

# Modern Indian History & Society Seminar

Summer Semester 2012

Thursday, 4.15 pm – 5.45 pm, Waldweg 26, 2.112 (CeMIS Board Room)  
[unless detailed otherwise]

- 19.4. **“The Drinking Habits of our Countrymen”: European Alcohol Consumption and the Bounds of Civilization in Colonial India**  
HARALD FISCHER-TINÉ, ETH Zürich/Lichtenberg-Kolleg Göttingen
- 24.4. **Similarity as a Paradigm of Culture Theory**  
ANIL BHATTI, Jawaharlal Nehru University/University of Tübingen  
(co-organized with Zentrum für Theorie und Methodik der Kulturwissenschaften and Abteilung für Interkulturelle Germanistik, Tuesday, 4:15-5:45 pm)
- 2.5. Inaugural Lecture  
**Is Religion to Difference as Caste is to Inequality?**  
RUPA VISWANATH, CeMIS, University of Göttingen  
(Wednesday, 12:15-1:45 pm, Historical Observatory/Red Hall, Geismar Landstr. 11)
- 10.5. **Bidesh Kara: Bangladeshi Workers and Transnational Temporary Contract Work**  
MAHUA SARKAR, Binghamton University/IGK Work & Lifecycle, Berlin
- 14.5. **Making Space for “World Class Delhi”**  
CHRISTIANE BROSIUS, University of Heidelberg  
(Monday, 4:15-5:45 pm)
- 24.5. **Dauriya Tracks: The Making of Mail Networks in Colonial India**  
CHITRA JOSHI, University of Delhi/CeMIS
- 31.5. **Labour, Legislation and Anxiety: The Popular Front in French India, 1936-39**  
AKHILA YECHURY, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 7.6. **Dalit Bombay: A Critique of Social Histories of Labor**  
ANUPAMA RAO, Columbia University, New York/CeMIS
- 14.6. **The New Debate on Primitive Accumulation in India and the Politics of 'Reversal'**  
SUBIR SINHA, School of Oriental and African Studies, London
- 21.6. **Creating Rights in Holy Places: Ayodhya and the History of 'Hindu' Law in India**  
POLLY O'HANLON, University of Oxford
- 28.6. **'Let Not Litter Spoil the Glitter': On the Governmentality of Garbage in Modern India**  
SARAH HODGES, University of Warwick
- 5.7. **Scandal and Irresolution: The Success and Failure of the Shah Commission of Inquiry**  
ARVIND RAJAGOPAL, New York University/CeMIS
- 12.7. **Politics of Reading and Seeing: Popular Bengali Book Illustrations, 1850-1910**  
GAUTAM BHADRA, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata — **CANCELLED**  
(co-organized with Zentrum für Theorie und Methodik der Kulturwissenschaften)
- 18.7. CeMIS Lecture  
**Slumdogs vs. Millionaires: Rural Distress in the Age of Inequality**  
P. SAINATH, Rural Affairs Editor, *The Hindu*  
(Wednesday, 18:15-19:45, Seminar Room at Paulinerkirche, Papendiek 14)