

Workshop

26 – 28 October 2021

Early Modern Temporalities of South Asia, 1500-1800 CE

Venue

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient & Online

This workshop aims to theoretically explore and historically recover temporal cultures and temporal practices in early modern South Asia. It aims to reveal the multiple ways in which those in early modern South Asia made sense of time, encountered time and temporality in their daily lives, used time-measuring devices, and worked with or negotiated time and temporality.

The history of time and temporality is increasingly becoming a focus of scholarly interest. Recent special journal issues and a number of monographs have appeared in which time and temporality are explored as historical objects of inquiry. However, research in the field of South Asian Studies has approached temporality primarily as a lens through which to critique historical periodization. While such a lens remains an important perspective, it obscures time and temporality as distinct categories of analysis and as objects of inquiry. This workshop aims to provide a new perspective for the historical study of time in South Asia.

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