

## Programme

Workshop on

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

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

#### **Tuesday, 26 September 2017**

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| 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<br>(Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)  |
| 4 p.m.           | Coffee Break  |
| 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Paper Discussions<br><br>Jessica Harland-Jacobs (University of Florida)<br>Freemasonry, Catholicism and British Colonialism<br><br>Hans Martin Krämer (Heidelberg University)<br>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**

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| 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. | Paper Discussions<br><br>Rinku Lamba<br>(Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi & Goethe University Frankfurt)<br>An Analysis of Rabindranath Tagore's Views on Religion and Nationalism<br><br>Nahid Mozaffari (KFG “Multiple Secularities”)<br>Rabindranath Tagore in Iran and Iraq: 'Dialogue among (Asian) Cultures' on Modernity, Nationalism, Religion, and Tolerance |
| 11:30 a.m.        | Coffee Break   |
| 12 p.m.           | Ruth Streicher (Heidelberg University)<br>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) From Borobudur to Boston and back, the makings of Greater India and local spirituality in late colonial Indonesia. Networks of sites, scholars, pilgrims and theosophists, gurus and their followers in an 'Indic' mind-set
	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