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Ghosts, Emotions and Temporalities

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The history of emotions in South Asia has contributed to the destabilization of our notions of emotions situated in the interior space of a well-bounded subject. Until the 19th c at least, the understanding of emotions rather saw them as floating in the space between porous selves.

My talk explores whether something similar might have happened for temporalities. How can Muslims in North India and their ways of meaning making help us to think about the present as porous, open to visits by ghosts and jinns from the past as well as from the future? How can we talk about presence in the present and what is the role of emotions in this?