

# **Programme**

#### Workshop on

#### **Emergent Spheres of the Secular in Colonial Asia**

26–28 September 2017, Leipzig University
Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies (Kolleg-Forschergruppe, KFG)
"Multiple Secularities – Beyond the West, Beyond Modernities"
Nikolaistraße 8-10, Room 5.55 (5<sup>th</sup> Floor)

### Tuesday, 26 September 2017

2 p.m. Registration

3 p.m. Welcome by the Convener and the Directors of the KFG "Multiple

Secularities"

3:15 p.m. Opening Talk by Martin Ramstedt

(Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

4 p.m. Coffee Break

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Paper Discussions

Jessica Harland-Jacobs (University of Florida)
Freemasonry, Catholicism and British Colonialism

Hans Martin Krämer (Heidelberg University)

Pan-Asianism: A New Imaginary between Religion and the Secular

7 p.m. Reception for Speakers, Participants and the KFG's Scholars

# Wednesday, 27 September 2017

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Paper Discussions

Rinku Lamba

(Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi & Goethe University Frankfurt) An Analysis of Rabindranath Tagore's Views on Religion and National-

ism

Nahid Mozaffari (KFG "Multiple Secularities")

Rabindranath Tagore in Iran and Iraq: 'Dialogue among (Asian) Cul-

tures' on Modernity, Nationalism, Religion, and Tolerance

11:30 a.m. Coffee Break

12 p.m. Ruth Streicher (Heidelberg University)

Constructing the (Buddhist) Secular in Imperial Siam



1 p.m. Lunch Break

2:30 – 4:30 Paper Discussions

Marieke Bloembergen

(Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies) Sites, moral geographies, and knowledge networks of Greater India in an Indonesian inflection. From Borubudur to the hippietrail, 1900s -

1970s.

Martin Ramstedt (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg) New Spaces for "the Secular" and the Javanese Awakening

4:30 Coffee Break

7:30 p.m. Dinner

# Thursday, 28 September 2017

9:30 a.m. Paper Discussion

Isaac Lubelsky (The Open University of Israel, Tel Aviv)

Theosophy and Indian Nationalism

10:30 a.m. Closing Round

11:30 a.m. Publication

12:15 p.m. Lunch and End of the Workshop