOUTH ASIAN HISTORY RESEARCH SEMINAR

Winter Semester 2025-26

The research group seminar will be held in presence in room 2.112 (Waldweg 26, Altbau) if not announced differently and will also be accessible through zoom. Lectures shaded in blue are public. All other events require registration.

Contact and registration: Dr. Camille Buat (camille.buat@cemis.uni-goettingen.de)

Tuesday, 28 October, 5 – 6 pm

Svenja von Jan (CeMIS), *Refractory Remembrance: The Evolution of an Autobiography*

Tuesday, 11 November, 2 – 4 pm

Rahul Maganti (CeMIS), *Law, Labour and Logistics: Changing Employment Relations in Bombay Port, 1945 to the Present.*
Muhammed Anees Mezhu Parakkal (CeMIS), *The State of Confusion: The English East India Company and the Undecided Question of Property Regime in Malabar Forest, 1792-1808*

Tuesday, 18 November, 4 – 6 pm

Ishan Mukherjee (O.P. Jindal Global University), *To Unite or Divide Bengal: Calcutta, 1946 - 47*

Tuesday, 25 November, 4 – 6 pm

Lourens van Haaften (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen): *Universities as Sites of Anticolonial Worldmaking: International Organisations and Higher Education Reform in India after Independence*

Tuesday, 2 December, 4 – 6 pm

Bhaswati Bhattacharya (CeMIS), *Field, Structure and Agency: Trade in the Indian Ocean in the 18th Century.*
Camille Buat (CeMIS), *Rural Conflict and Postcolonial Transition in North India (1930s-1960s)*

Tuesday, 9 December, 4 – 6 pm

In cooperation with Ostasiatisches Seminar
Shigeru Akita (Osaka University), *From 'Green Revolution' to 'Economic Liberalization' in the 1970s-80s' India: Impacts of Oil Crises in a global perspective*

Tuesday, 16 December, 4 – 6 pm

Ritesh Kumar Jaiswal (University of Delhi/Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies), *Debt, Law, and Intermediation: The Making of the Plantation Labour Regime in the late nineteenth century Ceylon.*

Tuesday, 6 January, 4 – 6 pm

Christian Strümpell (Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies Delhi), *Workers in Latin American and South Asian Industries: Inequalities, contradictions and conflicts across the Global South*

Tuesday, 13 January, 4 – 6 pm

Anna Sailer (CeMIS), *Entangled Forests. German Debates and the Making of Colonial Forests in late 19th century India*
Martin Christof-Füchle (CeMIS), *The Tagore Birth Centenary 1961 and the construction of Rabindranath's image in the GDR*

Tuesday, 27 January, 4 – 6 pm

Naveen Chander (CeMIS), *Between the Loom and the Lane: Oral Histories of Two Ex-Textile Workers of Delhi*
Lokesh and Mayur Chetia (CEC/Max Weber Forum Delhi), *Industrialisation and the Emergent Labour Question in Delhi-NCR*

Tuesday, 3 February, 4 – 7 pm

Anusheh Bakht Aziz (CeMIS), *The 'Mill Girl' Phenomenon in the Global Textile and Apparel Industry: Uses and Functions of a Form of Labour Organization*
Karl Müller-Bahlke (CeMIS), *The Rourkela Steel Plant - West-German Industrial Capital during Decolonization*
Jan zum Mallen (Universität Bochum), *Regulating migrant labor in East Elbian Sugar Beet Agriculture*

Tuesday, 10 February, 3 – 7 pm

MA Workshop