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Lecture Series ‘Bangladesh Studies - Culture, Politics, Migration’

“Intertwined Histories: Bangladesh and Assam”

**Speaker: Dr. Sanjib Baruah (Professor of
Political Studies, Bard College, New York)**

‘Eastern Bengal and Assam’ was a province of British colonial India. In terms of contemporary political geography, Eastern Bengal is Bangladesh and Assam is Northeast India. ‘Eastern Bengal and Assam’ existed as a province for a short time, from 1905 to 1911. But the Sylhet Division of Bangladesh was a part of the province of Assam for much longer - from 1874 to 1947. This territorial history is a reminder of the intertwined histories of this transnational space. Such a spatial frame is useful to understand the fraught politics of citizenship in Assam and the rest of Northeast India. The partition of 1947 and the civil war that led to the independence of Bangladesh in 1971 are key moments in this history because of their effects on migration flows and on the politics of belonging.

Date Monday, 14th February 2022

Time 4.00–5.45 p.m. (Central European Time) (10.00-11.45 a.m. EST)

Please register at diaspora@sai.uni-heidelberg.de to participate in the video event.

Welcome Prof. Dr. Hans Harder (South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University)

Speaker Dr. Sanjib Baruah (Professor of Political Studies, Bard College, New York)

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