

This Workshop is devoted to introducing an integrated approach to Sufism through close reading of medieval texts and observing significant Sufi spaces in the *dargahs* (Sufi shrines) located in Delhi. The Workshop will focus on two Sufi traditions, namely, the *Chishtiyya* and *Naqshbandiyya*, that memorialize Muslim sacred spaces, although in significantly different ways, in Delhi.

The memory of these traditions is recorded, preserved and perpetuated in literary texts, rituals, and architectural spaces dedicated to the great spiritual masters of both orders. The Sufi literature is voluminous and continues to appear in multiple languages of South Asia (present day, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh). In this Workshop, however, we propose to identify the diverse nature of Sufi literature from the medieval times, locate the historical contexts of its production and reflect on the relevance of these in the beliefs, practices and rituals observed at the *khanqahs* (Sufi hospice) and *dargahs* until today.

#### Directions:

I. P. College, Civil Lines, 31 Shamnath Marg, Delhi-110054, is located on the Yellow Line of the Delhi Metro Service towards the Vishvavidyalaya. Exit at the Civil Lines Station, Gate 2, walk for four minutes to the College.

#### Conveners:

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## Programme

### Monday, 6 January 2020

- 9:00 AM Registration, Conference Hall Annex  
 9:30 AM Welcome & Introduction, Conference Hall  
 Professor Babli Moitra Saraf  
 Principal, Indraprastha College for Women  
 Professor Dr. Eva Orthmann  
 Director, Institute of Iranian Studies, University of Göttingen  
 10:20 AM High Tea

*Workshop Venue: Seminar Hall*

#### Session 1: Mapping Sufi traditions in South Asia

- 10:45 AM Mapping Sufi traditions in South Asia: An overview of historiography & sources  
 11:45 AM Break for Tea/Coffee

#### Session 2: What is a Sufi 'Silsila'?

- 12:00 The Sufi traditions from Delhi: The *Chishtiyya* & *Naqshbandiyya*  
**Lunch** 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

#### Session 3: How to read Sufi Sources – the treatises (*rasa'il*)

- 2:00 PM Ali bin Usman Hujwiri's *Kashf al mahjub*: The earliest extant Persian treatise on Sufism  
 3:15 PM Break for Tea/Coffee

#### Session 4: How to read Sufi Sources – the discourses (*malfuzat*)

- 3:30 PM Amir Hasan Sijzi's *Fawa'id al fuad* (Discourses of Shaikh Nizamuddin Awliya)  
 Shah Mahmud Awrangabadi, *Malfuzat-i Naqshbandiyya* (Discourses of Baba Palangposh & Baba Shah Musafir)

### Tuesday, 7 January 2020

#### Session 5: Notes from a distant flute

- 9.30 AM Sufi music & the tradition of *Qawwali* in South Asia  
 11.00 AM Break for Tea/Coffee

#### Session 6: Group discussion

- 11:15 AM The contemporary relevance of Sufi music in Islamicate societies  
**Lunch** 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM  
 Visit to the Nizamuddin Complex

#### Session 7: At the doorstep of the *Sultan al mashaikh*

- 2:30 PM Tour of Nizamuddin dargah complex by Sair-e Nizamuddin Group  
 5:30 PM Return to the College

### Wednesday, 8 January 2020

#### Session 8: *The Naqshbandiyya: Heirs to the Prophet*

- 9:00 AM Visiting the shrines of Khwajah Baqi Billah & Shah Waliullah Dihlawi  
**Lunch** 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM (Sravana Bhawan, Janpath)  
 Return to the College

#### Session 9: Concluding session

- 3:15 PM Students' feedback (4 groups)  
 4:15 PM Valedictory - Professor Eva Orthmann & Dr. Meenakshi Khanna  
 4:45 PM Closing remarks & distribution of certificates  
 Professor Babli Moitra Saraf  
 5:00 PM High Tea

