

MODERN SOUTH ASIAN HISTORY RESEARCH SEMINAR

Summer Semester 2026

The research group seminar will be held in presence in room 2.112 (Waldweg 26, Altbau) if not announced differently and will also be accessible through zoom. Lectures shaded in blue are public. All other events require registration.

Contact and registration: Dr. Camille Buat (camille.buat@cemis.uni-goettingen.de)

Tuesday, 5 May, 4 – 6 pm

Rana Behal (University of Delhi)

The Partition Violence of 1947 and its Aftermath in the Walled City of Amritsar

Tuesday, 19 May, 11 am – 4 pm

Mini-Workshop with Douglas Haynes

(Dartmouth College, Hanover, USA)

Histories of South Asian Capitalism (limited participation and mandatory preregistration!)

Tuesday, 19 May, 7 – 9 pm, Cinema Lumière

“The Delivery Guy” (Germany 2025):

Documentary film by Debarun Dutta. Discussion with director, activists, and workers on exploitation of South Asian migrants in Germany

Wednesday, 20 May, 4 – 6 pm (CeMIS Colloquium)

Douglas Haynes (Dartmouth College):

The Paradox of Indian Advertising: State Socialism and the Remarkable Expansion of Brand-Name Capitalism in India, 1950-1980

Tuesday, 26 May, 4 – 6 pm (Book Discussion)

Charu Gupta (University of Delhi, online):

Hindi Hindu Histories: Caste, Ayurveda, Travel, and Communism in Early-Twentieth-Century India

Tuesday, 2 June, 4 – 6 pm

Camille Buat (CeMIS): *Matters of Settlement. Labour, Migration and Citizenship in Eastern India*

Tuesday, 9 June, 4 – 7 pm (PhD Workshop)

Anusheh Bakht Aziz (CeMIS): *The “Mill Girl”*

Phenomenon in the Global Textile and Apparel Industry: Uses and Functions of a Form of Labour Organization

Rahul Maganti (CeMIS): *A New Labour Regime in the Port of Bombay, 1989 to the Present*

Amartyajyoti Basu (Ambedkar University, Delhi): *Fares, Fines, and Conflicts: Struggles of Bus and Taxi Workers in Calcutta, India (1920-1950)*

Tuesday, 30 June, 4 – 7 pm

PhD Workshop

Lukas Rosenberg (CeMIS): *The Changing Face of Parel's Factory Regime, 1870s-1930s*

Karl Müller-Bahlke (CeMIS): *Depending on the State: The Steel Plants of Rourkela and Durgapur and the Politics of Economic Independence, 1940s-1960s*

Jan zum Mallen (Universität Bochum):

Enforcing Contract Breach Provisions under Servant Law and Migrant Law in Prussia, c. 1870s–1934.

Tuesday, 7 July, 4 – 6 pm

Naveen Chander (CeMIS): *Stories of the Self, Consciousness of a Class: The Texture of Experience in Workers' Life Histories*

Tuesday, 14 July, 4 – 6 pm

Farewell Lecture, Alte Mensa, Wilhelmsplatz 3

Ravi Ahuja (CeMIS): *Labour, Democratisation, and the Dialectics of Law: Some Thoughts on the History of the Present*

1 – 3 July, Alte Mensa, Wilhelmsplatz 3

Final Conference DFG Long-Term Project “Modern India in German Archives”

For further information see: <https://www.projekt-mida.de/>