



KURZSEMINAR

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South Asian Religions and Diaspora Studies

The purpose of the seminar is to introduce students to the concept and the study of diasporas within the sphere of religious culture originating in the Indian Subcontinent. What forms of responses result from the forced and/or voluntary movements of religious communities from South Asia to other parts of the world? How do cultural and social contexts inform the ways that religion adapts to new environments? How does the transplantation of religion from one location to another enhance or impede a given religion's growth and development? These questions shall be explored by using a number of case studies from the burgeoning literature on this topic. The theoretical framework for the course will draw from Appadurai's notion of the "scapes" that characterize up global modernity.

Reading List:

Anderson, Benedict. 2006. *Imagined Communities*. London: Verso.

Appadurai, Arjun. 1996. *Modernity at Large*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Ballantyne, Tony. 2006. *Between Colonialism and Diaspora: Sikh Cultural Formations in an Imperial World*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

Hinnells, John. 2007. *Religious Reconstruction in the South Asian Diasporas*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

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Metcalf, Barbara. 1996. *Making Muslim Space in North America and Europe*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Vertovec, Steven. 2000. *The Hindu Diaspora*. London: Routledge.

Students interested in attending the seminar please send an email to sandra.joost@uni-heidelberg.de

Date: Monday, 25.6.2012

Venue: SAI, Room Z10

Time: 4-7.15 pm / 16-19.15 Uhr