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Shrines, rituals and processions in Pakistan: Sehwan Sharif as a ritual city

In the book she has published in 1994, Paula Sanders has coined Fatimid Cairo as a ritual city. I wish to use this concept for the much more restricted urban space of Sehwan Sharif, in South-East Pakistan. Therefore, following Sanders, I shall look at how Sehwan was constructed through topography, shrines and ceremonies as a ritual city, how this ritual city was transformed over time and how the new meanings it acquired were in turn exploited to articulate changing social, religious, and finally political commitments.

Date: Friday, 28.6.2013, 6 p.m.**Venue:** SAI, Room E11**All are cordially invited!**

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