

Call for Papers

Student Seminar on “Religion and Politics in South Asia”

Date : 28th March,2019.

Papers on Religion and Politics in South Asia are invited from advanced post-graduate students for a one-day student seminar at the Dept. of History, Presidency University, Kolkata.

Aims and objectives of the seminar :

The importance of religion in contemporary debates ranging from nationalism to its place in the public sphere is interestingly being felt. Though there exists already a vast literature pertaining to these two concepts, religion and politics are the two most contentious concepts in South Asian historiography right from ancient to contemporary India. Without necessarily having to link them, the conference is aimed at reflecting and highlighting the broad spectrum of research that fall under the scope of these concepts focusing on South Asia.

It will reflect on pressing questions like: How does the ‘religious’ interact with the ‘political’, or for that matter, the ‘secular’, also taken to be a ‘Western’ concept adopted and adapted in South Asia? Is there entirely different equation/equations between ‘politics’ and ‘religion’ going beyond and even challenging the preconceived western notions on the theme?

We especially welcome work that reflects critically and creatively on the multiplicities, methodologies, and mapping of the ‘religious’- its textual circulation, cultural exchanges, uneven dialogues, compelling analogies, conceptual affinities, better still when approached from a comparative perspective (South Asia against elsewhere). We are particularly keen on including papers with focus beyond India (given the Indo- centrism of South Asian Studies)

Submission of Abstract:

The abstract on the concerned theme must be typed in the Times New Roman, Font: 12pt. in 1.5 spacing within 300 words. Please send the abstract as a word file along with a short biographical profile within 200 words. All abstracts should be sent to the following email: salim.his@presiuniv.ac.in by 08/03/2019.

Announcement Date :

All the abstract papers will be scrutinized by the Faculty and the concerned scholars will be informed about the status of their paper by 11/03/2019.

Submission of the final paper:

The soft copy of the final paper must be submitted by 23/03/2019

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