

**MAX WEBER'S HINDUISM AND BUDDHISM**  
*Reflections on a sociological classic 100 years on*

**SOAS, London, 8-10th September 2016**  
**in co-operation with the German Historical Institute London**

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016**  
**18.00-19.30 SOAS, Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre**

Romila Thapar (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)  
*Revisiting Max Weber on the Religion of India*

19.30 Reception Brunei Gallery Suite

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016**  
**9.30-18.00 SOAS, Khalili Lecture Theatre**

9.00 Tea and Coffee

**First Session:**

9.15 Stephen Kalberg (Boston University)  
*The Uniqueness of India: A Weberian Comparative Analysis*

10.00 Andreas Buss (University of Ottawa)  
*EIGENGESETZLICHKEIT: Or Relations between the Political and the Religious Domain in India and in the Occident*

10.45 Tea & Coffee

**Second Session:**

11.15 Hermann Kulke (University of Kiel)  
*Max Weber's Concept of Legitimation Revisited*

12.00 Wolfgang Schluchter (University of Heidelberg)  
*The Two Great Heterodoxies in Ancient India: An Example of Max Weber's Anti-Hegelian Approach*

12.45 Group Photo

13.00 Lunch: Brunei Gallery Suite

**Third Session:**

14.00 Richard Gombrich (University of Oxford)  
*Max Weber's Work and the Study of Buddhism Today*

14.45 TBA

15.30 Peter Flügel (SOAS)  
*Max Weber's Sociology of Jainism Revisited*

16.15 Tea & Coffee

**Fourth Session:**

16.30 Sam Whimster (Max Weber Studies, London)  
*The Transition to Capitalism. Max Weber's Ideal Type of Modern Capitalism and its Applicability to Present Day India*

17.15 Meghnad Desai  
*India and Modernity*

17.45 Brief Break

**18.00 Roundtable**

Addressing the theme:

*"Max Weber's Hinduism and Buddhism 100 Years on"*

19.00 Final Remarks

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016**  
**9.30-13.00 SOAS, Khalili Lecture Theatre**

9.00 Tea and Coffee

**First Session:**

9.15 Helwig Schmidt-Glintzer (Lichtenberg-Kolleg Göttingen)  
*Asia in General and India in Particular – Max Weber's Conclusions on the Role of the Literati in Hinduism and Buddhism*

10.00 David Gellner (University of Oxford)  
*Max Weber and Sheldon Pollock: Poles Apart?*

10.45 Tea & Coffee

**Second Session:**

11.00 Hans G. Kippenberg (Jacob's University Bremen)  
*The Dialectics of Disenchantment: Changes of Religions in Modernity*

11.45 Laura R. Ford (Bard College, New York)  
*Dharma & Natural Law: Max Weber's Comparison of Hindu and Christian Legal Traditions*

12.30 Martin Fuchs (Max Weber Kolleg, Erfurt)  
TBA

### 13.15 Final Remarks

Free and open to all!

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