



Call for Papers

Sixth Conference on Bengal Related Studies for Students and Young Scholars October 23-25, 2020 in Halle (Saale), Germany

The South Asia Seminar of the Martin Luther University Halle–Wittenberg, supported by Bengal Link e.V. and the Arbeitskreis Neuzeitliches Südasiens of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Asienkunde e.V. (DGA), will host the Sixth Conference on Bengal Related Studies for Students and Young Scholars. The aim of the conference is to provide an interdisciplinary venue for students and young scholars who focus on the Bengal regions in their research.

The Martin Luther University Halle–Wittenberg is one of three German universities where research on the Bengal regions, Bengali language and culture is an integral part. After the emergence of numerous studies on the Bengal regions in disciplines other than South Asian Studies (e.g. Development Studies, Social Anthropology, Sociology), the conference organisers realised the necessity of giving students and young scholars an option to discuss their various topics and research approaches among each other across disciplinary borders, and of building up an interdisciplinary network for Bengal Related Studies. After the success of the previous five biennial conferences taking place since 2010 the organisers are looking forward to hosting the sixth one.

There is no overarching theme; any topic from the humanities and social sciences is welcome as long as the region of study is either Bangladesh, Bengali speaking India or their diasporas. We invite abstracts (max. 300 words) from graduate and postgraduate students and young scholars at any stage of their career. Please send your abstract along with your affiliation details and a short CV till March 11, 2020 to brsc@suedasien.uni-halle.de. The conference committee will inform the applicants until the end of March whether their papers have been selected for presentation or not.

The conference will begin with an informal reception and dinner on Friday (October 23). Since the conference committee is aware of the fact that students are often financially strained, the costs for the participants will be kept as low as possible. As for now there is no secure funding. Please refrain from asking the committee about reimbursement of accommodation and travel expenses.

Conference committee members:

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