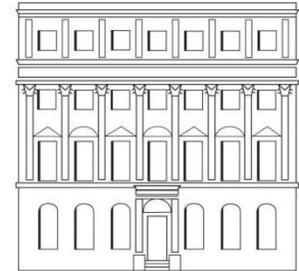


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Foundation of German Humanities Institutes Abroad (DGIA) sets up a Transnational Research Group in India

At its autumn meeting on 25 November, the Board of Trustees of the Foundation of German Humanities Institutes Abroad (DGIA) resolved to support a new type of sponsorship. From 1 January 2013 the German Historical Institute London, headed by Professor Andreas Gestrich, will set up a Research Group in New Delhi in cooperation with the King's India Institute at King's College London and the Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CEMIS) at the University of Göttingen. They have been fortunate to secure as local partners scholars from the Centre for Historical Studies and the Centre for Educational Studies of Jawaharlal Nehru University and from the non-university Centre for the Study of Developing Societies. Members of the Research Group will work on social and education policy in India since the nineteenth century. The project has initially been set up for five years. It will work out of an office in New Delhi which will administer the project and where scholarship-holders will be supervised and events planned and held. The Research Group has been granted total funds of 2.5 million Euros.

The aim of the undertaking is to build up networks to enable cooperation between researchers from the countries involved to continue beyond the life of the project. As well as its core research, the project's programme of scholarships, summer schools, conferences, and lecture series will contribute to achieving this aim.

The DGIA's Institutes make a valuable contribution to researching the history and culture of their host countries. In almost all cases, however, their activities go far beyond this in geographical and subject-specific terms. By sponsoring a Transnational Research Group, one of the DGIA's Institutes will be in a position for the first time to carry out academic projects going beyond its usual sphere of work.

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