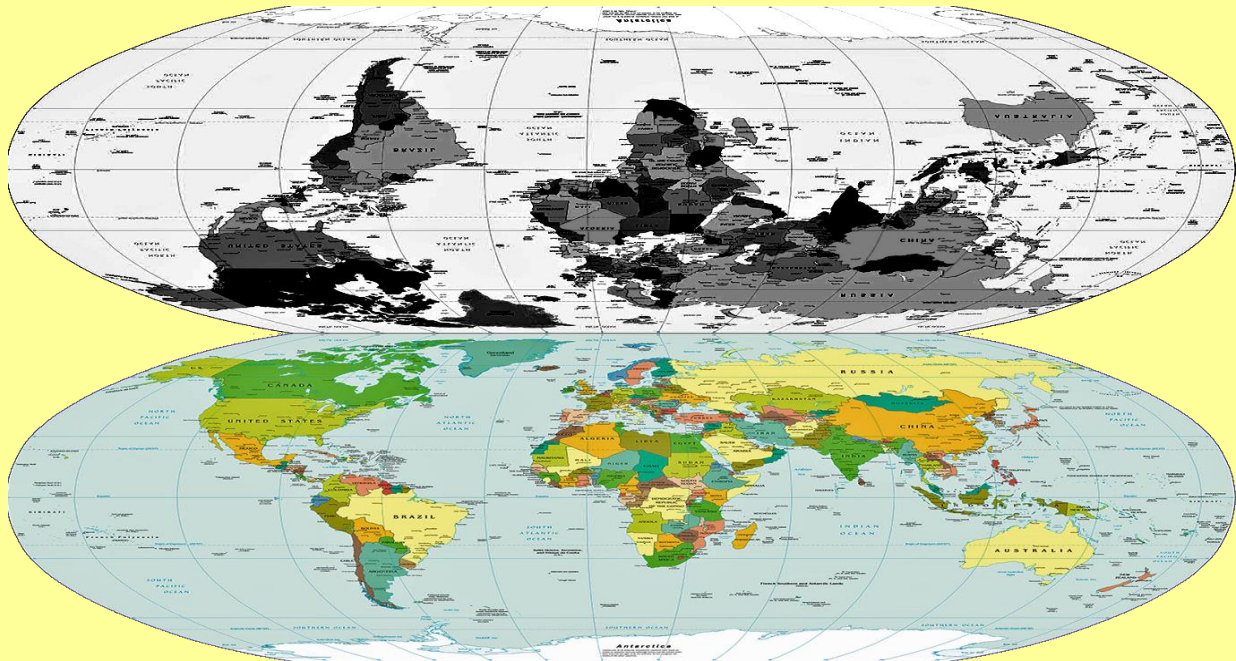


Understanding Religious Radicalism

*Discourses, Identities and Representations
Within and Across South Asian Borders*



19-20 April 2018

Department ISO – Italian Institute of Oriental Studies

Sala Riunioni 1, 3rd floor, Edificio 'Marco Polo' – Circonvallazione Tiburtina 4

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 19 April

10.00 Registration

10.30 **Alessandra Brezzi** (Director, Department ISO) *Welcome speech*

Morning session – Chairperson: **Tito Marci** (Department of Political Science, Sapienza University); 11.00 **Pralay Kanungo** (ICCR Chair, Leiden University) *Reflections on Radicalisation in India: Discourses, Processes and Manifestations*; 11.30 **Christine Lutringer** (Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, Geneva) *Radicalism and the Reconfigurations of Democratic Spaces: 'Voice' or 'Exit' Dynamics?* 12.00 **Giorgio Milanetti** (Department ISO) *Understanding Kabir: Radical Thinker or Mainstream Icon? Notes on the Cultural Role of Radicalism and the Dynamics of Normalization*; 12.30 Discussion

Afternoon session – Chairperson: **Lisa Björkman** (University of Louisville)

14.30: **Mario Prayer** (Department ISO) *Crossing the Boundaries: Colonialism, Pan-Asianism and Hindu-National History in the 'Greater India' Movement, 1926–1945*;

15.00: **Letizia Trinco** (Department ISO) *Radical 'Wifhood' and its Representation: the Strange Case of Sati Temples Construction in 20th-century India and Beyond*;

15.30: **Shaikh Mujibur Raheman** (Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi) *Exploring the Relationship Between the Rise of Saffron Power and Its Implications for Radicalism*

16.00: Coffee break

16.30: **Carola Erika Lorea** (International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden University) *Apasampradāy: The Invention of Heterodoxy in 19th-century Bengali Vaishnavism and Repercussions Among Low-Caste Religious Movements of Bengal*;

17.00: **Sanjukta Das Gupta** (Department ISO) *Religion, Adivasi Identity and the Politics of Indigeneity in Jharkhand*; 17.30: Discussion

Friday, 20 April

Morning session – Chairperson: **Sanjukta Das Gupta** (Department ISO)

10.00: **Sudipta Sen** (University of California, Davis) *Militant Piety: The Figure of the Ghazi in Early Islamic Bengal*; 10.30: **Habibul Haque Khondker** (Zayed University, Abu Dhabi) *Exploring the Glocal Entanglements of Islamic Radicalism in Bangladesh*; 11.00: **Nathalène Reynolds** (Sustainable Development Policy Institute – SDPI, Islamabad), *Pakistani civil society facing religious radicalism*; 11.30: **Mara Matta** (Department ISO), *Bollywood Jihad: Framing 'Radicalism', Screening 'Trauma' and Recasting 'Jihad' in South Asian Cinemas*; 12.00: Discussion

Afternoon session – 14.30: **Round Table Radicali/Liberi: la definizione di un 'terzo spazio' di incontro, dialogo e possibilità – Free/Radical: Definition of a 'Third Space' for Encounter, Dialogue and Possibilities** (language: Italian) – Chairpersons: **Mara Matta** (Department ISO) – **Walter Paradiso** (Department of Art & Performance Studies, Sapienza University) – Participants: **Tanya Gupta** (lecturer, Department ISO) – **Ejaz Ahmad** (journalist, cultural mediator, writer, member of the Consulta per l'Islam Italiano) – **Marco Omizzolo** (sociologist, editor of La rivista di servizio sociale at Istituto per gli Studi sui Servizi Sociali) – **Guido Stanco** (independent scholar of South Asian languages and cultures) – **Wajahat Abbas Kazmi** (film director, LGBTQI 'communities' rights activist) – **Ariful Hoque** (intercultural mediator) – **Anika Anwar** (chef and entrepreneur) – **Erica Garg** (student of Engineering at Roma Tre University) – **Swapno Roy** (Rome-based filmmaker) – **Navan Preet Kaur** (works with CGIL, FLAI, and PARSEC at projects for safeguarding the rights of workers) – **Kapil Harvinder Singh** (Italy-based filmmaker) – **Harbinder Singh** (journalist, editor-in-chief for Italy of Punjab Express); 16.30: Concluding remarks