

# **Kuruvila Zachariah Memorial Lecture 2025-2026**

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*Akbar, a victim of bad press?: The language of politics in the Timurid Court*

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## **Bio:**

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