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Concept Note:

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The study of Indo-German intellectual exchange over the last two hundred years has often been overwhelmed by the shadow of infatuation that the German Romantics had with India. But this fascination and the subsequent emergence and institutionalization of German Indology had a significant impact on prominent nationalist thinkers in India, Vivekananda being one of them. Even though these are quite different movements, they are to some extent interconnected and tend to be conflated. Taken together, they may be said to constitute the one strand in Indo-German encounters that even today dominates public perception. However, there are in addition other very vital lines of exchange in many areas of the sciences, social sciences and humanities that are culturally significant. Whether in psychology or aeronautics, chemistry or sociology, art history or political theory, Indo-German dialogues have brought into existence other interfaces that equally deserve highlighting, and may prove to have been as important as the strand outlined above. These exchanges have not only been affected through individuals, but through institutions of higher learning, learned societies and professional associations.

On the occasion of Vivekananda's 150th birth anniversary, the ICCR has felt the need to collaboratively host a commemorative conference celebrating this exchange. The conference aims at elaborating and engaging with the variety of these scientific interactions and intellectual and institutional contacts that enrich our appreciation of this Indo-German encounter. To what degree were these encounters connected with each other? Did they have a national dimension - i.e., did 'Indianness' and 'Germanness' matter, and if so in which way and to what extent? What role do they play in transforming or shaping contemporary research priorities and disciplinary and institutional profiles? How do they inform current Indo-German academic and technical collaboration, co-operation and scholarly exchange? The conference will bring together German, Indian and international scholars who will gather to address these questions in a number of thematic panels. In this way, the conference will attempt to set up a comprehensive and contemporary perspective on Indo-German exchanges in the past and their bearings on the present.

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**PHILOSOPHY AND SCIENCE:
 INDO-GERMAN DIALOGUES AND DIMENSIONS**

11. - 13. JULY SAI HEIDELBERG

PROGRAMME

11. - 13. JULY 2013
HEIDELBERG

11TH JULY 2013

6-8 pm Senatssaal, Alte Universität

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

Addresses by Her Excellency the Ambassador of India (Requested), Prof. Dietmar Rothermund, and Profs Dhruv Raina & Hans Harder (conference organisers)

12TH JULY 2013

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9:30 - 10:15

Frank Neubert (*University of Bern*):

In Swami Vivekananda's Footsteps? Indian Swamis Meeting German Intellectuals

10:15 Tea Break

10:45 - 12:15

Dhruv Raina (*JNU Delhi*):

Late Colonial India and Weimar Germany: Physicists in Conversations or Travelling Both Ways

Roddam Narasimha (*Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore*):

The German Connection in Indian Aeronautical Science and Technology

12:15 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:30

Martin Fuchs (*University of Erfurt*):

Sociological Entanglements: Max Weber's Comparativist Engagement With India

Beatrix Hauser (*Alpen-Adria-University Klagenfurt*):

Yoga as Science: Politics and Implications of Framing

15:30 Tea Break

16:00 - 17:30

Axel Michaels (*University of Heidelberg*):

Sheldon Pollock and German Indology

Benjamin Zachariah (*Presidency University Kolkata*):

Falling Into a Brown Study: National Socialism and völkisch Nationalism in its Indian Avatar

13TH JULY 2013

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9:30 - 11:00

Anil Bhatti (*Professor Emeritus, JNU Delhi*):

German-Indian Intellectual Encounters in Literature and Philosophy. The Question of Ambivalence, Similarity and Difference

Heinz Werner Wessler (*Uppsala University*):

Incredible India and Indology: On Changing Knowledge Economies

11:00 Tea Break

11:30 - 13:00

Angelika Malinar (*University of Zürich*):
Thinking India: The Idea of "Indian Philosophy" in German Academic Discourse

Rajendra Dingle (*JNU Delhi*):

The Post-Historical Subject as Project: Some "Communicological" Reflections

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:30

Christiane Hartnack (*Donau-University Krems*):

Indo-German Intellectual Exchanges in the Psychological Sciences

Hans Harder (*University of Heidelberg*):

Girindra Shekhar Basu's Bengali Renderings of Freudian Psychoanalysis

15:30 Tea Break

16:00 - 17:00

CONCLUDING SESSION