

Between democracy and progress? Development, Nation Building and Education in Early Post-Colonial India (1930-1964)

Berlin –26th-28th October 2023, Hauptgebäude/Main building, Unter den Linden 6, Room 2249a

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Participation in the conference is free. Registration is necessary due to limited venue capacity. Please, send an E-mail to bettina.eweleit@hu-berlin.de for registration until October 24, 2023.

Sessions include two papers and discussion.

Thursday 26th

13.30 – 14.00: Opening

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- *Taylor Sherman* (International History, London School of Economics): *Radio for Rural Development and Democracy: Adult Education in India in the 1950s*

15.00 – 15.30: Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00: Dealing with the inherited: Education and Religion in the post-colonial context

- *Renny Thomas* (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal): *Science, Religion, and the Institutionalization of Medical Education in Postcolonial India*
- *Laurence Gautier* (Centre des Sciences Humaines, Delhi): *Can Muslim universities be Indian universities? Muslim universities as agents of nation-building in post-independence India.*

17.00 – 17.30: Coffee break

17.30 – 19.00: Education and the shadows of socialism

- *Marcelo Caruso* (History of Education, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): *Colonial, Soviet, Universalist, Developmentalist: Transformations of Education Planning in India (1930-1964)*
- *Daniel Kent Carrasco* (Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas, Universidad Autónoma de México/Mexico): *Jayaprakash Narayan, student activism and anti-Nehruvian opposition in Early Post-Colonial India*

Friday 27th

10.00 – 11.30: Nation and Education: Revising the past, imagining the future

- *Shaan Kashyap* (Ravenshaw University, Cuttack): *From many to one: History textbooks and the making of an 'official' India, circa 1947-1967*
- *Lourens van Haften* (History of Education, University of Groningen): *India's educational future: Transnational networks and their debates during the 1950s*

11.30 – 12.00: Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30: Democracy, rural population, and education

- *Arun Kumar* (Modern British Imperial, Colonial, and Post-Colonial History, University of Nottingham/UK): *Educating the Rural Folks: Mass Literacy Campaigns in the 1930s and 40s India*
- *Parimala Rao* (Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi): *Neither for Democracy nor for Progress: A critical analysis of Gandhi-Zakir Husain's plan of Basic Education*

13.30 – 15.00: Lunch

15.30 – 17.00: Women's educational activism facing the State

- *Jana Tschurenev* (Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany): *Indian Women's Organisations, Nation Building, and Early Childhood Care and Education in India, 1920s to 1960s*
- *Nandini Manjrekar* (School of Education, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai): *Claiming a place in the nation: Women on women's education, 1940s to 1960s*

Saturday 28th

10.00 – 11.30: Democracy, Development, and education

- *Sphoorti* (Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi): *Education and Democracy: A Marginalised Perspective on Inclusion*
- *Benjamin Zachariah* (Georg-Eckert-Institute, Braunschweig/Germany): *Priorities and Absences: The Place of Education in the Indian Developmental Imagination*

11.30 – 12.30: Closing discussion